

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings This Weekend:

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

Readings Next Weekend:

Acts 14:21-27 Rev 21:1-5 John 13:31-35



Today's Gospel speaks of the Lord as a Shepherd. But guess what? That makes us sheep. It is rather humbling to be compared to sheep. Sheep are wayward creatures. They tend to wander off and get lost. They are rather dumb. Ever hear of a trained sheep? Can't be done they're too stupid. Sheep are weak and vulnerable and need protection. But it is also true that sheep are worthwhile animals. They were highly valued in biblical times for their wool, and still are. Another quality about sheep is that they are wary. They will only recognize their master's voice. They will flee from all others. In this sense sheep are smarter than we are since most of us will listen to just about anyone and be easily lead astray by them. "The Lord is my Shepherd," we often say. Experience the humility of being a beloved sheep in the sheepfold of the Lord.

FUNERALS—Frances Leroy Butler (4/17)
Linda Curtis (4/15)



Sunday, April 21

4:30pm (Sat) James A. Elizabeth G. Hill †
8:00am For the People
11:00am Julian Brown (9th anniversary) †

Monday, April 22

7:00am Virgie M. Hamilton (birthday) †

Tuesday, April 23 *St George, Martyr; St Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr*

7:00am Alice N. Thornton (birthday—4/22)

Wednesday, April 24 *Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr*

7:00am Theresa Lindsey (birthday)

Thursday, April 25 *Saint Mark, Evangelist*

7:00am Marian C. Turner (3rd anniversary) †

Friday, April 26

7:00am Glendora Thomas & sons †

Saturday, April 27

8:00am Dorothy Adams †
4:30pm Eric Jackson, Sr. (2nd anniversary) †

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 11:1-18 John 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26 John 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5 John 12:44-50
Thursday: 1 Peter 5:5-14 Mark 16:15-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33 John 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52 John 14:7-14

Music Schedule

Processional
"Jesus Is the Resurrection" LMGM #680
Responsorial Psalm
"We are his people, the sheep of his flock"
Gospel Acclamation
"Alleluia!"
Offertory
* "For God So Loved the World" L. Wolfe
** "All People That on Earth do Dwell" LMGM #674
Communion
"One Bread, One Body" LMGM #760
* 8:00am *Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate*
** 11:00am *Church Choir*

Mass Attendance for April 14, 2013

4:30pm 63
8:00am 124
11:00am 275
Total: 462

Stewardship Report 2012—2013

Budgeted Tithes (4/14)	\$711,173
Actual Tithes (4/14)	\$707,912
Difference	-\$3,261

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. (HCSC church code: DC59). Call Kim Peaks at the rectory office for more information. It's easy and it's FREE!

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (4/21) 9:30am Ladies of Charity 9:30am RCIA/Inquirers 9:30am Sunday School 8:00pm AA	Wednesday (4/24) 11:00am Friendly Seniors No PM Bible Study
Monday (4/22) 5:30pm Pastoral Staff meeting No Novena	Thursday (4/25) 7:00pm Knights of Columbus
Tuesday (4/23) 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 6:30pm Youth Choir	Friday (4/26) 6:30pm Women's Ministry 8:00pm NA
	Saturday (4/27) 10:00am Liturgical Dance 10:30am Sodality Board mtg 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



The following youth will celebrate **First Holy Communion** this Sunday: *Ra'shad Jackson, Camryn Johnson, Julius Johnson, Kursa Johnson, Martin Johnson, Donovan Lowery, Kendra Lowery, Kaden Mont, Simone Rowe, Richard Scott, Lia Smart, Michael Turner, and Jaci Mason-Yates.* Please pray that they, with their parents' help, may make this the first communion of a life long practice of receiving Holy Communion every Sunday.

ATTENTION—DUE TO LACK OF ATTENDANCE ALL FUTURE NOVENAS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED!



