

TWENTY-SEVENTH 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

God established marriage in the Book of Genesis and we are taught the following essentials about marriage: (1) It was not good for

Adam to be alone. He needed a "suitable partner." (Genesis 2:18) I want you to notice the word "suitable" which the dictionary defines as "apt, proper or fitting." (2) The suitable partner for Adam is first of all **human** – for none of the animals proved to be suitable for Adam. (Gen 2:20) (3) The suitable partner for Adam was a woman. God created Eve, a woman, not Steve, a man. (Gen 2:22) (4) The suitable partner for Adam was one woman. For God did not create Eve and Ellen and Jane and Sue. Hence polygamy is not of God's design. (5) Adam is to enter a stable relationship with his suitable partner Eve. The text says that man should leave his father and mother and cling to his wife (Gen 2:24). To cling means to adhere, to stick like glue. Hence, divorce and disunity are not part of God's vision for marriage. (6) Adam and Eve are told to be fruitful and multiply, to fill the earth and subdue it (Gen 1:28). Now here is the essential rationale as to why their marriage should be stable and heterosexual. In the first place marriage should be stable because that is what is best for children. Secondly, the procreation and rearing of children is an **ESSENTIAL** end of marriage.

FUNERAL: David Campbell (10/2/09)

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Oct 4

4:30 pm (Sat) Deceased members: St. Vincent de Paul Society (†)
8:00 am Joseph E. Bailey (†) (16th anniversary)
11:00 am Rita A. Lowry (birthday)

Monday, Oct 5

7:00 am Glendora Thomas & Sons (†)

Tuesday, Oct 6 St. Bruno, Priest; St. Marie-Rose Durocher, Virgin

7:00 am David Campbell (†)

Wednesday, Oct 7 Our Lady of the Rosary

7:00 am Charles Harris (birthday 10/8) (†)

Thursday, Oct 8

7:00 am Alice N. Thornton (†) (21th anniversary)

Fri. Oct 9 St. John Leonardi, Priest; St. Denis, Bishop & Martyred Companions

7:00 am Paul Q. Harris (†) (birthday)

Saturday, Oct 10

8:00 am Francis D. Campbell (†) (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: 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

"Father I Stretch My Hands to Thee" LMGM #223

Responsorial Psalm

"May the Lord bless all the days of our lives"

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia!"

Offertory

* "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" LMGM #226
** "Forever You're My King" arr. by K. Louis

Communion

"Glorious Is the Name of Jesus" LMGM #194

Music Ministry

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

Mass Attendance for September 27, 2009

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

Psalm 111:1

4:30 pm	68
8:00 am	134
10:00 am	<u>301</u>
Total:	503

Stewardship Report 2009-2010

Budgeted Tithes (a/o September 27)	\$222,500
Actual Tithes (a/o September 27)	<u>\$210,903</u>
Difference	- \$11,598

COLLECTION SHORTFALL—You will notice in the box above that our collection of the tithe is falling well behind what is budgeted. There may be many reasons for this but it is the first time in the past two years we have fallen so far behind. Please accept as an encouragement that your portion of the tithe however large or small is an essential component of keeping this House of the Lord open and functioning. On **October 18th**, we will conduct our annual review of God's teaching on the necessity of the tithe and the blessings that come from fidelity to this teaching. In the meantime, if you have fallen behind please assist us at this time by catching up. It will be a great relief. Thank you.

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Malachi 3:10

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

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.

YOUTH SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND—We invite all our youth to come and worship together at the 11AM Mass next Sunday. Following Mass, the **Youth Ministry will host a membership fair** with information on all the youth ministries that are offered at our parish. Come and find out how you can be involved. Invite a friend!

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.



CANNED GOODS COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

— We invite you to bring nutritious and **non-perishable** high protein foods (canned meats, tuna, stews, peanut butter) to any Mass next weekend for our food pantry. Please **do not** bring cereal or perishable foods. If you cannot bring canned goods, please consider a monetary donation to the poor box which also supports our food pantry.

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.

BIBLE STUDY IN THE MORNING W/DEACON BUTLER—Join the Friendly Seniors every Wednesday morning at 11:00 am in the youth room at the school for bible study with Deacon Butler. Bring your bible as they study the Act of the Apostles. Come and learn about the evangelization efforts of the early church. Then stay afterwards for a fun fellowship with the Friendly Seniors.

The **Annual "Family and Friends" Picnic** is next **Sat., Oct. 10th, 2009** at Cosca Park in Clinton, MD. See the flyer for more information.

"...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 11th – Youth Ministry Membership Drive
October 24th – Community Service Project
October 31st – "All Hallow's Eve" Event (off-site)

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

October 4th - 10th, 2009

Sunday (10/4)

9:30 am Sunday School
1:00 Picnic Planning Comm. mtg
1:30 pm Single Parent Min mtg
2:00 pm Dance Rehearsal
8:00 pm AA

Monday (10/5)

7:00 pm Novena

Tuesday (10/6)

6:30 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm RCIA/Inquirers

Wednesday (10/7)

11:00 am Friendly Seniors
7:00 pm Bible Study

Thursday (10/8)

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus
7:00 Welcome Home mtg

Friday (10/9)

6:00 pm CAG Dance
8:00 pm NA

Saturday (10/10)

10:00 am St. Vincent dePaul
12:00 pm Parish Picnic
4:30 pm Mass



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!

CHURCH MURALS—This week, we begin our series on the murals painted on the walls of this church. Each week, we will feature one or two of the Saints (in chronological order) along with commentary written by seminarian Anthony Lickteig. As you know, Holy Comforter is the title of the Holy Spirit and this church was built to honor the Holy Spirit. At the center of the church over the altar is a tongue of fire and the words *The Spirit of the Lord fills the Whole Earth* (translated from the Latin text). But how will God accomplish this? It is not through magic fairy dust but through the lives of Holy men and women. You will notice over each Saint a tongue of fire which represents the Holy Spirit. And, each mural indicates the place and time where they ministered. This is how God fills the earth with his Spirit. Copies of the series can be found in the rear of the church and on the website. Contact the rectory for additional copies. Please note that the series will change from week to week.

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

www.hscchurch.org