

**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

**Readings This Weekend:**

Proverbs 8:22-31      Romans 5:1-5      John 16:12-15

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Genesis 14:18-20      1 Cor 11:23-26      Luke 9:11-17



On this Trinity Sunday we ponder the reality of God. However atheism continues to grow in our land. There are two kinds of Atheists we might encounter these days. The first kind is the most common and is referred to as the "Practical Atheist." They do not explicitly deny God's existence but simply choose to live as though He did not exist. He is irrelevant to them and to their daily life. He might as well not exist. The other kind of atheist, less common, is the one who simply denies that God exists. To either kind of atheist, quoting scripture isn't going to work since it is not an agreed upon point of reference. But try starting here. Ask them about their desire, and ask them to ponder that their desire is infinite (without limit). Most will admit this truth that our desires are endless. But then ask how a finite (limited) world can give an infinite (unlimited) desire. For me to give you \$20 means I have to have it first. But if the world is limited and doesn't have infinity, how can it give me infinite desire. This desire must come from someone or someone who is infinite. This "someone" we call God. He has written His name on our hearts and our infinite longing is "proof" that He exists!

**Mass Attendance for May 15, 2016**

4:30 pm	45
8:00 am	94
11:00 am	250
7:00 pm	95
<b>Total:</b>	<b>484</b>



- Sunday, May 22** *The Most Holy Trinity*  
 8:00am For the intentions of the Thomas Family  
 11:00am James Clyde Walker † (34<sup>th</sup> anniversary)  
 7:00pm For Family Unity and Healing
- Monday, May 23**  
 7:00am Juan Ares †
- Tuesday, May 24**  
 7:00am Mary Lindsey † (26<sup>th</sup> anniversary)
- Wednesday, May 25**  
 7:00am For the People
- Thursday, May 26**  
 7:00am Sheila Jackson † (birthday)
- Friday, May 27**  
 7:00am Sergio Chambliss †
- Saturday, May 28**  
 8:00am For the intentions of Benjamin Wang & Alexis Erwin  
 4:30pm Domanga Ares †

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

<b>Monday:</b>	1 Peter 1:3—9	Mark 10:17-27
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Peter 1:10—16	Mark 10:28-31
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 Peter 1:18—25	Mark 10:32-45
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Peter 2:2—5	Mark 10:46-52
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Peter 4:7—13	Mark 11:11—26
<b>Saturday:</b>	Jude 17, 20—25	Mark 11:27-33

**Music Schedule**

- Processional**  
 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" LMGM #335
- Responsorial Psalm**  
 O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth
- Gospel Acclamation**  
 "Alleluia!"
- Offertory**  
 \* "Come now almighty King" LMGM #334  
 \*\* "He Reigns" Shekinah Glory
- Communion**  
 \* "Your Sacrifice" LMGM #761  
 \*\* "Perfect Praise" LMGM #377
- Post Communion Music**  
 \*\* "He's God" Phillip Carter
- Recessional**  
 \* "All creatures of our God and King" LMGM #407  
 \*\* "Hallelujah Salvation and Glory"
- \* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—George Stewart, Music Director  
 \*\* 11:00am Church Choir—George Stewart, Music Director

**Stewardship Report 2015—2016**

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (5/15)	\$11,993
Actual Deficit (-)	-\$4,353



**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY CORNER**

Admitting when we are struggling and need help is difficult and scary. It requires putting our trust in someone else, praying that God's mercy will flow through them. Consider Cate's story: For years she silently suffered from mental illness, afraid to tell anyone else about her struggles. Over time, she found the courage to seek counseling from a Catholic therapist. The therapist was so accepting, understanding, and merciful that Cate opened up for the first time. Cate has experienced both mental and spiritual healing through her time in counseling. Now, Cate knows that her illness is right where God desired to meet her, and that in fact God's mercy has been with her for her whole life. Find ways to experience mercy and healing through the ministries of the Church at [mercy.adw.org](http://mercy.adw.org).

