

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Readings This Weekend:

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

### Readings Next Weekend:

1 Kings 19:4-8 Eph. 4:30 - 5:2 John 6:41-51

As we gear up for our evangelization initiative, I thought that this recent quote by Pope Benedict XVI would be of interest. He said that "evangelization consists precisely in the distant God becoming close." Through our words and actions as Catholics, we too are bringing God close to our family, friends, and even strangers. Yet in today's Gospel, we see the foundation of this "evangelization"—Jesus, who is the true bread that came down from heaven and gives life to the world. Evangelization is about a Person coming into our midst every day and remaining with us, particularly in the Eucharist. How many times have you heard "You can't give what you don't have!" Well, as we continue to learn about evangelization, we must realize that we can't give Jesus if we don't receive him regularly in the Eucharist. This is what we as Catholics uniquely have; this is our Good News: Jesus comes close to us in the Eucharist at every Mass. The Pope has also designated this year the "Year of the Priest." This is an opportunity to reflect on the gift of the priesthood, because without the priesthood, Jesus would never come close to us in the Eucharist. Have you ever wondered if your son or brother or nephew has a vocation to the priesthood? Perhaps you're concerned about the implications of such a call on your future family. Or maybe you're just worried about the happiness of such a life for your loved one. As our parish continues its preparation for evangelization, it's important to confront these fears and encourage our sons, brothers and nephews to discern if Jesus is calling them to be the ultimate "evangelizers" by bringing God close to us.

**FUNERAL:** Mary Giles (7/31/09)



### Sunday, Aug 2

4:30 pm (Sat) For the People

8:00 am David K. Wilson †

11:00 am Deceased Members of Fenwick & Hughes Families †

### Monday, Aug 3

7:00 am Otha J. Hamer III

### Tuesday, Aug 4 St. John Vianney

7:00 am Deceased Members of Cole, Greene & Hill Families †

### Wednesday, Aug 5

7:00 am For our Youth

### Thursday, Aug 6 Transfiguration of the Lord

7:00 am Joan Ryabik (6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) †

### Friday, Aug 7

7:00 am Ollie Johnson (birthday)

### Saturday, Aug 8

8:00 am Annie E. Smith †

4:30 pm For the People

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

**Monday:** Numbers 11:4b-15 Matthew 14:13-21

**Tuesday:** Numbers 12:1-13 Matthew 14:22-36

**Wednesday:** Numbers 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35;  
Matthew 15:21-28

**Thursday:** Daniel 7:9-14 2 Peter 1:16-19 Mark 9:2-10

**Friday:** Deuteronomy 4:32-40 Matthew 16:24-28

**Saturday:** Deuteronomy 6:4-13 Matthew 17:14-20

### Music Schedule

Proclamation	"Have A Little Talk with Jesus"	LMGM #211
Responsorial Psalm	"The Lord gave them bread from heaven"	
Gospel Acclamation	"Alleluia!"	
Offertory	* "Blessed Assurance"	LMGM #199
	** "For Every Mountain"	K. Carr
Communion	** "Let Us Break Bread Together"	LMGM #135
	** "Just for Me"	K. Louis
Post Communion Music	** "Changed"	W. Hawkins

### Music Ministry

\* 8:00 AM Mass – Ruby Robertson, Cantor, Gwen Myles, Music Associate

\*\* 11 AM Mass – Women's Ensemble – L'Tanya Holley, Cantor  
Sherice Johnson, Guest Soloist

### Mass Attendance for July 26, 2009

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

Psalm 111:1

4:30 pm	65
8:00 am	128
11:00 am	310
<b>Total:</b>	<b>495</b>

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Budgeted Tithes (a/o July 26)	\$68,462
Actual Tithes (a/o July 26)	\$67,956
Difference	(\$506.00)

*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

**PARISH CONNECTIONS**—Part of the new evangelization is to be Internet savvy. Let the Web catch you and others. Visit our Parish related 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>

**PLEASE NOTE**—From time to time, it is good to remind ourselves of the courtesies to be shown when entering God's house. **Please do not chew gum or eat in church.** Adults are especially requested to remind and teach their children of this discipline. Thank you.

