

From the Pastor's Desk

In spite of the economic downturn that has been evidenced in our country and the world's economies, the generous spirit and concern of CCSB Parishioners have not diminished as seen in the responses to parish and community projects that were conducted recently.

On the heels of a very successful **Clothing Drive for Waltham's Bristol Lodge**, word is out that our parish's **Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive** was the best ever! While we await a final report from the organizers of the Food Drive, it is pretty much certain that the individuals and families serviced by **Julie's Family Learning Center in South Boston** experienced a comfortable Thanksgiving in large part to the generosity of the CCSB community. We offer a "tip-of-the-hat" to all who contributed to the Food Drive and to those who assisted in coordinating the effort.

The energy and contributions that were produced for our recent parish **Turkey Shoot** provided another example of the generous spirit of CCSB parishioners. Again, we await a complete financial report for this major parish fund-raiser; but, if we could have bottled the excitement and fun that was shared by the several hundred people that participated in the Turkey Shoot, there's no question that there was enough to touch thousands of lives! Again, we salute all who worked long and hard to make the Turkey Shoot a success and thank all who supported this annual event.

On another front, it was a powerful moment to witness the concern and unity of the greater-Newton community at last weekend's rally at **Temple Shalom**. Prompted by a hateful symbol and destruction to the temple's signage, a couple of hundred people — men, women and children — stood united to declare that prejudice and hate have no place in our city. I was proud to see a number of our parishioners among those who stood strong at the rally with their neighbors and friends in spite of the bitterly cold wind and temperatures.

Finally, the truth of the old adage "Charity begins at home," has clearly been evidenced by the initial response to our parish's **Grand Annual Collection**. While there's still a way to go to reach our \$80,000 goal, initial pledges are most promising and, hopefully, as the final weeks of the year unfold, others will find it possible to make their pledge to this important parish collection.

Father Frank J. Silva

GRAND ANNUAL UPDATE

With the observance of Thanksgiving this past week, we were unable to get a precise total of pledges made thus far to our 2008 Grand Annual Collection. However, we are confident that the Grand Annual has more than doubled the \$6,500 amount reported in last weekend's bulletin. We promise an accurate update by next weekend. If you have yet to make your pledge to the Grand Annual, please fill out your gift card and return it in the collection basket or to the parish office. Extra pledge cards are available at the entrance to the church.

Our thanks to all who have made a donation thus far!

PARISH GIVING TREE

November 30th - December 14th



Beginning this weekend — the First Sunday in Advent — ornaments will hang from the Christmas trees displayed in the churches of our parish as we initiate our annual **Giving Tree Project**. This year's project will benefit men, women and children who are provided assistance through **Bristol Lodge, Julie's Family Learning Program, and Project Care & Concern**.

The **angel ornaments** have specific requests from the families of Julie's; the **star ornaments** have TJMaxx, CVS, and Dunkin' Donuts gift card requests from the clients of Bristol Lodge; the **mitten ornaments** represent Project Care & Concern's requests for hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, and socks in any sizes for men, women and children. Parishioners are invited to take an ornament (or two!) from the Christmas trees and return the gift unwrapped with the ornament attached by Sunday, December 14. **This Christmas, open your hearts and make a family's Christmas brighter!**

COMEDY QUARTET PERFORMANCE



The CCSB Guild invites one and all to a performance by "**The Accidentals**," a comedy 'barbershop quartet' that has delighted audiences with their gift of music and laughter. "**The Accidentals**" will offer their concert on **Wednesday, December 3 at 7:00 pm in Father Moore Hall (St. Bernard Church)**. Tickets are \$8 (at the door) and refreshments will follow the performance. For

additional information, call **Nikki (617-244-7389)**.

ADVENT EVENINGS OF REFLECTION

Noted speaker, author, and musician, **Jaymie Stuart Wolfe** will offer two **Advent Evenings of Reflection on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 9 & 10, from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Chapel of St. Bernard's Church**. Jaymie, a wife and mother of eight children, is a disciple of the spirituality of St. Francis De Sales and serves as the Faith Formation Coordinator at St. Maria Goretti Parish in Lynnfield. Many may know her from her articles that appear regularly in *The Pilot*. The CCSB Adult Faith Formation Commission invites all to participate in this special Advent series.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

CCSB Parish is honored to welcome the **Boston Children's Chorus** for a special free **Holiday Concert**. Invite your family members, neighbors and friends to join us for this **free concert** to be offered on **Sunday, December 14 at 2:00 pm in St. Bernard's Church**. A free-will offering will be taken up for the chorus and their music CD's will be available for sale. Plan now to join us!

HOLY LAND SALE ITEMS

Hand-crafted items made in the Holy Land will be available for purchase following all Masses next weekend. Most of the items are made from the olive wood available only in the Holy Land. They are manufactured by members of the small Christian communities that have struggled for years through many hardships and difficulties to keep their homes and communities in the Holy Land.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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, December 1

1:00 pm (CC) Monday Club
7:00 pm (CC) Worship Commission Meeting

Tuesday, December 2

7:00 pm (SB) Temple Shalom Visit

Wednesday, December 3

7:00 pm (SB) Guild "Musical Comedy" Night

Saturday, December 6

9:00 am (SB) Mass (followed with Eucharistic Adoration)

Sunday, December 7

5:00 pm (CC) Scripture Study Group
3:00 pm (SB) Living Rosary

Tuesday, December 9

7:00 pm (SB) Advent Evening of Reflection

Wednesday, December 10

7:00 pm (SB) Advent Evening of Reflection

TURKEY SHOOT REPORT

A sincere word of thanks is due and offered to the crew that oversaw the coordination of our parish's **2008 Turkey Shoot**. We also express thanks to all those who donated items, helped during the event, assisted with the set-up and clean-up and, of course, those who attended. Everyone's efforts helped to make the evening a great success!

