

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

2 Kings 5:14-17 2 Timothy 2:8-13 Luke 17:11-19

Readings Next Weekend:

Exodus 17:8-13 2 Timothy 3:14—4:2 Luke 18:1-8



Today's Gospel answers the question of how we can properly thank God for what he has done for us. The ten lepers are healed but only one renders proper thanks. In effect, it is in the Mass that we render proper thanks to God the Father because the Mass is Jesus' thanksgiving to the Father in which we participate. Jesus renders perfect praise and perfect thanks to the Father. The very structure of this Gospel has the form of a Mass. Notice first that there is a **gathering**. Ten lepers (us) have gathered and Jesus comes near. We do this in every Mass, we gather and the Lord draws near. Next, they **cry out for mercy** just like we do at every Mass. Next, Jesus quotes **scripture** and gives them an instruction just like He does for us at every Mass. Next, one of them, only one, falls to his knees and gives thanks. This is what we do during the **Eucharistic prayer**, we kneel and, with Jesus, give thanks to the Father. The word "Eucharist" comes from Greek and means to give thanks. Finally, Jesus **sends** him on his way, indicating that it is his faith that has saved him. We too are sent forth by Jesus at the end of every Mass, having once again given proper thanks to God. Psalm 116:12 says, *What return shall I make to the Lord for all the good he has done for me? The cup of salvation I will take up and call on the name of the Lord. You know what the cup of salvation is. It is the holy Eucharist, the chalice of Christ's blood. In so doing we render proper thanks to God.*



Sunday, October 13

4:30pm (Sat) Rashida Brown (birthday 10/11)
 8:00am Candis M. Stretcher (birthday)
 11:00am Deceased Members of the Holland Family

Monday, October 14 *Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr*

7:00am Clarice Williams †

Tuesday, October 15 *St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church*

7:00am Sylvester Campbell (34th anniversary)†

Wednesday, October 16 *St Hedwig, Rel; St Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin*

7:00am Caterina Ciccone †

Thursday, October 17 *St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr*

7:00am Robert Gordon †

Friday, October 18 *Saint Luke, Evangelist*

7:00am Remo Ciccone †

Saturday, October 19 *Sts John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Martyrs*

8:00am For the People
 4:30pm Shirley Austin (birthday)

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

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Romans 1:1-7 Luke 11:29-32
Tuesday: Romans 1:16-25 Luke 11:37-41
Wednesday: Romans 2:1-11 Luke 11:42-46
Thursday: Romans 3:21-30 Luke 11:47-54
Friday: 2 Timothy 4:10-17 Luke 10:1-9
Saturday: Romans 4:13, 16-18 Luke 12:8-12

Music Schedule

Processional
 "How Firm a Foundation!" LMGM #555

Responsorial Psalm
 "The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power"

Gospel Acclamation
 "Alleluia!"

Offertory
 * "Praise to the Lord the Almighty" LMGM #439
 ** "Every Praise" H. Walker

Communion
 "Glorious Is the Name of Jesus" LMGM #374

Post Communion
 "In the Midst of It All" Y. Adams

* 8:00am *Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate*
 ** 11:00am *Youth Choir – L'Tanya Holley, Coordinator*
Josh Graf, Music Associate

Mass Attendance for October 6, 2013

4:30pm 53
 8:00am 168
 11:00am 291
Total: 512

Stewardship Report 2013—2014

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| Actual Tithes (10/6) | \$19,393 |
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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

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| Sunday (10/13) 9:30am RCIA/Inquirers 9:30 Sunday School 3:00pm Choir Rehearsal 8:00pm AA | Wednesday (10/16) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 6:30pm Usher Board meeting |
| Monday (10/14) RECTORY CLOSED 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal | Friday (10/18) 8:00pm NA |
| Tuesday (10/15) 7:00pm Adult Choir | Saturday (10/19) 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

RECTORY CLOSED—Monday, October 14th in observance of **Columbus Day**.

YOUTH SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND—Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. We invite all youth to come and sit together at Mass. **REMINDER**—Youth tithing envelopes for Oct. 2013 thru Sept. 2014 are in the rear of the church for pick-up.

