

From the Pastor's Desk

This weekend, the efforts and labors of many people over these past weeks of summer will be realized with the celebration of our **CCSB Parish BBQ & Ministry Fair**. Under the coordination of our Parish Activities Commission, a great day has been planned for people of all ages. In addition, all commissions, ministries and activities in the parish have been working together to provide information and resources that invite you to consider taking an active part in your parish.

The **Parish BBQ** this Sunday (10 am-3 pm, behind St. Bernard's Church) will not only have a great menu on hand, but several fun activities for the young members of our community. In addition, the **Ministry Fair** will display a wealth of materials after all Masses (this weekend at St. Bernard's Church and next weekend at Corpus Christi Church) that will no doubt impress you with the wide variety of ministries, activities and projects in which you can become involved.

I look forward to seeing you at the **BBQ & Ministry Fair** and, in my name and yours, I thank the many people who have worked so diligently to bring about this celebration of our parish life and community.

The heavy rains that hit our area several times during the summer months resulted in water seeping into the hall of Corpus Christi Church causing damage to some of the floor tiles. We replaced the tiles in hopes that the damage was simply caused by the unusual amount of rain that had fallen. However, the problem appears to be more extensive than we thought. Contractors and experts in the field have told us that it would be best to remove the entire floor, locate the source of the water problem, repair it, and then construct a new floor.

In order to undertake this project properly and safely, it will be necessary to prohibit use of the Corpus Christi Church Hall for the next several months. I met recently with representatives from the parish commissions and groups that make use of the church hall and was encouraged by their understanding of the situation and willingness to relocate their activities. Not having access to the hall for the next few months will pose a special challenge to the Religious Education classes that are conducted on Mondays; however, space has been identified in the church and parish center that will allow sessions to be conducted as planned. Given the extent of the project, we have also temporarily delayed the painting of the interior of Corpus Christi Church that was planned to begin next month.

As this project gets underway, we will keep you posted on its progress. In the meantime, know that I appreciate your interest, patience and concern as we address this matter.

We are most grateful to those who have stepped forward to assist with this year's Religious Education Program. Our catechists and volunteers have undertaken a most special ministry and service in the Church. Through their witness and example, they are bringing our children to an understanding of the truths of our Catholic faith. Let us assure our catechists and volunteers of our support and prayers — and I know we can all be certain that God's blessings are with them!

Father Frank J. Silva

Join With Us This Weekend for the...

CCSB PARISH BBQ & MINISTRY FAIR
Sunday, September 21
10 am-3 pm
(behind St. Bernard's Church)

Food and fun for all ages!



To increase knowledge of and interest in the many ministries in our parish, the CCSB Activities Commission will be hosting a Ministry Fair in conjunction with the Parish Backyard BBQ. The Ministry Fair will celebrate the life of the parish — its mission and ministries.

The Ministry Fair will be held in the LPS School cafeteria on Saturday, September 20 after the 4:00 pm Mass and again next weekend at the CCSB Parish Center on Sunday, September 28 after the 7:30 am and 11:15 am Masses.
 We look forward to seeing you there!!

Great First Response for **ARISE: Together in Christ!**



Last weekend, CCSB Parish saw 40+ people sign-up to participate in the spiritual renewal program, **ARISE: Together in Christ**. In addition, several more agreed to lead small faith sharing groups. The response in our parish and

throughout the Church of Boston has exceeded expectations. Don't be left out! Another opportunity to sign-up and become part of a small faith-sharing group will be offered at this weekend's Ministry Fair. Visit the **ARISE** table at the Ministry Fair for more details.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

The CCSB Scripture Study Group is resuming its sessions and will begin its study of the Book of Genesis on Sunday, September 28 at 5:00 pm at the Parish Center. New members are always welcomed. If you are interested or just curious, contact Bob Larner 617-965-4746 or rlarner@crai.com

PRO LIFE PRESENTATION

The CCSB Respect Life Community will host a presentation by Marianne Luthin, Director of the Boston Archdiocesan Pro Life Office, on Monday, September 29 at 7:00 pm in Father Moore Hall (St. Bernard's Church). Circle the date and plan to join us! All welcome!!

ANNUAL NEWTON WALK FOR HUNGER



The 2008 Newton Crop Walk will be held on Sunday, October 19. The Walk will begin at the United Methodist Church (430 Walnut Street, Newtonville) at 12:30 pm. If you would like to walk for this very worthwhile cause, sign up envelopes will be available at all the CCSB Ministry Fair events the weekends of September 21 & 28) or you can contact Kristy Uttaro (617-527-

6594 or Kristy_Uttaro@RCAB.org).

UP & COMING EVENTS						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14

Saturday, September 20

After 4:00 pm Mass LPS School Cafeteria — Parish Ministry Fair

Sunday, September 21

10:00 am (SB) Parish Ministry Fair & Barbeque

Monday, September 22

1:00 pm (CC) Monday Club

7:00 pm (CC) Turkey 'Stuffing Party'

Tuesday, September 23

9:30 am (CC) Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, September 28

After 7:30 & 11:15 am Masses (CC) — Parish Ministry Fair

5:00 pm (CC) Scripture Study Group

Monday, September 29

1:00 pm (CC) Monday Club

7:00 pm (SB) Respect Life Presentation

TURKEY STUFFING — TAKE TWO!

The CCSB Turkey Shoot Committee will host a second 'stuffing gathering' on Monday, September 22 at 6:30 in the CCSB Parish Center. Words of thanks to those who came to the first 'stuffing' — we look forward to seeing you on the 22nd!

