

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Numbers 11:25-29 James 5:1-6 Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Readings Next Weekend:

Genesis 2:18-24 Hebrew 2:9-11 Mk 10:2-16



PASTORAL SHARINGS

The Lord Jesus speaks powerfully of the seriousness of sin in the gospel when he says: *If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire.* What Jesus is fundamentally saying is that it is more serious to sin than to lose you right hand. Now we don't think like this. Even when we are told to think like this we find it hard to think this way. What a horrible thing it would be to lose you right hand in some freak accident and to have to go through the rest of your life with out a hand. Horrible! But Jesus' point is that to sin is even worse. We would surely grieve the loss of a hand and do almost anything to prevent that loss. Why don't we think this way about our sin? Here is proof we need a renewed mind. We just don't think the way God does. We don't see the way He does. Clearly we need to be more serious and concerned about our sin than most of us are. We don't get it. We don't understand how awful it is. We minimize it, make light of it, excuse it. But God says it is worse than losing your hand, or eye or foot. Consider well your need for what the Bible calls "Metanoia." Literally this Greek word means "to come to a new way of thinking, to have a changed mind." The opening word of Jesus ministry was "Metanoite" "Come to a new mind!



Sunday, Sept 27

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

8:00 am For the People

11:00 am Dwayne T. Holton (birthday)

Mon. Sept 28 St. Wenceslaus (Martyr); St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions (Martyrs)

7:00 am Shelia Walker (†)

Tuesday, Sept 29 Archangels Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael

7:00 am Deceased family members: Fenwick & Hughes (†)

Wednesday, Sept 30 St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor

7:00 am Florence Davis (†) (birthday)

Thursday, Oct 1 St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor

7:00 am Charles P. Campbell (†) (10th anniversary)

Friday, Oct 2 Guardian Angels (First Friday)

7:00 am Deceased family members: Cole, Greene, Hill (†)

Saturday, Oct 3

8:00 am Theresa Sims (†)

4:30 pm Deceased members: St. Vincent de Paul Society (†)

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: Zec 8:1-8 Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8 Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22 Mt 18:1-5,10
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 Lk 10:17-24

Music Schedule

Processional

"Lift Him Up" in the pews

Responsorial Psalm

"The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart"

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia!"

Offertory

* "Yes God Is Real" LMGM #226
 ** "Holy Spirit" R. Smallwood

Communion

"O How I Love Jesus" LMGM #85

Music Ministry

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

Mass Attendance for September 20, 2009

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

Psalm 111:1

4:30 pm	61
10:00am	500
Total:	561

Stewardship Report 2009-2010

Budgeted Tithes (a/o September 20)	\$205,385
Actual Tithes (a/o September 20)	\$198,782
Difference	(\$6,603)

WHAT ARE MASS INTENTIONS? It is an important obligation that we pray for the dead. Today many people rush to make declarations that their loved ones are "in heaven" but, honestly, that is not your judgment to make because that judgment belongs to Jesus. The scriptures do not say that when we die we go immediately to heaven. The scriptures say we "*appear before the Judgment seat of Christ to render an account for what we have done*" (Rom 14:10; 2 Cor 5:10, Hebrews 9:27). Since our loved ones have gone to judgment, we ought to pray for them. Although we can surely have confidence for their salvation if they had real faith, yet still the Lord might judge some of his saving work incomplete in them and he may need to bring it to completion (cf Philippians 1:6). Jesus indicates that some of us, after appearing before the judgment seat, may need to be detained until the last penny is paid (Mat 5:26, Luke 12:59). This is one of the basic roots of the teachings on *purgatory*. And, if some of our loved ones may be there why not pray for them? Why not have mass offered for them? This is the ancient Christian practice. *Give me that old time religion!* Our grandparents and ancestors prayed for the dead, so should we. Pray and have Masses offered for your loved ones. They can use our prayers.

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.*

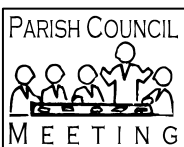
PARISH LIFE



THANK YOU to all the volunteers, parishioners and staff who helped make this year's Feast of Saint Cyprian celebration such a wonderfully joyous and happy fellowship for the community. A very special thanks to Earlene Capers and her magnificent volunteers who coordinated the reception following the Mass. Please know that your commitment and dedication are truly appreciated.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS BEGUN!—If you have a youth in grade pre-K thru high school, you can still enroll in our Sunday School classes held every Sunday at 9:30AM-10:30AM in the school. Contact Shirley Austin at 202-546-1885 ext. 26 or mre@hscchurch.org or visit www.hscchurch.org for a registration form.

