

From the Pastor's Desk

"And a good time was had by all." Actually, a **GREAT** time was had by all who took part in last weekend's **Parish BBQ and Ministry Fair**. Several hundred parishioners of all ages participated in a wonderful and spirited event that was graced by one of the most beautiful days of the season. God would NEVER let it rain on one of our parish cookouts!

Many compliments were received about the day with some folks even suggesting that we do it EVERY weekend! While that would be quite a task to accomplish (just ask the members of the organizing committee!), it was great to learn that many appreciated the efforts that were undertaken to make the BBQ and Ministry Fair so successful. My thanks and those of our parish community go out to the members of the **Parish Activities Commission** (under the guidance of Mary Belschner) for overseeing all aspects of the BBQ and Ministry Fair. We also offer a special 'tip-of-the-hat' to the staff and students from the **Culinary Arts Department of Johnson & Wales** who supervised the cooking — we all agree that the steak tips were superb! And, finally, we acknowledge the efforts undertaken by all our parish commissions and committees to provide a colorful display of the many programs and activities that make CCSB Parish what it is. Great job, one and all!

If you missed the Ministry Fair last weekend, you're still in luck. This weekend, the displays and materials from the Ministry Fair will be available at the Parish Center following the 7:30 am and 11:15 am Sunday Masses. Come by for a cup of coffee and see the many and varied aspects of our parish life and efforts to further the mission of Christ and his Church.

Our 2008-2009 Religious Education Program is up-and-running. We are grateful for the volunteers who have come forward to serve as catechists and assistants. But, we can still make use of a few more helping hands, so please consider contacting Maureen Connell to express your interest.

You will note elsewhere in this weekend's bulletin that we have had a very fine response to the first six-week series of **ARISE: Together in Christ**. Most parishes in the Boston Archdiocese have also initiated ARISE in recent weeks and we are hearing that the response has been great to this spiritual enrichment program. Have you signed up yet to be part of a small faith-sharing group? There's still time to get in on the action! Consider doing so TODAY.

The initial response to our parish's Increased Weekly Giving Program has been encouraging. I do appreciate the sacrifices that many are making and simply request that all do their best to support their parish in respect to their blessings and financial means. If you have yet to do so, please use the special response envelope with the burgundy print to indicate your intended weekly contribution. Your cooperation in this matter will help us to get a clearer sense of our budgeting possibilities. Should you need additional information, please give us a call at the parish office. Thanks!

Father Frank J. Silva

Join Us for **ARISE: Together in Christ!**



More than 60 participants have signed up thus far indicating their interest in this spiritual renewal program for our parish! There is still time to join a small faith-sharing group so don't be left out!

Contact Carol & Joe Russo (617-527-4416), Tom Griffin (617-244-9111), or complete an online form at www.ccsbparish.org and click on the **ARISE** tab. Faith-sharing groups are planning to meet on various week nights, week days, and other times to accommodate your schedule. Do something for your faith today!

SCRIPTURE STUDY

The CCSB Scripture Study Group is resuming its sessions and will begin its study of the **Book of Genesis** this 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

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 the CCSB Ministry Fair this Sunday, September 28 in the parish center or you can contact Kristy Uttaro (617-527-6594 or Kristy_Uttaro@RCAB.org).



PRO LIFE PRESENTATION

The CCSB Respect Life Community will host a presentation by **Marianne Luthin**, Director of the Boston Archdiocesan Pro Life Office, this 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!!

SOAP COLLECTION

CCSB Parishioners are invited to assist the **Catholic Chaplain Ministry at MCI Norfolk** to fill their 1500 holiday gift bags. A donation of 1 or 2 bars of regular size soap in its original wrapper would be greatly appreciated. There will be a collection box in Father Moore Hall at St. Bernard Church and the Gathering Area at Corpus Christi Church from October 4 - 12 to receive your soap donations. Any questions? Call Ann Purcell at 617-964-1906. Thank you for your help.

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!