CANNED GOODS COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND—On the second Sunday of every month, we invite you to bring nutritious and non-perishable high protein foods (tuna, canned meats, fruit, stews, and peanut butter) to Mass to restock our food pantry. Our ushers will collect your items during offertory. If you are unable to donate canned goods, please give to the Poor Box located on the wall near the exits since these funds support this effort.



CONTINUED TRAVELING MERCIES—for Msgr. Pope, Deacon Butler, and HCSC parishioners while on pilgrimage to Guadalupe from **Oct. 8-15**. Please pray for our pilgrims as they journey to seek graces.

NEW ALPHA PROGRAM—The *Alpha* program is a new approach to getting to know the Lord Jesus. We meet on Wednesday nights at 7pm in the rectory basement. The focus is less on individual scripture verses and more on getting to know who the Lord is as a person and how He is acting in our actual lives. All are welcome. This 15 week course begins **Wed., Oct. 16th**. For information, see flyer in the bulletin or contact Seminarian Jamie Hickman (202-756-5529) or Deacon Kevin Butler (301-437-9434).

FALL EVANGELIZATION OUTREACH CAMPAIGN—begins **Sat., Oct. 19th** for four consecutive Saturdays. **We still need volunteers to help walk, cook and pray!** Sign-up forms are available in the rear of the Church or rectory office. You do not have to commit to all four Saturdays but maybe for 1 or 2 of the scheduled dates. **Please consider helping with this important effort—we really need more parishioner participation.** Call the rectory to volunteer!

SAVE THE DATE—The Knights of Columbus will sponsor their Fall Barbecue on **Sunday, October 27th**, at **Saint Benedict the Moor, 320 - 21st St., NE**, 8am—until. Delicious ribs, chicken and sides will be available. Stay tuned for more details!



41th ANNIVERSARY CHOIR CONCERT—**Sun., Oct. 27th**, at 4pm. The theme is **"Thanks Be To Thee"**. Tickets available from any Choir member or in the rectory office for \$20. Tickets sell quickly so get your today!

"TEA TIME" with THE OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE—All are invited to a traditional Fall Tea Party **Sat., Oct. 19th, 11:30am—3:30pm** at The Oblate Sisters of Providence Motherhouse. **Tickets: \$35 per person.** For details call 410-242-8500 or 410-242-6861. You can also contact Kim Peaks in the rectory office at 202-546-1885.

Youth Ministry News

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

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 if you are interested.

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. Information will be available soon.

Junior Auxiliary of Our Lady of Perpetual Help presents **"The Fashion Show"** on **Oct. 20th**, from **3-6pm**, in the Panorama Room, 1600 Morris Rd., SE. Participants will model Sunday Best, Business Attire, Casual and Sports, and Red Carpet Gowns. **Donation: \$20**, includes dinner and door prizes.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hscchurch.org

YOUNG ADULT MASS & AFTER PARTY—with Cardinal Wuerl on **Thurs., Oct. 24th at 6:30pm** at Saint Augustine's Catholic Church. After-Party with live music until 10pm is **FREE!** Go to welovecardinalwuerl.eventbrite.com to register. Learn more at [Facebook.com/DCCatholic](https://www.facebook.com/DCCatholic). Interested in joining the event choir, contact: Maria McKenzie: maria.mcknz@gmail.com.

2nd ANNUAL "COATS OF MANY COLORS" COAT DRIVE coming soon! More details to come, so start collecting your unwanted coats.

We would like to hear from our young adults (age 18 to 40^{ish})! 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** or send email: yam@hscchurch.org.



Do you Tweet? Follow us on Twitter for updates at [HCSCYoungAdults!](https://twitter.com/HCSCYoungAdults)



CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEEDS SHELTER HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS—You are invited to volunteer one evening a week from November thru April at one of Catholic Charities' five low barrier shelters for the homeless. Our shelters offer a clean, safe place where people can spend the night. You can make a huge difference by assisting our professional staff from 6-8pm with check-in, bed assignment, distribute linens and toiletries, serve dinner, distribute mail, and most importantly, offer a friendly welcome. For more details please visit: www.CatholicCharitiesDC.org/volunteer or email volunteer@CatholicCharitiesDC.org.