

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Wisdom 9:13-18 Phlm 9-10, 12-17 Luke 14:25-33



Today's Gospel teaches that you've gotta serve before you sit. Note first of all the **Person Who Honors**. Jesus tells of a banquet and warns that we not self-promote ourselves to the places of honor, for that is the duty of the host of the banquet. It is He who assigns the seats of honor. Those who self-promote are setting themselves up for an embarrassing fall. Next, note the **Paradox of Honors**. In the human scheme of things we tend to notice people with the bling, the brawn, the bucks, the beauty, the big car, the big hair, the big entourage. But is this what impresses God? Who do you suppose draws God's eye in the banquet hall? The Lord says in Scripture that the greatest among you is the servant of all (Mark 10:43; Luke 22:26). So, I suppose looking around that room the Lord would be most impressed with those waiting table. Something to think about! If we want to be noticed and be brought up higher we have to be willing to serve. This then leads to the **Prescription for Honors**. The Lord says serve the lowly if you want to sit high. The less able they are to repay you the more likely your repayment will come from heaven. Serve, especially when no worldly repayment will come and your payment is stored up as treasure in heaven. It's not bling or bucks that catches God's eye, it's service and humility. The Greatest of all is the servant of all.



Sunday, September 1

8:00pm (Sat) Allen & Rose Adams (anniversary)
8:00am Linda Jenkins (birthday)
11:00am Sarah R. Brooks †

Monday, September 2

7:00am Clarice M. Williams †

Tuesday, September 3 *St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church*

7:00am Henry Leon Fulford (birthday) †

Wednesday, September 4

7:00am Joseph E. Campbell, Jr. (birthday) †

Thursday, September 5

7:00am Rita Brown †

Friday, September 6

7:00am For the People

Saturday, September 7

8:00am Gloria Ross †
4:30pm Betty Hamer (birthday—9/8)

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: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Luke 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11 Luke 4:31-37
Wednesday: Colossians 1:1-8 Luke 4:38-44
Thursday: Colossians 1:9-14 Luke 5:1-11
Friday: Colossians 1:15-20 Luke 5:33-39
Saturday: Colossians 1:21-23 Luke 6:1-5

Music Schedule

Processional
"Praise Him, Praise Him!" LMGM #441
Responsorial Psalm
"God in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor."
Gospel Acclamation
"Alleluia!"
Offertory
* "Plenty Good Room" LM GM #714
** "Changed My Name" arr. by K. Louis
Communion
"Your Sacrifice" LMGM #761
* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate
** 11:00am Church Choir

Mass Attendance for August 25, 2013

4:30pm 47
8:00am 132
11:00am 229
Total: 408

Stewardship Report 2013—2014

Actual Tithes for August 25, 2013	\$13,648
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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. (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

Sunday (9/1) 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (9/4) 6:30pm Liturgical Dance
Monday (9/2) RECTORY CLOSED	Friday (9/6) 8:00pm NA
Tuesday (9/3) 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir	Saturday (9/7) 10:00am Liturgical Dance 4:30pm Mass

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>



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.

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



THE ALTAR FLOWERS for this weekend were donated by James & Dorothy Young in celebration of their **51st Wedding Anniversary, September 1, 1962.** Thanks be to God!

RECTORY CLOSED—Monday, September 2nd in observance of **Labor Day.**

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

YOUTH SUNDAY RESUMES NEXT SUNDAY—Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. We invite all our youth to come and sit together at Mass next week. You are welcome to bring a friend!

HCSC ANNUAL FEAST OF SAINT CYPRIAN CELEBRATION—There will be only **ONE** Mass on **Sunday, September 15th at 10am** to celebrate the Feast of Saint Cyprian. This is a perfect opportunity to invite a family member or friend to celebrate Mass with us. We will still celebrate the vigil Mass on Saturday at 4:30pm.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—to help prepare for our Annual Saint Cyprian Feast Day, **Sun., Sept. 15th.** We need help to serve and host. Contact Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 or pam@hscchurch.org .

MINISTRY & ORGANIZATION FAIR—held on **Sunday, September 15th** on the plaza following 10am Mass celebrating the Feast of Saint Cyprian.

REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—Registration forms available in the church, rectory, or www.hscchurch.org. 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. Contact Shirley Austin on 202-546-1885 or mre@hscchurch.org for information.

SAVE THE DATE—Annual Church Choir Concert on **Sunday, October 27th at 4pm.** Stay tuned for more details.

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



Our Annual HCSC Friends & Family Picnic is **Saturday, October 12th** at Cosca Park in Clinton, MD. **Volunteers are needed.** Parishioners are also invited to donate a side dish. Call Annette Brooks on 202-361-4699 to volunteer.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehwot, Director of Youth Ministry
202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ❖ youthdirector@hscchurch.org

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@hscchurch.org

NATS BASEBALL NIGHT—Join us for Faith and Family Night on **Monday, September 16th 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 28th so discounted tickets can be purchased ASAP.

HCSC has 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.



TRAINING FOR WORK IN GREEN CONSTRUCTION—Catholic Charities offers a 12-week program to begin a career in sustainable and environmentally-friendly construction. The certified curriculum includes the basics of carpentry, electricity, solar panel installation and job site skills. Program is free and open to all DC and MD residents 18 years and older. Session begins September 9th at 1618 Monroe St. NW. Call 202-939-2400, ext. 932 or www.CatholicCharitiesDC.org/GreenConstruction.

SPEAKING OF LOVE—The Catholic Church's teachings on human sexuality are regularly misunderstood, misrepresented and difficult to explain. For parish leaders, catechists, parents or adults who want tools to better understand and explain the beauty of the church's teachings on love and relationships—this day is for you! **Sat., Sept. 7th 9am—3pm** at Archbishop Carroll Catholic High School, 4300 Harewood Rd, NE. Keynote Speaker: Dr. Tom Curran, Exec. Dir. of *My Catholic Faith Ministries* will discuss "The Nature of Love—Uncovering the Beauty of Church Teachings on Sexuality." Register Now! www.speakingoflove.eventbrite.com

"Catholicism and Our Challenging World Today" at the Newseum, 555 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, on **Tues., Sept. 10th 6:30pm.** Come hear Cardinal Wuerl and Bret Baier (Fox News Anchor) speak on this timely topic. **Admission is free**, but seating is limited. Doors open at 6pm. For info: visit www.johncarrollsociety.org or call 301-654-4399.