

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Acts 14:21-27 Rev 21:1-5 John 13:31-35



Today's Gospel speaks of the Lord as a Shepherd. But guess what? That makes us sheep. It is rather humbling to be compared to sheep. Sheep are wayward creatures. They tend to wander off and get lost. They are rather dumb. Ever hear of a trained sheep? Can't be done they're too stupid. Sheep are weak and vulnerable and need protection. But it is also true that sheep are worthwhile animals. They were highly valued in biblical times for their wool, and still are. Another quality about sheep is that they are wary. They will only recognize their master's voice. They will flee from all others. In this sense sheep are smarter than we are since most of us will listen to just about anyone and be easily lead astray by them. "The Lord is my Shepherd," we often say. Experience the humility of being a beloved sheep in the sheepfold of the Lord.

Mass Attendance for April 10, 2016

4:30pm	64
8:00am	114
11:00am	255
7:00pm	<u>94</u>
Total:	527



Sunday, April 17

8:00am Helen B. Tyler †
 11:00am Joseph Bailey †
 7:00pm For the Intentions of James Farrell

Monday, April 18

7:00am Cheryl Luster (birthday)

Tuesday, April 19

7:00am For the People

Wednesday, April 20

7:00am Brenda Y. Young (birthday)

Thursday, April 21

7:00am Alice N. Thornton † (birthday)

Friday, April 22

7:00am Virgie M. Hamilton † (birthday)

Saturday, April 23

8:00am Sylvester Nettles †
 4:30pm Kenneth W. Waters † (birthday)

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 11:1-18	John 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26	John 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24—13:5	John 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25	John 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33	John 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52	John 14:7-14

Music Schedule

Processional
 * "Alleluia sing to Jesus" LMGM #752
 ** "Rejoice" LMGM #310

Responsorial Psalm
 "We are his people, the sheep of his flock"

Gospel Acclamation
 "Alleluia!"

Offertory
 "Power in his hands"

Communion
 "Jesus Keep me near the cross" LMGM #300

Post Communion
 * "Calvary"
 ** "Love Medley"

Recessional
 * "Lift High the Cross" LMGM #726
 ** "Go ye therefore" LMGM #322

* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—George Stewart, Director of Music
 ** 11:00am Church Choir—George Stewart, Director of Music

Stewardship Report 2015—2016

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (4/10)	\$28,388
Actual Surplus (+) or Deficit (-)	\$12,042



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY CORNER

MERCY Visit the Sick: "When it was evening, they brought him many who were possessed by demons, and he drove out the spirits by a word and cured all the sick, to fulfill what had been said by Isaiah the prophet: 'He took away our infirmities and bore our diseases.'" (Mt. 8:14-18) Over and over Jesus heals and comforts the sick, and he calls us to do the same. The great gift – and challenge – of the works of mercy is that in performing them we are both sharing in Christ's work on earth and encountering Christ himself. He reminds us, "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt. 25:40). Learn more about comforting the sick and honoring the dignity of life in sickness and death at mercy.adw.org.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (4/17) 9:15am RCIA Alumni 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Ladies of Charity mtg 1:30pm WIN Meet & Greet 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm WIN Meet & Greet 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (4/20) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Usher Board mtg 6:30pm Liturgical Dancers 7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (4/18) 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Friday (4/22) 8:00pm NA
Tuesday (4/19) 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir	Saturday (4/23) 10:00am Youth Penance Serv. 10:00am Liturgical Dancers 4:30pm Mass

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

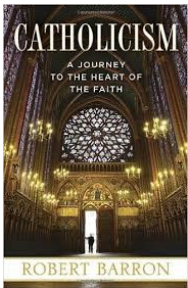
Holy Comforter-Saint Cypryan Roman Catholic Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, exists to evangelize and to uphold Christian values by promoting the teachings of the Church in Word, Sacrament and Witness.

OUR VISION STATEMENT:

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

PARISH LIFE

SALUTE TO SENIORS UPDATE: We would like to express a heartfelt *THANK YOU* to the committee members and the volunteers who worked with great determination to make the Salute a wonderful new experience. This year's event was coordinated by the Young Adult Ministry (YAM) and it was a lovely afternoon honoring our seniors. This is a great example of passing on traditions to our young people and instilling them with the flame of passion to serve God's people.



INTRODUCTION TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH: Our Wednesday evening 7pm Bible study group has started viewing the 10-week Catholicism series by Bishop Robert Barron. The series will run through **Wed., June 15th**, in the rectory basement. All are welcome. 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.

S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat): On the 4th Saturday of each month, HCSC parishioners are invited to help prepare meals for homeless men, women and children at S.O.M.E., 71 "O" St., NW. Our next event is **Sat., April 23rd**. **You can help in two ways:** (1) Donate cooked chicken for the meal (see flyer for the simple recipe) and/or (2) Come and help prepare and serve at S.O.M.E. (3 hours). If you donate, please drop off your non-frozen chicken at the rectory office by close of business Fri., April 22nd. If you want to volunteer or have questions, contact Earlene Capers (301-910-1763).



SPRING PRAYER BREAKFAST—hosted by HCSC Women's Ministry, **Sat., May 21st, 9am—12 noon**, at Center City Public Charter School. **Keynote Speaker: Theresa Wilson Favors. Cost: \$25** (tickets will NOT be sold at the door). For tickets, contact the rectory office (202-546-1885). This is a family event, so all are invited! (See flyer in your bulletin.)

WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNUAL RETREAT: Join the HCSC Women's Ministry on a spirit-filled retreat, **Sept., 2—4**, at Loyola Retreat House, Faulkner, MD. **Facilitator: Sister Anita Baird. Cost: \$270 per person.** For more information, contact Bertha Colbert (301-567-9786).

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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HCSC SINGLETARY EDUCATION AWARD: A vital section of the application was accidentally omitted from the 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, in the rectory office and on the website under *Parish News*. **Application deadline: Sun., May 1st.**

2016 CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FAIR: Designed for rising 7th and 8th grade students, the Archdiocese of Washington hosts a Catholic High School Fair featuring 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 30th 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: wwilliams@adw.org: student's name, current school, current grade level.

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.

DCCatholic Young Adult Day of Service: Imitate Pope Francis by giving back at the **Annual Day of Service April 23rd!** 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).

GREAT GATSBY DANCE: St. Veronica Young Adults is hosting dance lessons featuring the Charleston, Lindy Hop, Foxtrot, and Collegiate Shag! Travel back to the Roaring Twenties with young adults from all over the DC area **Sat., April 23rd from 7:30-11:30pm** at St. Veronica's Parish Hall, 3460 Centreville Road, Chantilly, VA. **Admission: \$10.** All young adults in their 20's and 30's are welcome. Optional: Put on your best 20's outfit! For more info, visit www.facebook.com/groups/stveronicaya, or email: stveronicaya@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)

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

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

