

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 Hebrews 12:1-4 Luke 12:49-53

Readings Next Weekend:

Isaiah 66:18-21 Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 Luke 13:22-30



The Letter to the Hebrews today summons us to keep our eyes on the prize. We are taught three things about faith. **First, there is the PROOF of faith.** We are told that a great cloud of witnesses testify to us and spur us on to victory. Literally and physically we can see these witnesses painted on our church walls. These saints, and many other holy men and women we have known testify to us that God is good and that he can do anything but fail. We ought to listen to the testimony of these heroes and accept their witness as a proof of faith. **Secondly, we are taught of the PRIORITY of faith.** We are given the example of a runner in a race. What does a runner do? He or she runs the race! Runners do not stop to watch TV, they do not take detours or go in the opposite direction of their goal. They do one thing: they run the race. So too with our faith, it has priority. Nothing should be allowed to hinder us. **Thirdly, we are taught of the PERSPECTIVE of faith.** We are told that Jesus endured every suffering and gave his all for "the sake of the joy that lay before him." When we are pursuing something we really value we are willing to make sacrifices. Do you really value heaven? What are you willing to sacrifice for it? Only a proper perspective of the glory and joy of what lies ahead can properly dispose us to accept the cross wholeheartedly. Faith provides this perspective.

FUNERAL—Gloria Ross (8/16)



Sunday, August 18

8:00pm (Sat) For the People
 8:00am Arthur Yates (8th anniversary) †
 11:00am Ollie & June Johnson (5th wedding anniversary)

Monday, August 19 *Saint John Eudes, Priest*

7:00am Dwayne T. Holton

Tuesday, August 20 *Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church*

7:00am Gloria Ross †

Wednesday, August 21 *Saint Pius X, Pope*

7:00am Natleen Chance (birthday)

Thursday, August 22 *The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:00am Maurice Austin, Jr. (birthday)

Friday, August 23 *Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin*

7:00am Seriva Brown (birthday—8/22)

Saturday, August 24 *Saint Bartholomew, Apostle*

8:00am For the People
 4:30pm Catherine Miles (15th anniversary) †

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

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Judges 2:11-19 Matthew 19:16-22
Tuesday: Judges 6:11-24 Matthew 19:23-30
Wednesday: Judges 9:6-15 Matthew 20:1-16
Thursday: Judges 11:29-39 Matthew 22:1-14
Friday: Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22 Matthew 22:34-40
Saturday: Revelation 21:9-14 John 1:45-51

Music Schedule

Processional
 "Jesus in the Morning" LMGM #391
Responsorial Psalm
 "Lord, come to my aid"
Gospel Acclamation
 "Alleluia!"
Offertory
 * "Standing on the Promises" LMGM #562
 ** "The Love of God"
Communion
 "Do This in Remembrance of Me" LMGM #763
Post Communion
 "We Are Surrounded" G. Martin / arr. by K. Louis
 * 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate
 ** 11:00am Frances Brooks in Ministry

Mass Attendance for August 11, 2013

4:30pm 67
 8:00am 108
 11:00am 235
Total: 410

Stewardship Report 2013—2014

Actual Tithes for August 11, 2013	\$20,049
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FORWARD-IN-FAITH UPDATE—Thank you to all of you who participated in the Forward-In-Faith campaign. Overall, the ADW received \$125 million in funds that will be used to fund many future projects. HCSC parish donated \$317,510 and of that amount \$63,502 was returned to HCSC to help accomplish our goals to restore our sanctuary walls, to construct a handicapped restroom, and to purchase a new low altar. Again, thank you for generously sharing your treasure.

TITHING WHILE ON VACATION—Church attendance during summer drops as families go on vacation. But the services we provide within the parish community continue, 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 (8/18) 8:00pm AA	Friday (8/23) 8:00pm NA
Wednesday (8/21) 6:30pm Vacation Bible School	Saturday (8/24) 4:30pm Mass
Thursday (8/22) 7:00pm Knights 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



S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat)—is an interfaith non-profit organization that feeds, clothes and shelters the homeless. Our HCSC Parish prepares lunch every 4th Saturday of every month for approx. 340 homeless men, women and children at SOME, 71 “O” St., NW. **Your donation of cooked chicken is urgently needed (see flyer for recipe and instructions).** Our next S.O.M.E. Saturday is Aug. 24th. 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.

REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—during



Vacation Bible School. Registration forms available at VBS session, or in the church, or in the rectory. The first day of school for youth in pre-K through high school is **Sunday, Sept. 22nd at 9:30am** at the school. This includes classes for youth receiving sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER CELEBRATION will be sponsored by Incarnation Church and *Jammin' 4 Jesus* on **Sunday, August 25th**. Guest speaker, Father Everett Pearson of Mount Calvary in Forestville, will be the facilitator. Students, parents, and teachers are invited to receive a special blessing. School supply giveaways will be made and light refreshments provided. See flyer for more details.


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

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.hcscchurch.org under Parish News.

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, **“God's Got It!”** will be facilitated by Sister Anita Baird. For info, call June Holton-Johnson (301-529-7114) or Bertha Colbert (301-567-9786).

JUST A REMINDER: Please turn off all pagers and cell phones during Mass. Thank you for your cooperation. 

A NEW AND EXCITING CANDLELIGHT STORE—is



coming soon to offer a wider variety of religious items. The current store will remain open during the renovation, so please excuse our temporary appearance.

Youth Ministry News


Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—Different programs are offered for all ages. Final session is **Wed., 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@hcscchurch.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 **Tuesday, August 20th**. 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.




PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO—There is still time to sign up 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.



Annual HCSC Friends & Family Picnic is Saturday, 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 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.

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

