



## From the Pastor's Desk

As our Christmas Season moves into its final week and we've taken the turn into a New Year, it is appropriate to offer words of thanks and appreciation to all within our parish community who have made our observances so memorable during this special time of year. Many people have commented to me on how beautifully decorated our parish churches have been during these days of Christmas. As you know, the décor in our churches does not magically appear overnight but involves the commitment and dedication of our own special "corps of angels" who work behind the scenes cleaning and getting everything into place. We thank them sincerely for their untiring efforts.

Given the increase in Masses being offered in recent weeks to observe our special Holy Days (as well as our regular weekend Liturgies), a word of appreciation is due to our parish's Liturgical Ministers (Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Mass Coordinators, Choir and Music Ministers). The extra time and service many of them provided truly added to the beauty of our celebrations.

I also believe it fitting to note the contributions made by our parish's pastoral, office, and maintenance staff members. Their commitment throughout the year is noteworthy but, as you might imagine, is intensified as they do their best to address parish concerns with their obligations to their families and friends during this time of year.

And, of course, a most special word of thanks to all CCSB parishioners. Your words, cards, gifts, smiles, and prayers have meant a great deal during this holy season.

The generosity of the CCSB community has been specially noted in recent weeks. Outreach to the needy and poor in our midst has been extraordinary. The recipients of our Advent Giving Tree were most grateful. Did you know that 325 gifts for 31 families were received for Julie's Family Learning Center, 48 store gift cards were donated to Bristol Lodge, and that more than 400 hats, mittens, scarves and socks were collected for Project Care & Concern? In addition to all this, CCSB parishioners have made financial sacrifices to support our parish's Grand Annual Collection (to date, \$51,656 has been pledged) and almost \$11,000 was contributed in the Christmas Collection to support our retired priests and help with the medical needs of our diocesan clergy. Thank you, one and all! And may God's blessings be with you and your loved ones now and throughout the New Year.

Father Frank J. Silva

### ARISE: TOGETHER IN CHRIST – SEASON TWO

As we wind down the Christmas Season we turn our attention toward the Season Two of **ARISE: Together in Christ** and its theme – **Change Our Hearts**. Session Two of **ARISE** will be offered throughout Lent 2009. Season One saw 62 parishioners embrace this spiritual renewal and faith sharing opportunity. We hope to increase that number in Lent and invite you to be a part! We have begun recruiting small group leaders to offer **ARISE** each day of the week so that more parishioners will be afforded the opportunity to participate. We already have a Young Adult Leader as we hope to reach out to more 20 & 30 year olds in the parish. We are excited and hope you will be as well! Please keep an eye on the parish bulletin for **ARISE** updates, or contact **Tom Griffin** for more information: 617-244-9111 / [tgriffin@ccsbparish.org](mailto:tgriffin@ccsbparish.org).

### Epiphany Proclamation 2009

*While a day like Christmas is fixed in our minds and on the calendars on December 25, many of the important feasts of the Church year move, based upon the date that Easter is set.*

*Easter changes each year moving to the Sunday after the "Paschal Full Moon," and can fall between March 22 and April 25. In ancient times before calendars were common, most people did not know the dates for the upcoming Liturgical year. On Epiphany Sunday, the upcoming dates were "proclaimed" after the gospel in this way:*



Dear brothers and sisters,  
the glory of the Lord has shone upon us,  
and shall ever be manifest among us,  
until the day of his return.

Through the rhythms of times and seasons  
let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation.

Let us recall the year's culmination,  
the Easter Triduum of the Lord:  
his last supper, his crucifixion, his burial,  
and his rising celebrated  
between the evening of the ninth day of April  
and the evening of the eleventh day of April,  
Easter Sunday being on the twelfth day of April.

Each Easter — as on each Sunday —  
the Holy Church makes present the great and saving deed  
by which Christ has for ever conquered sin and death.  
From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy.

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent,  
will occur on the twenty-fifth day of February.

The Ascension of the Lord will be commemorated on the twenty-first day of May.

Pentecost, joyful conclusion of the season of Easter,  
will be celebrated on the thirty-first day of May.

And, this year the First Sunday of Advent will be  
on the twenty-ninth day of November.

Likewise the pilgrim Church proclaims the passover of Christ  
in the feasts of the holy Mother of God,  
in the feasts of the Apostles and Saints,  
and in the commemoration of the faithful departed.

To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Lord of time and history,  
be endless praise, for ever and ever. Amen.

### LOOK TO THE EAST AND FOLLOW THE STAR!



All are welcome to join the children of our parish as they re-enact the visit of the Magi celebrating the **Epiphany of the Lord** this **Sunday, January 4** at 2:00 pm in Corpus Christi Church.

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, January 4**

5:00 pm (CC) Scripture Study Group

**Monday, January 5**

7:00 pm (CC) Worship Commission Meeting

**Thursday, January 8**

7:00 pm (SB) Book Club Meeting

**Monday, January 12**

7:00 pm (SB) Julie's Committee Meeting

**CCSB SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP**

The **CCSB Scripture Study Group** is continuing its study of the Book of Genesis. The next meeting will be held this **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 Larnar (617-965-4746 / rlarner@crai.com)**.

