

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Weekend:**

Wisdom 18:6-9 Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 Luke 12:32-48

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Jeremiah 38:4-10 Hebrews 12:1-4 Luke 12:49-53



Today's Gospel among other things presents a Recipe for Readiness: First, **REASSESS YOUR WEALTH**. Jesus says, Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be. While it may not be appropriate for us to sell everything and go live on a park bench, the Lord is surely telling us to be less attached and passionate about money and things for they root us in this world. So simplify, be less rooted in this world and come to experience that your greatest treasure is God and the things waiting for you in heaven. Second, **READY TO WORK**. The Lord says, "Gird your loins" which is the ancient equivalent of "roll up your sleeves." The Lord has a work for us and wants us to get about it. Surely the Lord has more than a worldly career in mind. He has in mind things like raising kids in godly fear, pursuing justice, and growing in holiness. Third, **READ THE WORD**. The Lord says, "Light your lamps." God's Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto salvation. Being ready means reading scripture each day and basing our life on it. Finally, **REMAIN WATCHFUL**. The Lord says, "And be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open the door immediately when he comes and knocks." This type of watchfulness is like that when we have invited a guest to our home and prepared the house and all is in readiness. All that remains is for the guest to arrive.

**FUNERAL**—Clarice Williams (8/7)



**Sunday, August 11**

4:30pm (Sat) Anika Williams  
 8:00am Deceased Members of Holy Name Society  
 11:00am Rita G. Holland †

**Monday, August 12** *Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious*

7:00am Florence G. Queenan †

**Tuesday, August 13** *Sts Pontian, Pope, & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs*

7:00am Philip Whitlock, Sr. (birthday—8/11)

**Wednesday, August 14** *Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr*

7:00am Roland Lomax †

**Thursday, August 15** *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:00am Clarice Williams †  
 10:00am James Edward Bunn †  
 7:00pm Doris Harris (birthday—8/4)

**Friday, August 16** *Saint Stephen of Hungary*

7:00am For Our Youth

**Saturday, August 17**

8:00am For Our Seniors  
 4:30pm For the People

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Monday:** Deuteronomy 10:12-22 Matthew 17:22-27  
**Tuesday:** Deuteronomy 31:1-8; 32 Mt 18:1-5, 10-14  
**Wednesday:** Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Matthew 18:15-20  
**Thursday:** Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56  
**Friday:** Joshua 24:1-13 Matthew 19:3-12  
**Saturday:** Joshua 24:1-13 Matthew 19:3-12

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**  
 "You Can't Make Me Doubt Him" LMGM #554  
**Responsorial Psalm**  
 "Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own."  
**Gospel Acclamation**  
 "Alleluia!"  
**Offertory**  
 \* "Lord, I'm Available to You" LMGM #644  
 \*\* "Choral Praise"  
**Communion**  
 "Do This in Remembrance of Me" LMGM #763  
**Post Communion**  
 "Choral Praise"  
 \*8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate  
 \*\*11:00am Terrence & Kathy Richburg in Ministry

**Mass Attendance for August 4, 2013**

4:30pm 61  
 8:00am 114  
 11:00am 255  
**Total: 430**

**Stewardship Report 2013—2014**

Actual Tithes for August 4, 2013	\$19,006
----------------------------------	----------

**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](http://www.faithdirect.net). Our **parish code is DC59**. Questions? Call Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885.

**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>



**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Sunday (8/11)</b> 8:00pm AA	<b>Friday (8/16)</b> 8:00pm NA
<b>Wednesday (8/14)</b> 6:30pm Vacation Bible Study	<b>Saturday (8/17)</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**

*Congratulations* to parishioners celebrating major milestones in life. To **Veronica Rodgers**, one of our dedicated office volunteers, who celebrated a major birthday on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Also, to **Greg and Mary Walek** who renewed their vows after 35 years of marriage. If you are celebrating a major milestone in your life share your news with the rectory staff on 202-546-1885 or send us an email at: [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff@hscchurch.org).



The **SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY** wishes to thank HCSC parishioners for your generosity toward the S.O.M.E. Summer Care Package Program. Because of your continued gift of treasure **44 care packages** were collected and distributed to the homeless.

**CANNED GOODS COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**—On the second Sunday of every month, 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.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR THE FAMILY**—HCSC is hosting its Annual Family Vacation Bible School **Wednesday evenings thru 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 Remember” as we reinforce our efforts to move forward with the New Evangelization and prepare for our Fall neighborhood evangelization campaign. **MISSED A SESSION?! Go to our website: [www.hscchurch.org](http://www.hscchurch.org) for audio and handouts from each session.** Registration forms available in the rear of the church and the rectory office. Contact Kim Peaks 202-546-1885 or [pam@hscchurch.org](mailto:pam@hscchurch.org) if you'd like to volunteer.

**MUSIC IN AFRICAN AMERICAN LITURGY**—Our Director of Music, Kenneth Louis, and our Pastor Msgr. Charles Pope are featured prominently in a marvelous video prepared by the Office of Black Catholics on Music in the African American Catholic experience. View the video on our website: [www.hscchurch.org](http://www.hscchurch.org) under Parish News.

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



**Annual HCSC Friends & Family Picnic is Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>** 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 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.



**A NEW AND EXCITING CANDLELIGHT STORE**—is coming soon to offer a wider variety of religious items. The store will remain open during renovation. Excuse our temporary appearance.

**Youth Ministry News**

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

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

**REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**—during Vacation Bible School. Registration forms available at VBS sessions, or in the church or the rectory. The first day of school for youth in pre-K through high school is **Sunday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30am** at the school. This includes classes for youth receiving sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.



**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 **Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>**. 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.



**SAINT PETER'S SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY**—is hosting a community art session with ART ENABLES on Sun., August 18<sup>th</sup> in their hall at 12pm. Art Enables ([www.art-enables.org](http://www.art-enables.org)) is a studio and gallery in Washington, DC, for emerging artists with developmental disabilities. Families are invited. Light lunch provided. For info/RSVP contact Liz Mahar at [lizmahar81@gmail.com](mailto:lizmahar81@gmail.com) or 703-867-1726 by August 11<sup>th</sup>. See flyer on bulletin board in the vestibule.

**15<sup>th</sup> 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, “**God's Got It!**” will be facilitated by Sister Anita Baird. For info, call June Holton-Johnson (301-529-7114) or Bertha Colbert (202-577-6688).

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

