

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Readings This Weekend:**

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

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29      Rev 21:10-14, 22-23      John 14:23-29



The Gospel today contains a mandate that we should love one another. But there is danger in thinking that Jesus is saying that we, with our own unaided flesh power are supposed to do this. This, of course, seems impossible and leads to frustration. That is why it is important to get this gospel right. Notice three stages to this Gospel. First, there is a **PREREQUISITE**. Jesus indicates that the hour has come for him to be glorified. He is referring to his passion, death and resurrection. In this saving act Jesus acquires for us the power to live a wholly new life. In order for him to command us to love one another he must first equip us to do so. He does this on the cross and in his rising to new life. Next, note the **POWER** – He gives us a new command and says, Love one another as I have loved you. In other words, I have loved you and placed my love in you. Now you are able and must discover the power you have to love others. Jesus commands us only because he has first equipped us. Finally, notice the **PROOF**. Jesus concludes by saying that we will know, that is we will experience, that we are his disciples when we love each other. It is almost as if he is saying, “Try me in this and begin to experience that you DO have this power because you are my followers and someone who has my grace.” Do you believe that the Lord has equipped, empowered and enabled you to love others?

**DECEASED**—Almedith Bass-Williams (4/22)



**Sunday, April 28**

8:00pm (Sat) Eric Jackson, Sr. (2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary) †  
8:00am For the People

11:00am Wynette W. Wilkins (5<sup>th</sup> anniversary) †

**Monday, April 29** *St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church*

7:00am Conrad Belt †

**Tuesday, April 30** *Saint Pius V, Pope*

7:00am Helen B. Tyler (11<sup>th</sup> anniversary) †

**Wednesday, May 1** *Saint Joseph the Worker*

7:00am Jabari H. Outtz (birthday) †

**Thursday, May 2** *St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

7:00am Paula Reed and Korey Williams

**Friday, May 3** *Saints Philip and James, Apostles*

7:00am Outtz Family

**Saturday, May 4**

8:00am Charles Edelin

4:30pm James Ollie Neale (46<sup>th</sup> anniversary—5/5) †

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Monday:** Acts 14:5-18      John 14:21-26

**Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28      John 14:27-31

**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6      John 15:1-8

**Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21      John 15:9-11

**Friday:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-8      John 14:6-14

**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10      John 15:18-21

**Music Schedule**

**Processional**  
“Jesus Is the Resurrection” LMGM #680

**Responsorial Psalm**  
“I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God”

**Gospel Acclamation**  
“Alleluia!”

**Offertory**  
\* “I Know That My Redeemer Lives” LMGM #309  
\*\* “I Need You to Survive” LMGM #668

**Communion**  
“Jesus In the Morning” LMGM #391

\* 8:00am *Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate*  
\*\* 11:00am *Church Choir*

**Mass Attendance for April 21, 2013**

4:30pm	60
8:00am	131
11:00am	343
<b>Total:</b>	<b>534</b>

**Stewardship Report 2012—2013**

Budgeted Tithes (4/21)	\$728,106
Actual Tithes (4/21)	\$722,641
Difference	-\$5,465

**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 (4/28)</b> 9:30am RCIA/Inquirers 9:30am Sunday School 1:00pm Young Adult Fellowship 2:00pm Ladies Aux #64 8:00pm AA	<b>Wednesday (5/1)</b> 11:00am Friendly Seniors 7:00pm Bible Study <b>Friday (5/3)</b> 6:30pm May Procession rehearsal 8:00pm NA
<b>Tuesday (4/30)</b> 6:30pm Youth Choir 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Adult Choir	<b>Saturday (5/4)</b> 10:00am Liturgical Dance 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



**MAY PROCESSION**—The annual May Procession is **Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**. We will gather on the church plaza at **9:30am**. **See flyer in bulletin for details.** 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.

**MAY PROCESSION REHEARSAL**—for the May Queen & her Court, Statue Bearers, Altar Servers & Liturgical Dancers will be in the Church on **Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm**. Please be prompt.

**ATTENTION SODALIST**—Our monthly meeting will be held down at the school on **May 5<sup>th</sup> following** the May Procession.

*Thank You* Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ! On behalf of the Music Ministry I would like to thank everyone who made a contribution in way of a dedication or in memory of your loved one in our new **Lead Me, Guide Me Hymnals**. To those who worked tirelessly behind the scenes, and those who assisted in placing the hymnals in the pews, please accept my thanks. By having this new hymnal resource, we can praise God more perfectly. Let us continue to lift every voice and sing! - Kenneth W. Louis, Minister of Music

**Important** **ATTENTION!** Unfortunately, all future Novenas have been removed from the parish calendar due to declining attendance.

**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](http://www.hcscchurch.org).

**The application deadline is MAY 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**AFTERNOON OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP**—The Friendly Seniors Annual Fun Day is **Wed., May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11am—2pm** at the school. Please **RSVP** to the rectory no later than **Mon., May 20<sup>th</sup>**. All Seniors are welcome for food, games and fellowship.



**BIBLE STUDY TOPICS**—Msgr. Pope is offering Bible study 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. This course addresses 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. On **Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> the topic is: "Does the Church 'hate' Gay people? Then why do we teach against homosexual activity and same sex unions?"**

## Youth Ministry News

**Nickie Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry**  
202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ♦ [Youthdirector@hcscchurch.org](mailto:Youthdirector@hcscchurch.org)

**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 an **11am Mass in June**. On the date to-be-determined you will be asked to bring your cap and gown, if available. Stay tuned for more details.

**AAHM TOUR REFUNDS**—For those who paid for the African American History Month tour, remember to come by the rectory to pick up your refund.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**—If you are interested in working with our youth come to the next Youth Leaders meeting on **Mon., May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** or contact Nicki Gebrehiwot.

## HCSC Young Adult Ministry

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

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.



**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY** will fellowship on **Sun., April 28<sup>th</sup>** from 1—4pm with lunch and a movie in the rectory basement. The movie is **"GRACE CARD."**



**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 **April 28<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup>**. Contact Bertha Colbert on 301-567-9786.

**2013 HCSC PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO**—join Msgr. Pope on an 8-day pilgrimage, **October 8<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>**, to Mexico. 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 30<sup>th</sup>. See brochures in rear of church for more information.

**CAMP ST. CHARLES OPEN HOUSE**—**Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 11am—4pm**. Drop in to see how your children can experience one or two fun filled weeks. Children will make friends and learn to appreciate Creation while camping, riding horses and other activities. For info and directions go to: [www.campstcharles.com](http://www.campstcharles.com) or call 301-934-8799.

**NO PARKING**—Please **do not** park behind the rectory during Mass or on the ramp to the rectory garage. These limited parking spaces are reserved for clergy and working office staff. There are parking spaces just one block away at the school. Also, do not block the alleyway behind the church. You run the risk of having your car towed. Thank you for your cooperation.

