

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings This Weekend:

Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Romans 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13

Readings Next Weekend:

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 Phil 3:17—4:1 Luke 9:28-36



First Sunday of



On this first Sunday of Lent we are asked to consider the reality of temptation in our life. Jesus in the desert is tempted. Now this very fact should teach us that the mere fact of being tempted is not a sin. Sometimes people do think they are already sinning when something bad occurs to them. This is not necessarily so since Jesus was tempted but never sinned. Jesus is tempted in three basic ways. The first is **PLEASURE**. The devil tells him to turn stones to bread, to satisfy his hunger, to reach for creature comforts and pleasure. Jesus rebukes this by quoting the scripture that says that we do not live by bread alone. In other words that there is more to life than mere pleasure. Next, he is tempted by **POWER AND POPULARITY**. The devil shows him all the kingdoms of this world and promises him that all the notoriety and power of being a king would be his. Here too Jesus rebukes this by declaring that the most important thing is to be loved by God and to love him. Finally, Jesus is tempted to **PRESUMPTION**. The devil tells him to do something risky and foolhardy and that no matter what God will save him. Jesus rebukes this by declaring that we have no business putting God to the test.

FUNERAL: Bernard Johnson, Jr. (Feb. 12th)



Sunday, February 14 *First Sunday of Lent*

8:00am Eric Jackson, Sr. † (birthday Feb. 12th)
 11:00am For Our Deceased Ancestors
 7:00pm For the People

Monday, February 15

7:00am Bernard Johnson, Jr. †

Tuesday, February 16

7:00am For the Intentions of Janice Hamilton-Outtz

Wednesday, February 17 *The Seven Holy Founders of Servite Order*

7:00am For the Intentions of Vernel Waters

Thursday, February 18

7:00am For the Intentions of Betty Hamer

Friday, February 19

7:00am For the Intentions of Cora Campbell

Saturday, February 20

8:00am For the Intentions of Phyllis Hooker
 4:30pm For the Intentions of Lawrence Jones

MASS INTENTIONS—It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. To offer a Mass for a friend or family, call 202-546-1885. Note that dates fill in quickly. The customary donation is \$5 per intention.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18 Matthew 25:31-48
Tuesday: Isaiah 55:10-11 Matthew 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jonah 3:1-10 Luke 11:29-32
Thursday: Esther C 12-16, 23-25 Matthew 7:7-12
Friday: Ezekiel 18:21-28 Matthew 5:20-26
Saturday: Deuteronomy 26:16-19 Matthew 5:43-48

Music Schedule

Processional
 "A Follower of Christ" LMGM #628
Responsorial Psalm
 "Be with me Lord when I am in trouble"
Gospel Acclamation
 "Alleluia!"
Offertory
 * "Lord, who throughout these forty days" LMGM #285
 ** "Stand by Me" T. Kendzia
Communion
 "O How I Love Jesus" LMGM #365
 * 8:00am
 ** 11:00am

Mass Attendance for February 7, 2016

4:30pm	63
8:00am	154
11:00am	248
7:00pm	40
Total:	505

Stewardship Report 2015—2016

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (2/7)	\$25,123
Actual Surplus (+)	+ \$8,777



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY CORNER

Forgiving offences is a wonderful Spiritual Work of Mercy to practice during Lent. As Jesus Christ instructs us in the Sermon on the Mount, "If you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions" (Matt. 6:14-15). These words immediately follow the "Our Father", stressing how important forgiveness is in following the will of God. Today and in the week to come, how can you share God's forgiveness and mercy with those around you, just as Christ instructs us? Receive forgiveness yourself, that you may share it with others. Find more at mercy.adw.org.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (2/14) 9:15am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Holy Name Society 1:00am AAHM Lunch & Speaker 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (2/17) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 7:00pm Soup & Scripture
Monday (2/15) RECTORY CLOSED 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Friday (2/19) 6:00pm Lenten Holy Hour 7:00pm Stations of the Cross 8:00pm NA
Tuesday (2/16) 7:00pm Adult Choir	Saturday (2/20) 10:00am Liturgical Dance 10:30am Usher Board mtg 4:30pm Mass

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Roman Catholic Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, exists to evangelize and to uphold Christian values by promoting the teachings of the Church in Word, Sacrament and Witness.

OUR VISION STATEMENT:

A welcoming, embracing and joyful faith family richly rooted in the community today, tomorrow and forever.