MONTHLY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

All are welcome to the Pancake Breakfast that will take place after the 9:00 am Mass this Tuesday, September 23 at the CCSB Parish Center. We thank Paul DeMeo for organizing these monthly gatherings!

CCSB GUILD

Everyone is invited to join us as we begin our 2008-2009 Guild season on Wednesday, October 1. We will recite the Rosary at 7:00 pm in Corpus Christi Church and then proceed to the CCSB Parish Center for a pie and ice cream social. Plan to join our spirit-filled group! All are welcome.

ST. FRANCIS FEAST BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

In recent weeks, the landscaping between Corpus Christi Church and the CCSB Parish Center has been reshaped a bit. The statue of St. Francis of Assisi has been placed in a more prominent location. To mark the Feast Day of this most beloved saint, the traditional St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals will take place on Saturday, October 4 at 11:00 am on the lawn area between the church and parish center. All animals — and humans! — invited!!

SHOP AND PRAY PILGRIMAGE

The CCSB Adult Faith Formation Commission is sponsoring a "Shop and Pray" Pilgrimage to the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge and the Lee Outlet Mall on Saturday, October 25 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. The day will include Mass, Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet at the Shrine, as well as time for shopping at the mall. Cost for the day is \$25/person. To make reservations, call Alexandra at 617-527-7791 and send your check to the Parish Office marked "Divine Mercy." All are welcome!

What have you done recently for your marriage?

Check out

www.foryourmarriage.org
for some helpful insights
and suggestions.



**CCSB Religious Education Program 2008 –2009
Classes are underway!**

Please keep the children and catechists in your prayers.



Religious Education classes are up and running! It is great to see the children and teachers once again. On Sunday mornings we have ALL of our catechists — thank you to the parishioners who stepped forward this past week to assist with this important ministry! On Monday afternoons we are still looking for a First Grade and Fifth Grade teacher. Please consider sharing your faith with the children of our parish.

The weekend of October 4th/5th will be the last days to register for Religious Education classes for the 2008-2009 season. Please be advised that the following classes are already full to capacity at 12 students each (Sunday: Grades 5, 6, 7, & 8; Monday: Grade 5). No more registrations will be accepted for these grades unless a volunteer comes forward to teach an extra class.

For more information and to volunteer, contact Maureen Connell at 617-244-0608 / mconnell@ccsbparish.org.

SACRISTY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to join a group of parishioners who help to clean the altar and sacristy of Corpus Christi Church. Individuals complete this ministry approximately six (6) times during the year. Join this dedicated group by contacting Connie Boyce (617-969-1455 / concttaboyce@aol.com).

BRISTOL LODGE FOOD PANTRY

The Bristol Lodge Food Pantry is in need of non-perishable food items. CCSB Parishioners can drop off donated food items at Father Moore Hall in St. Bernard's Church or in the gathering area of Corpus Christi Church. We are also looking for individuals who can deliver the donated food items to Bristol Lodge on Tuesday afternoons — Bristol Lodge is located on Moody Street in Waltham. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Ann Purcell (617-964-1906). And a special thanks to all who provide continued support for this very important ministry.



CatholicTV is now available on Comcast Cable seven days a week, 24-hours a day! If you have Comcast Cable, tune in to Channel 268 for the best in Catholic programming. Catholic TV is also available on: Verizon FiOS (Channel 271); Sky Angel IPTV (Channel 142); and, RCN (Channel 85).

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

We have 23 pilgrims thus far — and there's still time to register for the "trip-of-a-lifetime!" Have you ever imagined travelling the roads and pathways that the Lord himself was known to walk during his time on earth just over 2000 years ago? Here's your chance! Father Frank Silva will conduct a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from January 12-21, 2009. The trip will visit sacred sites in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, and numerous places in between. Mass will be offered daily at some of the most holy Christian sites in the world. Cost for the trip — including air fare, hotel, meals, and more — is \$2,600. If you are interested in receiving additional information about the Holy Land Pilgrimage, please contact Father Frank Silva (617-244-0608 / fsilva@ccsbparish.org).

SEPTEMBER 21, 2008



Saturday, September 20

4:00 pm Rose & Thomas Quatieri Memorial

Sunday, September 21

7:30 am Victor Gasparini Memorial

9:00 am William Mahoney 5th Anniversary

11:15 am Mass for the People

Wednesday, September 24

9:00 am Tyman & Olds Families Memorial

Saturday, September 27

4:00 pm Loretta Huminik Memorial

Sunday, September 28

7:30 am Constance & Anthony Vena Memorial

9:00 am Mass for the People

11:15 am Nora Cullinane Memorial

Arrangements for Anniversary or Memorial Masses
can be made by calling 617-244-0608.

Office hours are 10:00 am-3:30 pm, Monday–Friday.

PARISH SANCTUARY FUND

A donation was recently made to the **CCSB Sanctuary Fund**
in loving memory of

Vincent J. and Mary DiGironimo.

Kindly remember them in your prayers.

Parish Support

Last Weekend's Offertory Collection: \$3,802.
Catholic University of America Collection: \$424.

INCREASED WEEKLY GIVING

Our Increased Weekly Giving Program is now underway. Please respond by using the burgundy response envelope enclosed with the letter you received in the mail this past week from Father Silva. The participation of ALL parishioners is essential for the success of this effort. If you increased your weekly offering but did not use the special envelope, please do so next weekend so we can acknowledge your response properly. Thank you!

† **Next Weekend's Celebrants** †

Saturday, September 27

4:00 pm Fr. Frank Silva

Sunday, September 28

7:30 am Fr. Frank Silva

9:00 am Fr. Francis Conroy

11:15 am Fr. Francis Conroy

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