

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Weekend:**

Amos 8:4-7      1 Timothy 2:1-8      Luke 16:1-13

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Amos 6:1, 4-7      1 Timothy 6:11-16      Luke 16:19-31



Today's Gospel presents the unfortunate fact that sinners are frequently clever and energetic about the sins they commit while disciples are often sleepy and poorly organized when it comes to being saintly. It is a strange Gospel wherein the Lord seems to praise sinners. But he does not praise their sin, only their enthusiasm and cleverness. Notice first the **DESCRIPTION** of the sinner. He is called a steward of a rich man. This is us. We are not owners of what we have so we do with it just as we please. God is the owner of all and we are but stewards who must manage what we have according to the will of the owner, God. Next, notice the **DISSIPATION** of the sinner. The text says he has squandered his master's things. This too we do, squandering our time, talent and treasure on things that matter little and do not increase, but rather deplete the Kingdom of God. Next, notice the **DEATH** of the sinner. He is called to judgment for what he has done and told, "You can no longer be my steward. Sin brings death and disinheritance. But notice the **DETERMINATION** of the sinner who carefully considers his plight and comes up with a plan to deal with it. And the Lord praises his craftiness and longs for disciples who were as ingenious in holiness as this man is ingenious in wickedness. Could the Lord praise your dedication to holiness, your craftiness in evading the devil?

**FUNERAL**—Barbara Nettles (9/20)



**Sunday, September 22**

4:30pm (Sat) Jane & Paul Pfeiffer †  
8:00am For the People  
11:00am June Contee †

**Monday, September 23** *Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest*

7:00am Sylvester Campbell (birthday) †

**Tuesday, September 24**

7:00am Merina Ciccone †

**Wednesday, September 25**

7:00am Gemma Ciccone †

**Thursday, September 26** *Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs*

7:00am Beatrice C. Hall (anniversary) †

**Friday, September 27** *Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest*

7:00am Dwayne T. Holton (birthday)

**Saturday, September 28** *Sts. Wenceslaus, and Lawrence Ruiz Martyrs*

8:00am Earl Turner (birthday)  
4:30pm Oliver Hamlin †

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Monday:** Ezra 1:1-6      Luke 8:16-18  
**Tuesday:** Ezra 6:7-8, 12, 14-20      Luke 8:19-21  
**Wednesday:** Ezra 9:5-9      Luke 9:1-6  
**Thursday:** Haggai 1:1-8      Luke 9:7-9  
**Friday:** Haggai 2:1-9      Luke 9:18-22  
**Saturday:** Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15      Luke 9:43-45

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**  
"Praise Him, Praise Him!"      LMGM #441  
**Responsorial Psalm**  
"Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor."  
**Gospel Acclamation**  
"Alleluia!"  
**Offertory**  
"Give Me A Clean Heart"      LMGM #625  
**Communion**  
"Your Sacrifice"      LMGM #761  
\* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate  
\*\* 11:00am Church Choir

**Mass Attendance for September 15, 2013**

4:30pm      58  
10:00am      425  
**Total:**      483

**Stewardship Report 2013—2014**

Actual Tithes for September 15, 2013	\$18,060
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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 secure and convenient. 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 FREE!

**FAMILY OF RUBY ROBERTS**—Rita Lowry and her family wish to thank everyone for their prayers and well-wishes offered for her mother who suffered a health issue during the Feast of Saint Cyprian Mass last Sunday. Mrs. Roberts has recovered and is at home.

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Sunday (9/22)</b> 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Picnic Planning meeting 2:00pm Ladies Aux #64 8:00pm AA	<b>Thursday (9/26)</b> 7:00pm Knights of Columbus
<b>Tuesday (9/24)</b> 6:30pm Youth Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir	<b>Friday (9/27)</b> 8:00pm NA
<b>Wednesday (9/25)</b> 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Evangelization Training	<b>Saturday (9/28)</b> 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](http://www.hcscchurch.org)  
Fr. Pope's Sermons online: [www.frpope.com](http://www.frpope.com)  
Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>



**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



to all the parishioners, family and friends who helped make our Feast of Saint Cyprian celebration, a praiseworthy experience. A special thanks to the ministries who participated in the fair and the parishioners who assisted with set-up, food and clean-up.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION HAS BEGUN**—The first day of school for pre-K through high school is **Sun., Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30am**. Classes include youth receiving the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Registration forms are still being accepted and available in the rear of the church, in the rectory, on the website, or contact Shirley Austin (202-546-1885) ext. 26. Parents are encouraged to attend Adult Catechetical Classes at the same time in the cafeteria.



