

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Weekend:**

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

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Genesis 18:20-32      Col 2:12-14      Luke 11:1-13



The Gospel today is on the prescribed priority of personal prayer. First, there is a **Promising Prelude**. Martha welcomes Jesus into her home. This is the beginning of prayer from our perspective. God always initiates prayer but we also answer his call and welcome him to the home of our soul. Next, there is the **Portrait of Prayer**. Her Sister Mary sits at the feet of the Lord and listens to him. Too many people forget that prayer is not just talking to God, it is also (and primarily) listening to God. Next, there is a **Perturbed Presumptiveness** that we see in Martha. Martha, burdened by the serving, says, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me all alone to do the serving? Tell her to help me!" First, she presumed that the Lord wanted a big meal. Second, she presumes that the Lord does not care. Finally, she presumes to tell Jesus what to do. None of these things she presumes are necessarily true. Perhaps the Lord did not want a big meal. He may have preferred to talk to the women and have them listen. Martha never really asked the Lord what he wanted. She just went to work. Finally, there is the **Prescribed Priority**. Jesus says that Mary has chosen the better part. The message of this Gospel is not that work should be balanced with prayer. The message is that prayer comes first. It is prior to action. It has priority. We are to do God's will but first we have to sit at his feet and listen so we know his will, not merely go off and do our own thing. In this sense Jesus calls prayer the "one thing necessary." Does this mean that work is unnecessary? No, but work is really meant to be an extension of prayer, and a prayer itself. It can only be this if sitting at the Lord's feet and listening precedes anything we call work.



**Sunday, July 21**

8:00pm (Sat) Maurice Huc †  
 8:00am Shiretta Butler (birthday)  
 11:00am Marian Turner (birthday) †

**Monday, July 22** *Saint Mary Magdalene*

7:00am Maureen Normann

**Tuesday, July 23** *Saint Bridget, Religious*

7:00am Marolise E. Somerville (100<sup>th</sup> birthday) †

**Wednesday, July 24** *Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest*

7:00am Marie Carter †

**Thursday, July 25** *Saint James, Apostle*

7:00am Lola Forbes †

**Friday, July 26** *Sts Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:00am Glendora Thomas & sons †

**Saturday, July 27**

8:00am Margaret Johnson †  
 4:30pm For the People

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Monday:** Exodus 14:5-18      John 20:1-2, 11-18  
**Tuesday:** Exodus 14:21—15:1      Matthew 12:46-50  
**Wednesday:** Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15      Matthew 13:1-9  
**Thursday:** 2 Corinthians 4:7-15      Matthew 20:20-28  
**Friday:** Exodus 20:1-17      Matthew 13:18-23  
**Saturday:** Exodus 24:3-8      Matthew 13:24-30

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**  
 "I Am Thine, O Lord" LMGM #525  
**Responsorial Psalm**  
 "He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord"  
**Gospel Acclamation**  
 "Alleluia!"  
**Offertory**  
 \* "Just A Little Talk with Jesus" LMGM #559  
 \*\* Choral Praise  
**Communion**  
 "Do This in Remembrance of Me" LMGM #763  
 \*8:00am *Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate*  
 \*\* 11:00am *Church Choir*

**Mass Attendance for July 14, 2013**

4:30pm	55
8:00am	119
11:00am	206
<b>Total:</b>	<b>380</b>

**Stewardship Report 2013—2014**

Actual Tithes for June 30, 2013	\$11,629.55
Actual Tithes for July 7, 2013	\$18,002.70
Actual Tithes for July 14, 2013	\$13,055.44

**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 available in rectory office or online at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net). Our parish code is DC59. Call Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 if you have questions.

**CARDINALS APPEAL PROCESS**—Thank you to all who have participated in the Cardinal's Appeal. To date, 170 households have pledged \$49,596. This is 94.71% of our goal which is \$52,000. If you have not made a donation yet please consider doing so soon to help us meet our goal. Remember, Cardinal's Appeal relies on our support to help care for the needy and the poor. If you have not made a contribution, please pick up an envelope in the rear of the church.

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Sunday (7/21)</b> Blood Drive Registration 8:00pm AA	<b>Thursday (7/25)</b> 7:00pm Knights of Columbus
<b>Tuesday (7/23)</b> 7:00pm Adult Choir	<b>Friday (7/26)</b> 8:00pm NA
	<b>Saturday (7/27)</b> 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**

**HCSC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION**—will be closed **Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>**, due to the Blood Drive. It will re-open on Sunday, August, 4<sup>th</sup>.

**BLOOD DRIVE**—sponsored by the HCSC Sodality & the American Red Cross—**Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>** 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 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.



**SOME (So Others Might Eat): Volunteers Needed**—**SOME** is an interfaith non-profit organization that feeds, clothes and shelters the homeless. Volunteers provide 3-meals a day, 7-days a week, 365 days a year. The HCSC Ministries prepare lunch every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday for approx. 340 homeless men, women and children at SOME, 71 “O” St., NW. Your cooked chicken is desperately needed (see flyer for recipe) for Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. Your non-frozen chicken may be dropped at the rectory no later than the close of business on Friday before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Volunteers are also needed to serve and clean-up, but the most urgent need is the donation of prepared chicken so that the meal is assured. Questions? Contact Earlene Capers 301-910-1763.

**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 28<sup>th</sup>.** Drop donations in the box in the vestibule. Please do not donate items that are NOT on the list.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR THE FAMILY**—HCSC will host its Annual Family Vacation Bible School every Wednesday 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, 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](mailto:pam@hscchurch.org) if you can help with food and set-up.

**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.

**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.

**Youth Ministry News**

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

**SOME, Inc.**—The Youth Ministry will perform its monthly community service at SOME, Inc. on **Sat., July 27<sup>th</sup> 10am—1pm** at 71 “O” St., NW. Any youth 13 years or older interested in volunteering for community service hours, contact Nicki Gebrehwot.

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

**HCSC Young Adult Ministry**

**Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller** ♦ [YAM@hscchurch.org](mailto: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 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](http://www.facebook.com/DCYoungAdult) or at [www.adw.org/tot](http://www.adw.org/tot).

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.



**NEW PILGRIMAGE DEADLINE**—We were graciously given an extension until **August 7<sup>th</sup>**, 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 8<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>**, 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**—All are invited to the 184<sup>th</sup> **National Oblate Sisters of Providence Homecoming on August 4<sup>th</sup>** at Our Lady of Mount Providence Motherhouse in Baltimore, MD from 10am—4pm. For info call 410-536-5687. **Special lecture on Mother Lange.**

**HCSC MUSIC MINISTRY CD “We Offer Praise” ON SALE**—



In celebration of our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the HCSC Music Ministry released a new CD titled **“We Offer Praise”** and is available in the Candlelight Store and the rectory office for \$10!

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

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



**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](http://www.masstimes.org).