

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

1 Kings 17:17-24 Galatians 1:11-19 Luke 7:11-17



A key text of Scripture to commit to memory is John 6:53 "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his Blood, you have no life in you." When Jesus spoke these words he was referring to the Holy Communion we must receive every Sunday. He refers back to the situation of the Jewish people in the wilderness. They had finally been led out of slavery in Egypt and passed through the waters of the Red Sea into freedom. This is an image of baptism. But they were not in the promised land yet. They had a journey to make across a wide desert before they could enter the Promised Land. Without food they would have died on that journey. But God DID give them food. Each morning he provided manna which they could go into the field to collect. Manna was a dough like substance that they could knead and bake like bread. They called it, "bread from heaven!" Now notice, without that bread they would not have made it to the Promised Land. Jesus is saying the same for us. It is not enough to be baptized. We have a journey to make across the desert of this life to the Promised Land of heaven. But in order to make it we have to eat. Otherwise, we will perish on the journey. This is why Jesus says UNLESS you eat... Unless we regularly receive Holy Communion we are starving spiritually and Jesus warns that we will not make it, he says we are dying and have no life in us. Share this warning with your fallen away loved ones and also tell them how you find nourishment in Mass every weekend.



Sunday, May 29 *The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*

8:00am Otha Hamer, Jr. † (27th anniversary)
 11:00am Deceased Holton Family Members
 7:00pm Gary McPherson (birthday)

Monday, May 30 *Memorial Day*

8:00am For the People

Tuesday, May 31 *Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:00am For the intentions of Annie Do

Wednesday, June 1

7:00am Briana Snell (birthday)

Thursday, June 2

7:00am Antonia Contreras †

Friday, June 3 *The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

7:00am Vermelle Hill Howard †

Saturday, June 4

8:00am Lucia Melchor †
 4:30pm Lucia Melchor †

FUNERALS: Nannie Williams (Fri., May 27th)
 Robert Stepney (Fri., June 3rd)

Mass Attendance for May 22, 2016

4:30pm 38
 8:00am 100
 11:00am 285
 7:00pm 108
Total: 531

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: 2 Peter 1:2-7 Mark 12:1-12
Tuesday: Romans 12:9-16 Luke 1:39-56
Wednesday: 2 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12 Mark 12:18-27
Thursday: 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Mark 12:28-34
Friday: Ezekiel 34:11-16 Rom 5:5-11 Luke 15:3-7
Saturday: 2 Timothy 4:1-8 Luke 2:41-51

Music Schedule

Processional
 "The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power" LMGM #383

Responsorial Psalm
 You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

Gospel Acclamation
 "Alleluia!"

Offertory
 * "Glorious Is the Name of Jesus" LMGM #374
 ** "O Taste and See" Chicago Mass

Communion
 * "Do This In Remembrance of Me" LMGM #763
 ** "Come Everyone Taste and See" Edwin Hawkins

Post Communion Music
 * "Fill My Cup Lord"
 ** "This Bread and Wine" Marvin Ford

Recessional
 * "Taste and See" LMGM #512
 ** "The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power" LMGM #383

* 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 (5/22)	\$15,264
Actual Deficit (-)	-\$1,082

ELECTRONIC TITHING (Faith Direct)—You can have your tithes deducted from your bank account TWICE a month or charged to a credit card. It is secure and FREE! Enrollment forms are in the rear of the church, rectory office, or sign up at www.faithdirect.net. (HCSC church code: DC59).



