

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Jeremiah 23:1-6 Eph. 2:13-18 Mark 6:30-34

Readings Next Weekend:

2 Kings 4:42-44 Eph. 4:1-6 John 6:1-15

Today's Gospel is about **The Priority of Personal Prayer**. Note first the **Practice of Praise**. The apostles joyfully report to Jesus all they had done. It's a good practice for us to tell the Lord our joys and successes, not just our needs and sorrow. Rejoice in the Lord! Next, notice the **Privilege of Personal Prayer**. The Lord invites them to come aside and rest awhile. What an honor to be invited by the Lord to spend some time alone with him. Do you think of your prayer this way? Next notice the **Priority of Personal Prayer**. There are people coming and going in great numbers, they have many needs, but Jesus says that has to wait, we need to get apart. What would happen if you never slept? Eventually you lose your ability to help anybody. So it is with prayer. Prayer has to happen even if other things have to wait. Finally notice the **Product of Pious Prayer**. After this time apart Jesus comes upon a crowd and he pities them for they are like sheep without a shepherd, and now after this rest he is able to teach them at great length. His prayer has equipped him to help and save others. So too for our prayer. Are you praying?



Sunday, July 19

4:30 pm (Sat) Mary Bernice Bond †
8:00 am Lawrence Campbell †
11:00 am Domingos Josea and Mano Evangelista †

Monday, July 20 St. Apollinaris

7:00 am Joseph Chase Sr. †

Tuesday, July 21 St. Lawrence of Brindisi

7:00 am Alonzo Parker †

Wednesday, July 22 St. Mary Magdalene

7:00 am Joan Ryabik (birthday) †

Thursday, July 23 St. Bridget of Sweden

7:00 am Dwayne Banks †

Friday, July 24 St. Sharbel

7:00 am Charlena Addison (birthday) †

Saturday, July 25 St. James

8:00 am Trisa Savoy (birthday)

4:30 pm For the People

MASS INTENTIONS—It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. To offer a Mass in memory or in honor of a friend or family member, call the rectory at 202-546-1885. The customary stipend is \$5 per mass intention.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Exodus 14:5-18 Matt. 12:38-42
Tuesday: Exodus 14:21-15:1 Matt. 12:46-50
Wednesday: Exodus 16:1-15 John 20:1-18
Thursday: Exodus 19:1-20 Matt. 13:10-17
Friday: Exodus. 20:1-17 Matt. 13:18-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15 Matt. 20:20-28

Music Schedule

Proclamation
"Called to Gather as God's People" In the Pews
Responsorial Psalm
"The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want"
Gospel Acclamation
"Alleluia!"
Offertory
* "The Spirit Song" LMGM #271
** "It's Working" R. Smallwood
Communion
"O How I Love Jesus" LMGM #85
Post-Communion
* "One Bread, One Body" LMGM #139
** "Just For Me" K. Louis Eb

Music Ministry

* 8:00 AM Mass – Ruby Robertson, Cantor, Gwen Myles, Music Associate
** 11AM Mass – Men Ensemble – Damion Lynch, Cantor

Mass Attendance for July 12, 2009

*I will praise you Lord with all my heart
In the assembly of the faithful.*
Psalm 111:1

4:30 pm	45
8:00 am	154
11:00 am	305
Total:	504

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Budgeted Tithes (a/o July 12)	\$34,23
Actual Tithes (a/o July 12)	\$39,41
Difference	\$5,18

Be generous when you worship the Lord, and do not stint the first fruits of your hands. With every gift show a cheerful face, and dedicate your tithe with gladness.

Sirach 35:10-11

SUMMER IS A WONDERFUL TIME TO INVITE SOMEONE TO CHURCH—Why not bring a family member, friend, neighbor, or visiting relative to Mass with you next weekend? **Evangelism is for everybody!**

MASS INTENTIONS BOOK—Please remember the intentions book located in the vestibule. The mass intentions book will be updated/changed at the beginning of each month. We would like to continue keeping everyone in our prayers.

**PLEASE BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR.
DO NOT DOUBLE PARK OR PARK ILLEGALLY DURING MASS
OR OTHER CHURCH EVENTS.**

Parking is available down at the school in the lot.

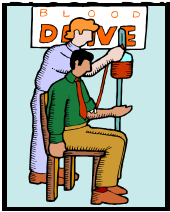
OUR MISSION STATEMENT...

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

HCSC CREDIT UNION—will be closed on Sunday, July 19th due to the Red Cross Blood Drive.



BLOOD DRIVE—sponsored by the Ladies Sodality & the Red Cross—**Sunday, July 19th** from 9:30AM-2PM in the rectory basement. **THANK YOU** to all the parishioners who have up to donate. **Our next blood drive will be in August.** Give Blood. Give the Gift of Life.

