

From the Pastor's Desk

By now, the big "countdown" has begun and believers of all ages are anticipating the celebration of Christmas. Many people find time to be at a premium these days and they wonder if they will be able to "do it all" before the big day arrives. Yet, we know that Christmas will soon cast its special glow upon us and, even if only for a moment, we will seek to capture the special grace and peace of this special time of year.

To be sure that you are "ready" for a true celebration of all that Christmas is and should mean to us, I encourage you to take advantage of the **Sacrament of Penance**. The purpose of Christ's coming among us was to free us of our sins and to gift us with the promise of salvation. To embrace the true spirit of Christmas we must first embrace the fact that we have a Savior who has made it possible for us to be reconciled with God and each other. Please note in this weekend's bulletin the times that have been scheduled for the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance. Just as you might schedule a special holiday event or appointment with a friend to observe the coming days of Christmas, make it a point now to schedule the time to encounter God's mercy with a sacramental confession. God's forgiveness is truly a gift for which we can be grateful and of which we should regularly take advantage.

This week our new **Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)** will meet for the first time. This will be an orientation session for the council members and, therefore, the meeting is not open to parishioners. I am pleased to announce that, in addition to the eight council members that were selected for membership on the council, four additional parishioners have accepted appointment to the PPC. The members of the CCSB Parish Pastoral Council for 2008-2010 are:

Polly Bryson	Robert Lerner	Clara Montillo *
Peg Farrell	John McBrine	Mary Pajak *
Bruce Holbein	Bill McEvoy *	Bob Vello *
Karen Howard	Bruce McIntyre	Rose Yesu

(* - appointed member)

We are honored to have the famous **Boston Children's Choir** making a special holiday appearance in our parish this Sunday afternoon. If you are looking for a great treat for your family and friends, invite them to join you for the concert. It promises to be a highlight to our Christmas observances!

Father Frank J. Silva

CCSB Parish warmly welcomes and proudly presents...

THE BOSTON CHILDREN'S CHOIR "Sounds of the Season" Holiday Concert Sunday, December 14 – 2:00 pm St. Bernard's Church

Admission to the concert is FREE — a free-will offering will be taken up for the chorus and their music CDs will be available for sale at the concert.



PARISH GIVING TREE



All items for our annual **Giving Tree Project** are due this weekend. Unwrapped gift items (with the ornament attached!) should be left at the Gathering Area in Corpus Christi Church or at Father Moore Hall in St. Bernard's Church. Thanks to all who have assisted with making for a happy Christmas for the men, women, and children serviced through **Bristol Lodge, Julie's**

Family Learning Program, and Project Care & Concern.

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

Reconciliation

With the celebration of Christmas just a few days away, special hours for the celebration of the **Sacrament of Penance** have been scheduled. Please note the dates, times and places at which confessions will be heard...

Saturday, December 20 – 3:15-3:45 pm – St. Bernard's Chapel
Sunday, December 21 – 6:00-7:00 pm – St. Bernard's Chapel
Monday, December 22 – 6:30-7:30 pm – Corpus Christi Church
Tuesday, December 23 – 6:30-7:30 pm – St. Bernard's Chapel



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



THIRD 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 14

2:00 pm (SB) Boston Children's Choir Concert
 6:30 pm (SB) Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)

Monday, December 15

5:00 pm (CC) Adult Faith Formation Commission Meeting

Tuesday, December 16

4:00 pm (SB) Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
 7:00 pm (CC) PPC Orientation Meeting

Saturday, December 20

2:30 pm (SB) Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

Sunday, December 21

2:30 pm (SB) Christmas Pageant
 6:00 pm (SB) Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)

Monday, December 22

6:00 pm (CC) Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)

Tuesday, December 23

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BRISTOL LODGE



Soup Kitchen

CCSB parishioners will be serving dinner at the **Bristol Lodge Soup Kitchen on New Year's Day (Thursday, January 1) from 4:00-6:00 pm**. If you can help by providing food or serving that day, **please contact Lucille (617-244-9386) or Ann (617-964-1906)**. We are in need of salad, juice, casseroles, and green beans. We are very grateful for your continued support for this outreach ministry.

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, January 4, at 5:00 pm at the Parish Center**. The group will discuss Lesson 5, Chapters 21:1-25:18. New members are always welcomed! If you are interested or just curious, **contact Bob Larner (617-965-4746 / rlarner@crai.com)**.

SEASON TWO PLANS UNDERWAY!



At a recent Prayer Service that allowed for some very significant reflections and hopes to be expressed, Season One of **ARISE** was brought to a close by the 62 parishioners who took part. Nearly every participant was filled with great hope for the continued growth of the CCSB faith community. **ARISE** is enabling parishioners to come together in faith and to grow closer to one another and to Christ. The calendar may say December but preparations are in the works for Season Two of **ARISE** to be conducted during **Lent 2009**. Season One was such a huge success for our faith community. By all accounts parishioners want more! In Season Two we look to have groups that will meet each day of the week—already there is a **Young Adult Group** that is planning to gather. In this Advent Season of Hope we pray that the hopes and dreams of those who participated in Season One may spread throughout the parish.

CCSB Religious Education Program 2008 –2009



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!

A note to our pageant participants: Rehearsals will be held this week on **Tuesday, December 16 at 4:00 pm** and on **Saturday, December 20 at 2:30 pm** in St. Bernard's Church. Looking forward to seeing you there!

NEXT WEEKEND – DECEMBER 21

5:00 PM Sunday Mass

St. Bernard's Chapel

All welcome!

TWO MONTH DEVELOPING BABY



Your spiritually adopted babies are making progress in developing all of their external features and internal organs. By 40 days, their brain is functioning. Their parents can hear their heartbeat now on an ultrasonic stethoscope. Their milk-teeth buds are present at 6 ½ weeks, and it has been reported that by two months, they can suck their thumb. From this moment onward, everything your spiritually adopted baby needs to survive after birth is already present.

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 177 parish households. We once again express thanks to those who have contributed thus far.

48.6%

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:
\$38,861.

A reminder was recently mailed 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 14, 2008



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

Monday, December 15

9:00 am Bernice Caira Memorial

Wednesday, December 17

9:00 am Jose Garrido Memorial

Thursday, December 18

7:00 am Felecee & Michaela Butera Memorial

Saturday, December 20

4:00 pm Lionel, Bridget & James Sadler Memorial

Sunday, December 21

7:30 am Mass for the People

9:00 am William, Alice J. & Martha M. McMullen Memorial

11:15 am Herbert Alfredson 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: \$4,885.

*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 – This 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.

† Next Weekend's Celebrants †

Saturday, December 20

4:00 pm Fr. Frank Silva

Sunday, December 21

7:30 am Fr. Francis Conroy

9:00 am Fr. Edward Geary

11:15 am Fr. Francis Conroy

5:00 pm Fr. Frank Silva

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