

From the Pastor's Desk

As I was listening to the radio in recent days, I heard a couple of commentators discussing their resolutions for the "new year." They weren't talking about the type of resolutions that many people adopt (and usually quickly put aside!) as the calendar year gets underway; but rather, their conversation was focused on resolutions that people make for themselves as September comes along. Given that the vacation season is pretty much over and with schools back in operation, we have all probably been programmed to see this month as the beginning of a "new year" regardless of what the calendar might say.

This being so, it's worthy to consider making some resolutions for ourselves and — I would suggest — being sure to include a resolution or two that would help our faith lives as well. For instance...

During these past weeks of summer, if you found yourself taking a 'vacation' from worshipping regularly, now's the time to make the resolution to get back into weekly Mass attendance. Know that you've been missed and that your presence and participation makes a difference with your parish community.

Perhaps you've been thinking about helping the children of the parish to learn more about God's love by volunteering to serve as an instructor or assistant in the parish's Religious Education Program. Well, now's the time to STOP THINKING and to make the resolution to ACT! Our children need you to step forward to offer the witness of your faith that they, in turn, may grow in understanding of God. And be assured that there will be plenty of support and resources available to assist you in this most important ministry of the Church.

Maybe you've been looking for an opportunity beyond formal Church services and large gatherings to connect with those who share your Christian faith. Now's the time to make the resolution to commit to participating in an **ARISE** group — a small, faith-sharing group of fellow parishioners that gathers to reflect upon their journey with God and each other. Keep in mind that next weekend — September 13/14 — is "sign-up" weekend for the first session of **ARISE!**

If you're at a loss as to what resolution to make to strengthen and enrich your faith life, read carefully this weekend's parish bulletin — I can find no fewer than 10 possibilities mentioned here that invite you to consider making use of your time, talent, resources, and God-given abilities to make a difference in the lives of others, your community, and your own life as well. Make a resolution today! Make it a "happy new year!"

This weekend, in cooperation with the Boston office of the **Propagation of the Faith**, we are pleased to welcome to CCSB Parish, **Father Stanley MacNevin, CSP** of the **Paulist Fathers**. Father MacNevin will preach at all Masses about the important missionary work undertaken by his community. In addition to our prayers for these missionary efforts, a **special second collection** will take place at all Masses.

Keep an eye on your mail! In recent days the **Annual Parish Report** (including the financial statement for the 2008 fiscal year and the budget for the 2009 fiscal year) was mailed to all registered households in the parish. The Parish Report will also be made available in next weekend's bulletin and posted on the parish's website. Your questions and comments about the report will be appreciated.

Father Frank J. Silva

CCSB PARISH BBQ & MINISTRY FAIR

Sunday, September 21

10 am-3 pm

(behind St. Bernard's Church)

Food and fun for all ages!

Sign-up posters are available at the church entrances inviting you to provide your favorite salad (macaroni, potato, garden, other) or dessert. The parish will provide hotdogs, hamburgers, sausages, chicken breast, steak tips and beverages. Food may be dropped off before the 9:00 am Mass on September 21. If you haven't been to one of our parish picnics, you owe it to yourself to check it out! It's a great time shared with other parishioners of CCSB. We'll have great food, pony rides, face-painting, moon bounce for the kids and terrific raffle items.



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 also be held in the LPS School cafeteria on Saturday, September 20 after the 4:00 pm Mass and in the CCSB Parish Center on Sunday, September 28 after the 7:30 am and 11:15 am Masses.

We hope you'll join us!

Mark your calendar for a great time to be shared with all members of the CCSB Parish community!!

ARISE TOGETHER IN CHRIST IS HERE



After months and months of planning, our **ARISE** Parish Team extends a warm invitation to all parishioners to **"Come and see!"** Jesus invited his followers to get to know him and one another as they traveled together in faith.

This group of acquaintances, soon to become friends, accepted Jesus' invitation and formed a small faith community. We are inviting each of you to build this same kind of small faith-sharing communities through the **ARISE** program. Let us gather together in fellow parishioners' homes and at parish facilities to learn from each other just as the Apostles nourished each other by sharing their stories of faith — faith in Jesus Christ. They supported each other, laughed and cried together, ate and prayed together, and in the process their faith grew and their lives were enriched. This will happen here at CCSB too so don't be left out! **Sign Up Weekend is September 13 & 14.**

CCSB CHOIR WELCOMES YOU!

The CCSB Parish Choir will resume rehearsals this Sunday, September 7. The choir rehearses on Sunday mornings beginning at 9:30 am (coffee/social break included!) and sings at the 11:15 am Mass. The choir is looking for new members, high school age and above. We also invite instrumentalists (flute, guitar, strings, etc.) to support the choir and congregation. If you are looking for a fun, interesting and rewarding ministry, please join us. For more information contact Mary Nolan, music director. You can stop by the choir loft before or after Mass or contact Mary via email: mnolan@ccsbparish.org.

