

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13 Gal 2:16, 19-21 Luke 7:36-8:3

Readings Next Weekend:

Zechariah 12:10-11, 13:1 Gal 3:26-29 Luke 9:18-24



Every now and then it will be said by some that the Church should speak less of sin and emphasize more positive things. It is said that honey attracts more flies than vinegar. Of course, now that we have been de-emphasizing sin to a large degree for more than forty years, despite predictions our churches have been getting emptier and emptier. Maybe this is because people are a little more complicated than the “flies” in the old saying. Jesus gives the reason in today’s Gospel as to why our churches are getting emptier. Simply put there is less love. He says, But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little. (Luke 7:47) Why is there less love? As Jesus says, there is less love because there is less appreciation of what the Lord has done for us and the debt paid for us. Because debt of sin is no longer preached as it should be we are less aware of just how grave our condition is. Thus we under-appreciate what the Lord has done for us. This in turn diminishes love and a lack of love leads to absence and neglect. Understanding sin is essential for us to understand what the Lord has done for us. Remembering what the Lord has done for us brings gratitude and love. To those who want the Church to de-emphasize sin Jesus warns, But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little. (Luke 7:47)

FUNERAL: Irene Miller (re-scheduled for June 10th)



Sunday, June 12

8:00am Nannie Williams † (birthday)
11:00am Robert J. Person †
7:00pm For the People

Monday, June 13

7:00am For the intentions of Rafael & Alicia Trejos

Tuesday, June 14

7:00am For the intentions of Rafael & Alicia Trejos

Wednesday, June 15

7:00am Alexis Erwin (birthday)

Thursday, June 16

7:00am For the intentions of Rafael & Alicia Trejos

Friday, June 17

7:00am For the intentions of Rafael & Alicia Trejos

Saturday, June 18

8:00am For the intentions of Rafael & Alicia Trejos
4:30pm Jabari H. Outtz †

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: 1 Kings 21:1-16 Matthew 5:38-42
Tuesday: 1 Kings 21:17-29 Matthew 5:43-48
Wednesday: 2 Kings 2:1, 6-14 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Sirach 48:1-14 Matthew 6:7-15
Friday: 2 Kings 11:1-4, 9-18, 20 Matthew 6:19-23
Saturday: 2 Chronicles 24:17-25 Matthew 6:24-34

Music Schedule

Processional

* To God Be the Glory LMGM #442
** I Just Came to Praise the Lord LMGM #675

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

Offertory Hymn

* There Is a Balm in Gilead LMGM #502
** Say, Yes M. Williams

Communion

* Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior LMGM #767
** Jesus in the Morning LMGM #391

Post Communion Hymn

*** Destiny Tina Campbell

Recessional

Go Ye Therefore LMGM #322

* 8:00am *Ruby Robertson, Cantor—George Stewart, Music Director*
** 11:00am *Church Choir—George Stewart, Music Director*
*** *Dance Ministry – Gail Bell, Director*

Stewardship Report 2015—2016

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (6/5)	\$18,609
Actual Surplus (+)	+ \$2,263

Mass Attendance for June 5, 2016

4:30pm	45
8:00am	127
11:00am	225
7:00pm	100
Total:	497

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (6/12)

9:15am RCIA Team meeting
9:30am Holy Name Society
7:00pm Mass
8:00pm AA

Wednesday (6/15)

6:30pm Usher Board meeting
6:30pm Liturgical Dance
7:00pm Bible Study

Monday (6/13)

8:00pm YAM Bible Study

Friday (6/17)

8:00pm NA

Tuesday (6/14)

7:00pm Adult Choir

Saturday (6/18)

10:00am Liturgical Dance
4:30pm Mass



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY CORNER

“One activity that pulls together a lot of the Corporal Works of Mercy is that of peacemaking. During the twenty years that I worked in Africa, I worked a lot in refugee advocacy — There wasn’t a day went by that people didn’t come knocking on the rectory door looking for some kind of help. Wherever you have wars and conflicts, you have hungry people, thirsty people, unjustly imprisoned people, sick people, children who are stuck in limbo with no way to go forward. That’s why peacemaking is such an important activity, and is, in reality, the incarnate God at work. How can WE become ‘mercy incarnate’ in our own lives? How can we make a space for people to sit down and talk through their differences?” Listen to the rest of this reflection from Fr. Frank Wright at mercy.adw.org.

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

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.

