

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings This Weekend:**

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

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Sirach 35:12-18      2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18      Luke 18:9-14



The readings today speak to us of the power of persistent prayer. Notice first the **Problem for Prayer**. None of us like problems, but one thing about problems is that they help to keep us praying. In today's first reading Israel is at war and their enemies are strong. It's time to pray. In the gospel a widow is troubled about something and it keeps her coming back to the judge. Sometimes God allows us problems to keep us praying. Next, notice the **Priority of Prayer**. Joshua and the army did not go forth until Moses took up his prayer place. Prayer ought to precede any major work or decision. Next, notice the **Power of Prayer**. As long as Moses prayed, Israel got the best of the battle. But when fatigue caused his prayer to diminish Israel began to lose. Next, notice the **Partnership of Prayer**. Moses, because of his fatigue, knows he needs to get Aaron and Hur to assist him in praying. As a team they pray together and once again Israel is strengthened and begins to win. Next, notice the **Persistence of Prayer**. The text says that, with Aaron and Hur to help him, Moses prayed right through to sunset. They prayed right until the end and so must we. And finally, there is the **Product of Prayer**. The text says that the enemies of Israel were utterly defeated. This is the power of persistent prayer.



**Sunday, October 20**

4:30pm (Sat) Shirley Austin (birthday)  
8:00am Holy Name Society Deceased Members  
11:00am Patricia Huc †

**Monday, October 21**

7:00am Shelly Townsend (birthday)

**Tuesday, October 22**

7:00am James Clyde Walker (birthday) †

**Wednesday, October 23** *Saint John of Capistrano, Priest*

7:00am Sylvester Campbell (birthday) †

**Thursday, October 24** *Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop*

7:00am Joseph E. Bailey & Helen B. Tyler †

**Friday, October 25**

7:00am Austina A. Jones (4<sup>th</sup> anniversary) †

**Saturday, October 26**

8:00am Barbara Nettles †  
4:30pm For the People

**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 4:20-25      Luke 12:13-21  
**Tuesday:** Romans 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21      Luke 12:35-38  
**Wednesday:** Romans 6:12-18      Luke 12:39-48  
**Thursday:** Romans 6:19-23      Luke 12:49-53  
**Friday:** Romans 7:18-25      Luke 12:54-59  
**Saturday:** Romans 8:1-11      Luke 13:1-9

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**  
"How Firm a Foundation!"      LMGM #555

**Responsorial Psalm**  
"Our help is from the Lord who made heaven and earth"

**Gospel Acclamation**  
"Alleluia!"

**Offertory**  
\* "Just A Little Talk with Jesus"      LMGM #559  
\*\* "I Will Look to the Hills"      arr. by G. Burleigh

**Communion**  
"Glorious Is the Name of Jesus"      LMGM #374  
\* 8:00am *Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate*  
\*\* 11:00am *Church Choir*

**Mass Attendance for October 13, 2013**

4:30pm      68  
8:00am      121  
11:00am      248  
**Total:**      437

**Stewardship Report 2013—2014**

Actual Tithes (10/13)	\$17,313
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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 (10/20)</b> 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am RCIA/Inquirers 3:00pm Choir rehearsal 8:00pm AA	<b>Thursday (10/24)</b> 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Knights of Columbus
<b>Tuesday (10/22)</b> 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 7:00pm Adult Choir	<b>Friday (10/25)</b> 8:00pm NA
<b>Wednesday (10/23)</b> 11:00am Friendly Seniors 7:00pm Adult Choir 7:00pm Alpha Program	<b>Saturday (10/26)</b> 10:00am Liturgical Dance 12:30pm Evangelization Walk 1:00pm Baptism Class 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 those who coordinated and participated in the Annual Family & Friends Picnic last weekend. Although we had to move the picnic indoors due to weather we still had a lot of fun. A special thanks to Annette Brooks and her wonderful committee of volunteers for a great fellowship.



**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., Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>.** Questions? Contact Earlene Capers 301-910-1763.

**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 to participate in this 15-week program. For information, see flyer in the bulletin or contact Seminarian Jamie Hickman (202-756-5529) or Deacon Kevin Butler (301-437-9434).



**FINAL CALL** for tickets for the Church Choir's 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Concert on **Sun., Oct., 27<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.** Donation: \$20 per person. Tickets are still available from any choir member or the rectory office. Tickets will not be sold at the door!



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

## All Saints Day

**November 1<sup>st</sup>,** is the Feast of All Saints. It is a Holy Day of Obligation in which Catholics should attend Mass. While the Church acknowledges many saints by name, there are countless others known to God who are with him in glory and make up the Cloud of Witnesses who surround us (*cf* Heb 12:1). It is these saints in particular who are celebrated on All Saints Day. **Masses will be celebrated at 7am in the chapel, and 10am and 7pm in the Church.**

**ALL SOULS DAY—November 2<sup>nd</sup>** is the day the Church has set aside to commemorate deceased family members and loved ones who await their purification in Purgatory. While these departed souls can pray for us, they can no longer pray for themselves. These spiritual offerings are up to us. Parishioners are encouraged to visit the sacred ground of the Archdiocese's Catholic Cemeteries on Sat., Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, to pray for their departed loved ones and all souls awaiting the resurrection of their bodies in Christ.

## Youth Ministry News

**Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry**

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

**SAVE THE DATE!** A Youth Celebration Mass, **Sat., Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>** at St. Joseph's Church, 2020 St. Joseph's Dr., Largo MD, at 5pm. This celebration Mass is for all youth.

**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 Young Adult Ministry

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

**YOUNG ADULT MASS & AFTER PARTY**—with Cardinal Wuerl on **Thurs., Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** at Saint Augustine's Catholic Church. After-Party with live music until 10pm is **FREE!** Go to [welovecardinalwuerl.eventbrite.com](http://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](mailto:maria.mcknz@gmail.com).

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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<sup>ish</sup>)! 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: [yam@hscchurch.org](mailto:yam@hscchurch.org). **Do you Tweet?** Follow us on Twitter for updates at [HCSCYoungAdults!](https://twitter.com/HCSCYoungAdults)

**FALL EVANGELIZATION OUTREACH CAMPAIGN**—We still need walkers, prayers and cooks for the next 3 weeks. Please consider donating an hour or two to come out and **Spread the Good News** or maybe help serve a meal. Forms are in the rear of the Church or call the rectory to volunteer.

## CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS HOLD OPEN HOUSE—

Interested in catholic high schools for your 8<sup>th</sup> grade student? Visit an open house at one of the local high schools. The **Academy of the Holy Cross**, an all-girls college-preparatory school in Kensington, MD, invites all prospective families to its Open House on **Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 1pm.** Questions? Visit: [academyoftheholycross.org/openhouse](http://academyoftheholycross.org/openhouse).

**Archbishop Carroll High School** is holding it's Open House on **Sun., Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 1pm** at 4300 Harewood Rd., NE, Washington. Questions? Visit: [archbishopcarroll.org](http://archbishopcarroll.org). For information contact: Admissions Director, Ms. Scurlock at [tscurlock@achsd.org](mailto:tscurlock@achsd.org).