

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Readings This Weekend:**

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

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Acts 13:14, 43-52      Rev 7:9, 14-17      John 10:27-30



Today's Gospel focuses on Peter's journey of faith. However, if you are ready to accept it, you are Peter. Note first the **Regrettable Reversal**. Peter says he is going back to fishing. But Jesus had called him away from fishing and told him to fish for people. Sometimes when we struggle we go back to old habits. But next, notice the **Redeeming Reminder**. Jesus calls to Peter and the others and tells them to lower their nets for a catch. He does exactly what he had done before when he had called them to be Apostles. Next comes a **Reorienting Repast**. Jesus prepares a meal. The charcoal fire reminds Peter of his denial of the Lord. But the Lord has an honest discussion with Peter about the nature of Peter's love. In a moment of honesty Peter admits that although the Lord wants total love from him, he is only able to promise brotherly love. Jesus does not berate him for this but teaches him that there will come a day (when he is martyred) that he will finally be able to pledge complete love. We, too, struggle with half-hearted commitments to God and cannot always give God what he requests. But little by little, if we are faithful, God will get us to that place where we are ready to surrender all.



**Sunday, April 10** *Third Sunday of Easter*

8:00am For the intentions of Nannie Williams

11:00am For the intentions of Barbara Riehle

7:00pm For the intentions of Anna Riehle

**Monday, April 11** *Saint Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr*

7:00am Julian Brown †

**Tuesday, April 12**

7:00am Joseph R. Washington †

**Wednesday, April 13** *Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr*

7:00am For the mother and babies at risk of abortion

**Thursday, April 14**

7:00am Cheryl Walker Ross † (13<sup>th</sup> anniversary)

**Friday, April 15**

7:00am For the People

**Saturday, April 16**

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:** Acts 6:8-15      John 6:22-29

**Tuesday:** Acts 7:51—8:1      John 6:30-35

**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1-8      John 6:35-40

**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40      John 6:44-51

**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20      John 6:52-59

**Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42      John 6:60-69

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**

I know that my Redeemer lives" LMGM #309

**Responsorial Psalm**

"I will praise you Lord, for you have rescued me."

**Gospel Acclamation**

"Alleluia!"

**Offertory**

\* "Because He Lives" LMGM #303

\*\* "Praise the Lord"

**Communion**

\* "I am the bread of life" LMGM #755

\*\* "Jesus in the Morning" LMGM # 391

**Recessional**

"He is Lord" LMGM # 304

\* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, *Cantor*—George Stewart, *Music Director*  
 \*\* 11:00am Youth Ensemble – L'Tanya Holley, *Choir Coordinator*

**Mass Attendance for April 3, 2016**

4:30pm	61
8:00am	109
11:00am	255
7:00pm	77
<b>Total:</b>	<b>502</b>

**Stewardship Report 2015—2016**

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (4/3)	\$16,509
Actual Surplus (+)	+ \$163



**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY CORNER**

"St. Augustine, one of the great writers on God's mercy, said: 'God does not extend his mercy to people, because they know him, but that they may know him, nor because they are upright of heart but so they might become so.' Augustine talks about our hearts so we can understand who we are, where we come from, where we're going to, where we meet our God. Human beings are looking for the light to penetrate the darkness of our own mystery, and when we do that, we discover that God is the key to the secret of the human heart and that God has made his dwelling in our hearts. He's there for us. He's as close to us as our next drawn breath, and yes, all this is the work of mercy." Listen to the rest of this reflection from Fr. Frank Wright at: [mercy.adw.org](http://mercy.adw.org).

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Sunday (4/10)</b> 9:15am RCIA 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Holy Name meeting 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	<b>Wednesday (4/13)</b> 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Bible Study
<b>Monday (4/11)</b> 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	<b>Thursday (4/14)</b> 6:30pm Knights of Columbus
<b>Tuesday (4/12)</b> 7:00pm Adult Choir	<b>Friday (4/15)</b> 8:00pm NA
	<b>Saturday (4/16)</b> 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**

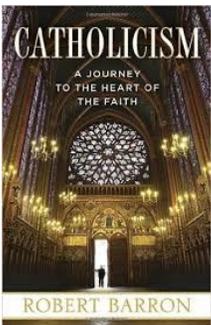


**BLESSINGS** to the Arrington twins, Knigel and Knevaeh, who were Baptized into the family of Jesus Christ on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. May God bless them in their journey of faith.

