

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**Readings This Weekend:**

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Matthew 3:13-17

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Isaiah 49:3-6 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 John 1:29-34



In today's Liturgy we celebrate the fact of Jesus' Baptism. In the Gospel we note first the PATTERN of Baptism. Jesus comes to be baptized and John protests. We tend to think of Baptism only in terms of washing away sin. It does do that for us, though Jesus was not in need of this. Why then does he insist on baptism? Because there is more to baptism than washing: there is also dying and rising. This is the pattern. In baptism by immersion this is especially seen when, for a moment the person goes under the water and passes from sight. This is a symbol of death. But then they arise out of the water in a resurrection to new life. Jesus establishes this pattern for us in baptism and chooses to exhibit it himself to show us the way. St. Paul refers to this pattern of our life when he describes us as: Always carrying around in our body the dying of Jesus, so that also the life of Jesus may be revealed in our body (2 Cor 4:10). This is the whole pattern of our life: the paschal mystery. Next, notice the PURCHASE of Baptism. Jesus goes into the water and gets four things for us: ACCESS – for the text says that the heavens are opened; ANOINTING – for the text says that the Spirit descended on Jesus; ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – for the Father says to Jesus and through Jesus to us, "This is my beloved Son"; and finally, APPROVAL – for the Father says of him and through him to us, "I am well pleased." Today rejoice in the pattern and purchase of your baptism. The Lord died to give this to us. Let us rejoice!

**FUNERAL**—Donald Booth (Jan. 3)  
Mary O. Taylor (Jan. 13)



**Sunday, January 12**

4:30pm (Sat) James & Dorothy Walker ††  
8:00am Raymond Vanzego (6<sup>th</sup> anniversary) †  
11:00am William Hawkins, Jr. †  
7:00pm Sponsors of our Bulletin  
**Monday, January 13** *St Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
7:00am Betty Ward (birthday)

**Tuesday, January 14**

7:00am Mary O. Taylor †

**Wednesday, January 15**

7:00am Lois Brooks †

**Thursday, January 16**

7:00am Elizabeth G. Hill (birthday) †

**Friday, January 17**

7:00am Gheday & Crown Hbtu Ghiday ††

**Saturday, January 18**

8:00am For the People  
4:30pm Mary Hudson †

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Monday:** 1 Samuel 1:1-8 Mark 1:14-20  
**Tuesday:** 1 Samuel 1:9-20 Mark 1:21-28  
**Wednesday:** 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20 Mark 1:29-39  
**Thursday:** 1 Samuel 4:1-11 Mark 1:40-45  
**Friday:** 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22 Mark 2:1-12  
**Saturday:** 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1 Mark 2:13-17

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**  
"Walk in the Light" LMGM #274  
**Responsorial Psalm**  
"The Lord will bless his people with peace"  
**Gospel Acclamation**  
"Alleluia!"  
**Offertory**  
\* "On Jordan's Bank" LMGM #240  
\*\* "I Will Sing Hallelujah" LMGM #471  
**Communion**  
"O Come All Ye Faithful" LMGM #373  
\* 8:00am *Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate*  
\*\* 11:00am *Youth Ensemble*

**Mass Attendance**

**Week of Dec. 31, 2013—Jan 5, 2014**

Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup> 12:00am	124 (Night Watch)
Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup> 10:00am	71 (New Year's Day)
4:30pm	50
8:00am	93
11:00am	240
7:00pm	33
<b>Total:</b>	<b>611</b>

**Stewardship Report 2013—2014**

Actual Tithes (1/5)	\$22,805
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**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION**—This year's Christmas



collection will be put toward the purchase of a new grand piano for our sanctuary. Our beloved piano has begun to show its age and is constantly being repaired and tuned. Both the Christmas and Easter collection will be for this purchase. Kenneth Louis and the music ministry are grateful for your generosity! Christmas Collection envelopes are available from the ushers or in the rear of the church.

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Sunday (1/12)</b> 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am RCIA/Inquirers 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	<b>Friday (1/17)</b> 7:00pm Sunday School Teachers 8:00pm NA
<b>Tuesday (1/14)</b> 7:00pm Adult Choir	<b>Saturday (1/18)</b> 10:00am Liturgical Dance 10:30am Usher Board meeting 11:00am Ladies Aux #73 4:30pm Mass
<b>Wednesday (1/15)</b> 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm The Alpha Program	

**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.

**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**

**YOUTH SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND**—every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. We invite all our youth to come and sit together in the pews in front of the clergy. Parents are welcome to sit with their children.