QUARTERLY ORGANIZATION & MINISTRY CHAIR MEETING—**Monday, July 20th** at 6:30PM in the rectory basement. The 2009-2010 parish calendar will be discussed. All organizations are asked to send a representative to this important meeting. Light refreshments will be served.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY—its Family Vacation Bible School every Sunday at 10:30PM during the month of August. Sessions are planned for every age group. The theme is "Lord, Send Out Your Spirit" which is in line with our evangelization campaign that was kicked-off on Pentecost. We ask you to register so that we can determine the catering needs. See the flyer in the bulletin to RSVP. **VOLUNTEERS ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED TO HELP PLAN!! Call Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 for info or to volunteer.**

"FIREPROOF"—The #1 Inspirational Film in America—will be shown at HCSC on **Friday, July 31st** at 7PM. All parishioners are invited. Movies for younger parishioners (under age 11) will be shown in the youth room and snacks will be available. This action-packed love story shows how couples deal with very serious "real" issues that affect marriage and relationships. But most importantly we see the power of Christ's grace as it works in our lives. It's a movie that should be experienced by all Christians (married and single). Visit www.fireproofthemovie.com for more information. Free tickets are available in the rectory office.

SUMMER SEMINAR—Our summer seminarian Anthony Lickteig will facilitate the second of his two-part summer seminar series titled "Salvation: Is it Achieved or Received?" on **July 29th** at 7PM in the rectory basement. If you've ever had questions about topics such as grace, freedom, justification, the Law, Baptism, and suffering, then come with your bibles for this interactive session. Light refreshments will be served. Please call the rectory office to RSVP for the July 29th seminar.

FLOWER ASSISTANCE NEEDED—Earlier in the summer we provided information as to why we do not have fresh, weekly floral arrangements on the altar. We have received assistance from a few parishioners who would like to assist with flowers but we are also in need of vendors who can create silk floral arrangements. If you know of a professional silk floral arranger or have a recommendation, contact Kimberly Peaks at 202-546-1885 or pam@hscchurch.org.

202-546-1885 extension # 25 (voicemail)

Other youth trips and events are being planned for the summer. Stay tuned for more details.

OUR YOUTH MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!—Why not resolve to become active in our Youth & Young Adult Ministry? We have ministries for Altar Servers, Junior Lectors, Junior Ushers, Liturgical Dance, Youth Ensemble/Choir and Youth Group. For more information, call Paula at 202-546-1885 x25.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH
July 19-25, 2009

Sunday (7/19) 9:30 am Red Cross Blood Drive 8:00 pm AA	Thursday (July/23) 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus 7:00 pm Welcome Home Grp
Monday (7/20) 6:30 pm Qtrly Organization Mtg 7:00 pm Novena	Friday (7/24) 8:00 pm NA
Tuesday (7/21) 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	Saturday (7/25) 9:30 am SHARE pick-up 10:00 am S.O.M.E. 12:00 pm Jr. Usher's Mtg 1:00 pm Wedding 4:30 pm Mass
Wednesday (7/22) 6:30 pm Senior Usher Bd 7:00 pm Parish Council event	

Our Annual Parish Picnic is Sat., Oct. 10th, 2009. **We need the help of many parishioners to make this a successful event.** Please contact the rectory office some time to help organize this fun fellowship. Interested parishioners should call the rectory office and leave your name and contact number.

SHARE PICK-UP is scheduled for Saturday, July 25th beginning at 9:30AM in the school building (15th & East Capitol Sts., SE).

OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE HOMECOMING—**Sunday, August 2nd, 2009** at the O.S.P Motherhouse in Baltimore, MD. Join the *National Oblate Sisters of Providence Alumni Association (NOSPAA)* for a day of food, fun, entertainment and thanksgiving from 10AM-3PM. **Need Transportation?** Buses depart from the school (15th & E. Capitol Sts, SE) at 9AM and return at 4:30PM. **Cost for bus:** \$15/round trip. **Deadline:** July 27th. Contact Bertha Colbert at 301-567-9786. *Reserve early, seating limited.*

TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY—**SAT., AUG. 29th**—sponsored by the Knights of Columbus St. Cyprian Council #10008. Buses depart at 9AM at 15th & E. Capitol Sts., SE. (return – 10PM). **Cost:** \$40 per person (rebate - \$30). **Money due no later than Aug. 27th.** For information and tickets, call Lawrence Sanders at 301-967-0641.

VACATION NOTE—Don't forget to visit www.masstimes.org for Mass times and locations around the country while you are on vacation this summer.

View past bulletins, daily readings and find out what is happening at our church by visiting our website at

www.hscchurch.org

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT NEWS

Ms. Paula Lancaster, Director of Youth and Young Adults