

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Readings This Weekend:

Proverbs 8:22-31 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15

Readings Next Weekend:

Genesis 14:18-20 1 Cor 11:23-26 Luke 9:11-17



One of the most basic questions going into Evangelization is, "Does God Exist and how can I know it?" There are two kinds of Atheists we might encounter these days. The first kind is the most common and is referred to as the "Practical Atheist." They do not explicitly deny God's existence but simply choose to live as though He did not exist. He is irrelevant to them and to their daily life. He might as well not exist. The other kind of atheist, less common is the one who simply denies that God exists. To both of these kinds of atheists, quoting scripture isn't going to work since it is not an agreed upon point of reference. But try starting here. Ask them about their desire and to ponder that their desire is infinite (without limit). Most will admit this truth that our desires are endless. But then ask how a finite (limited) world can give an infinite (unlimited) desire. For me to give you \$20 means I have to have it first. But if the world is limited and doesn't have infinity, how can it give me infinite desire. This desire must come from something or someone who is infinite. This "someone" we call God. He has written His name on our hearts and our infinite longing is "proof" that He exists!

HOSPITALIZED—Aaron Brown

FUNERAL—Allen Williams (5/23)



Sunday, May 26

8:00pm (Sat) Kenyon C. Jones †
 8:00am Otha J. Hamer (25th anniversary—5/22) †
 11:00am Seagio Chambliss †

Monday, May 27 *Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop*

7:00am Kenyon C. Jones †

Tuesday, May 28

7:00am Charles Adams (birthday)

Wednesday, May 29

7:00am Raymond E. Gene †

Thursday, May 30

7:00am Clarence Campbell (50th anniversary) †

Friday, May 31 *The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:00am Ramla Brown (birthday)

Saturday, June 1 *Saint Justin, Martyr*

8:00am For the People
 4:30pm Mary C. Jackson †

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: Sirach 17:20-24 Mark 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sirach 35:1-12 Mark 10:28-31
Wednesday: Sirach 36:1, 4-5, 10-17 Mark 10:32-45
Thursday: Sirach 42:15-25 Mark 10:46-52
Friday: Zep 3:14-18 or Romans 12:9-16 Luke 1:39-56
Saturday: Sirach 51:12-20 Mark 11:27-33

Music Schedule

Processional
 "Holy, Holy, Holy" LMGM #335
Responsorial Psalm
 "O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!"
Gospel Acclamation
 "Alleluia!"
Offertory
 * "Come Now Almighty King" LMGM #334
 ** "I Need You to Survive" LMGM #668
Communion
 "Your Sacrifice" LMGM #761
 * 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate
 ** 11:00am Church Choir

Mass Attendance for May 19, 2013

4:30pm 60
 8:00am 103
 11:00am 250
Total: 413

Stewardship Report 2012—2013

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| Budgeted Tithes (5/19) | \$795,837 |
| Actual Tithes (5/19) | \$787,687 |
| Difference | -\$8,150 |

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 (5/26) **Wednesday (5/29)**
 9:30am RCIA/Inquirers 11:00am Friendly Seniors
 2:00pm Ladies Aux #64
 8:00pm AA
Friday (5/31)
 8:00pm NA
Monday (5/27) **Saturday (6/1)**
8:00am Daily Mass 4:30pm Mass
RECTORY CLOSED
Tuesday (5/28)
 6:30pm Liturgical Dance
 6:30pm Youth Choir
 7:00pm Adult Choir

PARISH CONNECTIONS—Visit our Parish-related links, facebook page and websites and spread the word:

Parish Website: www.hcscchurch.org
 Fr. Pope's Sermons online: www.frpope.com
 Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>



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

MEMORIAL DAY CLOSURES

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED—Monday, May 27th.

Monday Morning Mass in the Chapel will be at **8am.**

ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY CEMETARY MASS—A special outdoor Mass will be held on the sacred ground of Catholic cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington on **Monday, May 27th at 10am** at: *All Souls Cemetery, Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Mt. Olivet Cemetery, and Resurrection Cemetery.* Come remember those who gave their lives for our freedom and pray for the souls of family & friends buried at your local Catholic cemetery. For more information call 301-871-1300.



