

From the Pastor's Desk

As you read this weekend's bulletin, I along with 23 other pilgrims from CCSB Parish and elsewhere have completed several days of travel in the **Holy Land**. If our itinerary has kept to its schedule, this Sunday we will walk the **Via Dolorosa** (the Way of Tears, better known as the Stations of the Cross) in the Holy City of **Jerusalem**. This section of our pilgrimage will conclude with Mass being offered at the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**, the site of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus.

As we find ourselves privileged to offer the Eucharist at this most sacred of holy places, know that you and your intentions remain in our prayers — as they have throughout our pilgrimage. And please continue to keep us in your prayers, too, as we conclude our journey and look forward to our return home later this week.

This coming week will mark a major moment in the life of our nation as the eyes of our country and the world focus on events in Washington, DC. The inauguration of **Barack Obama** as the 44th President of the United States carries with it historical recognition and importance. Given the major issues and concerns that presently confront our nation and the world, it is only proper to unite ourselves in prayer behind the individual who will have a significant influence in addressing these matters. Regardless of your political affiliation or interests, please pray that our new president will have the wisdom and fortitude necessary to promote the human rights and freedoms that are due to all God's children, especially for the poor and defenseless. Included in this weekend's bulletin is "**A Prayer for Our Nation**" in hopes that you might recite the prayer in anticipation of this Tuesday's Presidential Inauguration.

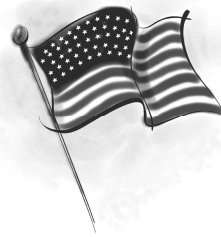
Two days following the inauguration, tens of thousands (many of whom will be youth and young adults from around our nation) will converge on Washington, DC for another major event that has been observed since the infamous Supreme Court Decision of 1973 known as *Roe v. Wade*. The **Annual March for Life** will draw attention once again to the sacredness of human life and the need to promote laws and policies that will provide protection to human life from its first moment of conception to natural death. As he has done for a number of years, **Father Francis Conroy** will journey to our nation's capitol to be counted among those participating in the March for Life. He welcomes your prayers not only for himself and those with whom he will travel, but most especially for the cause that should be close to all our hearts.

This year, along with many parishes in the Boston Archdiocese, CCSB Parish will host a special **Holy Hour for Life** on the evening before the March for Life in Washington. Please note the details about this Holy Hour that will be found elsewhere in this weekend's bulletin.

To cover my absence from the parish this week and Father Conroy's journey to Washington, I invite you to welcome **Father Leo Martel** who will provide for the sacramental needs of the parish for several days. Father Martel is a Senior Priest of the Boston Archdiocese who retired last year as Pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Chelmsford. We thank him for making himself available and we are sure that he will enjoy his brief stay among the CCSB Parish community.

Father Frank J. Silva

A PRAYER FOR OUR NATION



With this week's inauguration of our new president, Barack Obama, it is right and proper to offer a special prayer for him, his administration and our country. Given the challenges we face as a nation, may our petition to God grant our government leaders and the citizens of our country the guidance and direction necessary to further the principles we hold sacred and true.

Gracious and loving God, we come to you in humble prayer for the United States of America.

Bless our President. Give him wisdom and strength to serve the American people and lead our country in ways that are pleasing to you.

Bless our Congress. Instill in them knowledge and understanding to enact laws that protect the sanctity of life — from the unborn to the elderly; and promote the good of all people.

Bless the people of the United States. Make us aware of our responsibility as citizens to uphold the principles of life, liberty, justice, and equality.

Send your Holy Spirit upon our beloved country. Make us people of faith in time of uncertainty. Make us people of hope in times of trouble. Make us people of compassion with those who are less fortunate. Make us people of peace in our homes, our communities, our country, and our world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior. Amen.

An Opportunity for Prayer: Holy Hour for Life An Hour of Prayer with Exposition of the Holy Eucharist



A **Holy Hour for Life** will be held on the Vigil of the **National Day of Prayer and Penance**. All in the Archdiocese are invited to be involved in this Holy Hour, praying in solidarity with the thousands of pilgrims going to Washington, D.C.

for the **National March for Life**. **Corpus Christi-St Bernard Parish will host the Holy Hour for Life this Wednesday, January 21 at 7:30 pm in St. Bernard Church. All are invited. Deacon Dan Nelson will preside.** This Holy Hour will be held simultaneously at parishes, college campuses, hospitals, and convents throughout the Archdiocese, as well as on the buses carrying our teens and seminarians to Washington, D.C. We will pray together for those who have been wounded by abortion, for respect for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death, and that those who govern us may be guided by justice, truth, and a love for the gift of life. The Holy Hour is organized by **Boston Deacons for Life** in collaboration with the Office of Clergy Support and Ongoing Formation, and the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office. **For more information, contact John Burkly at the Pro-Life Office (508-651-1900).**

UP & COMING EVENTS						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Sunday, January 18

5:00 pm (CC) CCSB Scripture Study Group

Wednesday, January 21

7:30 pm (SB) Holy Hour for Life

CCSB SCRIPTURE STUDY

The CCSB Scripture Study Group continues its study of the Book of Genesis this **Sunday, January 18 at 5:00 pm at the Parish Center**. We will be discussing the readings and question for Lesson 6 (Chapters 25:19 - 29:30). New members are always welcomed. If you are interested or just curious, **contact Bob Larner (617-965-4746 or rlarner@crai.com)**.

