

## From the Pastor's Desk

CCSB Parish recently participated in the **Safe Environment Compliance Audit** as mandated by the **U.S. Bishops Conference**. We were one of 50 parishes in the Boston Archdiocese randomly chosen to participate in the audit this year. The audit centered on the nature of our safe environment training for children in our religious education program and for adults whose volunteer activities in the parish put them in contact with minor children.

A representative from the **Gavin Group** conducted the audit and indicated that our policies, procedures, and practices are in compliance with the requirements of the **Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People**. I am grateful to the many parish staff members and volunteers over the recent years who have taken seriously the mandate to develop safe environment initiatives within the parish. I also offer special thanks to **Maureen Connell** (our Religious Education Director), **Billie Swisher** (a member of our parish's Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Team), and **Tom Griffin** (our Pastoral Associate and Coordinator for the CCSB Safe Environment Initiative) for their participation in the audit.

This weekend our **Confirmation II Candidates** are participating in a special retreat program being conducted for them at the Espousal Retreat Center in Waltham. I am sure that all parishioners will keep these young people in their prayers not only at this time but throughout the coming months as they prepare to receive the fullness of God's Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Once a month (October through March) a **Sunday 5:00 pm Mass** is celebrated with our Confirmation Candidates. Parishioners are most welcome to join us for these Masses. **Mass will be offered next Sunday, October 19 at 5:00 pm in the chapel of St. Bernard's Church.**

Through the end of November, our parish rectory will provide residence to **Father Jacob Ghebrechristos**. Father Jacob, who once studied and ministered in the Boston Archdiocese for about 20 years, is presently serving in his homeland of Ethiopia. He is with us at this time to conduct mission appeals in several parishes within the archdiocese. We welcome him to Newton and pray that he will enjoy his time among us.

Progress is being made on replacing the parish hall floor in Corpus Christi Church. It still remains a mystery as to how so much water got into the hall this past summer during the torrential rain storms. However, we look to getting things back in order as soon as possible and appreciate the changes that some parish groups have made to reschedule or readjust the venue of their activities.

Finally, you may have noticed in recent weeks that the response to our **Increased Weekly Giving Program** has been producing some positive results to our weekly offertory collection. A number of requests have been received for weekly offertory envelopes and/or to provide information about Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) for making parish contributions. This is all most encouraging. If you have yet to return your response envelope, please do so as soon as possible. Making your response by using the special envelope will permit me to properly acknowledge and thank you.

**Father Frank J. Silva**

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



**ARISE** participants have begun to meet in small faith-sharing groups throughout our parish to discern the Word and share faith experiences with old friends and new acquaintances. There's still some room left in a few of our groups so call the parish center

today (617-244-9111) to join an **ARISE** group. Groups are currently meeting on Monday mornings, Wednesday and Thursday nights; we're trying to get a group for Saturday mornings as well at 7:30 AM if you are interested...so don't delay! This is a "last call" for Season One as groups will meet for the next 5 weeks. In addition to those participating actively in the small groups, we encourage all parishioners to support this endeavor through daily prayer — you might pray the Rosary daily, attend daily Mass, offer a day of fasting and prayer for our faith community, or maybe keep the **ARISE** participants in your daily intercessions. You can also pray the **ARISE** prayer each day (found on our parish website/copies available at the entrances of our churches), meditate daily on Scripture for 10 minutes, and participate prayerfully at Mass and offer it for the spiritual renewal of our parish and the Archdiocese of Boston. We welcome your participation in whatever way possible!

## ANNUAL NEWTON WALK FOR HUNGER

The **2008 Newton Crop Walk** will be held next 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, contact Kristy Uttaro (617-527-6594) or Kristy\_Uttaro@RCAB.org).



## 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 through this Sunday, October 12 to receive your soap donations. Any questions? Call Ann Purcell at 617-964-1906. Thank you for your help.

## SHOP AND PRAY PILGRIMAGE



**DIVINE MERCY**

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!

## ADULT CONFIRMATION

Are you an adult who has yet to be confirmed? Have you considered receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation? We are looking to develop an Adult Confirmation Program for those who feel called to re-visit this sacrament. For more information, contact Tom Griffin (617-244-9110 / tgriffin@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

**Saturday, October 11**

2:00- 7:00 pm Confirmation II Retreat — Espousal, Waltham

**Monday, October 13**

7:00 pm (CC) Worship Commission Meeting

**Tuesday, October 14**

7:00 pm (SB) First Reconciliation — Parent's Meeting

Hope to see you at the...



**COFFEE CONNECTION**

Beginning next Sunday, October 19 in Father Moore Hall (St. Bernard's Church) after the 9:00 am Mass. Visit with old friends, make new friends while sharing a cup of coffee, tea and more! We look forward to offering the 'Coffee Connection' on weekends when Religious Education classes are in session. For information, contact Rose Yesu (617-965-1631 / Rnyesu@aol.com).

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**SCRIPTURE STUDY**

The CCSB Scripture Study Group is continuing its study of the Book of Genesis. The next meeting will be on Sunday, October 19 at 5:00 pm in the Parish Center. We will be discussing Lesson 2, Chapters 4-8. New members are always welcomed! If you are interested or just curious, contact Bob Larner (617-965-4746 / rlarner@crai.com).

**SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM**

Members of the CCSB Respect Life Community will be present after all Masses next weekend (October 18/19) with prayer/pledge cards and an informational letter inviting your participation in the Spiritual Adoption Program. The program involves a personal commitment to pray for the next nine months for one unborn child in danger of abortion and his/her parents daily. The prayer cards are only to be taken if you are willing to make this daily commitment to pray for the child and parents. Watch our parish bulletin boards in the coming months to see the progress for your 'Spiritually Adopted' child. For further information, contact Kristy\_Uttaro@rcab.org or call 617-527-6594.

**ATTENTION LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS!  
ANNUAL PARISH LITURGICAL MINISTERS' WORKSHOP**

Tuesday, October 28 — 7:00-9:00 pm  
Father Moore Hall (St. Bernard's Church)

Parishioners interested in assisting at Sunday Mass as a Lector or Eucharistic Minister are encouraged to attend this workshop. For information concerning the requirements to serve as a Liturgical Minister, please contact the parish office at 617-244-0608.

**SOUL FOOD: OUR FAITH, OUR FOOD, OUR LIFE**

On Sunday, November 2 at 2:00 pm in Father Moore Hall (St. Bernard's Church), the CCSB Guild will host a presentation by author and food specialist Susan Hamilton. She will share stories of faith and food, connecting God's gift of food to our daily life. Take time to contemplate our spirit of living: taste a few recipes and re-awaken your joyfulness in faith and food! For tickets (\$8), call Connie (617-969-1455) or Lucille (617-244-9386). Let us know if you need a ride. All are welcome!

**CCSB Religious Education Program 2008 –2009**



**Classes are underway!  
Please keep our children and their catechists in your prayers.**

In light of the **Columbus Day** weekend, there are **no Religious Education classes** scheduled for **October 12 & 13**.

We have three middle school-age children **in need of a special teacher** to prepare them for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion. If you can spare an hour a week, preferably on Monday afternoons (day is negotiable), please contact Maureen Connell (617-244-0608 / mconnell@ccsbparish.org). This is a wonderful way to share your faith in a small yet exciting environment.

**Reminders for Parent(s)/Guardian(s):** There is an important Information Meeting this Tuesday, October 14 at 7:00 pm in the Father Moore Hall (St. Bernard's Church) for those with children preparing for **First Reconciliation**. And, a Special Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 19 in Father Moore Hall (St. Bernard's Church) following the 5:00 pm Mass for those with children preparing for the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. See you there!

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSES**

In coming days and weeks, area Catholic elementary and high schools will be conducting Open Houses for prospective students. Please contact the schools directly for information about these sessions.

**Catholic Memorial (617-469-8019)  
Sunday, October 19 — 1:00-3:00 pm**

**St. Sebastian's School, Needham (781-247-0125)  
Tuesday, October 21 — 5:30-7:30 pm**

**Ursuline Academy, Dedham (781-326-6161)  
Sunday, October 26 — 1:00-4:00 pm**

**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 this 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](http://www.csjretreatcenter.org) or call 781-383-6024.

**CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB**

The Catholic Alumni Club (CAC) of Boston will sponsor a hospitality party at the Westin Hotel in Waltham on Friday, October 17 from 6:00-9:00 pm. Hors d'ouvres will be provided and drinks can be purchased. The CAC is an organization for single Catholics 45 and over. For information, contact Tom Litrenta at 781-665-5920.

**PAX CHRISTI FALL ASSEMBLY**

On Saturday, November 1, PAX CHRISTI Massachusetts, a Catholic peace organization, will hold its 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly from 9:00 am-4:00 pm at St. Susanna's Church (262 Needham Street) in Dedham. Father John Dear, SJ, a noted peace activist, lecturer and retreat leader, will be the day's speaker. To register for the program, contact Judy Rich (508-653-0893 / judithrich@hotmail.com). Fee: \$30 — includes lunch (students free).

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<b>Saturday, October 11</b>		
4:00 pm	Bridget Sadler	Memorial
<b>Sunday, October 12</b>		
7:30 am	Mass for the People	
9:00 am	Sister Madonna	Memorial
11:15 am	Joseph & Mary Bianchi	Memorial
<b>Monday, October 13</b>		
9:00 am	Mass for Deceased Priests	Memorial
<b>Tuesday, October 14</b>		
9:00 am	David Dostie	Memorial
<b>Wednesday, October 16</b>		
7:00 am	Patricia DeRubeis	Months Mind
<b>Saturday, October 18</b>		
4:00 pm	Margaret T. Maguire	Memorial
<b>Sunday, October 19</b>		
7:30 am	Mass for the People	
9:00 am	Estelle Pastena	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary
11:15 am	Margaret Kivlehan	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 Support

Last Weekend's Offertory Collection: \$5,143.

### INCREASED WEEKLY GIVING

The CCSB Increased Weekly Giving Program is very important to our financial stability. It is also important to show our gratitude to God for our many gifts by responding to the needs of our parish. If you have not returned your response envelope, please do so at the first opportunity.

Thank you!

Next weekend is...

### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next week's special collection supports **Catholic World Missions**. By Baptism, all Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church and share their faith as missionaries. World Mission Sunday gathers support for the pastoral and evangelizing programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. The funds gathered on **World Mission Sunday** are distributed in the pope's name by the **Society for the Propagation of the Faith**—a Pontifical Mission Society. For more information, please visit [www.worldmissions-catholicchurch.org](http://www.worldmissions-catholicchurch.org).

### † Next Weekend's Celebrants †

#### Saturday, October 18

4:00 pm Fr. Frank Silva

#### Sunday, October 19

7:30 am Fr. Frank Silva

9:00 am Fr. Francis Conroy

11:15 am Fr. Francis Conroy

5:00 pm Fr. Frank Silva

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