### 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**



**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. **PLEASE REGISTER** so that we can determine the catering needs. Registration forms are available in the rear of the church, in the rectory office or at [www.hcscchurch.org](http://www.hcscchurch.org). **VOLUNTEERS ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED!! Call Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 for info.**



Our Annual Parish Picnic is Sat., Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009. **We need the help of many parishioners to make this a successful event.** Our first planning meeting is Sunday, Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM in the rectory parlor. We need volunteers for the following committees: Advertisement, Food, Youth Activities, Adult Activities, Logistics & Transportation. For more info, contact Annette Brooks, Picnic Chair, at 202 361-4699 or come to the planning meeting.

**JOB OPENING—ACCOUNTANT/BOOKKEEPER**—Part-time position with flexible hours at Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Church. This position is responsible for the general bookkeeping functions of the parish. Applicant must have accounting or bookkeeping experience. Contact Kimberly Peaks at 202-546-1885 or [pam@hcscchurch.org](mailto:pam@hcscchurch.org) for job description and qualifications.

**CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL AGE YOUNG MEN**—Where are you going? What is the Father's will for you? Come find out and have some fun doing so! The Archdiocese is sponsoring a four-day camp in Sparks, MD from Sunday, Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> for all High School young men. *Quo Vadis Days* will give you the opportunity to learn more about the discernment of your vocation as a Catholic man. Activities include prayer, hiking, games, sports, talks, and lots of great food. Sign-up now as space is limited. See [www.dcvocations.org](http://www.dcvocations.org) for details and call Msgr. Pope if you are interested. HCSC is offering limited scholarships for those interested in attending.

**Marriage Matters® but do you know why?**—Find out what the Catholic Church teaches about marriage and why it's important, including articles addressing marriage, scriptural passages and reflections on marriage and family life, marriage preparation information, resources for enriching your marriage and more. The Archdiocese of Washington's educational initiative called Marriage Matters® is online at [www.MarriageMattersDC.org](http://www.MarriageMattersDC.org).

**SUNDAY TV MASS is on a New Station and Time**—Do you know someone who is homebound and can't get to Mass? Maybe illness keeps you at home on occasion? The Sunday TV Mass has moved to a new channel and time. You will find it every Sunday on WDCW-50 (“The CW”) at 10:30 a.m.

**YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS NEWS**

Paula Lancaster, Dir. of Youth & Young Adult Ministry  
202-546-1885 extension # 25 (voicemail)

**NEW DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY**—We are pleased to announce that beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>, Danita L. Colbert will serve in the role of Director of Youth Ministry. Danita has been a faithful member of HCSC for more than 20 years, and has dedicated her time and talents to our Youth Ministry for more than 12 of those years. Please keep Danita, our youth and the entire Youth Ministry Leadership Team in your prayers. If you are interested in working with the youth of our parish, contact Danita at [danitac@peoplepc.com](mailto:danitac@peoplepc.com), or 202-546-1885 ext. 13 or 301-653-1685.

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**  
August 2 - 8, 2009

<b>Sunday (8/2)</b> 8:00 pm AA	<b>Wednesday (8/5)</b> 6:30pm Vacation Bible School
<b>Monday (8/3)</b> 7:00 pm Novena	<b>Friday (8/7)</b> 8:00 pm NA
<b>Tuesday (8/4)</b> 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	<b>Saturday (8/8)</b> 10:00 am St. Vincent DePaul 12:00 noon Jr. Usher's Mtg 4:30 pm Mass

**DESERVING DESIGNS “SEWING” CLASS**—We have begun our “sewing” classes and the participants are having a great time learning to sew. We meet at least once a month on a Thursday evening in the youth room at the school. The youth who are participating (along with their parents) are learning to sew while creating projects for the needy in our parish community. The next class is **tentatively** schedule for **Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:45PM** but **please call Kim Peaks at 202-546-1885 to confirm the date and for more info.** If you have a portable sewing machine please bring it. But, we also have additional machines available due to the gracious donations of sewing machines from our parishioners.

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

**VACATION NOTE**—Don't forget to visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) for Mass times and locations around the country while you are on vacation this summer.

**HAWAIIAN LUAU**—Join the parishioners of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 1600 Morris Rd., SE for a Hawaiian Luau on Saturday, Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7PM-11PM. Tickets: \$25/adult and \$10/children 10 and under. Call 202-678-4999 for more information.

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

[www.hcscchurch.org](http://www.hcscchurch.org)