ARE YOU A HOLY COMFORTER-SAINT CYPRIAN SCHOOL GRADUATE? The Class of 1977 & 1978 are hosting a "HCSC Alumni Reunion" of HCSC graduates on **July 16th, from 7—11pm at the school.** All classes are invited to this potluck event. All attendees are asked to bring a dish to share. **RSVP by June 25th to Joseph Mitchell, Jr. at 301-276-1618.** This is a great opportunity to fellowship and plan for future events.



I'M NOT TEXTING, I'M PRAYING! is the slogan for the new app myParish, that allows you to connect with your parish like never before. Stay up-to-date with what is going on in our parish throughout the week. With the myParish app you can receive and respond to parish messages, read bulletins, and RSVP for upcoming events. Enjoy useful faith-building resources to complement your daily faith life, such as, daily Mass readings, submit prayer requests, reminders to silence your phone before Mass, schedule Confession, prayer time, a full list of traditional Catholic prayers, and much more. See flyer for more details.

WITNESS TO LIFE: The Archdiocese of Washington Department of Life Issues will sponsor a Mass and Procession, **Sat., June 18th,** to end abortion in our nation's capital. Gather at **Holy Name Catholic Church (920—11th St., NE)** for Mass at 10am where our own pastor, Msgr. Charles Pope, will serve as the Homilist, followed by a rosary procession to the new Planned Parenthood site. Prior to Mass there will be a collection drive for baby items. More information: yaot@adw.org or call 301-853-4555.

FREE COPIES OF CATHOLIC DIGEST a popular Catholic magazine that uses stories of real people to demonstrate that a life guided by faith can be exciting, challenging, enlivening, and joyous. Issues contain meaningful ways to connect faith with everyday life; tips for strengthening family ties and friendships; plus recipes, jokes, puzzles, and more. *Limited Supply* in rear of church!

SAVE THE DATE!! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016 for the Entire Family begins **Wed, July 27th.** In this **Jubilee Year of Mercy**, we are planning informative and interesting sessions on the puzzlement of Mercy. We need your help! Let us know if you have questions about Mercy or suggestions for the sessions. See the flyer for details.

ELECTRONIC TITHING: The best way to ensure your parish receives the support needed for our operating expenses and ministries during the busy summer months is *eGiving* through Faith Direct! Enroll today by visiting 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!

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry

202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ♦ youthdirector@hscchurch.org

CALLING ALL YOUTH!!! The East of the River Revival Youth Night Committee invites you and your parents/guardians to a meet and greet meeting for the **27th Annual East of the River Revival, Sat., June 18th at Mt. Calvary Catholic Church** from 10—11:30am. Please contact the Youth Director for further information.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hscchurch.org

THEOLOGY ON TAP 2016: Tuesday nights (June 14-28) at the Catholic Information Center (1501 K Street, NW). Happy Hour is 6—7pm and TAPtalks are 7—8pm. Just moving to DC? Looking to get connected? All young adults (college age to late 30's) are invited for happy hour and inspiring TED-style Theology on TAPtalks. Contact Jonathan Lewis: DCCatholic@adw.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)

VACATION TIME IS HERE: Whether you stay at home, visit relatives or friends, or travel, it is our hope and prayer that you and your family will enjoy yourself, get some much needed rest for your mind and body, and enrich yourself physically and spiritually. Of course, the time spent on vacation does not exclude Mass and receiving the sacraments. No matter where you are, make every effort to join in the celebration of Mass. We should remember to always keep the Lord's day sacred. What better time to pray in thanksgiving than while you are resting and recreating? **Visit the [NEW SITE www.DiscoverMass.com](http://www.DiscoverMass.com) for Mass times and locations around the country.**



BUILD BRIDGES BETWEEN MUSLIMS & CHRISTIANS: Pope Francis and Catholic social teaching call us to build bridges between Muslims and Christians. Please join the *Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life* for a Salt and Light Gathering on Faith, Hope, and Courage in a Time of Fear, **Mon, June 20th, 6:30pm at the Georgetown University School of Continuing Studies.** Three interfaith leaders will discuss ways to resist divisive politics and violent extremism. John Carr, Initiative Director, will open, and Angela Miller McGraw, Initiative Program Director, will moderate. To RSVP or more information, email: cathosocialthought@georgetown.edu.

PARISH CONNECTIONS: Visit our Parish-related social media links, websites and apps to help spread the word:

- ♦ Parish Website: www.hscchurch.org
- ♦ Fr. Pope's Sermons online: www.frpope.com
- ♦ Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>
- ♦ **NEW!!** HCSC App: [myParishapp](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.hscchurch)