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY CORNER

"Today I wish to speak to you about the close relationship between mercy and mission. Just as we naturally seek to share with others the beautiful moments of our lives, we are called also and especially to share the joy of encountering Jesus Christ. To encounter Jesus is to experience his love, which transforms us and compels us, in turn, to share this love. We are called to be "bearers of Christ"! By being such missionaries, we come to experience more deeply the gift of mercy in our own lives. May we take seriously our call to be Christians, to live as believers, so that the Gospel may touch the hearts of all people and open them to the gift of God's love." (Pope Francis, January 30, 2016). Find ways to share your encounter with God's mercy at mercy.adw.org.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (5/29) 9:15am RCIA 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (6/1) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30m Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Bible Study
Monday (5/30) Memorial Day RECTORY CLOSED 8:00am Mass in the Chapel 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Friday (6/3) 6:00pm First Friday Holy Hour 8:00pm NA
Tuesday (5/31) 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir	Saturday (6/4) 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 Richard and Sasha Willis who were joined in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony at HCSC on **Friday, May 20th**. We pray that their union will be blessed with love and devotion to both God and each other.



MAY 30th MEMORIAL DAY SCHEDULE

MASS in the Chapel at **8am**
RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

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 30th at 10am** (*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 buried at local Catholic cemeteries. For more information call 301-871-1300. **NOTE:** Cardinal Wuerhl will celebrate Mass at Mt. Olivet at 10Am along with Msgr. Pope.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: All parishioners are invited to attend a wonderful opportunity to gather together in the church and reflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. The **Ladies of Charity** and **WIN** will host the Eucharistic Holy Hour on **Fri., June 3rd, 6—7pm**.

TEACHING ON TRANSGENDERISM: Many have sought the Church's response to the complex and often rapidly changing notions of those who claim to be transgendered. Msgr. Pope recently wrote an article in the National Catholic Register which presents some initial teachings that we, as Christians, ought not forget. It is not a complete teaching on the topic, but seeks to remind us that God has designed our bodies to reveal his will for us and that feelings alone do not determine reality. Copies of the article are available in the rear of the Church.



DEACONATE ORDINATION: Former HCSC seminarian, **Andrew Wakefield**, will be ordained into the Sacred Order of Deacon, **Sat., June 11th**, by His Eminence Donald Cardinal Wuerl, at **10am** at the **Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle, 1725 Rhode Island Ave., NW**. The Ordination ceremony is open to everyone.

SAVE THE DATE—ANNUAL FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST sponsored by the Holy Name Society **Sun., June 19th from 9—11am** at the school. **Cost: \$10 per person**. Tickets available from any Holy Name member and rectory office. Tickets NOT sold at the door.

IN GRATITUDE TO GWENDOLYN MYLES: We invite our parish community to show their appreciation to Gwendolyn Myles who has shared her time and talent as vocal and music support to the Music Ministry for many years here at HCSC. Gwen will be dearly missed as she moves on to new ventures. Any acknowledgements of appreciation and well-wishes may be given to her personally following the 11am Mass on Sunday, June 5th or dropped off at the rectory.



Youth Ministry News

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

On **Sun., June 5th** 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 sponsors a summer institute **June 12th—18th** where students will learn how faith and culture intersect. Professors and experts will discuss how to live your faith throughout your life. Many trips are planned. Contact Nicki Gebrehwot or email Catherine Graveline at CUA (graveline@cua.edu) for an application.

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 12th**. See flyer in the back of the church or on the website.

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 follow us on Twitter at **HCSCYoungAdults!**

WORD AMONG US: The June edition of the Word Among Us is on sale in the Candlelight Store for \$2.

THANK YOU to those who participated in the **Annual Oblate Sisters of Providence (OSP) Fund Raisers**. Your generosity at the Mother's Day corsage and gift sales generated an \$800 donation to the OSP community.

VACATION NOTE: While you are on vacation this summer don't forget to attend Mass wherever you may be visiting. You can visit **www.masstimes.org** for Mass times and locations around the country.

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.

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Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope, Pastor

If you want to know more about our parish community or are interested in joining, contact us at hscstaff@hscchurch.org or call 202-546-1885.

Mass Schedule: Monday thru Friday at 7am (Chapel)
Saturday 8am (Chapel) and 4:30pm
Sunday 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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