

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Proverbs 9:1-6 Eph. 5:15-20 John 6:51-58

Readings Next Weekend:

Joshua 24:1-18 Ephesians 5:21-32 John 6:60-69

If you were standing there the day when Jesus demanded that you eat his flesh and drink his blood what would you think? Remember now, you're hearing this for the first time and you haven't been raised on any notion of Holy Communion. Truth is, you'd likely be shocked and think Jesus had gone crazy. People don't eat the flesh of other people or drink their blood. No, this isn't going to happen. But as the crowd gets angry at his demands Jesus doesn't help the situation or back down a bit. In the Greek text he uses words for eating that are downright impolite. Let me translate John 6:53 rather literally for you: *Jesus said to the crowds, 'Let me solemnly assure you: if you do not gnaw on the flesh of the Son of Man and devour his blood you will have no life in you.'* Well the crowds leave in droves that day and would no longer walk with Jesus. He turned to the Apostles and asked if they too would leave. Peter speaking for the rest assured him they would not and once again declares Jesus to be the "Holy One of God." Only with faith in Jesus' divinity can we accept this hard saying. But its OK, God can talk like this, Jesus is God and so we believe that the Holy Communion we receive today really is his Body and Blood. Your Amen today as you receive consoles Jesus for the many he lost that fateful day 2000 years ago.



Sunday, Aug 16

4:30 pm (Sat) Joseph E. Bailey & Helen B. Tyler †

8:00 am For the People

11:00 am Paul Macon (birthday 8/17) †

Monday, Aug 17

7:00 am Aleze L Harris (7th Anniversary) †

Tuesday, Aug 18

7:00 am Mary E. Shepherd †

Wednesday, Aug 19 Saint John Eudes

7:00 am Elroy Short Jr. (birthday) †

Thursday, Aug 20 St. Bernard

7:00 am Mary S. Giles †

Friday, Aug 21 St. Pius X

7:00 am Ernest Coghill (4th Anniversary) †

Saturday, Aug 22 Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am Carl Harris) †

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: Judges 2:11-19 Matt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Judges 6:11-24 Matt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Judges 9:6-15 Matt 20:1-16

Thursday: Judges 11:29-39 Matt 22:1-14

Friday: Ruth 1:1-22 Matt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ruth 2:1-17 Matt 23:1-12

Music Schedule

Processional	
"Just A Little Talk with Jesus"	LMGM #211
Responsorial Psalm	
"Taste and see the goodness of the Lord"	
Gospel Acclamation	
"Alleluia!"	
Offertory	
**"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"	LMGM #242
** "Order My Steps"	G. Burleigh
Communion	
**"One Bread, One Body"	LMGM #139
** "Just For Me"	K. Louis Eb
Post Communion Music	
** "To Live Is Christ"	D. Coley

Music Ministry

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

** **11AM** Mass – Solo Vocal Ministry of Jhermaine Drakeford–
L'Tanya Holley, Cantor

Mass Attendance for August 9, 2009

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

Psalm 111:1

4:30 pm	69
8:00 am	144
11:00 am	288
Total:	502

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Budgeted Tithes (a/o Aug 9)	\$102,692
Actual Tithes (a/o Aug 9)	\$108,723
Difference	+\$6,030

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

Fr. Pope's Sermons online: www.frpope.com

Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>

MOVING IN, OUT OR WITHIN THE PARISH? RECENTLY MARRIED OR HAD A CHILD? Please help us keep our records up-to-date by calling the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or sending your new information to hcscstaff@hcscchurch.org. It is important that you are registered in the parish since weddings, baptisms and other parish services require registration. 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—Our Vacation Bible School (VBS) has begun and over 100 parishioners have registered. You can still register for the remaining 2 sessions. **VBS** meets 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. **Registration forms** are available in the rear of the church, in the rectory office or at www.hcscchurch.org. **PLEASE REGISTER SO WE CAN PLAN OUR CATERING NEEDS!!** If you missed a session, check out the audio presentations on our website at www.hcscchurch.org.

SHARE PICK-UP – Saturday, August 22nd at the school from 9:30AM until 11AM. The next deadline for **SHARE registration** is **Thursday, Sept. 3rd**. Stay tuned for next month’s delicious menu.



Our Annual Parish Picnic is Sat., Oct. 10th, 2009. **We need the help of many parishioners to make this a successful event.** 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.

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 for job description and qualifications.



REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—Beginning August 23rd, we will hold registration for Sunday School classes for youth in pre-K through high school (this also includes classes for youth receiving the sacraments such as First Communion and Confirmation). **Classes begin on Sunday, September 27th from 9:30AM to 10:45AM** at the school. Stay tuned!!



FEAST OF SAINT CYPRIAN—We will celebrate our patron feast day on **Sunday, September 20th**. We need parishioners to help plan this event. If you’re interested in coordinating or just to volunteer for the day of the event, call Kim Peaks at the rectory at 202-546-1885 or email: pam@hcscchurch.org with your name and number or email and we will be in contact.

CONFESSIONAL CHANGE— The church confessional used most Sundays has been slightly modified. On the right side is a chair for you to sit. On the left side is the traditional kneeler. Both sides of the confessional booth still feature the screen. The chair is supplied by the request of a number of parishioners who have said it is hard for them to kneel these days. We hope this modification will make it more comfortable.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS NEWS

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

THANK YOU to all the adults who chaperoned the Youth Ministry Trip to Hershey Park last Friday. Everyone had a great time!

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. And, we are always in need of adults to assist with planning events for our youth and young adults. Call Paula at 202-546-1885 x25.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

August 16 - 22, 2009

Sunday (8/16) 8:00 pm AA	Thursday (8/20) 6:30pm HCSCFCU Board Meeting
Monday (8/17) 7:00 pm Novena	Friday (8/21) 8:00 pm NA
Tuesday (8/18) 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	Saturday (8/22) 9:30 am SHARE Pick-up 10:00 am S.O.M.E. 12:00 pm Jr. Usher Meeting
Wednesday (8/19) 6:30pm Vacation Bible School	

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.

Baptismal Classes for Families of Infants and Children—the next scheduled baptismal preparatory class will begin September 12th, 2009 at 1:00PM in the rectory basement. If you are interested in having your child receive the sacrament of baptism (age 7 and under), please contact Fr. Pope at the rectory to make arrangements prior to attending the class.

INQUIRERS CLASSES—will begin in early October 2009. If you have a loved one or family member who wants to learn more about the Catholic faith please have them contact Monsignor Pope at the rectory. He would prefer to meet with them prior to starting classes.



VACATION TIME IS HERE—Whether you stay at home, visit relatives or friends, or travel, it is our hope and prayer that you and your family will enjoy yourself, get some much needed rest for your mind and body, and enrich yourself physically and spiritually. The time spent on vacation does not exclude Mass and the sacraments of course. No matter where you are, make every effort to join in the celebration of Mass. We should remember to always keep the Lord's day sacred. What better time to pray in thanksgiving than while you are resting and recreating?

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

www.hcscchurch.org