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PARISH LIFE

CELEBRATING AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

As our parish celebrates AAHM, join us on **Sun., Feb. 14th**, at 1pm in the school cafeteria, to hear **Rev. Fr. Donald A. Sterling's** presentation on **"Cracking the Code of Our History: Hope for Racial Justice in the Church and Society."** Rev. Sterling, holds the distinction in 1974 of being the first African-American ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Lunch will be provided.

RECTORY CLOSED

Monday, Feb. 15th in observance of **Presidents' Day**.



NEW HCSC DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Last week, Msgr. Pope announced that we have selected Mr. George A. Stewart as the new Director of Music. George is not new to this parish and has played at many of our funerals, liturgies, and concerts. George has played at Catholic liturgies for over 30 years and worked as the Gospel Choir Director at Our Lady Queen of Peace (Arlington), Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Vincent DePaul Catholic parishes. He will begin his tenure here at HCSC on Palm Sunday.

CANNED GOODS COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: On the second Sunday, we invite you to bring nutritious and non-perishable high protein foods (tuna, canned meats, fruit, stews, and peanut butter) to Mass to restock our food pantry. Or, please give to the Poor Box located on the wall near the exits as these funds support this effort. Thank you.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

The Light is ON  for You.
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Haven't been to confession in a while? No problem. On any **Wednesday during Lent from 6:30—7:15pm** you can stop by our church and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Open to all ages. Please note that all churches in the diocese are open to hear confessions.

THEME CORRECTION: LENTEN SOUP & SCRIPTURE w/MSGR. POPE starts **Feb. 17th** and every Wednesday during Lent at 7pm in the rectory basement. This year's theme is **"Making mercy real: The corporal and spiritual works of mercy."** In this year of mercy, Monsignor Pope and Deacon Kevin Butler teach on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Study will include video along with teaching and conversation. **The Feb. 17th topics are: "Feed the Hungry"; "Drink to the Thirsty"; and "Instruct the Ignorant."** Light meal served at 6:30pm, instruction at 7:15pm. Join us for a meal and bible study!

HOLY HOUR and STATIONS OF THE CROSS—are held throughout Lent every Friday in the church starting with **Holy Hour at 6pm** followed by **Stations of the Cross at 7pm**, hosted **Feb. 19th** by the Usher Board. Join us!

SHARE IN HOPE 2016 LENTEN FOOD DRIVE: In lieu of your **MARCH** monthly pantry donation the Archdiocese of Washington and Catholic Charities will partner for a food drive to benefit our pantry and the Capitol Area Food Bank. Stay tuned for details.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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YOUTH SUNDAY: On the second Sunday of each month we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass and invite our youth to come sit together in front of the clergy. Parents are welcome to sit with their children.

ATTENTION ALL YOUTH: If your birthday is in December, January or February let us know so it can appear in the next edition of the HCSC Youth Newsletter.

SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL YOUTH RETREAT is **March 12—13**, at Camp Maria in Leonard, MD. Additional flyers and registration forms are available in the rear of the church and in the rectory. Registration has begun!!

EASTER YOUTH PAGEANT: will be held on Good Friday on March 25th. We need actors! Stay tuned for info.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hscchurch.org

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY—meets every Monday evening at 8pm in the rectory. For info contact Stephanie Keene at sakeene@gmail.com.

We'd like to hear from our young adults (age 18 to 40^{ish})! Tell us what activities interest you. Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** and tell us your thoughts. Follow us on Twitter at HCSCYoungAdults!

END OF THE YEAR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS are prepared upon request only. **Statements will NOT be automatically mailed.** To request a statement, contact the rectory at 202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org. Statements can be mailed or picked up. Only donations submitted in an envelope and checks payable to HCSC are included in your statement.

ELECTRONIC TITHING—When you can't attend Mass due to the weather, **Faith Direct** electronic tithing can make it easier to keep up with your weekly tithes. You can have your tithes deducted from your bank account **TWICE** a month or charged to a credit card. It is a secure, convenient way to support your parish. Enrollment forms in the rear of the church, the rectory, or sign up at www.faihtdirect.net. (**HCSC code: DC59**). Call Kim Peaks in the rectory office for information. It's easy and it's **FREE!**

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If you want to know more about our parish community or are interested in joining, call the rectory at 202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org.

Mass Schedule: Monday thru Friday at 7am (Chapel)
Saturday at 8am (Chapel) and 4:30pm
Sunday at 8am, 11am, and 7pm

Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri, 9am—8pm;
Thursday, 9am—5pm;
Saturday, 9am—1pm and Sunday, 9am—2pm.

For information on sacraments & funerals call the rectory office.

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