SOME (So Others Might Eat): Volunteers Needed—HCSC Ministries prepare lunch every 4th Saturday at **SOME, 71 "O" St., NW.** Your cooked chicken is desperately needed (see flyer for recipe). Your non-frozen chicken may be dropped at the rectory by close of business on **Fri., April 26th.** Volunteers are also needed to serve but the most urgent need is donations of prepared chicken. Questions? Contact Earlene Capers 301-910-1763.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP—featuring Reverend Patricia Fears will address *"Continuing Our Easter Joy Experiencing God's Mercy."* Join us **Fri., April 26th** at the school. Doors open at 6:30pm. A light meal will be served.

MOTHER'S DAY CORSAGES—Support the National Oblate Sisters of Providence Alumni Association (NOSPAA) and honor your Mother/Grandmother by ordering beautiful floral corsages after Mass this Sunday. The corsages will be available for purchase on **Sun., April 28th** and **Sun., May 5th.** Contact Bertha Colbert on 301-567-9786

MAY PROCESSION REHEARSAL for the May Queen & her Court, Statue Bearers, Altar Servers & Liturgical Dancers will be in the Church on **Sat., May 4th at 10am.** Please be prompt.

MAY PROCESSION—The annual May Procession is **Sunday, May 5th.** We will gather at Lincoln Park at 9:30am and process to the church. Immediately following the rosary, the May Queen Crowning will take place in the Church. All ministries are requested to send members to participate in the procession and to bring your ministry banner if you have one. In the event of rain, we will gather in the church.



HCSC SINGLETARY 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. See flyer for information and visit the link on our website: www.hcscchurch.org. **The correct application deadline is MAY 17th.**



LEARN ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH—Classes are held **Sunday mornings at 9:30am** in the rectory for those interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. Classes are intended for non-Catholics interested in becoming Catholic. This includes adult Catholics who have missed either First Holy Communion or Confirmation. This is your opportunity to inform relatives or friends who might benefit from these instructions and formation. Contact Msgr. Pope at 202-546-1885 or email: pastor1@hcscchurch.org for details.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ✦ youthdirector@hcscchurch.org

NEW DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY—We are happy to announce that Mrs. Nicki Gebrehiwot will serve as our Director of Youth Ministry. Nicki and her family have been active and faithful members of HCSC for many years and she currently serves as a Sunday School teacher along with service to many of our organizations such as Sodality, Ladies Auxiliary and Women's Ministry. Please keep Nicki, our youth, and the entire Youth Ministry Leadership Team in your prayers. If you are interested in working with the youth of our parish, contact Nicki on 202-546-1885 ext. 25 or youthdirector@hcscchurch.org.

SOME, Inc.—The Youth Ministry will perform its monthly community service at SOME, Inc. on **Sat., April 27th—10am—1pm** at 71 "O" St., NW. Any youth 13 years or older interested in volunteering, contact Danita L. Colbert (202)546-1885 or email at youthdirector@hcscchurch.org.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster ✦ plancaster723@aol.com

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY will fellowship on **Sun., April 28th** from **1—4pm** with lunch and a movie in the rectory basement. The movie is **"GRACE CARD."** Please RSVP to the rectory if childcare is needed.

YOUNG ADULTS (ages 18 to 40^{ish})—We want 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.



SAVE THE DATE: HCSC Sodality is sponsoring its Annual **Afternoon of Music** on **Sun., May 19th from 2—5:00pm** at the Center City Charter School. Featuring Lorenzo Miller and The Zo Miller Experience. Donation: \$15.

Tickets available in the rectory or any Sodalist. Contact Earlene Capers on 301-910-1763. Tickets are limited and no tickets sold at the door, so Get Yours Early!!!

WIN Stormwater Campaign—HCSC is a member of the Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) and we need your help in a social justice issue that involves bringing together a broad constituency from every ward of the District, along with allies in the Chesapeake Watershed to ensure stormwater management jobs in DC over the next ten years. **FREE TRANSPORTATION** to/from the event on **Mon., April 22nd** will depart from the school at 5:30pm for Temple Sinai, 3100 Military Ave., NW, and return approximately 10pm. We have space for at least 50 people on the bus. Contact Anne Ford at 202-422-0342 with your questions.

PARISH CENSUS FORMS—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.