

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Readings This Weekend:

Acts 1:1-11 Hebrews 9:24-28 Luke 24:46-53

Readings Next Weekend:

Acts 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13 John 14:15-16, 23-26



On today's Feast of the Ascension we acknowledge that the Lord has gone to heaven for us. He has gone there not to abandon us but to prepare a place for us (John 14:2). He has also gone to take his place at the Father's right hand where he can intercede for us (John 14:12, Heb 7:5). Yet, He also goes to send us the Holy Spirit (John 14:25; 16:7). A final purpose of his going is stated in John 12:32, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." This is of special note to us who prepare to evangelize more intentionally. The Lord wants to draw all people to himself. But how will he do this? You may have guessed it has something to do with you! The Lord says in Acts 1:8, "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." Who do you suppose the "you" refers to here if not you? As the Lord ascended into heaven an angel spoke to the apostles (and to us). "And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven?'" (Acts 1:10) And so, while it is good for us to look to heaven each Sunday it is also important to remember that the Lord has an evangelizing work for us to do. Are you ready?

PENTECOST is **Sunday, May 19th** and on this day we pray, "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love." Please invite family and friends to come share this holy day with you here at HCSC and wear **red** in recognition of the flame of the Holy Spirit.



Sunday, May 12 *The Ascension of the Lord*
 8:00pm (Sat) For the People
 8:00am Margaret Gordon †
 11:00am Josefa Evangelista (22nd anniversary) †
Monday, May 13 *Our Lady of Fatima*
 7:00am Florence G. Queenan †
Tuesday, May 14 *Saint Matthias, Apostle*
 7:00am Benjamin Hall †
Wednesday, May 15 *Saint Isidore*
 7:00am For the People †
Thursday, May 16
 7:00am William R. Campbell (birthday) †
Friday, May 17
 7:00am Renio Ciscone †
Saturday, May 18 *Saint John I, Pope and Martyr*
 8:00am Joseph E. Bailey & Helen B. Tyler †
 4:30pm Lyndon P. Brown †

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Acts 19:1-8 John 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 John 15:9-17
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38 John 17:11-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30, 23:6-11 John 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13-21 John 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 John 21:20-25

Music Schedule

Processional
 "Jesus Is the Resurrection" LMGM #680
Responsorial Psalm
 "God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
 a blare of trumpets for the Lord"
Gospel Acclamation
 "Alleluia!"
Offertory
 * "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" LMGM #309
 ** "If You Want to See A Miracle Look at Me" P. Bradley
Communion
 "Just for Me" LMGM #298
Post Communion
 ** "Mercy Says No" CeCe Winans
 * 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate
 * 11:00am Youth Ensemble – LTanya Holley – Josh Graf, Music Associate
 Liturgical Dance Ministry – Gail Bell & Susan Jenifer, Coordinators

Mass Attendance for May 5, 2013

4:30pm	61
8:00am	143
11:00am	271
Total:	475

Stewardship Report 2012—2013

Budgeted Tithes (5/5)	\$761,971
Actual Tithes (5/5)	\$755,664
Difference	-\$6,307

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 (5/12) 9:30am RCIA/Inquirers 9:30pm Sunday School 8:00pm AA	Friday (5/17) 8:00pm NA
Monday (5/13) 6:30pm Youth Leaders meeting	Saturday (5/18) 9:00am Eucharistic Ministers 10:00am Liturgical Dance 10:30am Sodality Board mtg 12:00pm Ladies Aux #73 4:30pm Mass
Tuesday (5/14) 7:00pm Adult Choir	
Wednesday (5/15) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Senior Usher Board 7:00pm Bible Study	

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

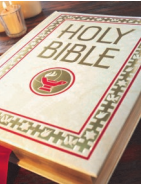
TODAY IS YOUTH SUNDAY—We invite our youth and their parents to sit in the first few pews in front of the clergy at the 11am Mass.

CANNED GOODS COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND—If you brought canned goods for our food pantry, please give them to the ushers. Monetary donations are also accepted at the Poor Boxes on the walls near the exits. Thank you.

HCSC—SINGLETARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND—If you are graduating from high school this year and plan 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. **Application deadline is Fri., May 17th.**



CONFIRMATION—HCSC youth *Jada Fields* and *Kristin Peaks* received the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church. Pray for these young people to stay strong in their faith and in this faith community. **Please contact the rectory to let us know if a HCSC parishioner recently received sacraments at another parish.**



BIBLE STUDY TOPICS—Msgr. Pope is offering a 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. The **Wednesday, May 15th topic is: "No Women Priests!?"** All are welcome to join us.



CAMP ST. CHARLES (www.campstcharles.com) offers overnight camp sessions starting **June 22nd** with various types of activities for children age 6-13. Funding is available and there is a sibling discount! Call 301-934-8799 or visit website.

ACADEMY OF THE HOLY CROSS offers two summer camp sessions for girls. The first sessions of Summer Enrichment (summer@ahctartans.org) and Summer Sports Camps (csamperton@ahctartans.org) start **June 17th**. Visit www.academyoftheholycross.org or call 301-942-2100.

ELIZABETH SETON HIGH SCHOOL—Visit www.setonhs.org and Click on **2013 Summer** for information about our exciting camps and workshops!

ST. JOHNS COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL offers five football camps starting **June 17th**. Group discount info available at www.stjohnsfootballcamp.com or call 202-380-1711.

BISHOP MCNAMARA HIGH SCHOOL (www.bmhs.org) offers a variety of camps in academics, sports, performing arts and more beginning **June 17th**. Visit the website for more information or call 301-735-8401.

Youth Ministry News

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

CONGRATULATIONS—HCSC Youth Ministry received a **Service Award for Outstanding Service to the Residence of Unique Residential Care Center**. Participation in these types of activities help to strengthen the connection between our youth and their community.

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

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**. See flyer for info.

ANNUAL JAMMIN' 4 JESUS—**Sat., June 8th** at Mt. Calvary Catholic Church. Stay tuned for more info!

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster ♦ YAM@hcscchurch.org

HCSC has 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.



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

ANNUAL FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST—sponsored by the Holy Name Society on **Sun., June 16th from 9am—11am** at the school. **Cost: \$7** per person. Tickets are available from any Holy Name member and the rectory office. **There will be no ticket sales at the door.**

ANNUAL CAPITOL HILL MARATHON—is **Sun., May 19th from 8:30—10:30am**. The marathon route affects HCSC along East Capitol on the south side of Lincoln Park to the north side of RFK Stadium. **Please see the maps in the rear of the church and prepare your travel accordingly.**

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If you want to know more about our parish community or are interested in joining, call the rectory at 202-546-1885 or hcscstaff@hcscchurch.org.

Mass Schedule: Monday thru Friday at 7:00am (Chapel)
Saturday at 8:00am (Chapel) and 4:30pm
Sunday at 8:00am and 11:00am

Office Hours: Mon thru Wed 9am—8pm, Thurs 9am-5pm; Fri 9am-8pm; Sat, 9am—1pm; and Sun 9am—2pm.

For information on baptism, matrimony and sick calls, contact the rectory.

Parish Connections—Visit our Parish-related links and websites and spread the word:

Fr. Pope's Sermons online: www.frpope.com

Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>

