

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23 Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Luke 12:13-21

Readings Next Weekend:

Wisdom 18:6-9 Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12 Luke 12:32-48



Today's Gospel supplies us with instructions on income. First, note the **PROBLEM THAT IS PORTRAYED**. A man tries to involve Jesus in a financial dispute between himself and his brother. Jesus rejects the man's request and warns him about greed. Next, notice the **PARABLE THAT IS PROCLAIMED**. In this parable the Lord gives four instructions on wealth. First there is the **INCREASE** in wealth. A careful reading of this parable states that the increase in his wealth came from God through the land. This increase belongs not to the man but to God. We are stewards, not owners of what we have and must use it in accord with God's will. If we have excess, we are expected to be generous. Next, notice the **INCONVENIENCE** of wealth. The man is downright burdened by all the excess and wonders what to do. Since he insists on keeping it he now has to build more barns. And so it is with us who have so much. We have endless headaches with what we have: insurance, maintenance, security, and so on. Next, there is taught the **INSUFFICIENCY** of wealth. We think wealth equals security, it does not. The man will die that night as a fool and it is his money that made him a fool. Finally, there is the **INSTRUCTION** about wealth wherein the Lord tells us to use it so that we become rich in what matters to God. Clearly generosity with our surplus matters more to God than the size of the "Great Room" in our house or the width of our flat screen TV.

FUNERAL—Roland Lomax (8/2)



Sunday, August 4

4:30pm (Sat) Veronica Rodgers (birthday)

8:00am Fr. Raymond Vander Grift

11:00am Aaron S. Brown

Monday, August 5 *Dedication of Basilica of Saint Mary Major*

7:00am Glendora Thomas & sons †

Tuesday, August 6 *The Transfiguration of the Lord*

7:00am Alicia Trejo (birthday)

Wednesday, August 7 *Saint Sixtus II, Pope, & Companions, Martyrs*

7:00am Joseph E. Bailey & Helen B. Tyler †

Thursday, August 8 *Saint Dominic, Priest*

7:00am Curtiss Brown †

Friday, August 9 *St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr*

7:00am For the People

Saturday, August 10 *Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr*

8:00am Eliza C. Yates (birthday)

4:30pm Anika Williams

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Numbers 11:4-15 Matthew 14:13-21

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 2 Pt 1:16-19 Luke 9:28-36

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29, 34-35 Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Numbers 20:1-13 Matthew 16:13-23

Friday: Deuteronomy 4:32-40 Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10 John 12:24-26

Music Schedule

Processional

"You Can't Make Me Doubt Him" LMG #554

Responsorial Psalm

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia!"

Offertory

* "Here I Am Lord" LMG #643

** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" T. Chisholm / arr. by A. Johnson

Communion

"Do This in Remembrance of Me" LMG #763

Post Communion

"God Has A Plan" H. Davis / arr. by K. Louis

* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate

** 11:00am Robert Person in Ministry

Mass Attendance for July 28, 2013

4:30pm	51
8:00am	106
11:00am	<u>308</u>
Total:	465

Stewardship Report 2013—2014

Actual Tithes for July 28, 2013	\$11,153
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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 share your gift of treasure, 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 the rectory or online at www.faithdirect.net. Our **parish code is DC59**. Questions? Call Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (8/4)	Friday (8/9)
9:30am Picnic Planning meeting	8:00pm NA
8:00pm AA	Saturday (8/10)
Wednesday (8/7)	4:30pm Mass
6:30pm Vacation Bible School	
Thursday (8/8)	
7:00pm Knight of Columbus	

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

CANNED GOODS COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND—We invite you to bring nutritious and non-perishable high protein foods (tuna, canned meats, fruit, stews, and peanut butter) to Mass to restock our food pantry. Our ushers will collect your items during offertory. If you are unable to donate canned goods, please give to the Poor Box located on the wall near the exits since the funds support this effort.

BLOOD DRIVE REPORT—On behalf of the HCSC Sodality and the American Red Cross, a sincere *THANK YOU* to all the donors and volunteers who assisted with our blood drive last Sunday. Of the **38 people** who signed up to donate, **23 units** of viable blood were collected. Many people in our community and across the country will benefit greatly from your gift of life.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR THE FAMILY—HCSC is hosting its Annual Family Vacation Bible School Wednesday evenings thru August 21st at 6:30pm at the school. **The guest facilitator for August 7th is Monsignor Eddie Tolentino.** 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. Registration forms available in the rear of the church and the rectory office. Contact Kim Peaks 202-546-1885 or pam@hscchurch.org if you can help with food and set-up.

CORRECTION



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 4th (Not Aug 12th) at 9:30am in the rectory parlor to help organize this fun fellowship. Can't make the meeting? Call Annette Brooks on 202-361-4699 to discover how you can help.

SAVE THE DATE—HCSC ANNUAL FEAST OF SAINT CYPRIAN CELEBRATION on **Sunday, September 15th.** Stay tuned for more details.

MUSIC IN AFRICAN AMERICAN LITURGY—There is a marvelous video prepared by the Office of Black Catholics on Music in the African American Catholic experience. Featured prominently is our Director of Music, Kenneth Louis, and our Pastor Msgr. Charles Pope. View the video on our website: www.hscchurch.org under Parish News.

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

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to all the youth and adults who attended the HCSC end-of-year trip to Hershey Amusement Park. Special thanks to Ray Bierria, the Youth Ministry Leaders, and the Rectory Staff for a job well done.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—Different programs will be offered for all ages on Wednesday evenings thru August 21st starting at 6:30pm at the school. Dinner will be served. Registration forms available in the rear of the church and in the rectory.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ❖ YAM@hscchurch.org

VBS—Join us for Vacation Bible School every Wednesday during the month of August. See flyer in rear of the church.

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: 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.



REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—will start **NEXT WEEK** during Vacation Bible School.



Registration forms available at VBS sessions, or in the church, in the rectory, and on our website.

The first day of school for youth in pre-K through high school is **Sun., Sept. 22nd at 9:30am** at the school. This includes classes for youth receiving sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

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.

VACATION NOTE—While you are on vacation this summer don't forget to attend Mass wherever you may visit. For Mass times and locations around the country, go to: www.masstimes.org.



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>

