

## TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Readings This Weekend:

Isaiah 53:10-11 Hebrew 4:14-16 Mk 10:35-45

### Readings Next Weekend:

Jeremiah 31:7-9 Hebrew 5:1-6 Mk 10:46-52



It is not unusual to meet people who want all their rights but none of the responsibility. The Apostles

James and John were acting this way in today's Gospel. They were looking for the seats of honor but Jesus has to remind them of the price of those seats. So too for us. We want to be disciples but are we willing to take up the discipline of disciples? One of those disciplines, those duties, is tithing. God's house has a work to do and we as disciples must support that work. God tells us to bring the full tithe into the storehouse (temple) so that "there may be meat in my house" (Mal 3:10). In other words, there must be resources in God's House if we are to accomplish what God intends for us to do. The Worship and praise of God is our central work but so is catechesis, evangelization, and care for the poor. We must also maintain our buildings and support our staff with decent living wages. It's time to renew our commitment to Biblical Tithing. Recently our collection has been slipping below what we need weekly to do the work described above. There is a duty and discipline to discipleship. If we all do our part I have no doubt we will be fine. Tithing is God's financial plan for this parish. If I preach it faithfully and we live it God will pour out his blessings. So review your faithfulness, release your funds and receive your fruitfulness.

**FUNERAL:** Curtis Brown (10/19/09)

**HOSPITALIZED:** Crystal Ross



### Sunday, Oct 18

4:30 pm (Sat) Joseph E. Bailey & Helen B. Tyler (†)  
8:00 am William B. Simmons, Jr. (birthday) (†)  
11:00 am Deceased of Moore, Jackson, Pye & Crumpton Families (†)

### Monday, Oct 19 St. John d Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, martyrs

7:00 am Deceased Member of Cole, Greene & Hill Families (†)

### Tuesday, Oct 20 St. Paul of the Cross, priest

7:00 am Catherine Graham (39<sup>th</sup> anniv.) (†)

### Wednesday, Oct 21

7:00 am Margaret Norman (birthday) (†)

### Thursday, Oct 22

7:00 am Mary E. Shepherd (†)

### Friday, Oct 23 St. John of Capistrano, priest

7:00 am For The People

### Saturday, Oct 24 St. Anthony Mary Claret, bishop

8:00 am Morris Walker (†)

4:30 pm Kamille A. Jackson (†)

**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

<b>Monday</b>	Rom 4:20-25	Lk 12:13-21
<b>Tuesday</b>	Rom 5:12-21	Lk 12:35-38
<b>Wednesday</b>	Rom 6:12-18	Lk 12:39-48
<b>Thursday</b>	Rom 6:19-23	Lk 12:49-53
<b>Friday</b>	Rom 7:18-25a	Lk 12:54-59
<b>Saturday</b>	Rom 8:1-11	Lk 13:1-9

### Music Schedule

#### Proclamation

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

#### Responsorial Psalm

"Lord let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you"

#### Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia!"

#### Offertory

\* "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" LMGM #236

\*\* "Jesus" arr. by K. Louis

#### Communion

"Oh 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 October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009

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

Psalm 111:1

4:30 pm	54
8:00 am	133
10:00 am	<u>280</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>467</b>

### Stewardship Report 2009-2010

Budgeted Tithes (a/o October 11)	\$256,731
Actual Tithes (a/o October 11)	\$248,623
Difference	- \$8,108

*All the tithes of the land, whether in grain from  
the fields or in fruit from the trees, belong to  
the Lord as sacred to him.*

*Leviticus 27:30*

**TODAY IS TITHING COMMITMENT SUNDAY**—Today we turn our attention to the Biblical teaching on Tithing. Please read the flyer in today's bulletin for preparatory information and for an outline of the Sermon. Msgr. Pope will preach all Masses this weekend and remind us of the Biblical teaching on tithing. After the homily you will be invited to come forward and place your commitment card in the basket. Remember, tithing is a blessing, not a burden. God promises blessings to those who obey his command to tithe. God himself says this, *Prove me in this [tithing], says the Lord of Hosts and see if I do not pour you out a blessing such that you cannot contain it.* (Mal 3:10) Hence tithing is something to celebrate not merely something to suffer. God is good and he will not be outdone in generosity.