**PICNIC PLANNING MEETINGS**—are **Sun., Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>** and Sun. the 29<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. Consider donating some time to help organize this fun fellowship. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** Call Annette Brooks (202-361-4699) or drop by the meeting.

**THE FRIENDLY SENIORS** begins their weekly fellowship on **Wed., Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> at 11am** in the Youth Room at the school. Join us to fellowship, study the Bible, and play games. For information call Doris Edelin at 301-350-2697.



**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 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month for approx. 340 homeless men, women and children for S.O.M.E. at 71 "O" St., NW. **Donations of cooked chicken are urgently needed** (see flyer for recipe and instructions). **Our next S.O.M.E. date is Sat., Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>**. Questions? Contact Earlene Capers 301-910-1763.



**BLESSING OF ANIMALS**—On **Fri., Oct., 4<sup>th</sup>**, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Msgr. Pope will bless animals out on the church plaza from 6:00—7:30pm. Bring your pet and also encourage your family, friends and neighbors to stop by!

**LEARN ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH**—Classes begin **Sun., Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>** for those interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. Classes are especially intended for non-Catholics interested in becoming Catholic. This includes adult Catholics who have missed either First Holy Communion or Confirmation. This is your opportunity to inform relatives or friends whom you know that might benefit. Call Msgr. Pope at 202-546-1885 for details.

**FALL EVANGELIZATION OUTREACH CAMPAIGN**—begins **Sat., Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>** for **four** consecutive Saturdays. All (including youth) are invited to come and walk the neighborhoods around the Church and spread the Good News! Sign-up forms are available in your bulletin and the rectory. If you are interested in becoming a part of this uplifting and spiritual experience be sure to register as a **Walker, Prayer, or Cooker**. You do not have to commit to all four days but maybe for 1 or 2 of the scheduled dates.

## Youth Ministry News

**Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry**

202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ♦ youthdirector@hscchurch.org

**S.O.M.E. VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**—We encourage our youth to join us at the S.O.M.E. kitchen on **Sat., Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>** to serve meals to the needy. You can earn community service hours while helping others. Contact Nicki Gebrehiwot for details.

**GET INVOLVED!!**—There are so many ways for our youth to fellowship and get involved in activities in the Church. We have a dance ministry, youth choir, youth lectors, altar servers, youth ushers and many more opportunities. Maybe you have an idea for a youth activity! We want to hear from our youth. Contact Nicki if you want to find out about our youth ministries or you have a great idea!

## HCSC Young Adult Ministry

**Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller** ♦ YAM@hscchurch.org

**"THE GRACE CARD"**—Join us for a Fall Movie Day and lunch in the rectory basement on **Sunday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> following the 11am Mass**. RSVP if childcare is needed at YAM@hscchurch.org. See flyer for more details.

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 (YAM) on **Facebook** and let us know your thoughts, or send an email. **Do you Tweet?** Follow us on Twitter for updates at HCSCYoungAdults!



**41<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CHOIR CONCERT** is **Sun., Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>, at 4pm**. The theme this year is **"Thanks Be To Thee"**. Tickets are available from any Choir member or in the rectory office for \$20. Instructions for submitting program ads are located on the back of the flyer in the rear of the church.

**HCSC ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT**—at Loyola Retreat House in Faulkner, MD, **Jan. 3-5, 2014**. **Cost:** \$185 if attending for the first time; \$235 if attending not for the first time. The retreat theme is **"Rivers of Living Water"**. For more information, contact Byron Browder (202-415-5209) or Richard Bennett (202-547-8174).

**SANCTUARY FLOOR CLEANING**—Please excuse our temporary appearance while the floors are stripped of years of wax. If your favorite pew is effected by this process please enjoy Mass in a different pew temporarily. Thank you for your patience.

**Theological College's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Sedes Cup Golf Tournament**—Come to this inaugural event to support the mission and ministry of Theological College. The event is **Mon., Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>**, at Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City, MD, and will benefit the priestly formation of men. Our parish has welcomed such fine seminarians as **Jamie Hickman, Keith Hathaway** and **Deacon David Gaines**, who have studied at Theological College. To register for the event or to donate, visit [www.theologicalcollege.org](http://www.theologicalcollege.org).