

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23 Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11 Luke 12:13-21



In the gospel today the Lord gives us some **Prescriptions for Prayer**. At First we notice the **PATTERN** for prayer that is implicit in the Lord's Prayer: Relate, rejoice, reflect, request and repent. The *Our Father* is thus not just words to say but a pattern to follow. God is our Father, we rejoice that his Name is holy, and reflect on what it means for his will to be done in our life as perfectly as it is done in heaven. We then request "our daily bread" which is a symbol for all our needs and repent by asking the Lord to forgive us as we forgive others. Jesus goes on to give us another prescription: that we **PERSIST** in prayer. He tells the parable of the persistent neighbor who finally gets what he wants merely due to his persistence. The Lord teaches we must do the same in our prayer. And this leads to the **POINT** which is that the Father wants to give good things to us. If even a grouchy neighbor will give what is needed due to persistence, then how much more will the loving Father give good things to those who ask with persistence. No answer? Keep knocking.



Sunday, July 28

4:30pm (Sat) For the People
 8:00am Edith Anderson †
 11:00am Domingos Evangelista (22nd anniversary) †

Monday, July 29 Saint Martha

7:00am Earlene Capers (birthday)

Tuesday, July 30 St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00am Orlando Hall

Wednesday, July 31 Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

7:00am Benjamin Hall

Thursday, August 1 St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doc. of the Church

7:00am Kenneth Honeysucker

Friday, August 2 St. Eusebius, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

7:00am Sr. Mary Emily Burks, OSP †

Saturday, August 3

8:00am For the People
 4:30pm Veronica Rodgers (birthday)

MASS INTENTIONS—It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. To offer a Mass in memory of family or a friend, call 202-546-1885. The customary stipend is \$5 per intention.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34 Luke 10:38-42
Tuesday: Exodus 33:7-11, 34:5-9, 28 Matthew 13:36-43
Wednesday: Exodus 34:29-35 Matthew 13:44-46
Thursday: Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38 Matthew 13:47-53
Friday: Lev 23:1, 4-11-16, 27, 34-37 Matthew 13:54-58
Saturday: Leviticus 25:1, 8-17 Matthew 14:1-12

Music Schedule

Processional
 "I Am Thine, O Lord" LMGM #525
Responsorial Psalm
 "Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me."
Gospel Acclamation
 "Alleluia!"
Offertory
 * "Standing in the Need of Prayer" LMGM #516
 ** "Since I Met Jesus" arr. K. Louis
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 21, 2013

4:30pm 73
 8:00am 114
 11:00am 295
Total: 482

Stewardship Report 2013—2014

Actual Tithes for July 21, 2013	\$13,276
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TITHING WHILE ON VACATION—Church attendance during summer 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 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 or online at www.faithdirect.net. Our parish code is DC59. Questions? Call Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885.

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

Sunday (7/28) Red Cross Blood Drive 2:00pm Ladies Aux #64 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (7/31) 6:30pm Vacation Bible Study
Tuesday (7/30) 7:00pm Adult Choir	Friday (8/2) 8:00pm NA
	Saturday (8/3) 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 CLOSED—Sunday, July 28th due to the Blood Drive. It will re-open on Sunday, August 4th.



To all of you for your contributions to the **S.O.M.E. SUMMER CARE PACKAGE PROJECT**. Your continued sharing of your treasure to those in need is greatly appreciated.

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.



Since the start of 2013 the following people have joined the saved family of Christ in Baptism: **Corinne Cheshire; Lailah Carlock; Dashawn Johnson; Simone Titus; Curtiss Reaves; Makayla Stevens; Makai Stevens; Christian Schafer; Walker Ptomey; Tyler Ptomey; Anntonise Addison; Jade Addison; Cataleya Perez; Jaelynn Quarles and Amelyah Addison.**

50th ANNIVERSARY of MARCH ON WASHINGTON with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.—Thomson Reuters News Agency wants to interview participants of the 1963 March on Washington. If you were present and have a clear recollection of the march and would like to share your memories, contact Gershon Peaks (HCSC Parishioner) on 202-302-7755 or at gershon.peaks@thomsonreuters.com.



Annual HCSC Friends & Family Picnic is Sat., October 12th at Cosca Park in Clinton, MD. We need help from many parishioners to make this a successful event. Many different types of talents are needed. **Please join the picnic committee on Sunday, August 12th at 9:30am** in the rectory parlor to help organize this fun fellowship. Call Annette Brooks on 202-361-4699 to discover how you can help make this year's picnic a huge success.

15th ANNUAL WOMEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT—is November 15-17, 2013 at Bon Secours Spiritual Center in Marriottsville, MD. Cost—\$340 per person—includes round-trip transportation, private room, and all meals. This year's theme, **"Our Awesome Journey Continues"** facilitated by Sister Anita Baird. For info, call June Holton-Johnson (301-529-7114) or Bertha Colbert (202-577-6688).

REMEMBER!! Recordings of Monsignor Pope's homilies are available on CD in the candlelight store for a minimal cost. The audio can also be found on our website at www.hscchurch.org.



PARDON OUR MESS while we renovate the Candlelight Store. The store will remain open during the renovation.

Youth Ministry News


Nicki Gebrehwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—Different programs will be offered for all ages on Wednesday evenings starting at 6:30pm **July 31st to August 21st** at the school. Dinner will be served. Registration forms available in your bulletin and in the rectory.

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 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. 

NEW PILGRIMAGE DISCOUNT DEADLINE—We were graciously given an extension until **August 7th**. So, there is still time to sign up for the **\$1,799 discounted price** for the **2013 PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO**. The 8-day pilgrimage with Msgr. Pope, **October 8th through 15th**, includes a visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Brochures in the rear of the church and the rectory.



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.**

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. The time spent on vacation does not exclude Mass and the sacraments of course. 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 **www.masstimes.org** for Mass times and locations around the country.



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

Parish Website: www.hscchurch.org
Fr. Pope's Sermons online: www.frpope.com
Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>