### 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 wonderful volunteers and committee members who made our Parish Picnic a tremendous success. Over 150 family and friends attended the event last Saturday on a crisp fall day. **A very special thanks to Annette Brooks** and her extraordinary committee who made sure a great time was had by all.

**OCTOBER COUNT UPDATE**—Every year, the diocese requires each church to count the number of faithful who attend Mass for the month of October. This process is called the October Headcount. We have noticed that over the past 15 years, these numbers have dropped from just under 900 on an average Sunday to 550 in the most recent count. It appears this year that the numbers will drop again. I hope you can see why the work of evangelization is urgent. We cannot continue to allow these numbers to erode forever.

**ATTENTION!!** The next scheduled meeting of the Organization and Ministry Chairs' is **Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM** in the rectory basement. **All HCSC ministries/organizations must send one representative to this meeting.** Light refreshments will be available.

**OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY**—Each year, October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated in October. It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful. During October, let us consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we too can use in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation. Rosaries are available for sale in our Candlelight Store.



**FLU SEASON**—Due to the prevalence of the flu, some parishes have suspended reception of the Precious Blood but we have no plans to do this at HCSC. You are encouraged if you have a cold or cough to abstain from receiving the Precious Blood. Also, if you are prone to catching the flu you are encouraged to exercise your own judgment in this matter. Please note that Catholics are not required to receive from the cup. When we receive the host, we receive the living Lord Jesus, whole and entire, and this already includes his blood.

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

**Fifth Annual African Catholic Day of Prayer**—Sat., Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> with Mass Celebrated by Archbishop Donald Wuerl at 12noon at St. Mark Church, 7501 Adelphi Rd, Hyattsville, MD, 20783. Rosary at 11AM. African food/vendors at 2PM and Choir Concert at 2:30PM (\$10 per person for concert).For info. call Helen (301-648-0144) or Bernadette (703-887-8137).

## YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS NEWS

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

**COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT**—On Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, the Youth Ministry will partner with the Ladies of Charity to prepare and serve hot, nutritious meals for families at *So Others Might Eat*, Inc. (SOME) from 9:30AM-2PM. We invite youth, age 13 & older, to join us. There are only **ten** slots available. **Call the rectory office by Wed, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> to sign up.** **Questions?** Contact Vanity Nobles at [hcscym@gmail.com](mailto:hcscym@gmail.com) or 413-847-1955.

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**—We commend our youth for their eagerness to serve God. Approximately 20 youth signed up to join a youth ministry. For those youth who took forms with them, please submit the forms to the rectory office as soon as possible. Special thanks to Susan Jenifer for coordinating the event. **Questions?** Contact Susan at [sebjennifer@aol.com](mailto:sebjennifer@aol.com) or 301-651-1398.

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COORDINATOR**—The Youth Ministry is in need of a parishioner to coordinate programs and activities for youth in pre-Kindergarten— 5<sup>th</sup> grade. If you have questions or are interested, contact Danita L. Colbert at [youthdirector@hscchurch.org](mailto:youthdirector@hscchurch.org) or 202-546-1885 ext. 25.

### UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

October 31 - Harvest Festival (off-site)  
November 11 – Altar Servers Outing  
November 13 – Game Night/Real Talk  
November 21 – Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Walkathon

## THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

October 18<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009

<p><b>Sunday (10/18)</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Ladies of Charity mtg 1:00 pm Evan. Core Team mtg 2:00 pm Dance Rehearsal 4:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 8:00 pm AA</p>	<p><b>Wednesday (10/21)</b> 11:00 am Friendly Seniors 7:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p><b>Monday (10/19)</b> 6:00 pm POM Finance Mtg 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Mtg 7:00 pm Novena 7:00 pm Evan. Steering Comm.</p>	<p><b>Thursday (10/22)</b> 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus 7:00 pm Welcome Home Grp</p>
<p><b>Tuesday (10/20)</b> 6:00 pm P.C. Exec Bd mtg 6:30 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm RCIA/Inquirers</p>	<p><b>Friday (10/23)</b> 6:30 pm Women's Ministry mtg 8:00 pm NA</p>
	<p><b>Saturday (10/24)</b> 9:30 am SHARE 10:00 am SOME 10:00 am Sunday School mtg 10:30 am Oratory (convent) 10:30am Sodality Bd mtg 12:30 pm Jr. Usher's mtg 4:30 pm Mass</p>

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