**BRINGING OTHERS TO THE FAITH**

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process for those interested in learning about the Catholic faith and, at the same time, discovering where God is present in their lives. The process is designed for adults who are: unbaptized; baptized in another Christian tradition; or, baptized Catholic, but with no further religious training or sacraments. If you wish to become Catholic or learn more about your Catholic faith, please contact Tom Griffin (617-244-9110 / tgriffin@ccsbparish.org).

**CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?!**

Devices to assist those with hearing impairments have been installed in both of our parish churches—Corpus Christi and St. Bernard. These devices—similar to a walkman radio—provide a direct connection with the church's sound system. They are good for use only within the church building. Those who could benefit by using such a device may pick up one by stopping in the sacristy before Mass.



All are welcome to include their petitions in the Intercessory Prayer Books located at the main entrances to our parish churches. As a faith community, we pledge to remember these intentions in our prayers.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL – OPEN HOUSE**

Saint Jude Elementary School (175 Main Street, Waltham) will be hosting an open house on Sunday, January 25, 2009 from 1:30-3:00 pm; Tuesday, January 27 from 6:30-8:00 pm; and, Wednesday, January 28 from 10:00-11:00 am. We hope you can join us and see what makes Saint Jude School the Good News in Education. For more information, please call the school's office at 781-899-3644.

**CCSB Religious Education Program 2008 –2009**



Happy New Year to our entire parish family from all the children and teachers of the CCSB Religious Education Program.

Religious Education classes will resume on Sunday, January 11 and Monday, January 12. We are looking forward to seeing everyone again and to starting, a faith-filled and fun second half of the year!

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Volunteers are needed to help with the Children's Liturgy of the Word during Sunday's 9:00 am Mass. Volunteers should be willing to interact with children in Grades K through 4 on a faith-based level. Responsibilities may involve reading Scripture, leading song, and/or maintaining order. Those interested should contact Maureen Connell (617-244-0608 or mconnell@ccsbparish.org). All volunteers must fill out CORI forms. In the late Spring and Summer months, this ministry will move to Sunday's 11:15 am Mass.

**GERONTOLOGY CLASSES AT UMass-BOSTON**

The University of Massachusetts Boston is accepting applications for its Frank J. Manning Certificate Program in Gerontology. The program is designed to give students the skills and resources they need to plan for an aging society, work or volunteer in the aging network, and advocate for elders. UMass-Boston continues to offer both daytime and evening on-campus classes. The program is now fully available online, as well. Spring semester begins the week of January 26. Credits from this certificate program can be applied towards a full bachelor's degree program. This program is approved for financial aid rewards. For more information or an application, contact Mary St. Jean at 617-287-7330 / mary.stjean@umb.edu.

**SUPPORT CCSB PARISH – USE E.F.T.**

Forgot your weekly contribution envelope this weekend? Tired of writing checks for your parish donations? As many parishes locally and throughout the country have found, there's now an easy solution to these situations. It's called **EFT – Electronic Fund Transfer**. Many people use EFT to make regular bill payments and, as we begin a new year, the process will be available for CCSB parishioners to make their offertory and other parish donations as well. The EFT process allows for easy, consistent and safe transfer of funds from a bank account or through credit card payment. Information about EFT is available from our parish Business Manager, Bob Percheski. Contact Bob for details at 617-244-0608.



A notice will be considered for publication in the parish bulletin if received by Noon on the Monday before the weekend it is to appear. Notices should be typed clearly and delivered to the parish office or sent via email to: [info@ccsbparish.org](mailto:info@ccsbparish.org). Thanks!

*JANUARY 4, 2009*

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**Saturday, January 3**

4:00 pm Robert M. Malone, Jr. Memorial

**Sunday, January 4**

7:30 am Mass for the People

9:00 am Msgr. Bernard O'Kane, Msgr. John Quirk,  
Fr. Anthony Moore and all Deceased Priests  
of Corpus Christi - St. Bernard's Parish Memorial

**Tuesday, January 6**

9:00 am Edward & Hazel Bigham Memorial

**Saturday, January 10**

4:00 pm Marie B. Malone Memorial

**Sunday, January 11**

7:30 am Mass for the People

9:00 am Mickeli Bonadio Memorial

11:15 am Domenic J. Plati Memorial

**.....IN MEMORIAM.....**

In your prayers, please remember the soul of  
**Maureen Delaney**  
for whom a Funeral Mass was recently offered in our parish.

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.

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

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## Parish Support

**Last Weekend's Offertory Collection: \$4,261.**

*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!*

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**Special Collection for Retired Priests (Christmas):  
\$10,977.**

The priests of the Archdiocese of Boston offer appreciation to all who  
contributed to the Clergy Fund through their donations to the Christmas  
collection. Your donations will assist the needs of our retired priests, as  
well as the medical care and financial needs of our diocesan clergy.  
May God bless one and all for their concern, support and sacrifices.

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† **Next Weekend's Celebrants** †

**Saturday, January 10**

4:00 pm Fr. Francis Conroy

**Sunday, January 11**

7:30 am Fr. Francis Conroy

9:00 am Fr. Frank Silva

11:15 am Fr. Frank Silva

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