

## From the Pastor's Desk

This week (Monday, December 8), we observe the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary**. This holyday of obligation has particular significance for Catholics, like ourselves, who live in this corner of the world. It is under her title of the Immaculate Conception that we honor the **Blessed Virgin Mary** as the **Patroness of the Americas**.

Obviously there is no finer individual for us to model as a disciple of Christ than our Blessed Mother. Her humble acceptance of God's will provided the world with its Savior. To quote St. Irenaeus: "Being obedient she became the cause of salvation for herself and for the whole human race."

As we move into the second week of our Advent journey, let us give honor to our Blessed Mother knowing of her desire to draw us closer to Jesus. Make time this week to spend an extra moment or two in prayer with Mary — calling upon her intercession has been known to change many lives, let alone the course of history and nations!

A couple of months ago, as we were conducting our Parish Increased Weekly Giving effort, a number of people expressed an interest in making their parish contributions through the means of **Electronic Fund Transfer**. Hundreds of parishes have offered this service in recent years and have found it to be a welcomed and convenient method for parishioners to use in making their donations. We have explored the resources available and expect to be ready to offer this service to CCSB parishioners by the beginning of the new year (2009). Through the services of ParishPay, parishioners will be able to make their donations through secured electronic bank transfer or credit card. If you would like more information about using Electronic Fund Transfer for your parish donations, please contact the parish office (617-244-0608).

We have had quite a challenge on our hands since early September when it became necessary to close off use of the hall in Corpus Christi Church because of water damage to the floor. Several torrential rain storms this past summer resulted in water mysteriously seeping into the hall. The situation has been analyzed on a number of fronts and we are now comfortable with installing a new floor in the church hall. The project will be completed in coming weeks making it possible to begin using the church hall in January. A word of thanks is in order to the parish groups and ministries — especially those associated with our Religious Education Program — for adapting their events and activities that are commonly conducted in the church hall.

Father Frank J. Silva



## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**Wednesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve**

4:00 pm – St. Bernard Church  
7:00 pm – Corpus Christi Church  
10:00 pm – St. Bernard Church

**Thursday, December 25 – Christmas Day**

8:00 am – Corpus Christi Church  
10:00 am – St. Bernard Church



## IMMACULATION CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Monday, December 8  
Holy Day of Obligation  
Masses at

9:00 am – Corpus Christi Church  
7:00 pm – St. Bernard Church



## PARISH GIVING TREE



Our annual **Giving Tree Project** is underway! 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**.

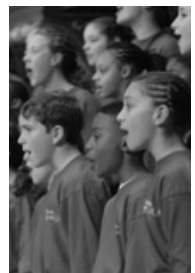
The **angel ornaments** on the Giving Trees located in our parish churches have specific requests from the families of Julie's; the **star ornaments** have TJMaxx, CVS, and Dunkin' Donuts gift card requests from the clients of Bristol Lodge; the **mitten ornaments** represent Project Care & Concern's 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 next Sunday, December 14. **This Christmas, open your hearts and make a family's Christmas brighter!**

## ADVENT EVENINGS OF REFLECTION

Noted speaker, author, and musician, **Jaymie Stuart Wolfe** will offer two **Advent Evenings of Reflection** this **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.

## THE SOUNDS OF THE SEASON CONCERT

CCSB Parish is honored to welcome the **Boston Children's Chorus** for a special **"Sounds of the Season" 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!



## SECOND 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

### Sunday, December 7

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

### Monday, December 8 – Immaculate Conception

9:00 am (CC) Holy Day Mass  
1:00 pm (CC) Monday Club  
7:00 pm (SB) Holy Day Mass

### Tuesday, December 9

7:00 pm (SB) Advent Evening of Reflection

### Wednesday, December 10

7:00 pm (SB) Advent Evening of Reflection

### Thursday, December 11

7:00 pm (SB) CCSB Book Club

### Saturday, December 13

11:30 am (SB) First Reconciliation Service

### Sunday, December 14

2:00 pm (SB) Boston Children's Choir Concert

### Tuesday, December 16

7:00 pm (CC) PPC Orientation Meeting

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:gmap911@verizon.net)) ASAP!