We offer a special word of thanks to **Father John Sassani and the parishioners of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish** for the use of their church hall for the Turkey Shoot.

We also wish to recognize area merchants that donated prizes: **Anthony's Florist/Watertown; Antoine's Bake Shop; Auburndale Discount Wine & Spirits; Avanti & Co/Susan Fitzpatrick; Baker's Best; A Chocolate Lovers Dream/Belmont; Curves/Auburndale; Commodore Builders; DesCar Jewelers; Dressing Room; Dunkin' Donuts/Auburndale; Indigo Hotel/Riverside; Just Next Door; Keyes Pharmacy; Leo J. Martin Golf Course; Mercuri Family Liquors; Newton Marriott; Paddy's Restaurant; Regan's Service Station; Russo's/Watertown; The Village Bank/Auburndale; and, West Newton Cinema.**

Turkey Shoot Cash Raffle Winners

\$500.00 — Maggie Fortune

\$300.00 — Mary Lou DeSouza \$100.00 — Colin Brooks

\$50.00 — Marjorie Bortone — Russell Petrus

Catherine Farina — Rev. John Devane

CCSB SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP

The CCSB Scripture Study Group is continuing its study of the Book of Genesis. The next meeting will be on **Sunday, December 7 at 5:00 PM at the Parish Center** to discuss Lesson 4, Chapters 15-20. New members are always welcomed. If you are interested or just curious, contact **Bob Larner at 617-965-4746 or rlarner@crai.com**.

CCSB BOOK CLUB

Please join us for our next meeting, Thursday, December 11, 7:00 pm at St. Bernard Church, Fr. Moore Hall, when we will be discussing Peace is Every Step, the Path of Mindfulness in Everyday Life by Thich Nhat Hanh. For further information, please contact Anne Keidel at 617-527-5053.

CCSB Religious Education Program 2008 –2009



Please note that there will be no classes this Sunday, November 30 or Monday, December 1. Have a blessed Thanksgiving Holiday weekend!

LIVING ROSARY

Parishioners of all ages (5-to-105!) are welcome to participate in the offering of the **Living Rosary** next **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).**



LITURGICAL MINISTERS - CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers should indicate their preferences for assisting at **Christmas Masses** on the 'sign-up sheets' that are posted in the sacristy areas of our parish churches. Questions? **Please contact Ann Cornaro (617-332-0850 / alc75@verizon.net)**. Also, the **assignment schedule** for Liturgical Ministers for **January-March** is now being coordinated. If you anticipate not being available for a particular weekend(s), **please notify Lisa Levine (617-965-6296 / gmap911@verizon.net) ASAP!**

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

Parishioners are invited to remember their loved ones by making a donation to the **Parish Sanctuary Fund** this Christmas Season. Donations will help with the expenses involved in decorating our parish churches and provide resources for other needs at the altar. Envelopes for your donations will be found at the entrances to our parish churches. Please type or print clearly the names of loved ones to be remembered—a listing of those for whom donations are received will appear in a future edition of the parish bulletin.

ADULT CHRISTIAN INITIATION UNDERWAY

Did you know that CCSB Parish has several young adults discerning God's call to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. These individuals were baptized as infants but for a variety of reasons did not complete their initiation rites in the Church through Confirmation and Eucharist. In coming weeks we will be celebrating the Rite of Welcome of these candidates and be given the opportunity to welcome and pray for these individuals throughout their journey. We are also delighted to have an individual who was baptized in another Christian communion who is discerning the call to be received into the Roman Catholic Church. The prayers, witness and welcome by all members of our parish family are most important to these individuals and, God willing, will draw even more to our church doorsteps! For information about preparation for Christian Initiation,

Christmas Festival of Lessons & Carols

Saturday, December 6 – 7:30 pm &

Sunday December 7 – 3:00 pm

St. John's Seminary – 127 Lake Street, Brighton
All welcome!

NOVEMBER 30, 2008



Saturday, November 29

4:00 pm James Sadler Memorial

Sunday, November 30

7:30 am Mass for the People

9:00 am Mardy McGreggs & the Barry Family Memorial

11:15 am Raymond J. McCarthy Memorial

Tuesday, December 2

9:00 am Joseph Clancy 5th Anniversary

Friday, December 5

7:00 am Jack Condon 1st Anniversary

Saturday, December 6

4:00 pm Michaelangelo & Frances Nicolazzo Memorial

Sunday, December 7

7:30 am Herbert Alfredson Memorial

9:00 am Eugenie Mattar Memorial

11:15 am Mass for the People

If the Mass Intention is for a family member or friend,
please contact a Eucharistic Minister before Mass
should you wish to bring forward the offertory gifts.

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.

MASS CARDS

A selection of Mass cards is available in our parish office. Mass cards are suitable for all occasions—to offer prayers for the deceased or to spiritually remember family and friends for birthdays, anniversaries, get well, new baby, or graduations. The suggested offering is \$5 (or \$10 for a five-year enrollment in the Society for the Propagation of the Faith). Please visit us during business hours—weekdays 10 am-3:30 pm—or you may call 617-244-0608 or 617-244-9110.

Parish Support

Last Weekend's Offertory Collection: \$4,822.

Campaign for Human Development Collection: \$612.

*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!*

† **Next Weekend's Celebrants** †

Saturday, December 6

4:00 pm Fr. Leo Manglaviti

Sunday, December 7

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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