



From the Pastor's Desk

In recent days our **2008 Grand Annual Collection** was initiated. Parishioners were mailed information about the importance of this annual appeal along with pledge cards to make their donations. If you did not receive the materials concerning the Grand Annual, information is available at the main entrance to our parish churches or by contacting the parish office (617-244-0608).

Donations received through the Grand Annual Collection are used specifically for the **major capital improvements** that we undertake each year on our parish buildings and properties. Several projects are well underway as evidenced by the roof and stained-glass window repairs and replacements done on our parish churches. This past summer the main area of St. Bernard's Church was also painted and we hope to do the same in Corpus Christi Church as we move into the new year. Much like the "always-something-to-do" projects that you find in your own home, our parish properties are faced with the continuing need to repair, replace, or improve something that will help keep our facilities in good and beautiful condition.

This year's goal for our Grand Annual Collection is \$80,000. While current economic concerns may make it difficult for some to contribute to the Grand Annual to the degree that they have done so in the past, be assured that your offering, large or small, will not only help us achieve our goal but will be gratefully acknowledged as well.

Please feel free to contact me or any member of our Parish Finance Council should you have questions about the Grand Annual Collection or, for that matter, any of the financial concerns of the parish. And thank you once again for the sacrifices you make to help support the good works of our parish community.

Speaking of the 'good works' of CCSB Parish, as we move into the holiday season, we once again are given the opportunity to put forth our best efforts in bringing some happiness to needy individuals and families. At present, our annual **Thanksgiving Food Drive** is underway for the benefit of those serviced by Julie's Family Learning Center in South Boston. In doing your shopping for the holidays, please remember to pick up a few extra food items — or even a turkey! — that will help to brighten this year's Thanksgiving celebrations for "Julie's families."

We are into the final stages of the selection process for our **Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)**. This week those who have kept their names in nomination for the PPC will gather to select eight members for the council. They will be joined by four more council members that I will appoint soon after the selection process is completed. The continued prayers of all parishioners will be much appreciated as the nominees continue with their discernment about serving on the PPC.

Keep in mind that next weekend the Archdiocese of Boston draws to a close its bicentennial observance. We give thanks to God for the Catholic faith that has been nurtured and proclaimed over these past 200 years in the Church of Boston and pray that we will be worthy evangelizers of Christ's gospel for generations to come.

Father Frank J. Silva

Help support the...

14th ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

November 15 – 24

for the benefit of South Boston's Julie's Family Learning Program

-- See the special insert in this weekend's bulletin! --

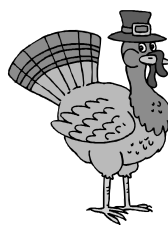


And don't forget to join us for the...

CCSB TURKEY SHOOT

Friday – November 21 – 6:30 pm

Our Lady Help of Christians Church Hall



The Annual CCSB Turkey Shoot is only a few days away! With repairs underway on the Corpus Christi Church Hall, please note that this year's Turkey Shoot will be held at **Our Lady Help of Christian's Church Hall**. Entrance to the parking lot at OLHC is on Adams Street in Newton. There's plenty of opportunity to help make this year's Turkey Shoot a great success. Besides donating a turkey, there is a need to set up OLHC Church Hall on Thursday, November 20 and Friday, November 21. Help will also be needed after the Turkey Shoot to return the hall back to how we found it! Turkey donations may be dropped off the night of the shoot. **Gift donations should be brought to the CCSB Parish Center, 45 Ash Street no later than Wednesday November 19.** If you have any questions or wish to arrange to have a donation picked up, please call Ann Purcell (617-964-1906) or Linda Uttaro (617-527-6594). To assist with the Silent Auction, please contact Polly Bryson (617-244-0932 / cell - 617-413-6807).

+++ BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE +++

Parishioners are invited to inscribe the names of their deceased loved ones in the "Book of Remembrance" located at the main entrances of our parish churches. Throughout this Month of All Souls, we will remember in our prayers and Masses our faithful departed that they may know eternal rest and peace with God.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION UPDATE



Your spirituality adopted babies have been quite active over the last month. They are already 10,000 times bigger than they were at conception. By the 20th day, the foundations of their brain, spinal cord and nervous system have developed and by the 21st day their heart is beating and pumping blood through its own circulatory system. Their blood type can be the same as or different from their mother's. During the next month, your baby is most vulnerable to the threat of abortion. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of this baby's parents to give them the most precious gift of all — the gift of life.

THANKSGIVING OBSERVANCES

Thanksgiving Prayer Service

Wednesday, November 26 – 7:00 pm – Corpus Christi Church

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday, November 27 – 8:30 am – St. Bernard's Church

THIRTY-THIRD 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, November 16

5:00 pm (CC) CCSB Scripture Study Group

Monday, November 17

1:00 pm (CC) Monday Club

5:00 pm (CC) Faith Formation Meeting

7:00 pm (SB) PPC Selection Night

Friday, November 21

6:30 pm CCSB Turkey Shoot (OLHC Church Hall)

Monday, November 24

1:00 pm (CC) Monday Club

7:00 pm (CC) Financial Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 26

7:00 pm (CC) Thanksgiving Prayer Service

Thursday, November 27

8:30 am (SB) Thanksgiving Day Mass

SCRIPTURE STUDY

The CCSB Scripture Study Group will meet this Sunday, November 16 at 5:00 pm at the Parish Center to continue its study of the Book of Genesis. We will be discussing Lesson 3, Chapters 9-14. New members are always welcomed. If you are interested in participating in the study group or just curious, contact Bob Larner (617-965-4746 / rlarner@crai.com).