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Sunday, September 28

Parish Ministry Fair — following 7:30 & 11:15 am Masses

5:00 pm (CC) Scripture Study Group

Monday, September 29

1:00 pm (CC) Monday Club

7:00 pm (SB) Respect Life Presentation

Wednesday, October 1

7:00 pm (CC) Guild Meeting

Thursday, October 2

7:00 pm (SB) Respect Life Fall Meeting

Saturday, October 4

11:00 am (CC) Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 5

11:15 am (CC) Commissioning of ARISE Group Leaders

Monday, October 6

7:00 pm (CC) Parish Finance Council Meeting

Thursday, October 9

7:00 pm (SB) CCSB Book Club

CCSB GUILD

Everyone is invited to join us as we begin our **2008-2009 Guild season** this 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!!

CCSB BOOK CLUB

The next gathering of the CCSB Book Club will be on Thursday, October 9 at 7:00 pm in Father Moore Hall (St. Bernard Church). We will be discussing **Being Catholic Now: Prominent Americans Talk about Change in the Church and the Quest for Meaning**. All are welcome to join us for lively discussion and Christian fellowship. Please call Anne Keidel at 617-527-5053 for details.

What have you done recently for your marriage?

Check out

FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

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

CCSB Religious Education Program 2008 –2009 Classes are underway!

Please keep our children and catechists in your prayers.

Religious Education



Although we have had volunteers step forward to teach every class (THANK YOU!), we could still use some teacher's helpers — especially in the middle school grades on Sunday mornings. If you can volunteer for even just a few weeks during the year, it would be of great help to our teachers who have a large number of 6th, 7th or 8th graders they are working with each week. Please pray over this and if you can, call or email Maureen Connell at 617-244-0608 / mconnell@ccsbparish.org.

Special notice for Confirmation II (10th graders)!
Retreat for Saturday, October 11 – time change to 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Make a change to your calendars!

RCIA & ADULT CONFIRMATION

In coming days we will begin meeting with individuals who seek initiation into the Catholic Church. Have you ever thought of sharing your faith journey with others who are seeking membership in our faith? You don't need to be a scholar or theologian to share your Catholic faith with those seeking the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. For more information, contact Tom Griffin (617-244-9111 / tgriffin@ccsbparish.org).

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.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE – Day in Rome Added!!

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 13-22, 2009**. The trip will visit sacred sites in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, and numerous places in between. And a special day in Rome will conclude the trip! Mass will also 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).

MORNING OF PRAYER

Nourish your spirit with reflective input, time for personal prayer and a closing ritual at a Morning of Prayer from 9:00 - 11:30 AM on Wednesday, October 15. The theme is **Harvesting God in Our Lives** and the program will be facilitated by Sister Rosemary Brennan, CSJ. This is part of a series of Mornings and Evenings of Prayer held monthly at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston (631 Cambridge Street, Brighton). Suggested donation: \$25. For more information and to register, please visit www.csjretreatcenter.org or call 781-383-6024.

SEPTEMBER 28, 2008



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

Saturday, October 4

4:00 pm Italo & Mary Amicangioli Memorial

Sunday, October 5

7:30 am Mass for the People

9:00 am Mark Frederick Coakley 15th Anniversary

11:15 am Mass for Deceased Members of the CCSB Guild

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.

.....In Memoriam.....

In your prayers, please remember the souls of

Patricia DeRubeis, Melanie Anne Brown and Theresa H. Cameron
for whom Funeral Masses were recently offered in our parish.

PARISH SANCTUARY FUND

A donation was recently made to the **CCSB Sanctuary Fund**
in loving memory of
Ann E. Mulkern.

Kindly remember her in your prayers.

Parish Support

Last Weekend's Offertory Collection: \$4,670.

INCREASED WEEKLY GIVING

Sharing is caring! Please share with Corpus Christi-St. Bernard Parish a weekly offering that reflects a sacrifice according to your current means. We need every parish household to prayerfully consider a reasonable increase from their current level of weekly support. Thank you!

† **Next Weekend's Celebrants** †

Saturday, October 4

4:00 pm Fr. Francis Conroy

Sunday, October 5

7:30 am Fr. Francis Conroy

9:00 am Fr. Frank Silva

11:15 am Fr. Frank Silva

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