 Welcome to **Santonio Hill**, our visiting seminarian until mid-July. Santonio is a senior Philosophy major at Catholic University and is from Southern Maryland (Solomons Island area).

ARE YOU READY FOR A CATHOLIC SCAVENGER HUNT? **Faith Quest** is an exciting opportunity to become more connected to our Catholic faith in a fun, interactive way. It's a scavenger hunt where you visit sites of historical or spiritual significance in the archdiocese. For more info and to register for your "Faith Quest Passport" to this adventure go online to: www.adw.org/FaithQuest, or call 301-853-5337. **Information available in the rear of church.**

 **June 2nd** is the last session for this school year. Registered parents and students are invited to join us for a light breakfast.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS—at HCSC is **Friday, June 7th from 6-7pm.** Come and join us as we pray for vocations and for those who will be ordained in June.

SYNOD UPDATE—This past Sunday (Pentecost), Cardinal Wuerl gathered with the Synod Preparatory Commission for Mass and to mark the end of the "parish" listening sessions and to begin the next phase which will consist of evaluating the reports from the parish listening sessions. Please continue to pray for this continuing effort to move forward in our call to evangelize and grow.

JOSEPHITE ORDINATION—Deacon Bura Koroba, S.S.J. who has served us here at HCSC will be ordained to the priesthood on **June 1st** at the Shine of the Immaculate Conception with other six other seminarians. Please unite with parishes throughout the Archdiocese to pray for these men as they accept the call to serve Jesus and others. Congratulations for Deacon Bura can be left at the rectory.

 *From Linda Simpson and family to our faith family for your generosity, kindness, outpouring of love, and especially your prayers during this time of devastation for us. A special thank you to the Social Concerns Ministry, the Ladies of Charity, and the Women's Ministry.*

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

"JOIN GOD'S ARMY"—Annual JAMMIN' 4 JESUS event **Sat., June 8th** at Mt. Calvary Catholic Church. Stay flyer for info!

HONORING HCSC GRADUATES—If you are a registered member of HCSC and graduating in June 2013 from middle/high school, college or graduate school you will be honored at the **11am Mass** on **June 23rd.** Pick up a flyer from the back of the church or the rectory.

SAVE THE DATE—**Sat., July 27th** End-of-the-Year Trip. Stay tuned for more information.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster ❖ yam@hscchurch.org (NEW EMAIL)

HCSC has formed a **Young Adult Ministry** for parishioners age 18 to 40^{ish}. 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.

MEXICO PILGRIMAGE MEET & GREET—Organizers of the pilgrimage will hold an "Informational Meet & Greet Session" **June 23rd at 1pm** in the **rectory basement** to view a video of Guadalupe, Mexico. Light refreshments will be provided. There's still time to join Msgr. Pope on an **8-day pilgrimage, October 8th-15th,** in Mexico. The trip includes a visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Base cost is \$1,799 per person if a deposit of \$500 is paid before June 30th. This amount does not include airport fees and taxes. Brochures are available in the rear of the church. Contact Debbie Vanzego at 301-645-1979 or dvanzego@cohenmilstein.com for more information.

 **NEW HCSC WEBSITE**—We have a newly designed website that allows us the ability to provide more information and flexibility. Some of the areas are still being developed but you can visit it at www.hscchurch.org. **We need parishioners to help with some of the maintenance and design. It is not a long-term commitment but just a little assistance now and then. Contact Kim Peaks at pam@hscchurch.org.**

FREE COPIES of GIVE US THIS DAY—a new, personal prayer periodical of liturgy, Scripture, and spirituality founded by the Benedictines of Saint John's Abbey. Deeply rooted in the Catholic tradition, *Give Us This Day* is about daily prayer, praying well, and praying with confidence and supports your desire to establish prayer as a part of your life, enhancing your existing practices and deepening your encounter with God. **Pick up your copy in the rear of the Church or rectory office.**

"100 Questions & Answers on the Catholic Faith" by Msgr. Pope—Pick up a copy in the rear of the church. These are reprints of articles written by Msgr. Pope for *Our Sunday Visitor*. More copies available upon request.