

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Exodus 16:2-15 Eph. 4:17-24 John 6:24-35

As we get ready to be better evangelizers we confront our fears and our sense of inadequacy. In today's Gospel note that there is a huge crowd and they are hungry and needy. It is no less the case today. There is a huge crowd of fallen away Catholics as well as those who have never known the Lord. And notice that the Lord knows they are hungry before they know they are hungry. Before anyone comes asking for food Jesus is already discussing with his apostles how to feed them. Some of the folks we will evangelize will protest that they are just fine without God and Church in their life. But Jesus knows better. He's telling us to get our provisions together and be ready to feed them. But Jesus! We have so little. We don't know what to say. We can't remember all the scripture passages, how to explain Church teaching and all that stuff. We can't possibly do this. We can't feed them! Bring me what you do have, says Jesus. Let's put all our provisions in place. You are going to be part of this solution but I will make up the difference. So Church, that is what we are doing right now. We're gathering our provisions and numbering them. We may feel disorganized and ill prepared but we have to remember that Jesus is at the helm and with God we can scale any wall.

FUNERAL: Frederick Tolson (7/22/09)



Sunday, July 26

4:30 pm (Sat) For the People
8:00 am Deceased Members of the Chorale †
11:00 am Williams B. Simmons Jr. †

Monday, July 27

7:00 am Laura Stanton (Birthday)

Tuesday, July 28

7:00 am William and Anna Brown †

Wednesday, July 29 St. Martha

7:00 am Walter Harris †

Thursday, July 30 St. Peter Chrysologus

7:00 am Frank and Annie Harris †

Friday, July 31 St. Ignatius Loyola

7:00 am Juanita Crumpton (birthday) †

Saturday, August 1 St. Alphonsus Ligouri

8:00 am William E. Brown Jr. †

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 32:15-34 Matt. 13:31-35
Tuesday: Exodus 33:7-28 Matt. 13:36-43
Wednesday: Exodus 34:29-35 John 11:19-27
Thursday: Exodus 40:16-38 Matt 13:47-53
Friday: Leviticus 23:1-37 Matt 13:54-58
Saturday: Leviticus 25:8-17 Matt 14:1-12

Music Schedule

Processional
"Called to Gather as God's People" In the Pews
Responsorial Psalm
"The hand of the Lord feeds us, He answers all our needs"
Gospel Acclamation
"Alleluia!"
Offertory
* "Yes God Is Real" LMGM #226
** "Everybody Ought to Know Who Jesus Is" arr. by K. Louis
Communion
"Jesus in the Morning" LMGM #131

Music Ministry

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

Mass Attendance for July 19, 2009

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

Psalm 111:1

4:30 pm	63
8:00 am	153
11:00 am	280
Total:	496

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Budgeted Tithes (a/o July 19)	\$51,346
Actual Tithes (a/o July 19)	\$55,326
Difference	\$3,979

*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!

COURTESIES IN CHURCH—Please do not bring food or drink items into the sanctuary. If you have trash, we kindly ask you to take it with you when you leave or place in the trashcan in the vestibule or restrooms. Do not leave candy/gum wrappers, empty water bottles or other trash in the pew. Thank you for keeping God's house clean.

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

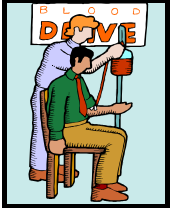
Parking is available down at the school in the lot.

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



THANK YOU to all of the parishioners who donated blood last weekend at our blood drive. Your donation will benefit many in our community. We apologize for the delays and confusion that occurred and hope to rectify these issues with the American Red Cross before we host our next blood drive in 2010.

SHARE REGISTRATION—Thursday, July 30th beginning at 9:30AM. Call Mrs. Betty Hamer of the St. Vincent DePaul Society at 202-546-1885 for more information on this food sharing program. Please see the flyer in the bulletin for information on how you can save money on groceries by participating and learn about the good works of the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

“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. Stop by or call the rectory office to RSVP.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY—HCSC is hosting its **Family Vacation Bible School** every Wednesday at 6:30PM during the month

of August. Sessions are planned for every age group. The theme is “*Preparing the Path for the Prophets*” which is the first phase of our evangelization campaign that was kicked-off on Pentecost. We kindly 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.**

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.



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

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT NEWS

Ms. Paula Lancaster, Director of Youth and Young Adults
202-546-1885 extension # 25 (voicemail)

YEAR-END YOUTH TRIP TO HERSHEY PARK—Friday, August 14th. See the flyer in the bulletin for 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 26–August 1, 2009

Sunday (7/26)
2:00 pm St. Thomas Ladies Aux
8:00 pm AA

Wednesday (7/29)
7:00pm Summer Seminar

Monday (7/27)
7:00 pm Marriage Matters Wkshp
7:00 pm Novena

Thursday (7/30)
9:30 am SHARE Registration

Tuesday (7/28)
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday (7/31)
7:00 pm “Fireproof” the Movie
8:00 pm NA

Saturday (8/1)
4:30 pm Mass

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.

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@hcschurch.org.

MARRIAGE MATTERS WORKSHOP—Mon., July 27th at 7PM in the HCSC rectory basement. The AOW is hosting information sessions on “*A New Language*” (a small group study about the church’s teaching on human sexuality and marriage). Clergy, catechists and parishioners are welcome to attend. Contact Kena Gonzalez at 301-853-5337 to register.

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

www.hcschurch.org