UP & COMING EVENTS						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14

Monday, September 8

- 1:00 pm (CC) Monday Club
- 4:30 pm (CC) Adult Faith Formation Meeting
- 7:00 pm (CC) Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
- 7:00 pm (SB) Ministry Fair Planning Committee – Chairs Invited

Tuesday, September 9

- 7:00 pm (CC) Worship Commission Meeting
- 7:00 pm (CC) Guild Board Meeting

Thursday, September 11

- 7:00 pm (SB) CCSB Book Club Meeting

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 / conccatboyce@aol.com).

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!

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 the Corpus Christi Church Hall. Circle the date and plan to join us! All welcome!!

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 leave your name, phone number and the number of spaces to reserve. All are welcome!

RCIA & ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Do you know a relative or friend who is interested in becoming a Catholic? How about an adult who has not been confirmed yet? We are offering opportunities for individuals to connect and re-connect with the Catholic faith. Contact Tom Griffin (617-244-9111) for more information.



The mothers, children, and staff of Julie’s Family Learning Program in South Boston wish to thank CCSB parishioners for their generous donations to Julie’s Back-to-School Supply Drive. The 100+ bags of school

supplies and financial donations that parishioners contributed will give the children a terrific start to the school year! God bless you all!!

CCSB Religious Education Program 2008 –2009

Classes begin this week – September 7/8

Please keep the children and catechists in your prayers.



Please help the children of our parish!!! We have children registered for Religious Education classes on Monday and NO TEACHERS! Classes meet from 3:30 to 4:30 pm Monday afternoons in the Corpus Christi Church Hall. Please consider giving an hour of your time each week to build the future of our church. Grades are K through 5.

We also need 6th, 7th and 8th grade teachers. Here is your opportunity to mold the faith of our young teens and help them go along the right path. Classes meet Sunday mornings from 10:10 am to 11:10 am in the Learning Prep School, adjacent to St. Bernard Church.

Without teachers, these classes will have to be postponed until a teacher is found. It could also result in classes being added on at the end of the year to make up for any missed sessions. Please search your heart and consider helping. Textbooks and lots of help will be provided.

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

WEST REGION BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



Parishioners of all ages are cordially invited to a celebration in the West Region of the Archdiocese for the 200th anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of Boston. The celebration will be hosted by Bishop Walter Edyvean, Bishop of the West Region, at St. Mary’s Church (145 School Street, Waltham) on Sunday, September 14 beginning at 2:00 pm. St. Mary’s Parish (having been established in 1839) was the first parish founded in the present day West Region of the Boston Archdiocese. The celebration will include a Liturgy of the Word and a procession of the Most Blessed Sacrament. A social and refreshments will follow.

SEMINARY LAWN PARTY

Blessed John XXIII National Seminary will host its 27th Annual Lawn Party on Wednesday, September 17 at 6:00 P.M, on the grounds of the seminary. This premiere fundraising event is hosted by Cardinal Seán O’Malley. The evening includes a reception and dinner with music. Located on Route 30 in Weston, the seminary prepares second career candidates, men between the ages of 30-60, for the priesthood. The Lawn Party is an opportunity to meet today’s seminarians and to learn more about the priestly formation program of this unique seminary. For ticket information, please call the Blessed John XXIII Development Office at 781-899-5500, or visit their website www.blessedjohnxxiii.edu.

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.

SEPTEMBER 7, 2008



Saturday, September 6

4:00 pm George Kirby and Deceased Members of the Kirby Family
Memorial

Sunday, September 7

7:30 am Anna & Pat Moriarty and Family Memorial

9:00 am Mass for the People

11:15 am Pio Marinucci 2nd Anniversary

Wednesday, September 10

9:00 am Mass for Special Intentions

Friday, September 12

7:00 am Vincent & Dorothy Marini Memorial

Saturday, September 13

4:00 pm Mass for the People

Sunday, September 14

9:00 am Thomas Medaglia Memorial

11:15 am George P. Stack and Kathleen M Stack 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.

CCSB PARISH SANCTUARY FUND

Donations to the Parish Sanctuary Fund help in obtaining much needed liturgical items (vestments, sacred vessels, etc.) for use in our parish.
Contact the parish office for details.

Parish Support

Last Weekend's Offertory Collection: \$3,903.

*We thank you for your support and financial assistance
in helping to further the mission of Christ in our parish.
God bless you for your generosity!*

**+ Special Collection – Next Weekend +
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA**

Next week's second collection supports The Catholic University of America (CUA) and its scholarship fund for needy students. CUA, located in Washington, D.C., is the national university of the Catholic Church. Many priests and professional lay ministers throughout the US obtain their education from CUA. For more information, please visit www.cua.edu.

† Next Weekend's Celebrants †

Saturday, September 13

4:00 pm Fr. Frank Silva

Sunday, September 14

7:30 am Fr. Frank Silva

9:00 am Fr. Francis Conroy

11:15 am Fr. Francis Conroy

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