

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Deut 30:10-14 Colossians 1:15-20 Luke 10:25-37

Readings Next Weekend:

Genesis 18:1-10 Colossians 1:24-28 Luke 10:38-42



The Gospel today provides a series of rumble strips that make us slow down and take notice of what is meant by real faith. First, there is the **RADICAL REQUIREMENT** that we love the Lord God with our whole being and our neighbor as our self. This is a radical requirement because we don't have the resources to do it. We have to receive this gift from God. Only if we understand this radical requirement does the rest of the gospel make sense. Secondly, there is the **RIDICULOUS REDUCTION**. A lawyer basically tries to reduce the concept of "neighbor" to a manageable idea. In effect, "If I have to love my neighbor, let's define neighbor down to mean something I can manage." But the Lord will not take the bait. Since loving our neighbor is going to be God's work in us, there is no need for reductions. Finally, there is **REQUIRED REALITY**. The Lord gives a parable that describes how God's love leaps the boundaries of nation, race, and friendship to embrace everyone in need. The Good Samaritan loved his enemy, cared for someone from a different race and nation. God's love does not exclude, it includes. It is easy to love our close friends and those who love us. But how hard it is to love troublesome people. We may struggle to do this, but Christ living in us can and will do it. His heart must replace our own.

FUNERAL—Agnes Jeffcoat (7/9)



Sunday, July 14

8:00pm (Sat) For the People
 8:00am Holy Name Society Deceased Members
 11:00am William Brown †

Monday, July 15 *St Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

7:00am Robert Gordon †

Tuesday, July 16 *Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

7:00am Charles & Anna Harris †

Wednesday, July 17

7:00am Paul Harris †

Thursday, July 18 *Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest*

7:00am Thelma Hines †

Friday, June 19

7:00am Lawrence Campbell †

Saturday, July 20 *Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr*

8:00am For the People
 4:30pm Maurice Huc †

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Exodus 1:8-14, 22 Matthew 10:34—11:1
Tuesday: Exodus 2:1-15 Matthew 11:20-24
Wednesday: Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12 Matthew 11:25-27
Thursday: Exodus 3:13-20 Matthew 11:28-30
Friday: Exodus 11:10—12:14 Matthew 12:1-8
Saturday: Exodus 12:37-42 Matthew 12:14-21

Music Schedule

Processional
 "I Am Thine, O Lord" LMGM #525
Responsorial Psalm
 "Turn to the Lord in your need, and your will live"
Gospel Acclamation
 "Alleluia!"
Offertory
 * "Choral Praise"
 ** "Give Love a Chance" G. Brown
Communion
 "Because of Who You Are" M. Munizzi
 * 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate
 ** 11:00am Church Choir

Mass Attendance for July 7, 2013

4:30pm 64
 8:00am 128
 11:00am 234
Total: 426

TITHING WHILE ON VACATION—Church attendance during summer months tends to drop as families go on vacation. But the services we provide within the parish community continue year round, as do their associated expenses. Your consistent financial support of our parish is vital to achieve our stewardship mission. The easiest way to be sure that your gift of treasure reaches us, even when you can't be here, is to enroll in our electronic offertory program: **Faith Direct**. Once enrolled, you can relax knowing that Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian will receive your gifts throughout the summer. Enrollment forms are available in the rectory office or to enroll online, go to: www.faithdirect.net. Our parish code is DC59. Call Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 if you have questions.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (7/14) Blood Drive Registration 9:30am Eucharistic Ministers 8:00pm AA	Tuesday (7/16) 7:00pm Adult Choir
Monday (7/15) 6:30pm Finance Council mtg	Friday (7/19) 8:00pm NA
	Saturday (7/20) 4:30pm Mass

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

Parish Website: www.hcscchurch.org
 Fr. Pope's Sermons online: 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

CONGRATULATIONS to the *HCSC Bonnie Singletary Education Fund* recipients!!! The scholarships for the 2012-13 academic year were awarded to: **Regina Goffney** (\$4,000) who will attend Towson University in Towson, MD; **Nicolas Hawkins** (\$3,000) who will attend St. John's University in Queens, NY; and, **Tatiana Newman** (\$2,000) who will attend Florida Southern College in Lakeland, FL. Also, thank you to the HCSC parish family for their donations to this education fund and offering our college-bound students valuable assistance. We pray for continued success for each of the recipients and to all of our students who submitted impressive applications. God bless each of you.