SAVE THE DATE!

The CCSB Guild will sponsor a **Musical Comedy Quartet** on Wednesday, December 3 at 7:00 pm in Father Moore Hall (St. Bernard's Church). Look for more details in next weekend's bulletin. Everyone is welcome!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSES

Area Catholic elementary and high schools are presently conducting Open Houses for prospective students. Please contact the schools directly for information about these sessions.

Jackson – Walnut Park Schools, Newton (617-202-9772)

Wednesday, November 19 – 9:00-11:00 am

THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

The Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola in Every Day Life (the 19th Annotation Retreat) will once again be offered by staff members of the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life of the Boston Archdiocese. The retreat will begin this Wednesday, November 19 and extend through April 29, 2009. The group meets weekly from 7:00-9:00 pm at the Creagh Library on the Brighton Campus of Boston College (formerly the grounds of the Archdiocesan Chancery offices). This will be the 14th year that Reverend John Sassani and Mrs. Mary Ann McLaughlin will direct the Spiritual Exercises. If you are interested, please call 617-779-3640 or e-mail spiritual_development@rcab.org.

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 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



Hard to believe but the season of Advent is just around the corner! While the "Santa" aspect of Christmas will invite reflections on wonderful lessons in sharing and caring,

let's be sure to keep our focus on the real story of Christmas and the wonderful Gift that God has given us in his Son Jesus. To help keep the true meaning of Christmas in our minds this season, we invite all children of the parish to participate in a **Christmas Pageant and Parish Sing-a-Long on Sunday, December 21 from 2:00-3:30 pm**. All pageant parts are in costume and most are speaking parts (some as part of a group). We are seeking energetic volunteers that want to help our parish welcome the birth of our Savior with joy and celebration. **Any young person who would like to participate should contact Maureen Connell before Sunday, November 23**. Small group rehearsals will be scheduled at a convenient time once all parties are on board.

LIVING ROSARY

Parishioners of all ages (5-to-105!) are welcome to participate in the offering of the **Living Rosary on Saturday, December 6 at 3:00 pm in St. Bernard's Church**. Each participant helps with the Living Rosary by leading a prayer on one or more beads of the Rosary and/or by being a part of the chorus of responders. Many voices are needed to make this a most special time of prayer in honor of our Blessed Mother. Rosaries and instructions will be provided. **For more information or to sign up, contact Maureen Connell (617-244-0608 / mconnell@ccsbparish.org) or Lisa Levine (gmap911@verizon.net).**



THANK YOU

A word of thanks to all who provided and served food at the **Bristol Lodge Soup Kitchen** earlier this month. We hope you can join us for our next serving on **Thursday, January 1, 2009 – New Year's Day!**

PLEASE, BE COURTEOUS!



To provide a convenience for those with walking difficulties, it is requested that all respect the handicapped accessible curbing located on the Prospect Street side of St. Bernard's Church and directly in front of Corpus Christi Church. Please do not block these areas! Your cooperation is much appreciated.

NURSE POSITION AVAILABLE

Internal medicine doctor seeks RN for small practice in Newton Center. Work is approximately 11-5 daily but must be flexible (and comfortable with resident dog!). Duties include phlebotomy, injections, patient call backs, some phone and checking patients in. Also includes management of quality assurance and vaccine programs some patient teaching (re diabetes, hypertension, for example). Ideal candidate loves to work with people, pays attention to details, has at least 4-5 years experience ("seasoning" preferred), has good self care. Those interested can email: bstewart@caregroup.harvard.edu or call 617-686-9366.

NOVEMBER 16, 2008



Saturday, November 15

4:00 pm Deceased Members of the Fitzpatrick Family Memorial

Sunday, November 16

7:30 am Mass for the People

9:00 am Mary Morales Memorial

11:15 am Alvina Hunter 1st Anniversary

Monday, November 17

9:00 am Anna Lessor Memorial

Tuesday, November 18

9:00 am Virginia Linquist Memorial

Saturday, November 22

4:00 pm Joseph A. Mazzola Memorial

Sunday, November 23

7:30 am Constance & Anthony Vena Memorial

9:00 am Mass for the People

11:15 am Laura Mastroianni 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.

.....IN MEMORIAM.....

In your prayers, please remember the souls of
Nicholas A. Mastroianni and Anthony V. Rufo, Sr.
for whom Funeral Masses were recently offered in our parish.

PARISH SANCTUARY FUND

A donation was recently made to the **CCSB Sanctuary Fund**
in memory of **Reno L. Cerra** (40th anniversary).
Please remember him in your prayers.

Parish Support

Last Weekend's Offertory Collection: \$5,133.

• Special Collection – Next Weekend •

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Next weekend's special collection, the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)**, works to uphold the dignity of human life by breaking the cycle of poverty across the United States through grants to local community-based groups who create jobs, improve education, and strengthen neighborhoods. Twenty-five percent of the CCHD collection stays in the Archdiocese of Boston to fund local anti-poverty projects; seventy-five percent supports national grant and education programs. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/cchd.

† **Next Weekend's Celebrants** †

Saturday, November 22

4:00 pm Fr. Frank Silva *

Sunday, November 23

7:30 am Fr. Frank Silva *

9:00 am Fr. Francis Conroy

11:15 am Fr. Francis Conroy

* - Deacon Dan Nelson preaching.

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