

**TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Weekend:**

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

**Readings Next Weekend:**

1 Kings 19:16, 19-21 Galatians 5:1, 13-18 Luke 9:51-62



In the Gospel today Jesus warns us to beware of cross-less Christianity. Many in Jesus' time were looking for a Messiah who in effect announced a prosperity Gospel. Their notion of the Messiah was that, when he came, he would overthrow the Roman oppressors, re-establish the Davidic Kingdom, and usher in a period of unprecedented economic prosperity and worldly glory. But Jesus makes it clear that he, though he is Messiah, has not come to do that. He has come to bear a cross and only after suffering this world's hatred and blows would he enter into glory. There are blessings in living the faith, to be sure, but the cross cannot be set aside or avoided. Beware of any preacher or teacher of the faith who hides the cross or downplays it. Christ had to suffer and he proclaims it openly. He goes on further to declare that we are not exempt from the Cross either. One of the demands of discipleship is that we be willing to walk the same path as Christ, to experience this world's hatred and blows, and then ultimately enter glory by God's grace. There is an old song that says, "Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free? No, there's a cross for everyone, and there's a cross for me." I've come to remind you, "no cross, (then) no crown."

**FUNERAL**—Eunice White (6/21)



**Sunday, June 23**

8:00pm (Sat) Mary C. Jackson  
 8:00am Eunice White †  
 11:00am Jamesetta Northington †

**Monday, June 24** *The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist*

7:00am William & Anna Brown †

**Tuesday, June 25**

7:00am John B. Macon (birthday) †

**Wednesday, June 26**

7:00am William Harris †

**Thursday, June 27** *St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor of Church*

7:00am For the Youth of our Parish

**Friday, June 28** *Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr*

7:00am For our Seniors

**Saturday, June 29** *Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles*

8:00am Terrell Edelen †  
 4:30pm For the People

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Monday:** Isaiah 49:1-6 Acts 13:22-26 Luke 1:57-66, 80  
**Tuesday:** Genesis 13:2, 5-18 Matthew 7:6, 12-14  
**Wednesday:** Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Matthew 7:15-20  
**Thursday:** Genesis 16:1-12, 15-16 Matthew 7:21-29  
**Friday:** Genesis 17:1, 9-10, 15-22 Matthew 8:1-4  
**Saturday:** Acts 12:1-11 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 Mat 16:13-19

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**  
 "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing" LMGM #438  
**Responsorial Psalm**  
 "My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God"  
**Gospel Acclamation**  
 "Alleluia!"  
**Offertory**  
 \* "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" LMGM #613  
 \*\* "Order My Steps" G. Burleigh  
**Communion**  
 "Jesus Is Here Right Now" LMGM #751  
 \* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate  
 \*\* 11:00am Church Choir

**Mass Attendance for June 16, 2013**

4:30pm 86  
 8:00am 121  
 11:00am 229  
**Total: 436**

**Stewardship Report 2012—2013**

Budgeted Tithes (6/16)	\$863,567
Actual Tithes (6/16)	\$851,060
Difference	-\$12,501

**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!

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

**Sunday (6/23)** 9:30am RCIA/Inquirers  
 1:00 pm Guadalupe Meet & Greet  
 2:00pm Ladies Aux #64  
 8:00pm AA  
**Thursday (6/27)** 7:00pm Knights of Columbus  
**Friday (6/28)** 8:00pm NA  
**Tuesday (6/25)** 7:00pm Adult Choir  
**Saturday (6/29)** 10:00am Sodality Orientation  
 4:30pm Mass

**PARISH CONNECTIONS**—Visit our Parish-related links and websites and spread the word:

Parish Website: [www.hcscchurch.org](http://www.hcscchurch.org)  
 Fr. Pope's Sermons online: [www.frpope.com](http://www.frpope.com)  
 Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>



**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**



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO MSGR. POPE** who will celebrate the 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination on June 24. May you receive a multitude of blessings as you continue to preach, teach and live the Word of God.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR SUNDAY AFTER JULY 4<sup>th</sup>**—Due to the Independence Day holiday, please note that all submissions for the July 7<sup>th</sup> bulletin are due to the rectory office no later than **Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**.

**SODALITY ORIENTATION**—the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary will hold an Orientation Workshop on **Sat., June 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am** in the rectory basement. Formal reception into the Sodality will take place the first Sunday in October. Questions? Call Elizabeth Colston 301-248-1566 or Judith Williams 202- 399-9398.

