

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14 Luke 17:5-10



In the Gospel today Jesus describes the reality of hell and answers a question or two about it such as why it is permanent and what ultimately leads us there. Notice first the **Ruin** that is described. The rich man ends in hell due to his lack of concern for the poor. We do not have a catalogue of any other sins he may have committed but Jesus is clear to point out here that woeful neglect of the poor is a damnable sin. But notice next the **Rigidity** described. The rich man who looked down on Lazarus still fails to see his dignity and asks Abraham to dispatch Lazarus with water as though he were some sort of errand-boy. Notice too that the rich man does not ask to come to heaven but asks Lazarus to come to him in hell. This interesting detail says a lot. For whatever reason, the rich man, though he does not like hell still does not desire heaven or the Kingdom of God. We ought to accept what is taught here that, at some point, our rejection of God and the Kingdom becomes permanent. This is why hell is eternal. Finally, notice the **Reason** that is given for his demise beyond his lack of care for the poor. When the rich man asks that his brothers be warned about hell, Abraham replies that they have Moses and the Prophets, (i.e. the Scriptures). In the end, condemnation ultimately results from disobedience to the revealed will of God. This ultimately hardens our heart in sin and fixes forever our rejection of the Kingdom of God.

FUNERALS—Ernestine Jackson (9/27)
—Henrietta Jones (9/30)



Sunday, September 29

4:30pm (Sat) Oliver Hamlin †
8:00am For the People
11:00am Barbara Nettles †

Monday, September 30 *Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

7:00am Florence Davis (birthday) †

Tuesday, October 1 *St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*

7:00am Charles P. Campbell (14th anniversary) †

Wednesday, October 2 *The Holy Guardian Angels*

7:00am Marlene Whitlock (birthday)

Thursday, October 3

7:00am Rita Lowry (birthday – Oct. 4)

Friday, October 4 *Saint Francis of Assisi*

7:00am Rita Lowry (birthday)

Saturday, October 5

8:00am Angela Avolio †
4:30pm Sharon Goodson (birthday)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Zechariah 8:1-8 Luke 9:46-50
Tuesday: Zechariah 8:20-23 Luke 9:51-56
Wednesday: Nehemiah 2:1-8 Matthew 18:1-5, 10
Thursday: Nehemiah 8:1-4, 5-6, 7-12 Luke 10:1-12
Friday: Baruch 1:15-22 Luke 10:13-16
Saturday: Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29 Luke 10:17-24

Music Schedule

Processional
"Praise Him, Praise Him!" LMGM #441

Responsorial Psalm
"Praise the Lord, my soul."

Gospel Acclamation
"Alleluia!"

Offertory
* "Give Me Jesus" arr. by M. Hogan
** "Silver And Gold" K. Franklin

Communion
"Do This in Remembrance of Me" LMGM #763
* 8:00am *Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate*
** 11:00am *Church Choir*

Mass Attendance for September 22, 2013

4:30pm 62
8:00am 133
11:00am 261
Total: 456

Stewardship Report 2013—2014

Actual Tithes for September 22, 2013	\$12,247
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CARDINALS APPEAL PROCESS—To date, we have reached 102.8% of our pledge total (\$53,876.30). Thank you to all who have participated in the Cardinal's Appeal. The Cardinal's Appeal relies on our support to help care for the needy and the poor. Remember to respond quickly to your donation requests when you receive them from the Archdiocese.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (9/29) 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Picnic Planning mtg 1:00pm YAM movie event 8:00pm AA	Thursday (10/3) 6:30pm Liturgical Dance
Tuesday (10/1) 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir	Friday (10/4) 6:30pm Blessing of the Animals 8:00pm NA
Wednesday (10/2) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 7:00pm Choir rehearsal 7:00pm Evangelization training	Saturday (10/5) 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>



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

WELCOME TO OUR SEMINARIANS—Jamie Hickman, Keith Hathaway, and Deacon David Gaines who will be serving our faith community while studying at Theological College until May 2014.

FALL EVANGELIZATION OUTREACH CAMPAIGN—begins **Sat., Oct. 19th** 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.



PICNIC PLANNING MEETING—is **Sun., Sept. 29th at 9:30am** in the rectory. The Annual HCSC Friends & Family Picnic is **Sat., Oct. 12th** 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.

LEARN ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH—Classes begin **Sun., Oct. 6th** 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.



BLESSING OF ANIMALS—On **Fri., Oct., 4th**, 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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS BEGUN—for youth pre-K-12th grade including youth who need to receive the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Registration forms are still being accepted and available in rear of church, in the rectory or on the website. The curriculum is also available on our website: www.hscchurch.org. Parents are encouraged to attend adult catechetical classes in the cafeteria at the same time. Contact Shirley Austin at 202-546-1885 or mre@hscchurch.org for details.

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 **October issue is now available** in the Candlelight Store for \$2. *Limited supply!*

41th ANNIVERSARY CHOIR CONCERT is **Sun., Oct. 27th, at 4pm**. The theme 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.

Youth Ministry News

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

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—We need your help and assistance with planning and organizing this year's production of the Christmas Pageant. We welcome back all those who helped in prior years. Contact Nicki Gebrehiwot if you'd like to participate.



CALLING ALL YOUTH!!! We have much to offer our youth at HCSC—*youth ushers, liturgical dancers, altar servers, youth cantors/readers and youth choir*. Come and join us. Contact Mrs. Gebrehiwot for if you are interested.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hscchurch.org

GRACE CARD MOVIE TODAY! Join us after the 11am Mass for movie and lunch with other young adults.

YOUNG ADULT MASS and AFTER PARTY—with Cardinal Wuerl on **Thurs., Oct. 27th at 6:30pm** at Saint Augustine's Catholic Church. After-Party with live music until 10pm is **FREE!** Registration is required at welovecardinalwuerl.eventbrite.com. Learn more at Facebook.com/DCCatholic. Interested in joining the event choir, contact: Maria McKenzie: maria.mcknz@gmail.com.

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. **Do you Tweet?** Follow us on  Twitter for updates at HCSCYoungAdults! 

CONGRATULATIONS to our very own **Robert E. Person** who received the 2013 DMV Male Artist and Gospel/Jazz Artist of the Year. We are blessed to have Robert in our music ministry and in support of his ministry we encourage you to purchase his CD from our Candlelight Store.

CANONIZATION OF POPE JOHN PAUL II—Come celebrate the announcement of the canonization of Pope John Paul II at the Blessed John Paul II Shrine (3900 Harewood Rd, NE) **Mon., Sept. 30th, 10am to 5pm**. The day will be marked with the veneration of a relic of Blessed John Paul II, rosary, Mass, Angelus, Eucharistic Adoration and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, as well as a special interim exhibit about his life and legacy. More information at: jp2shrine.org and 202-635-5400. Free admission/parking.

OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE—sponsors a **New and Nearly New Yard Sale, Sat., Oct., 5th 8:30am—12noon** at St. Frances Academy, 501 E. Chase St., Baltimore, MD. Call 410-536-5687 for more information.

SANCTUARY FLOOR CLEANING—Please excuse our temporary appearance while the floors are being polished. If your favorite pew is effected, please enjoy Mass in a different pew temporarily. Thank you for your patience.