**TODAY IS YOUTH SUNDAY** and at the 11am Mass we invite our youth and their parents to sit in the pews in front of the clergy.



**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 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 names by **Mon., April 11<sup>th</sup>**.



**INTRODUCTION TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH:** On **Wed., April 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm**, in the rectory basement we will begin viewing the Catholicism series by Bishop Robert Barron over a 10 week period. This award winning video series is interesting and informative and provides an excellent foundation for those who seek to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Consider recommending these evenings to family and friends who might like to learn more about the Catholic faith! This is also a great opportunity for current parishioners to reinvigorate your knowledge of the faith.

**WASHINGTON INTERFAITH NETWORK (WIN)** will host two **Meet & Greet** sessions on **Sun., April 17<sup>th</sup>**. The first is **1:30-3pm in the rectory basement**, and the second is **8pm in the rectory dining room** following evening Mass. Everyone is invited. This is a great way to learn about connecting with WIN, a broad-based, multi-racial, multi-faith, strictly non-partisan, District-wide citizens' power organization, rooted in local congregations and associations. WIN addresses social justice issues such as homelessness, affordable housing, and living-wage issues. Join us on Sunday to learn how you can get connected! Ward 6 residents, please join us to discuss specific issues affecting your community. Go to: [www.windc-iaf.org](http://www.windc-iaf.org).

**RICE BOWLS DUE:** If you took a RICE BOWL during the Lenten Season it is time to bring them back to the church for collection. Your Rice Bowl can be dropped off at the rectory office this week. Donations by check should be made payable to HCSC with **RICE BOWL** in the memo line.

**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](http://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](mailto: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 section. Corrected copies are available in the rear of the church, and in the rectory office. **Application deadline: Sun., May 1<sup>st</sup>**.

**2016 CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FAIR:** Designed especially for rising 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, the Archdiocese of Washington hosts a Catholic High School Fair with exhibits from all of the Catholic high schools. A learning center fair and information sessions about financial aid and placement testing are featured in the event on **Sat., April 30<sup>th</sup> from 11am—2pm at the College Park Marriott Hotel** (3501 University Blvd., Hyattsville, MD). Registration is free. Reserve your space, email the following information to Wendi Williams at: [wwilliams@adw.org](mailto:wwilliams@adw.org): student's name, current school, current grade level.

**HCSC Young Adult Ministry**

**Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ [YAM@hscchurch.org](mailto: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](mailto:sakeene@gmail.com).

**DCCatholic Young Adult Day of Service:** Imitate Pope Francis by giving back at the **Annual Day of Service April 23<sup>rd</sup>!** Join hundreds of young adults (college through late 30s) at different service sites across the DC area to continue to #WalkwithFrancis. Service sites include visiting the elderly, engaging the homeless, packing supplies for Catholic Charities, cooking meals for the hungry, organizing clothing donations, etc. After our service we will gather for lunch and fellowship at 1:30pm at Buffalo Billiards in Dupont Circle. Register at: [#EncounterMercy](http://signupgenius.com/go/10C094BAEAF28A1F49-dccatholic)

We'd like to hear from our young adults (age 18 to 40<sup>ish</sup>)! Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** and tell us your thoughts. Follow us on Twitter at [HCSCYoungAdults!](https://twitter.com/HCSCYoungAdults)

**SISTERS IN THE SPIRIT—A Day of Reflection, Sat., April 16<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am—1:30pm**, at St. Luke Catholic Church, 4925—50<sup>th</sup> St., SE. Facilitator: Deacon Keith Somerville of St. Margaret of Scotland. **COST: \$10** Continental breakfast provided. For more information contact Burma Hill (240-620-4556). See flyer in vestibule.

**PARISH CONNECTIONS**—Visit our Parish-related links and websites and spread the word:

Parish Website: [www.hscchurch.org](http://www.hscchurch.org)  
Fr. Pope's Sermons online: [www.frpope.com](http://www.frpope.com)  
Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>

