

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

Readings This Weekend:

Acts 5:12-16 Revelation 1:9-19 John 20:19-31

Readings Next Weekend:

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41 Rev 5:11-14 John 21:1-19



Thomas the apostle for many has been given the name "the doubter," certainly not a very flattering title. Even in everyday speech, we speak of a "doubting Thomas." Yet if we consider a little more carefully the role of the apostle Thomas in the gospel, we have to be grateful to him. He, like most of the other apostles, did not fully understand the words of Scripture that

Jesus had to suffer, die, and then rise from the dead. It was only gradually that they would understand these truths. What we have to be grateful for is that once Thomas and the other disciples recognized Jesus, they put their total faith in him. We are also grateful for the consoling words that Thomas drew forth from Jesus: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Two thousand years after the resurrection, we have seen only with the eyes of faith the risen Lord, and we are invited to say with Thomas, "My Lord and my God."

FUNERAL: James L. Outtz (March 31st)



Sunday, April 3

8:00am Elizabeth Colston (birthday)
11:00am James Outtz †
7:00pm For the intentions of Janice Hamilton Outtz

Monday, April 4

7:00am In thanksgiving for Hasina & Elle Reed

Tuesday, April 5

7:00am Ricky & Debbie Smith

Wednesday, April 6

7:00am Gary K. Johnson †

Thursday, April 7

7:00am Helen B. Tyler †

Friday, April 8

7:00am Joseph Bailey †

Saturday, April 9

8:00am Helen B. Tyler †
4:30pm Joseph Bailey †

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: Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10 Hebrews 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37 John 3:7-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26 John 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33 John 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42 John 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7 John 6:16-21

Music Schedule

Processional
"Jesus Christ is Risen today" LMGM #315
Responsorial Psalm
"Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting."
Gospel Acclamation
"Alleluia!"
Offertory
* "I know my Redeemer lives" LMGM #309
** "It wasn't the nails"
Communion
"Taste and See" LMGM #750
Post Communion
"Calvary" arr. Richard Smallwood
Recessional
"He is Lord" LMGM #304
* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—George Stewart, Music Director
** 11:00am Church Choir—George Stewart, Music Director

Mass Attendance for Easter Week—2016

Holy Thursday—March 24 th	7:00pm	167
Good Friday—March 25 th	7:00pm	149
Easter Vigil—March 26 th	8:00pm	299
Easter Sunday—March 27 th	8:00am	158
	11:00am	585
	7:00pm	68
Total:		1,426

Stewardship Report 2015—2016

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (3/27)	\$18,366
Actual Surplus (+)	+ \$2,020



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY CORNER

"You know, there's something about mercy that is very human. This ability to feel compassion and to act on it makes us who we are. And when we look toward the events of Holy Week, there's no way we can stand apart from what is happening. It's just not in us. The Passion of Jesus and the very injustice of what is happening grabs us somewhere in the gut. Non-Catholics are sometimes puzzled, when they see our churches fill up on Good Friday. But people not familiar with the way we do things miss the point that Jesus's story looks like our story as well. There's a point where our stories come together." Listen to the rest of this reflection from Fr. Frank Wright at mercy.adw.org.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (4/3) 9:15am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (4/6) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:00pm Holy Name meeting 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (4/4) 6:30pm Parish Council meeting 6:30pm WIN meeting	Friday (4/8) 7:00pm Sunday School Catechist 8:00pm NA
Tuesday (4/5) 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir	Saturday (4/9) 10:00am Liturgical Dance 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.

PARISH LIFE



CONGRATULATIONS TO Sharon Johnson who also received all three sacraments at the Easter Vigil last week. May God bless Ms. Johnson in her journey of faith. May the power of Christ in his Sacraments be a transformative reality for her.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (Second Sunday of Easter) was instituted by Blessed John Paul II calling it “the Sunday of Thanksgiving for all goodness that God has shown us in the whole Easter mystery.” The Divine Mercy devotion was begun in the later 1930s by St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun who said she had a vision of Jesus in which He asked for devotions to His Divine Mercy on the Sunday after Easter.

YOUTH SUNDAY NEXT WEEK at 11am Mass: Youth and their parents are invited to sit in the pews in front of the clergy and celebrate Mass together. Bring a friend!



CONGRATULATIONS to Zachary Bartsch & Alexandra Crockett who were joined in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony at HCSC on **Saturday, March 19th**. We pray that Zachary & Alexandra Bartsch’s union will be blessed with love and devotion to both God and each other.

ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS: The April—June schedule has been distributed via email or mailed to those who do not have internet access. The schedule is also posted on our website. Additional hard copies are available in the sacristy. Please remember that each minister is responsible for making arrangements for any changes to their assigned schedule.

THE FRIENDLY SENIORS weekly fellowship will resume this **Wednesday, April 6th at 11am** in the school Youth Room. Join us for fellowship, Bible study, and to play games. For information call Doris Edelin at 301-350-2697.

LEARN ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH: Classes are **Sunday mornings at 9:15am** in the rectory for those interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. These classes are especially intended for non-Catholics who are interested in becoming Catholic. This includes adult Catholics who have missed receiving either First Holy Communion or Confirmation. This is your opportunity to inform relatives or friends who you know might benefit from these instructions and formation. Contact the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hscchurch.org.

THE LORD IS RISEN! As Christ's disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of His Resurrection. Our parish's many ministries are examples of how many of you answer that call and they require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian with electronic tithing through **Faith Direct**. It's **FREE** and convenient! You can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net using our church **code DC59** or pick up an enrollment form from the parish office. Questions? Contact Kim Peaks on 202-546-1885 or pam@hscchurch.org.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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APPLICATION CORRECTION: A vital section of the **2016 HCSC SINGLETARY EDUCATION AWARD application was accidentally omitted from the application package—the Criteria & Letters of Recommendation** section. If you are in the process of completing an application you **MUST** include this omitted section. Corrected copies are available in the rear of the church, at the rectory office and on our website (under ‘Parish News’). **NEW Application deadline: Sun., May 1st**.

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})! Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** and tell us your thoughts. Follow us on Twitter at [HCSCYoungAdults!](https://twitter.com/HCSCYoungAdults)



ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS: Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years on **Sun., June 19th, at 2pm** at the Basilica of the National Shrine. Couples who register and attend the Mass receive a special certificate. **Call the rectory at 202-546-1885 to register your name by Mon., April 11th**.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME? If you are visiting our church and are interested in joining, stop by our rectory office located next to the church or call at 202-546-1885 for registration information.

CAMP ST. CHARLES—Boys & Girls Catholic Overnight Summer Camp: Open House is April 10th, 11am to 3pm. Learn more about Camp St. Charles with lunch, a tour, and an opportunity to meet the staff. Thousands of children have been making friends, learning to work together, and developing an appreciation for Creation while camping out, riding horses, working their way through a challenge course, trying archery, paddling on the river, and lots of activities. For more info and to sign up, go to: www.campstcharles.org or call 301-934-8799.

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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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