*Please continue to pray for the recuperation of our maintenance engineer, Aaron Brown, while he convalesces at a rehabilitation facility in Mitchellville, MD. Cards and condolences can be left at the rectory.*

**BLOOD DRIVE**—sponsored by the HCSC Sodality & the American Red Cross—**Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00am-2:00pm in the rectory basement. **You must sign up prior to the event to donate and we need a minimum of 50 people to participate before we can hold the blood drive. Sign-up after each Mass beginning**

**June 30<sup>th</sup>**. For information, contact Natleen Chance at 202-526-7202 or nghcance@comcast.net. For info on the American Red Cross, visit [www.pleasegiveblood.org/gcp](http://www.pleasegiveblood.org/gcp) or call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE. Please consider giving the gift of life by donating blood. Thank you.

**Important** **ATTENTION!! LITURGICAL MINISTERS**—the summer schedule will be issued this week via email and postal service. Hard copies will be available in the sacristy and website by next weekend. Please remember, each liturgical minister is responsible for finding a replacement for any assignment they cannot meet.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR THE FAMILY**—HCSC will host its Annual Family Vacation Bible School from **July 31<sup>st</sup> to August 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm at the school**. Sessions are planned for every age group from youth to adults and dinner will be served. The theme is “Re-Member” as we reinforce our efforts to move forward with the New Evangelization and prepare for our Fall neighborhood evangelization door-to-door campaign. Stay tuned for details. Contact Kim Peaks (202-546-1885 or [pam@hcschurch.org](mailto:pam@hcschurch.org)) if you can help.

**TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!!** Join the Cathedral Young Adults and young adults from all over the Archdiocese of Washington **Wed., June 26<sup>th</sup>**, for a night at Nationals Ballpark! Tickets: **\$22** for section 104 (will be distributed before game-day). To reserve your seat and choose your payment/ticket pick-up option, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/cyaballpark2013>.

**Youth Ministry News**

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**CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!!** We commend you for your achievements, and pray for your continued commitment to academic excellence. Thank you for the example that you set by your dedication to this faith community and your educational pursuits.

**TEEN DINNER with our SUMMER SEMINARIAN SANTONIO HILL**—**Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm in the Youth Room at the school. Teens ages 13-17 are invited to enjoy dinner and an opportunity to fellowship with Santonio and other HCSC youth. Call the rectory at 202-546-1885 to RSVP.

**END OF THE YEAR YOUTH TRIP**—**Sat., July 27<sup>th</sup>** to Hershey Park! See flyer in rear of church or rectory office for details and permission slip.

**HCSC Young Adult Ministry**

**Paula Lancaster** ✦ [plancaster723@aol.com](mailto:plancaster723@aol.com)

HCSC has formed a **Young Adult Ministry** for parishioners age 18 to 40<sup>ish</sup>. We would like to hear from you! Tell us what types of activities and events you would like to see at HCSC. Check out the *Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Young Adults Ministry* on Facebook and let us know your thoughts or send an email.



**2013 HCSC PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO**—join Msgr. Pope on an 8-day pilgrimage, **Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2013** to Mexico. Trip includes a visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Base cost is \$1,799 per person if a deposit of \$500 is paid **before June 30<sup>th</sup>**. Pick up a brochure in the rear of the church and attend an *Informational Meet & Greet Session* on **June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1pm** in the rectory basement.

**LOST & FOUND**—An assortment of unclaimed items have been found after Mass. If you have been looking for that hat, umbrella, scarf, belt, set of keys, eyeglasses, eyeglass case, child’s bracelet, graduation robe, even those flip flops you might like to take a minute to see if it was turned in to the rectory office.



**YEAR OF FAITH LECTURE SERIES**—Join Cardinal Wuerl on **Wed., June 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** at the John Paul II Center for the fifth installment of the Year of Faith lecture series. This free lecture is entitled “*Pope Francis and the New Evangelization*.” Cardinal Wuerl will touch on his role in the conclave, some personal stories about our new Pontiff, and how Pope Francis is already answering the call of the New Evangelization. Call Kevin Smith at 202-635-5437 with questions.

**VACATION NOTE**—While on vacation don’t forget to attend Mass wherever you travel. For Mass times & locations around the country go to [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org).