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

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| <b>Sunday (5/22)</b><br>9:15am RCIA<br>9:30am Sunday School<br>2:00pm St. Thomas Aux #64<br>7:00pm Mass<br>8:00pm AA | <b>Wednesday (5/25)</b><br>11:00am Friendly Seniors<br>6:30pm Liturgical Dance<br>7:00pm Bible Study |
| <b>Monday (5/23)</b><br>8:00pm YAM Bible Study   | <b>Thursday (5/26)</b><br>6:00pm Holy Name meeting<br>6:30pm Knights of Columbus                     |
| <b>Tuesday (5/24)</b><br>6:30pm Youth Ensemble<br>7:00pm Adult Choir   | <b>Friday (5/27)</b><br>8:00pm NA  |
|  | <b>Saturday (5/28)</b><br>10:00am Liturgical Dance<br>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 Jayda Calie Epps-Jameson who received the sacrament of **Baptism** Sun., May 15<sup>th</sup>. May God continue to bless her and her parents on their journey of faith in Christ.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to six HCSC youth who were **Confirmed** into the family of Jesus Christ on May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Church of the Incarnation. They are: **Simone James, Martin Johnson, Kayla Powell, Shelby Smith, Dillon Stone and Trinity Young**. They will be acknowledged at the HCSC 11am Mass on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please pray that these youth remain committed throughout their lives in their love and service to our Lord.



**PRAYER REQUEST:** Deacon Kevin Butler remains confined due to his respiratory illnesses but wants us to know that he continues to pray for the parish of HCSC everyday and hopes we will continue to pray for him.



We are pleased to introduce HCSC's summer seminarian **ANDREW CLYNE** who is scheduled to arrive at the parish this week. Andrew was born in Ridgewood, New Jersey, but grew up in Orange, California. He is currently at Theological College for seminary, has just completed his Second Theology and is rising into Third Theology. If you happen to see Andrew, take a moment to greet him with a warm HCSC greeting.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL & RCIA:** The last class for the school year is May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Have a safe summer and see you in the fall.

**S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat):** On the 4<sup>th</sup> 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., May 28<sup>th</sup>**. Your cooked chicken is **desperately** needed (see flyer for recipe). Your non-frozen chicken may be dropped at the rectory by **close of business** Fri., May 27<sup>th</sup>. Questions? Contact Earlene Capers (301-910-1763).



**ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY CEMETARY MASS:** A special outdoor Mass will be held on the sacred ground of Catholic cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington on **Mon., May 30<sup>th</sup> at 10am** at: *All Souls Cemetery, Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Mount Olivet Cemetery, and Resurrection Cemetery*. Come remember those who gave their lives for our freedom and pray for the souls of family & friends buried at your local Catholic cemetery. For more information call 301-871-1300.



**WIN (Washington Interfaith Network)** would like to sincerely thank the 38 HCSC parishioners who attended all three Masses at Holy Redeemer in support of WIN's efforts for our community. God's continued blessings upon you.

Youth Ministry News

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**SAVE THE DATE:** On Sun., June 5<sup>th</sup> there will be a year-end cook-out for the Sunday School families and ALL HCSC youth on the school parking lot after the 11am Mass. All are welcome.

**LIGHT THE WORLD! SUMMER INSTITUTE:** Attention all rising juniors and seniors in high school. The Catholic University of America will sponsor a summer institute **June 12<sup>th</sup>—18<sup>th</sup>** where students can learn how faith and culture intersect. Students will learn from professors and experts how to live their faith throughout their daily lives. Many trips are planned. Contact Nicki Gebrehiwot or email Catherine Graveline (graveline@cua.edu).

**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 the **11am Mass on Sun., June 12<sup>th</sup>**. See flyer in your bulletin.

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<sup>ish</sup>)! Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** and tell us your thoughts. Follow us on Twitter at HCSCYoungAdults!

**HCSC FATHERS' DAY BREAKFAST** hosted by the Holy Name Society, **June 19<sup>th</sup>, 9—11am**, at the school. **Tickets: \$10**, available from any Holy Name member, or the rectory office.

**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).

**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.

**ELECTRONIC TITHING:** What is the best way to ensure your parish receives the support needed for our operating expenses and ministries during the busy summer months? *eGiving* through Faith Direct! Please enroll today by visiting [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) or call Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885. Our church code is DC59. Increased enrollment with Faith Direct will help stabilize our parish finances during the coming summer months when many families are away on vacation. Thank you for your continued support of your parish family with your time and talents, as well as your treasure.