CANNED GOODS COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND—We need to restock our food pantry. On the second Sunday of every month, we invite you to bring nutritious and non-perishable high protein foods (canned meats, tuna, stews, peanut butter) to Mass. If you were unable to donate this weekend, please give to the Poor Box located on the wall near the exits since these funds support this effort. God bless you for sharing your treasure.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR THE FAMILY—HCSC will host its Annual Family Vacation Bible School **July 31st to August 21st at 6:30pm at the school.** Sessions are planned for every age group, youth to adults, and dinner will be served. The theme is *"Remember to 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. See flyer in the bulletin to register. Contact Kim Peaks 202-546-1885 or pam@hscchurch.org if you can help with food and set-up.

BLOOD DRIVE—sponsored by the HCSC Sodality & the American Red Cross—**Sunday, July 28th** from 9am-2pm in the rectory basement. **You must sign up prior to the event to donate and we need a minimum of 50 people to participate. Sign-up after each Mass.** For information, contact Natleen Chance at 202-526-7202 or nghan@comcast.net. For info on the American Red Cross, visit www.pleasegiveblood.org/gcp or call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE. Please consider giving the gift of life by donating blood.

S.O.M.E. SUMMER VACATION CARE PACKET—HCSC Social Concerns Ministry is working with S.O.M.E. to provide those in need with toiletries/supplies to deal with the heat/humidity of summer. **PLEASE** donate 1, 2 or all the items listed on the flyer in the rear of the church. **DEADLINE: July 28th.** Drop donations in the box in the vestibule. Please do not donate items that are NOT on the list.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY—There is no scheduled Wednesday Evening Bible Study with Msgr. Pope during the month of July and August. Please come to the Vacation Bible School instead.

WITH SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OF YOU, Thank you for your support and prayers. You are forever in my heart. Be assured of my prayers—from Fr. Bura Al Koroba, SSJ

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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END OF THE YEAR YOUTH TRIP—Sat., July 27th to Hershey Park! **The Deadline for submitting your money and permission slip is July 14th. Limited seats remain.** See flyer in the rear of the church and rectory office for details and permission slip.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—for all ages Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm starting **July 31st through August 21st** at the school. Dinner will be served.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hscchurch.org

SUMMER THEOLOGY ON TAP—The ADW Office of Young Adult Ministry presents Summer Theology on Tap series: *How Can I Find God?* at Buffalo Billiards on DuPont Circle on **Tuesdays: July 16, 23, 30 and August 6, 13, 20.** All young adults (21-late 30s) are invited for Happy Hour 6-7pm, followed by a talk and Q/A from 7-8pm. Learn more at www.facebook.com/DCYoungAdult or at www.adw.org/tot.

HCSC has formed a **Young Adult Ministry** for parishioners age 18 to 40^{ish}. 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.



SAVE THE DATE—All are invited to the 184th **National Oblate Sisters of Providence Homecoming on August 4th** at Our Lady of Mount Providence Motherhouse in Baltimore, MD from 10am—4pm. For information call 410-536-5687. **Special lecture on Mother Lange.**

NEW PILGRIMAGE DEADLINE—We were graciously given an extension until **August 7th,** so there is still time to sign up for the **\$1799 discount price** for the **2013 HCSC PILGRIMAGE to MEXICO.** Join Msgr. Pope on an 8-day pilgrimage, **October 8th-15th,** to Mexico. Trip includes a visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. See brochure in the rear of the church or the rectory.

SAVE THE DATE—HCSC **MEN'S RETREAT Jan., 4-5, 2014,** sponsored by the Holy Name Society. All men of the parish are invited to attend. Stay tuned for more details.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES DAY AT NATIONALS BALLPARK—Before the "Nats" take on the LA Dodgers on **Sun., July 21st,** at 1:35pm, Catholic Charities will have a special party tent on **First Street open at 12 noon** for lots of pre-game fun including ballpark fare, sodas and adult beverages, and activities for kids. Admission is \$34 for adults, \$16 for kids, and includes a ticket to the ballgame, unlimited food and drink in the tent! To reserve your seats, go to: www.CatholicCharitiesDC.org/BallparkDay

VACATION NOTE—While on vacation don't forget to attend Mass wherever you travel. For Mass times and locations around the country go to **www.masstimes.org.**