

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Readings This Weekend:**

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41 Rev 5:11-14 John 21:1-19

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Acts 13:14, 43-52 Rev 7:9, 14-17 John 10:27-30



Today's Gospel focuses on Peter's journey of faith. However, if you are ready to accept it, you are Peter. Note first the **Regrettable Reversal**. Peter says he is going back to fishing. But Jesus had called him away from fishing and told him to fish for people. Sometimes when we struggle we go back to old habits. But next, notice the **Redeeming Reminder**. Jesus calls to Peter and the others and tells them to lower their nets for a catch. He does exactly what he had done before when he had called them to be Apostles. Next comes a **Reorienting Repast**. Jesus prepares a meal. The charcoal fire reminds Peter of his denial of the Lord. But the Lord has an honest discussion with Peter about the nature of Peter's love. In a moment of honesty Peter admits that although the Lord wants total love from him, he is only able to promise brotherly love. Jesus does not berate him for this but teaches him that there will come a day (when he is martyred) that he will finally be able to pledge complete love. We, too, struggle with half-hearted commitments to God and cannot always give God what he requests. But little by little, if we are faithful, God will get us to that place where we are ready to surrender all.



**Sunday, April 14**

4:30pm (Sat) Ida & Joe Williams †  
 8:00am Mary Elizabeth Lindsey (birthday 3/25) †  
 11:00am For the People

**Monday, April 15**

7:00am Joseph E. Bailey & Helen B. Tyler †

**Tuesday, April 16**

7:00am Annise C. Smith (birthday 3/27) †

**Wednesday, April 17**

7:00am Ruby Roberts and Family

**Thursday, April 18**

7:00am Buena Walton (5<sup>th</sup> anniversary 4/11) †

**Friday, April 19**

7:00am Ruby Roberts and Family

**Saturday, April 20**

8:00am Anika Williams  
 4:30pm James A. & Elizabeth G. Hill †

**MASS INTENTIONS**—It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. To offer a Mass in memory of a friend or family, call 202-546-1885. The customary stipend is \$5 per intention.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15 John 6:22-29  
**Tuesday:** Acts 7:51—8:1 John 6:30-35  
**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1-8 John 6:35-40  
**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40 John 6:44-51  
**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20 John 6:52-59  
**Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42 John 6:60-69

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**  
 "Jesus Is the Resurrection" LMGM #680  
**Responsorial Psalm**  
 "I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me."  
**Gospel Acclamation**  
 "Alleluia!"  
**Offertory**  
 "We Walk by Faith" LMGM #550  
**Communion**  
 "O How I Love Jesus" LMGM #365

\* 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate  
 \* \* 11:00am Youth Ensemble – L'Tanya Holley, Choir Coordinator  
 Josh Graf, Music Associate, Youth Liturgical Dance Ministry  
 Gail Bell & Susan Jenifer, Coordinators

**Mass Attendance for April 7, 2013**

4:30pm 61  
 8:00am 164  
 11:00am 274  
**Total: 499**

**Stewardship Report 2012—2013**

Budgeted Tithes (4/7)	\$694,240
Actual Tithes (4/7 )	\$690,381
Difference	-\$3,859

**ELECTRONIC TITHING**—Have you considered electronic tithing through the **Faith Direct** program here at HCSC? You can have your tithes deducted from your bank account TWICE a month or charged to a credit card. It is a secure, convenient way to support your parish community. Enrollment forms are in the rear of the church, the rectory office, or you can sign up online at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net). **HCSC church code: DC59.** Call Kim Peaks at the rectory office for more information. It's easy and it's FREE!



**FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND**—If a family member is sick, hospitalized or homebound, please call the rectory on 202-546-1885 or you can send an e-mail to: [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff@hscchurch.org) so that your family member can be scheduled to receive a home visit and the sacrament.

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

<b>Sunday (4/14)</b> 9:30am Holy Name Society mtg 9:30am RCIA/Inquirers 9:30am Sunday School 8:00pm AA	<b>Wednesday (4/17)</b> 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Bible Study 6:30pm Senior Usher Board mtg
<b>Monday (4/15)</b> 6:30pm Youth Leaders meeting 7:00pm Novena	<b>Friday (4/19)</b> 8:00pm NA
<b>Tuesday (4/16)</b> 7:00pm Adult Choir	<b>Saturday (4/20)</b> 10:00am Liturgical Dance 12:00pm Ladies Aux #73 4:30pm Mass

**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**

**CONFIRMATION**—Eight HCSC youth received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Thursday from Bishop Holley. They are: **Julian Elias, Anthony Leo Hill, Jr., Sydney Jackson, Emmari Lancaster, Kayla Branae Scott, Justin Shepard, Derek Ryan Thomas and Tiffany West.** Please pray for these young people that they stay strong in their faith and in this faith community.



