

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings This Weekend:

Rev 7:2-4, 9-14 John 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a

Readings Next Weekend:

1 Kgs 17:10-16 Hebrew 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44



The recent and sudden death of Austina Jones has weighed heavily on us all. I regret that I am away at this sensitive time when we might be able to talk more personally for we are all struggling with grief. Grief is one of the most painful and terrible emotions we can experience. It can crush us like a ton of bricks or loom over us like a dark cloud. Sometimes in sudden loss we just go numb only to discover that numbness is not a lack of feeling at all. It is a feeling, a kind of general malaise lurking in us like a low grade depression. Grief sometimes comes in cycles. One day we think we are finally getting better and suddenly we're back in the soup, for no particular reason we can discern and we wonder what we did wrong. Grief just has a life of its own. But grief has something to say to us, something to give us. If we let it, our grief will bring us gifts in strange packages. Because of it our love and respect for those we have lost is intensified. Our longing for union with them one day again is deepened and our memories of them become more precious. It is true that the intensity of grief may lessen over the years but most of us know it never completely departs. Why should it? If we love then there should always be a part of us that cannot bear to be apart from those we love. We grieve because we love and thank God we love, thank God we love. *Rest in peace Austina. We love you!*



Sunday, Nov. 1 All Saints

4:30 pm (Sat) For our Youth

8:00 am Deceased Members of Graham Family (†)

11:00 am Thomas Edelin, Sr. (birthday) (†)

Monday, Nov. 2 Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

7:00 am For All Souls (†)

Tuesday, Nov. 3 St. Martin de Porres, religious

7:00 am Deceased Members of Fenwick & Hughes Families (†)

Wednesday, Nov. 4 St. Charles Borromeo, bishop

7:00 am For All Souls (†)

Thursday, Nov. 5

7:00 am Deceased Members/Cole, Greene & Hill Families (†)

Friday, Nov. 6

7:00 am For All Souls (†)

Saturday, Nov. 8

8:00 am Beatrice Edelin (birthday) (†)

4:30 pm For the People

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

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday Romans 5:5-11 or 6:3-9 John 6:37-40

Tuesday Romans 12:5-16b Luke 14:15-24

Wednesday Romans 13:8-10 Luke 14:25-33

Thursday Romans 14:7-12 Luke 15:1-10

Friday Romans 15:14-21 Luke 16:1-8

Saturday Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 Luke 16:9-15

Music Schedule

Processional

"Jesus Is All the World to Me" LMGM #266

Responsorial Psalm

"Lord this is the people who long to see your face"

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia!"

Offertory

*"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" LMGM #104

** "Alleluia, Salvation and Glory" LaValley

Communion

* "Blessed Assurance" LMGM #199

Music Ministry

* Ruby Robertson, Cantor - Gwen Myles, Music Associate

** Church Choir - Damion Lynch, Cantor

* 8:00AM Mass - ** 11:00AM Mass

Mass Attendance for October 25th, 2009

*I will praise you Lord with all my heart
In the assembly of the faithful.*

Psalm 111:1

4:30 pm	53
8:00 am	119
10:00 am	<u>320</u>
Total:	492

Stewardship Report 2009-2010

Budgeted Tithes (a/o October 25)	\$290,962
Actual Tithes (a/o October 25)	\$276,442
Difference	-\$14,519

*All the tithes of the land, whether in grain from
the fields or in fruit from the trees, belong to
the Lord as sacred to him.*

Leviticus 27:30

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR MRS. AUSTINA JONES

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Roman Catholic Church on Monday, November 9th at 12 Noon. Viewing will begin at 10:00 AM.

A Note to Our Parishioners – Some of you have called the rectory office to ask if you can provide any assistance with the funeral. We gladly accept your offers of support and love for Mrs. Jones and ask you to call the rectory office and leave your name and contact information if you can provide some volunteer assistance with the funeral and repast. Thank you for your expressions of kindness and love for Mrs. Jones.

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

WE PRAY FOR TRAVELING MERCIES for our Pilgrims traveling to the Holy Land & Egypt for 10 days. Fr. Pope will also be traveling and will return Nov. 8th. In his absence, Rev. Raymond Kemp will celebrate 11AM Mass on Sun., Nov. 1st and Rev. Msgr. Eddie Tolentino will celebrate 11AM Mass on Nov. 8th.



WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY will not be held on Nov. 4th and 11th but will resume Wed., Nov. 18th.

THE "INQUIRERS" GROUP will continue to meet every Tuesday at 7PM in the rectory during Fr. Pope's travel.

YOUTH SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND—We invite all our youth to come and worship together at the 11AM Mass next Sunday. Invite a friend!