BRISTOL LODGE FOOD PANTRY

The Bristol Lodge Food Pantry is in need of non-perishable food items. CCSB Parishioners can drop off donated food items at Father Moore Hall in St. Bernard's Church or in the gathering area of Corpus Christi Church. We are also looking for individuals who can deliver the donated food items to Bristol Lodge on Tuesday afternoons — Bristol Lodge is located on Moody Street in Waltham. If you are interested in helping with this project, **please contact Ann Purcell (617-964-1906)**. And a special thanks to all who provide continued support for this very important ministry!

CCSB CHOIR

The **Corpus Christi-St. Bernard Parish Adult Choir** will be preparing for the Lent and Easter season and we are looking for new members (high school age and above). We especially need sopranos and tenors. We also welcome instrumentalists (flute, guitar, strings, etc) to support the choir and congregation. The choir rehearses before the **Sunday 11:15 am Mass** starting at 9:30 am (coffee/social break included!). If you are looking for a fun, interesting and rewarding ministry, we invite you to join us. **For more information, stop by the choir loft before or after Mass or contact Mary Nolan, music director, at mnolan@ccsbparish.org**. We look forward to meeting you!

CCSB BOOK CLUB

Everyone is welcome to the next meeting of the **CCSB Book Club** scheduled for **Thursday, January 29 at 7:00 pm in Father Moore Hall** (St. Bernard Church). The book to be discussed is Confronting Power and Sex in the Catholic Church by Bishop Geoffrey Robinson. **If you have any questions, please contact Anne Keidel (617-527-5053)**.

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.

• **Special Collection – Next Weekend** •
CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Your support of this annual special collection provides support for pastoral projects in financially poor dioceses in Latin America and the Caribbean.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN – ONLINE SAFETY

About a decade ago a study titled "**Online Victimization**" was conducted for the U.S. Department of Justice. In the study, a national sampling of children found that approximately one in five children had received a sexual solicitation or approach over the Internet in the previous year. One in four children on the Internet had unwanted exposure to inappropriate behavior in the previous year. One in 33 children had received an aggressive solicitation — a solicitor who asked to meet them somewhere, called them on the telephone, or sent them mail, money, or gifts. Today, even more children in the United States are online; undoubtedly, if a national sampling of children was to be interviewed in 2009, these numbers would be even higher. As pervasive and tempting as the Internet can be, it is essential for families, teachers, and parish staffs to be knowledgeable and fluent in both the negative and the positive aspects of the Internet. **If you have concerns or questions about children and the Internet, feel free to contact Maureen Connell or Tom Griffin, parish staff members, for more information, or you may call Deacon Anthony Rizzuto at the Office of Child Advocacy, Implementation and Oversight at 617-746-5994.**

CCSB MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Do you like to work with young people? We are hoping to organize a Youth Group for Middle School age children (grades 6, 7, and 8). We are looking for adults or older teens to assist with planning and running programs. Come help us build the "Church of the future" through fun and faith and friends. **If interested, please contact Peter Levine (gmap911@verizon.net / 617-965-6296), or Maureen Connell (mconnell@ccsbparish.org / 617-244-0608).**

NEXT WEEKEND – JANUARY 25

5:00 PM Sunday Mass
St. Bernard's Chapel
All welcome!

CATHOLIC SCHOOL – OPEN HOUSE

Saint Jude Elementary School (175 Main Street, Waltham) will be hosting an open house on **Sunday, January 25 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.**

St. Paul School (10 Atwood Street, Wellesley) will conduct an open house on **Thursday, January 29 from 9:30-11:00 am**. The school offers a program from Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8. An After School Program is also available. **For more information, call the school's office at 781-235-1510 (www.stpaulschoolwellesley.org).**

CAREGIVER HOMES

"What do you do when a parent or other elderly relative can no longer live alone? Call **Caregiver Homes** — we pay you to care. Caregiver Homes is a MA state Licensed, Adult Foster Care provider, a community based alternative to nursing Home placement. We pay family members or non-family members up to \$18,000 per year (tax free) to care for frail elders or disabled (16+) at home. Ideal candidates need 24-hour supervision and need daily physical help with Personal care. The caregiver will receive professional nursing support, care management, and training in their home. **Please let us help you by calling Sister Maureen Kane at 781-223-6291.**

JANUARY 18, 2009



Saturday, January 17

4:00 pm William J. Burke, Jr. 15th Anniversary
and Mary E. Burke 50th Anniversary

Sunday, January 18

7:30 am Mass for the People
9:00 Stella Polagruto 1st Anniversary
and Salvatore Polagruto 20th Anniversary
11:15 am Patricia & Edward Wallace Memorial

Monday, January 19

9:00 am Giovanna Nicolazzo Memorial

Friday, January 23

7:00 am Vincenzo, Angelina, Maria & Franco Rametta Memorial

Saturday, January 24

4:00 pm Vincent & Louise Carvelli Memorial

Sunday, January 25

7:30 am Constance & Anthony Vena Memorial
9:00 am Mass for the Ill and Homebound Members of
Corpus Christi-St. Bernard Parish
11:15 am Mass for the People

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

In your prayers, please remember the soul of
Forrest Cioppa
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.

Parish Support

Last Weekend's Offertory Collection: \$3,334.

*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!*

E.F.T. – NOW AVAILABLE!

Information on making your parish contributions by use of Electronic Fund Transfer (bank account or credit card) is available by contacting the parish Business Manager, Bob Percheski, at 617-244-0608.

† **Next Weekend's Celebrants** †

Saturday, January 24

4:00 pm Fr. Leo Manglaviti

Sunday, January 25

7:30 am Fr. Frank Silva
9:00 am Fr. Francis Conroy
11:15 am Fr. Francis Conroy
5:00 pm Fr. Frank Silva

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