SHARE REGISTRATION—Thurs., Oct. 1st beginning at 9:30AM. 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.



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING—will be held on **Oct. 3rd at 10AM** in the rectory basement. **All members are required to be in attendance.** Parishioners are invited to attend.

SINGLE PARENTS MINISTRY FORMING—Are you a single parent who would like to get together with other single parents to chat, for support, for parenting workshops, etc.? Join us on **Sunday, October 4th after the 11AM mass** in the rectory basement for a "Meet and Greet." Male and female single parents are welcome.

LEARN ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH—Classes begin Tues., Oct. 6th at 7PM in the rectory for those who are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. These classes are especially intended for those non-Catholics who are interested in becoming Catholic. They are also intended for adult Catholics who may have missed receiving either First Holy Communion or Confirmation. Even if you are a fully initiated Catholic, please take this time to inform any relatives or friends whom you know that might benefit from these instructions and formation. If you need more information, call Monsignor Pope at 202-546-1885.



Our **Annual Parish Picnic** is **Sat., Oct. 10th, 2009** at Cosca Park in Clinton, MD. We invite all of our parishioners to attend this free fellowship and to consider volunteering to help. For more information contact Annette Brooks, HCSC Picnic Chair, at 202 361-4699.

"...And They Sang a Hymn"—The **HOLY COMFORTER-SAINT CYPRIAN CHURCH CHOIR** celebrates its **37th Anniversary Concert** on **Sunday, October 25th** at 4:00PM in the church. **Donation:** \$10 per person. Tickets and ad information is available from any choir member or rectory office.



YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS NEWS

Danita L. Colbert, Dir. of Youth & Young Adult Ministry
202-546-1885 ext # 25 (voicemail)
youthdirector@hscchurch.org

BUDDING JOURNALIST NEEDED!—We are looking for young people interested in putting together the monthly Youth Ministry newsletter. We need writers, reporters, editors, photographers, etc. Contact Celeste Campbell at cilcamp@netzero.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 3rd – College Preparation Seminar
- October 11th – Youth Ministry Membership Drive
- October 24th – Community Service Project
- October 31st – Harvest Festival (off-site)

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH
September 27 - October 3, 2009

<p>Sunday (9/27) 9:30 am Sunday School 1:00 Evangelization Core Team 1:30 pm Baptism 2:00 pm St. Thomas Ladies Aux 8:00 pm AA</p>	<p>Wednesday (9/30) 11:00 am Friendly Seniors 7:00 pm Bible Study</p>
<p>Monday (9/28) 6:30 pm Sr. Exec. Usher Bd Mtg 7:00 pm Novena</p>	<p>Thursday (10/1) 9:30am SHARE reg.</p>
<p>Tuesday (9/29) 6:30 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>Friday (10/2) 8:00 pm NA</p>
	<p>Saturday (10/3) 8:00 am Usher Training 10:00 am College Prep Wkshp 10:00 am Parish Council 12:30 pm Reconciliation 4:30 pm Mass</p>



KEEP IN TOUCH W/HSC VIA THE INTERNET—

About 18 months ago, we attempted a "listserv" for our church so that we could periodically send out important church announcements to your email or mobile device. Unfortunately this effort was not successful so we are trying it again but with new technology. We are looking at a couple of new software adventures to determine what will work best for us. Stay tuned to the bulletin for the official launch of this new effort!

INDIVIDUAL RETREATS AVAILABLE—Non-directed, quiet retreats are available Monday to Friday or Friday to Sunday in the monastic environment of Holy Cross Abbey in Berryville, VA. In addition to daily mass, retreatants may attend the Liturgy of the Hours sung by the monks. Silence is maintained in all common areas, including the chapel, dining room, and library. Each individual bedroom has its own desk, bathroom with shower, and a beautiful view of the Shenandoah Mountains. A monk is available for confession and counsel; no other talks are given. Suggested donation ranges from \$150 - \$350, depending on length of stay and includes all meals. For more information, see www.hcava.org. For reservations, ring (540) 955-4383.

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

www.hscchurch.org