## CCSB SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP

The CCSB Scripture Study Group is continuing its study of the Book of Genesis. The next meeting will be this **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](mailto:rlarner@crai.com).

## 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

## 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



Our second graders will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, December 13 at 11:30 am in St. Bernard Church. Please keep these young children and their families in your prayers. Thanks!

We invite one and all to join us for some good old fashioned "fun and frivolity" at our Christmas spectacular on Sunday, December 21 at 2:00 pm in St. Bernard's Church. Enjoy the story of the first Christmas as told by some of our youngest parishioners. We will also be offering a sing-a-long so be sure to bring along your holiday voices!

## Christmas Festival of Lessons & Carols

Sunday December 7 – 3:00 pm  
St. John's Seminary – 127 Lake Street, Brighton  
All welcome!

## HOLY LAND SALE ITEMS

Hand-crafted items made in the Holy Land will be available for purchase following all Masses this 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.



Sky Angel IPTV (Channel 142); and, RCN (Channel 85).

CatholicTV is now available on Comcast Cable seven days a week, 24-hours a day! If you have Comcast Cable, tune in to Channel 268 for the best in Catholic programming. Catholic TV is also available on: Verizon FiOS (Channel 271);

## GRAND ANNUAL UPDATE

Our Goal:  
\$80,000.

Our 2008 Grand Annual Collection continues to make progress towards reaching its goal. To date, pledges have been received from 155 parish households. We once again express thanks to those who have contributed thus far.

40.8%

The Grand Annual Collection provides revenues that make it possible to address major improvements to our parish facilities – such as the painting of our parish churches, roof repairs, stained-glass window improvements, etc.

Pledges  
to Date:  
\$32,601.

This week a reminder will be sent to parishioners who have yet to make a pledge to this important parish collection. Information and pledge cards for the Grand Annual Collection are also available at the church entrance or by contacting the parish office.

DECEMBER 7, 2008



**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

**Tuesday, December 9**

9:00 am Agueda Torres Memorial

**Wednesday, December 10**

9:00 am Mass for Military Personnel & their Families

**Thursday, December 11**

7:00 am Philip, Mariangela & Laura Mastroianni Memorial

**Friday, December 12**

7:00 am Michele Tumminelli Memorial

**Saturday, December 13**

4:00 pm Jim & Marion McGlame, Mary & Virginia McGlame and  
Edie Maynes Memorial

**Sunday, December 14**

7:30 am Paul Flynn Memorial

9:00 am Mass for the People

11:15 am Linda M. Dallamora 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  
**Josephine C. Phipps and Lucy M. Cedrone**  
for whom Funeral Masses were recently offered in our parish.

---

---

## Parish Support

**Last Weekend's Offertory Collection: \$4,297.**

*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  
COLLECTION FOR RETIRED RELIGIOUS**

Over 3,000 Religious Sisters rely on your generosity for their retirement. Next week's special collection provides financial support to 52 religious communities whose members have served the Archdiocese of Boston. Please give generously in recognition of the important role religious sisters have had in developing the ministries of education, health care and social service in the Archdiocese of Boston. Your contributions make a difference. For more information, please visit [www.retiredreligious.org](http://www.retiredreligious.org).

---

---

† **Next Weekend's Celebrants** †

**Saturday, December 13**

4:00 pm Fr. Francis Conroy

**Sunday, December 14**

7:30 am Fr. Francis Conroy

9:00 am Fr. Frank Silva

11:15 am Fr. Frank Silva

**END OF BULLETIN  
ANY TEXT OR GRAPHICS ENTERED ON THIS PAGE  
WILL NOT APPEAR IN THE PRINTED BULLETIN**

CHURCH NAME: **Corpus Christi - St. Bernard Parish**

CHURCH CITY: **Newton, MA**

ROUTING CODE: **Y**

RUN NUMBER: **21**

FILENAME: **04-0422.02b**

PHONE NUMBER: **1-617-244-0608**

FAX NUMBER:

EDITOR/ CONTACT: **Ann Medeiros**

**CURRENT FORMAT: WPN Format -- 6th Column Part of Ad Grid**

**Comments:**

---