

PARISH LIFE

FIRST SCRUTINY: At the 8am Mass this weekend, we will celebrate the First Scrutiny with the Elect of our parish community who will celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation). The Scrutinies are meant to aid the Elect in engaging a lifelong struggle to put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. The purpose of the Scrutinies is to teach the Elect gradually about the mystery of sin and fill their spirits with an understanding of Christ.

DAY OF REFLECTION: HCSC Sodality is sponsoring a Day of Reflection on **Sun., March 6th**, at Center City Public Charter School, 15th & East Capitol St., S.E. The day will begin at 7:30am with the Rosary in the church before the 8am Mass. All are welcomed.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

DAILY MASS: It is a worthy practice to attend daily Mass during Lent. Consider attending Mass on a weekday in the Chapel (Monday—Friday at 7am, and 8am on Saturday) either one day a week or each weekday. The Mass is especially designed with workers in mind and ends promptly by 7:30am. Come and pray to start your day. Morning prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours is celebrated at 7:30am following Mass for those who wish to stay.

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.

LENTEN SOUP & SCRIPTURE w/MSGR. POPE is every **Wednesday** during Lent at 7pm in the rectory basement. In this year of mercy, Monsignor Pope and Deacon Kevin Butler will teach on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The series will include a video along with teaching and conversation. **The March 2nd topics are: "Visit the Sick"; "Counsel the Doubtful"; and "Admonish the Sinner."** A light meal is served at 6:30pm, instruction begins at 7:15pm. Join us for a meal and bible study! If you can help prepare soup, please call the rectory.

HOLY HOUR and STATIONS OF THE CROSS—are held **throughout Lent every Friday** in the church starting with a **Holy Hour at 6pm** and followed by **Stations of the Cross at 7pm. March 4th Stations will be led by the Music Ministry.** All are welcome to join Jesus in his journey to Calvary.

SHARE IN HOPE 2016 LENTEN FOOD DRIVE: In lieu of your **MARCH pantry donation** the Archdiocese of Washington and Catholic Charities will partner for the Annual Lenten Food Drive to benefit our food pantry and the Capitol Area Food Bank. **We will supply you with a paper bag at Mass on February 27th & 28th** to take home, fill with food items listed on the front of the bag) and return **March 5th & 6th**. Please see the flyer in your bulletin.

Youth Ministry News

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MANY THANKS— to the HCSC Confirmation Class youth who participated in the service project "We Are Family." Our youth helped deliver groceries to seniors living in the Shaw and Adams Morgan areas of the city.

YOUTH EASTER PAGEANT: will hold a rehearsal **Sun., Feb. 28th at 1:30pm** following Mass in the Church. Any youth interested in participating, can come to the rehearsal or call the youth director. Adults are also needed to help with the production.

ANNUAL YOUTH RETREAT is March 12-13 at Camp Maria in Leonardtown, MD. Registration forms in the rear of the Church, rectory office and website.

HCSC-SINGLETARY EDUCATION AWARDS: Are you a registered member of HCSC who is graduating high school this spring and looking to further your education? Active in church activities and involved in community service? Is your grade point average 2.5 or higher? You may be eligible for one of three monetary awards from the HCSC-Singletary Education Fund. Awards: \$4,000; \$3,000; and \$2,000. Applications are available in the rear of the Church, rectory office and website (hscchurch.org). **Application deadline: Sunday, April 24th.**

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

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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!



EASTER FLOWERS—All names that are submitted with your Easter Flower offering envelope will be printed in the Easter program. If you would like to include a loved one on this list, please return your envelope to an usher or the rectory **NO LATER THAN**

Mon., March 21st. An "Easter Flower" offering envelope was included with your monthly tithing envelopes or ask an usher. **PLEASE PRINT NAMES CLEARLY.** Thank you.

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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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