CANNED GOODS COLLECTION

NEXT WEEKEND— We invite you to bring nutritious and **non-perishable** high protein foods (canned meats, tuna, stews, peanut butter) to Mass next weekend for our food pantry. Please do not bring cereal or perishable foods. Monetary donations to the *Poor Box* are also appreciated.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD—One of the spiritual works of mercy is to pray for the dead. **During the month of**



November, it is traditional to pray for our deceased friends and family members. A mass will be celebrated every other day during November for

the *Poor Souls*. To include your friends and relatives, please list their names on the All Souls Day envelope (included with your monthly tithing envelopes) or ask any usher for an envelope and drop in the collection basket or at the rectory office. A donation is not needed to submit names but will be greatly appreciated.

ALL SOULS DAY VISIT TO CATHOLIC CEMETERIES—All Souls Day, Nov. 2nd, is the day the Church has set aside to commemorate deceased family members and loved ones who await their purification in Purgatory. While these departed souls can pray for us, they can no longer pray for themselves. The All Souls Day Mass will be held at 9AM at all the Catholic Cemeteries (Gate of Heaven, Resurrection and Mt. Olivet.) For more information, contact the cemetery manager or visit www.ccaw.org.



THANKSGIVING MASS

Please note that we will celebrate the Mass for Thanksgiving on the Wednesday night before Thanksgiving

(November 25th at 7:00PM). It is hoped that this will allow more parishioners to attend and give thanks as one family.

THEOLOGY ON TAP—at Ireland's Four Fields in Cleveland Park, 3412 Conn. Ave., NW. Happy Hour from 7-8PM followed by speakers who will present on this season's theme "*The Secret Lives of Priests.*" Events scheduled for Nov. 3rd, 10 and 17. For more info. on archdiocesan and parish young adult opportunities, email Laura Ferstl at yam@adw.org.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS NEWS

Danita L. Colbert, Dir. of Youth & Young Adult Ministry
202-546-1885 ext 25 (voicemail) * youthdirector@hscchurch.org

HELP THE HOMELESS WALKATHON—The Youth Ministry will participate in the **Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Walkathon** on Sat., Nov. 21st, 2009. We are committed to helping eliminate homelessness, and we need your support in this effort. Please consider supporting this most worthy cause. The top three fundraisers among the youth will be awarded a \$75, \$50 and \$25 VISA gift card, respectively. All parishioners are encouraged to walk with us, or come out to pray with us and cheer for us. All walkers should complete a registration form, which is available in the Rectory. For questions, contact Annette Brooks on 202-361-4699 or Danita L. Colbert on 202-546-1885 ext. 25.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

- November 11 – Altar Servers Outing
- November 13 – Game Night/Real Talk
- November 21 – Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Walkathon

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

November 1st - 7th, 2009

<p>Sunday (11/1) <i>All Saints</i> 9:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Sodality mtg 2:00 pm Dance Rehearsal 8:00 pm AA</p>	<p>Wednesday (11/4) 11:00 am Friendly Seniors 7:00 pm Bible Study</p>
<p>Monday (11/2) <i>All Souls</i> 7:00 pm Novena</p>	<p>Friday (11/6) 8:00 pm NA</p>
<p>Tuesday (11/3) 6:30 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm RCIA/Inquirers</p>	<p>Saturday (11/7) 9:00 am CAG Workshop 10:00 am Parish Council mtg 10:30 am Oratory (convent) 4:30 pm Mass</p>

Celebrate National Black Catholic History Month—All are invited to attend a special Mass for National Black Catholic History Month on Sunday, Nov. 8th, 2009, 4:30PM at St. Catherine Laboure Church, 11801 Claridge Rd., Wheaton, MD 20902. Fr. Patrick Smith, pastor of St. Augustine Church, will be the celebrant and homilist, joined by the St. Augustine Gospel Choir. Although this is a special month for Black Catholics, this afternoon liturgy is for anyone who would like to attend and be ministered to through sung worship in the African American genre. Call 301-946-3636 for more information.

Home Sick? Watch the Sunday TV Mass—Do you know someone who is homebound and can't get to Mass? Maybe illness keeps you at home on occasion? The Sunday TV Mass airs Sundays on WDCW-50 ("The CW") at 10:30 a.m. If you use an antenna or have satellite television, CW is on channel 50. Comcast and Verizon users normally will find the Mass on channel 3 or 23, and RCN customers on channel 15. If you have difficulty finding the right channel or would like to have the free Celebrate newsletter sent to someone who is homebound, call the Office of Communications at 301-853-4517.

View past bulletins, daily readings and find out what is happening at our church by visiting our website at

www.hscchurch.org