**CONGRATULATIONS!** to Dr. Anthony Woodson who received the *2013 Manifesting the Kingdom Award* from the Archdiocese of Washington. Among the awardees are women and men who have generously given of themselves to enrich the life of our parishes. Tony was nominated and recognized for his efforts with our evangelization campaign, service on the Parish Pastoral Council, and Parish Finance Council. We are very grateful for his continued commitment and dedication to our parish community.

**CELEBRATING DR. KING**—The Archdiocese of Washington Office of Black Catholics Annual Rev. Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Celebration is **Sat., Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>** at Mount Calvary Catholic Church in Forestville, MD, featuring the ADW Mass choir under the direction of our very own Kenneth Louis. Program begins at 3pm followed by Mass.

 **OUR AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION**—will begin Sun., Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, when we *Celebrate and Remember Our Ancestors*, our foremothers and forefathers who have gone before us. Please submit your completed ancestor form to the rectory by **Monday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>**. **PLEASE PRINT ALL NAMES.** Forms are in the bulletin or at the rectory office. Also, we'll need volunteers to help decorate the sanctuary for AAHM. Please contact the rectory (202-546-1885) if you can help.

**ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS**—the new schedule has been distributed via e-mail or mailed to those who do not have internet access. The schedule is also posted on our website. Additional hard copies are available in the sacristy. Please remember that each minister is responsible for making arrangements for any changes to their assigned schedule.

**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. It is a secure, convenient way to support your parish community. Enrollment forms are in the rear of the church, the rectory office, or you can sign up online at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net). (HCSC church code: DC59). Call Kim Peaks at the rectory office for more information. It's easy and it's FREE!

**END OF THE YEAR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** will be prepared **only upon request** beginning **Mon., Feb. 3, 2014**. Statements will not be automatically mailed. You must contact the rectory during office hours to request a statement. You can have your statement mailed or left at the rectory for pick-up. Note that only cash donations (submitted in an envelope) and checks payable to Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian are included in your statement. Loose cash (not in an envelope) given at collection cannot be reflected on your statement.

**Youth Ministry News**



**Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry**  
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**ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON YOUTH RALLY & MASS FOR LIFE**—will be **Wed., Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>**, 7am until 11:30am, at the Verizon Center. The Youth Ministry has a limited number of tickets for youth who are interested in attending. Youth come from all around the country to attend this uplifting Mass. If you are interested in more information, please contact Nicki Gebrehiwot.

**SAVE THE DATE ONE-DAY PILGRIMAGE**—Join the HCSC Youth on **Sat., Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>** for a tour of the Blessed John Paul II Center and the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (see the flyer). For more information contact Shirley Austin at 202-546-1885.

**HCSC Young Adult Ministry**

**Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ [YAM@hscchurch.org](mailto:YAM@hscchurch.org)**

**YOUNG ADULTS**—We'd like to hear from our young adults (age 18 to 40<sup>ish</sup>)! Tell us what activities interest you. Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** and tell us your thoughts, or send an email: [yam@hscchurch.org](mailto:yam@hscchurch.org). **Do you Tweet?** Follow us on Twitter for updates at   [HCSYoungAdults!](https://www.facebook.com/HCSYoungAdults/)

**HYPOTHERMIA ALERT!!** Catholic Charities DC is gearing up for the cold weather at their shelters. If you see someone out in the bitter cold in need of shelter, please call: 1-800-535-7252.

**WELCOME HOME RE-ENTRY PROGRAM NEEDS MENTORS**—The Archdiocese of Washington Catholic Charities needs mentors to be trained to walk with men and women as they transition home from jail or prison. Fr. Michael Bryant, Chaplain at the DC Detention Facility, Karen Harrison (202-610-7160), the DC Re-Entry Coordinator for the program, and Deacon Bobby White will be at all Masses Jan. 18-19 to share more information and answer questions.


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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](mailto:hscstaff@hscchurch.org).

**Mass Schedule:** Monday thru Friday at 7:00am (Chapel)  
Saturday at 8:00am (Chapel) and 4:30pm  
Sunday at 8:00am, 11:00am, and 7:00pm

**Office Hours:** Monday thru Wednesday, 9:00am—8:00pm, Thursday, 9:00am-5:00pm; Friday, 9:00am-8:00pm; Saturday, 9:00am—1:00pm; and Sunday, 9:00am—2:00pm.

 For information on sacraments & funerals call the rectory office.  
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