

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Weekend:**

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

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29 Hebrews 12:18-24 Luke 14:1, 7-14



Today's Gospel is a sobering summons to be serious about our spiritual life. Note first the **Danger Described**. When asked if those to be saved are many or few the Lord answers, "Few" and goes on to describe that many will be "unable" to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Most people today figure just about everyone is going to heaven but that is not what Scripture says. We have to be sober about this and realize that many of us live lives that show little interest in God or the Kingdom of God. At some point this decision becomes final, and God accepts their disinterest as their final choice. Beware, to persist in worldliness and to be self-absorbed increasingly becomes our final disposition. Next, note the **Divine Desire**. The Lord goes on to describe how he wants to bring people from every nation and race to His Kingdom. The Lord wants to save us all. So the problem of Hell is not about God and what He wants, it is about us and what we want. God will ultimately respect our final choice. Finally, note the **Delivering Discipline** that is described in the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading today: My son, do not disdain the discipline of the Lord or lose heart when reproved by him; for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines...it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it. So, in the end, God is not our enemy, He is our Savior and the only one who can get us ready for judgment day.



**Sunday, August 25**

8:00pm (Sat) Catherine Miles (15<sup>th</sup> anniversary) †  
 8:00am Clarice M. Williams †  
 11:00am Sarah R. Brooks †

**Monday, August 26**

7:00am Barbara Nettles (birthday)

**Tuesday, August 27** *Saint Monica*

7:00am The Richards Family

**Wednesday, August 28** *Saint Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

7:00am Ana Alicia Burke (birthday)

**Thursday, August 29** *The Passion of Saint John the Baptist*

7:00am Ruby Roberts (birthday)

**Friday, August 30**

7:00am Deceased Members of the Richards Family

**Saturday, August 31**

8:00am For the People  
 4:30pm Allen & Rose Adams (anniversary)

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Monday:** 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8-10 Matthew 23:13-22  
**Tuesday:** 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 23:23-26  
**Wednesday:** 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Matthew 23:27-32  
**Thursday:** 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13 Mark 6:17-29  
**Friday:** 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 Matthew 25:1-13  
**Saturday:** 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11 Matthew 25:14-30

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**  
 "You Can't Make Me Doubt Him" LMGM #554  
**Responsorial Psalm**  
 "Go out to all the world and tell the good news"  
**Gospel Acclamation**  
 "Alleluia!"  
**Offertory**  
 \* "I'll Be Somewhere Listening for My Name" LMGM #620  
 \*\* "Changed" W. Hawkins  
**Communion**  
 "Do This in Remembrance of Me" LMGM #763  
**Post Communion**  
 "Take Me to the King" K. Franklin  
 \* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate  
 \*\* 11:00am Sherrice Payne in Ministry

**Mass Attendance for August 18, 2013**

Assumption	71
4:30pm	62
8:00am	114
11:00am	216
<b>Total:</b>	<b>392</b>

**Stewardship Report 2013—2014**

Actual Tithes for August 18, 2013	\$11,445
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**ELECTRONIC TITHING**—Have you considered electronic tithing through the **Faith Direct** program here at HCSC? You can have your tithes deducted from your bank account TWICE a month or charged to a credit card. It is a secure, convenient way to support your parish community. Enrollment forms are in the rear of the church, the rectory office, or you can sign up online at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net). (HCSC church code: DC59). Call Kim Peaks at the rectory office for more information. It's easy and it's FREE!

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Sunday (8/25)</b> 9:30am Picnic Committee mtg 9:30am Women's Ministry 2:00pm Ladies Aux #64 8:00pm AA	<b>Friday (8/30)</b> 8:00pm NA  <b>Saturday (8/31)</b> 4:30pm Mass
<b>Tuesday (8/27)</b> 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir	

**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.

**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



**Thank You**—to all the volunteers who helped make our Vacation Bible School a memorable success. And a special *Thank You* to Earlene Capers and Verna Leftwood for their work in preparing delicious meals for each session.

