

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Readings This Weekend:

Acts 1:1-11 Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23 Luke 24:46-53

Readings Next Weekend:

Acts 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13 John 14:15-16, 23-26



On today's Feast of the Ascension we acknowledge that the Lord has gone to heaven for us. He has gone there not to abandon us but to prepare a place for us (John 14:2). He has also gone to take his place at the Father's right hand where he can intercede for us (John 14:12, Heb 7:5). Yet, He also goes to send us the Holy Spirit (John 14:25; 16:7). A final purpose of his going is stated in John 12:32, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." This is of special note to us who prepare to evangelize more intentionally. The Lord wants to draw all people to himself. But how will he do this? You may have guessed it has something to do with you! The Lord says in Acts 1:8, "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." Who do you suppose the "you" refers to here if not you? As the Lord ascended into heaven an angel spoke to the apostles (and to us). "And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven?'" (Acts 1:10) And so, while it is good for us to look to heaven each Sunday it is also important to remember that the Lord has an evangelizing work for us to do. Are you ready?

Mass Attendance for May 1, 2016	
4:30pm	45
8:00am	128
11:00am	285
7:00pm	93
Total:	551



Sunday, May 8 *Ascension of the Lord*

8:00am Mary L. Dyson †
 11:00am Johnny Hamilton (birthday)
 7:00pm George P. Dyson †

Monday, May 9

7:00am Eva D. Greene †

Tuesday, May 10

7:00am For the intentions of Cheyanne Rowe

Wednesday, May 11

7:00am For the People

Thursday, May 12

7:00am For mothers and babies at risk of abortion

Friday, May 13

7:00am Malcolm Hawkins (birthday)

Saturday, May 14

8:00am For mothers and babies at risk of abortion
 4:30pm Mary L. Holmes †

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Acts 19:1-8 John 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27 John 17:1-11
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38 John 17:11-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30, 23:6-11 John 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13-21 John 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 John 15:9-17

Music Schedule

Processional

* "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" LMGM #752
 ** "This Is the day" LMGM #305

Responsorial Psalm

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia!"

Offertory

* "This Is the day" LMGM #305
 ** "High and lifted up" J. Pace

Communion

* "Do This in Remembrance of Me" LMGM #763
 ** "Praise Him!" LMGM #446

Post Communion

"You raise me up" Westlife

Recessional

*** "Go Ye Therefore" LMGM #322

* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, *Cantor*—George Stewart, *Music Director*
 ** 11:00am Youth Ensemble—L'Tanya Holley, *Choir Coordinator*
 *** Dance Ministry—Gail Bell, *Director*



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY CORNER

Welcome the Stranger: In Matthew 25, Jesus tells us, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me." And St. Paul echoes this in Hebrews 13: "Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels." To welcome the stranger is a powerful yet challenging work of mercy. It requires us to move beyond how someone is different from us, beyond the many factors that may divide us, to acknowledge first and foremost their human dignity. The homeless, refugees, immigrants, the poor, anyone different or "strange"—in mercy, we let go of these divisions, remembering that above all else we are all children of God. Learn more about the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy at: mercy.adw.org.

Stewardship Report 2015—2016

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (5/1)	14,698
Actual Deficit (-)	-\$1,648

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (5/8)

9:15am RCIA
 9:30am Sunday School
 9:30am Holy Name Society
 7:00pm Mass
 8:00pm AA

Thursday (5/12)

6:30pm Knights of Columbus

Friday (5/13)

8:00pm NA

Saturday (5/14)

10:00am Liturgical Dance
 10:30am Social Concerns mtg
 4:30pm Mass

Monday (5/9)

8:00pm YAM Bible Study

Tuesday (5/10)

7:00pm Adult Choir

Wednesday (5/11)

11:00am Friendly Seniors
 6:30pm Liturgical Dance
 7:00pm Bible Study

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



CYPRIAN & SUSAN JENIFER would like to thank you for your expressions of love and sympathy through their most difficult and grievous time. *Without our faith in the Lord and your prayers, we don't know how we would have managed our grief. Jovan will always be with us in loving memories. We will always be grateful for your thoughtfulness. Peace and blessings!*

TODAY IS YOUTH SUNDAY: We invite our youth and their parents to sit in the first few pews at the 11am Mass.

CANNED GOODS COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: If you brought canned goods for our food pantry, please give them to the ushers. Monetary donations are also accepted at the Poor Boxes on the walls near the exits. Thank you.

PENTECOST is **Sun., May 15th:** On this day we pray, *"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love."* Please invite family and friends to come share this holy day and wear **Red** in celebration of this feast day of the Holy Spirit.

CONGRATULATIONS—to **HCSC Knights of Columbus Council #10008** under the leadership of Renard Blanchard for winning the **2015 STAR COUNCIL AWARD** which recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and service programs activities. Congratulations also to Renard, Sr., Michelle, Raché, Renard, Jr., and Rashaad Blanchard for winning the Knights' **Family of the Year Award**. The awards are on display in the vestibule.

MINISTRY & ORGANIZATION LEADERS GATHERING: The HCSC Parish Council invites all Parish Ministries and Organizations Leaders to gather on **Mon., May 16th** in the rectory at **6:30pm** for a Pentecost Party and meeting. We kindly request that each Ministry send its Chairperson or a representative. **RSVP to the rectory office by Mon., May 9th** to pc@hscchurch.org or 202-546-1885.

SPRING PRAYER BREAKFAST—hosted by HCSC Women's Ministry, **Sat., May 21st, 9am—12 noon**, at the school. **Keynote: 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!

MAY PROCESSION: Thank You to the Sodality, the May Queen and her Court, the families, volunteers and all ministries who made our annual tribute to honor our Mother-in-Faith a beautiful celebration. May is the **"Month of Mary"** and is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world give to the Queen of Heaven." During May, please find time both at home and at church to pray the rosary and offer up to Mary from our hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ♦ youthdirector@hscchurch.org

HONORING HCSC GRADUATES: If you are a registered member of HCSC and graduating in June 2016 from middle/high school, college or graduate school you will be honored at an 11am Mass. Stay tuned for details.

CAMP ST. CHARLES—Boys and Girls Catholic Over-night Summer Camp **Open House May 15th, 11am—3pm**. Go to: www.campstcharles.org or call 301-934-8799.

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)

MEDICAL SCREENINGS & DENTAL CARE: Providence Hospital, in conjunction with Howard Univ. College of Dentistry, hosts a **FREE Medical Mission for SE Residents, May 21st**, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 1600 Morris Rd., SE, **9:30am—3pm**. Podiatrist and vision specialist on site. Services on first-come/first-serve basis. **FREE** fresh fruit and vegetables given out.



ANNUAL CAPITOL HILL MARATHON—is **Sun., May 15th from 8:30—10:30am**. The marathon route affects HCSC along East Capitol on the south side of Lincoln Park to the north side of RFK Stadium. The marathon route will affect both our Sunday morning Masses. Please plan accordingly.

ELECTRONIC TITHING—Have you considered electronic tithing through the **Faith Direct** program here at HCSC? You can have your tithes deducted from your bank account **TWICE** a month or charged to a credit card. Enrollment forms are in the rear of the church, the rectory office, or you can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net. (HCSC church code: DC59). Call Kim Peaks at the rectory office for more information. It's easy and it's **FREE!**

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Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope, Pastor

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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