**TODAY IS YOUTH SUNDAY**—We invite our youth and their parents to sit in the first few pews in front of the clergy at the 11am Mass.

**CANNED GOODS COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**—If you brought canned goods for our food pantry, please make sure you give them to the ushers. Monetary donations are also accepted at the Poor Boxes located on the walls near the exits since the funds support this effort.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** will be celebrated **Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 11am Mass.** Please pray that our youth, with their parents' help, may make this the first communion of a life long practice of receiving Holy Communion every Sunday.

**DEACON RALPH CYRUS CELEBRATES 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**—On April 19<sup>th</sup>, the Archdiocese holds its Annual Diaconate Anniversary Celebration of Deacons celebrating their Silver Jubilee and other milestones of service. Our own Deacon Ralph Cyrus will receive his 20-year pin commemorating his years of service to the Lord and his faith community. Congratulations to the Deacon on reaching this milestone and we ask you to continue to pray for his devotion and dedication to the Lord.

**HCSC-SINGLETERARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND**—If you are graduating from high school this year and planning to go to college, the HCSC-Singletary Education Fund wants you to apply for a scholarship. For information see the bulletin flyer and visit the link on our website: [www.hcscchurch.org](http://www.hcscchurch.org) under "Links".



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY TOPICS**—The theme for the upcoming bible studies is entitled **"Catholic Controversies."** Ancient biblical and Catholic teachings are considered by many today to be very controversial as our world becomes more secular and distant from biblical teaching. Msgr. Pope will address some of the most "controversial" Catholic teachings and show their Biblical roots and propose that such teachings are both reasonable and a charitable proclamation of the truth given us by God. The topic for **April 17<sup>th</sup>** is: **"No Contraception - Are you kidding?! Some Biblical Basics on the Meaning and Purpose of Human Sexuality."** For information on upcoming bible study topics, visit [www.hcscchurch.org](http://www.hcscchurch.org) under Upcoming Events or call the rectory office.



**Youth Ministry News**

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**"COME AS YOU ARE - LEAVE CHANGED!"** Archdiocese of Washington Monthly Youth Gathering will be held on **Sat., April 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 to 11pm.** This **FREE** event is at the **Victory Youth Center, at 4265 4<sup>th</sup> St., SE.** Fr. Raymond Moore, Pastor, St. Thomas More, will be the guest speaker. The monthly youth gatherings are for youth in grades 7 through 12. **See flyer for details.** Questions? Contact Paula Lancaster ([plancaster723@aol.com](mailto:plancaster723@aol.com)) or Wanda Ross ([wtross2002@hotmail.com](mailto:wtross2002@hotmail.com)).

**HCSC Young Adult Ministry**

**Paula Lancaster, Coordinator** ♦ [plancaster723@aol.com](mailto:plancaster723@aol.com)

Join us for lunch and a movie in the rectory basement on **Sun., April 28<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 4pm.** Please RSVP to the rectory if childcare is needed.

HCSC has a **Young Adult Ministry** for parishioners age **18 to 40<sup>ish</sup>.** We would like to hear from you! Tell us what types of activities and events you would like to see at HCSC. Check out the *Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Young Adults Ministry* on Facebook and let us know your thoughts or send an email.



**ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS FOR MARRIED**



**COUPLES**—Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years on **Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, at 2pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.** Regardless of the month, if your anniversary is this year you may register for the Jubilarian Mass. Please call or email ([hcscstaff@hcscchurch.org](mailto:hcscstaff@hcscchurch.org)) the rectory to register and RSVP for the Mass. The names of couples celebrating a marked anniversary this year need to be turned in **to the rectory by Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.** Questions? Call the rectory on 202-546-1885.

**WIN Stormwater Campaign Meeting TODAY**—The Stormwater campaign is quickly developing as WIN works with DC Water to create jobs related to stormwater management in DC over the next ten years. Leaders have been hard at work doing research, developing a detailed policy proposal that could put hundreds of DC residents to work, briefing hundreds of leaders, and meeting with key people at DC Water and the Wilson building. **A full campaign update and the latest developments will be discussed today at 1:00 pm in the rectory basement.** Open to all!

**PARISH CENSUS FORMS**—Over the past couple of weeks at Mass, we've been updating our parish census data. If you are a parishioner and did not complete a parish census form please pick one up in the rear of the church or from the rectory. Give your completed form to an usher or drop it off at the rectory.