**DID YOU MISS A SESSION OF OUR FAMILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)?!** Go to our website: [www.hcscchurch.org](http://www.hcscchurch.org) (under Parish News) for audio and handouts from each session.



**PICNIC PLANNING MEETING**—is **Sun., Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am** in the **rectory**. Our Annual HCSC Friends &

Family Picnic is **Sat., Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>** at Cosca Park in Clinton, MD. **Volunteers are needed.** Please consider donating some time to help organize this fun fellowship. Call Annette Brooks (202-361-4699) to volunteer or drop by the meeting.

### HCSC FEAST OF SAINT CYPRIAN CELEBRATION—

There will be only **ONE Mass** celebrated **Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am** on the Feast of Saint Cyprian. This is a perfect opportunity to invite a family or friend to celebrate Mass with us. **Ministry & Organization Fair to be held after Mass** (more details to come).



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**—to help prepare for our **Feast of Saint Cyprian Celebration, Sun., Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>**. We need help to serve and host. Contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or [pam@hcscchurch.org](mailto:pam@hcscchurch.org).

### REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—

Registration forms available in the church, in the rectory, or online at [www.hcscchurch.org](http://www.hcscchurch.org). 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. Contact Shirley Austin on 202-546-1885 or [mre@hcscchurch.org](mailto:mre@hcscchurch.org).

### LEARN ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH—

Classes will begin **early October** for those interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. These classes are especially intended for non-Catholics who are interested in becoming Catholic. This also includes adult Catholics who have missed either First Holy Communion or Confirmation. This is your opportunity to inform any relatives or friends whom you know that might benefit. Call Msgr. Pope at 202-546-1885 or [pastor1@hcscchurch.org](mailto:pastor1@hcscchurch.org) for details.

**JUST A REMINDER:** Please turn off all cell phones and pagers 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**  
202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ♦ [youthdirector@hcscchurch.org](mailto:youthdirector@hcscchurch.org)


**CONGRATULATIONS AND FAREWELL**—to our college-bound youth. While away at school this Fall/Winter we'd like for you to stay in touch on Facebook and our website: [www.hcscchurch.org](http://www.hcscchurch.org). May God bless you and continued success in your studies.

**HCSC's SINGLETARY EDUCATION AWARDS**—Are you a registered member of HCSC? Are you a 2014 graduating high school senior? Are you active in church activities and involved in community service? Do you have a grade point average of 2.5 or better? Are you going to apply to a college, technical or trade school in 2013-2014? Then you might be eligible for one of three monetary awards from HCSC's Bonnie Singletary Education Fund. The first award is \$4,000; the second is \$3,000; and the third is \$2,000. This one-time award will be issued to the institution you enroll at next Fall. Stay tuned for more details.

## HCSC Young Adult Ministry

**Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller** ♦ [YAM@hcscchurch.org](mailto:YAM@hcscchurch.org)

**NATS BASEBALL NIGHT**—Join us for Faith and Family Night on **Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:05pm** game to see the Nats vs. Atlanta Braves. Tickets are only \$11 or \$14 (depending on location of seats) and it's \$1 hotdog night. If interested, please contact us by Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> so discounted tickets can be purchased ASAP.

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.

**THE WORD AMONG US**—offers encouragement to read the Word of God and offers daily meditations based on the Mass readings. This publication is designed to help Catholics find genuine renewal and refreshment in God's grace. The September issue is now available in the Candlelight Store for \$2. *Limited supply!*

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Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope, Pastor

If you want to know more about our parish community or are interested in joining, call the rectory at 202-546-1885 or [hcscstaff@hcscchurch.org](mailto:hcscstaff@hcscchurch.org).

**Mass Schedule:** Monday thru Friday at 7:00am (Chapel)  
Saturday at 8:00am (Chapel) and 4:30pm  
Sunday at 8:00am and 11:00am

**Office Hours:** Mon thru Wed 9am—8pm, Thurs 9am-5pm; Fri 9am-8pm; Sat, 9am—1pm; and Sun 9am—2pm.

*For information on baptism, matrimony and sick calls, contact the rectory.*

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

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