

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DEACON...

As a community of Christian believers, we have the privilege, obligation and joy of gathering every Sunday to hear God's word and to offer praise and thanksgiving to God in the name of Christ through the Eucharist. In these holy actions, we are united by the Holy Spirit and formed more perfectly into the Body of Christ through the celebration of the Mass.

Ministry of
the Homebound

However, there are parishioners in our community who are an important part of our faith community but are not able to be physically present at our weekly liturgical celebrations. For various reasons, perhaps due to advanced age or physical handicaps, these individuals may feel isolated from various parts of society including their faith community. More often than not, they are homebound and are completely dependant upon family and friends to provide for their basic needs – even things like grocery shopping, doctor visits or getting prescription refills. In addition, these parishioners are most welcoming and appreciative of our parish's corps of Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound who graciously visit them on a regular basis bringing conversation, prayer and, most especially, the Holy Eucharist.

While we attempt to keep track of all our parishioners who are homebound, we find it necessary to review and update our files on a regular basis. Experience has shown that often there are those who have moved to new locations or health care facilities; and, of course, there are those who have reached a point where they must arrange for at-home care. In any case, it is very important that we are made aware of these circumstances so we can address them accordingly. We ask for your assistance in this matter. If you are aware of any parishioner who is currently homebound and would welcome a visit from one of our Eucharistic Ministers, please notify Ann Medeiros at our parish office (617-244-0608) with the person's name, address and phone number.

Additionally, we are currently extending an invitation to those in the parish who would be interested in learning more about becoming a Eucharistic Minister to the Homebound. As our list of homebound parishioners increases, we would welcome a few more compassionate and caring helpers! If you feel called to this very important ministry or would like more information about what's involved, please contact Deacon Dan Nelson (617-244-9110), Joan McGrath (617-965-0555), or Peg Farrell (617-527-4595). They would be most happy to discuss your interest you and explain the training that is involved.

RCIA News

Next Sunday, February 1 at the 9:00 am Mass, four individuals will be celebrating the Rite of Welcome as candidates for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. **Mike Hayden, Kate and Emily Femino and Steve Butera** have been preparing for these sacraments for several months. At the Mass they will be welcomed by our faith community and publicly declare their intent to continue to discern their journey of faith. Another individual, **Stacy George**, will be celebrating the **Call to Ongoing Conversion** as someone from another Christian faith tradition who is choosing to bring her faith into the ways of the Catholic Church. If you are at the 9:00 am Sunday Mass next weekend, please join us in welcoming these candidates!

THE GIFT OF LOVE – PROJECT HOPE

CCSB parishioners are invited to help needy families at **Project Hope** who are preparing to move into a new living situation. We seek to collect new items that will assist these families as they begin a new phase in their lives. The list of items needed is endless – from paper goods, cleaning supplies, dishes, glasses, pots, pans, towels, bedding – just think of what you use in your own every day life. Nothing is too small and all items will be appreciated. Donated items can be left at in Fr. Moore Hall (St. Bernard Church) or the Gathering Area at Corpus Christi Church. **Items will be collected from February 7 through February 15.** Those wishing to help deliver the items to Project Hope in Boston on Wednesday, February 18 between mid-morning and early afternoon, **please contact Ann Purcell at 617-964-1906.** Thank you all for your support!

THREE MONTH DEVELOPING BABY



Your spiritually adopted babies are quite active in the womb now, although their mothers won't feel them for another couple of months. If their mother's wombs had windows, you could watch your baby squint, swallow, move their tongue and make a tight fist. While they are inside their mother's womb, they obtain the oxygen their bodies need through the umbilical cord. The babies you are praying for now weigh one ounce. What a miracle!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION

The **CCSB Adult Faith Formation Commission** has been quite active in planning and offering parish retreats, pilgrimages, speaker series, assisting with the **ARISE** program, evenings of reflection and more! A lot has been accomplished with only a few members and the commission would like to continue to offer similar programs in the future, but your help is needed! The commission welcomes new members to assist with this important parish ministry. Those interested should contact Tom Griffin at the Parish Center (617-244-9110) if you would like to be a part of their important work.



We delight in welcoming the following who was recently received into the community of God's family through the waters of baptism...

Liam Alexander Mayo
- son of Andrew and Diana Mayo

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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, January 26

7:00 pm (CC) Finance Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 27

9:30 am (CC) Pancake Breakfast

7:00 pm (CC) Pastoral Council Meeting

Thursday, January 29

7:00 pm (SB) CCSB Book Club

Sunday, February 1

8:00 am (CC) Pancake Breakfast

Monday, February 2

7:00 pm (CC) Worship Commission Meeting

Saturday, February 7

4:00 pm (SB) Confirmation I (9th Grade) Retreat

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).**

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 molan@ccsbparish.org.** We look forward to meeting you!

CATHOLIC SCHOOL — OPEN HOUSE

Saint Jude Elementary School (175 Main Street, Waltham) will be hosting an open house this **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 this **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).**

CCSB Religious Education Program 2008 –2009



On Saturday, February 7 our 9th graders will participate in their Confirmation I Retreat. Kindly keep them in your prayers!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 1— 8:00 am-12 Noon-Corpus Christi Church Hall sponsored by the Activities Commission. Save the date for this annual family-fun event! Plan now to enjoy a breakfast of Pancakes, Sausage and warm Maple Syrup. All-you-can eat for \$4/person or \$10/family! Those interested in assisting with the Pancake Breakfast should contact Claire Palmer (617 332-4913 priesing@aol.com) Tickets will be on sale after all Masses the weekends of Jan 17 & 18 and Jan 24 & 25 and Jan. 31.

ALTAR SERVERS — WE NEED YOU!

Boys and girls (grades 3 and above) are invited to assist at Sunday Masses in the parish by becoming an **Altar Server**. The ministry provided by Altar Servers is important to the celebration and is a real honor for those who participate. Servers assist the priest in preparing the altar for the celebration of the Eucharist and, of course, are given front row seat to all the action! Let's not forget — Altar Servers get to ring the bells, too! **Two training session opportunities will be offered for new Altar Servers — Sunday, January 25 at 1:00 pm at Corpus Christi Church and Sunday, February 8 at 1:00 pm at St. Bernard's Church.** You need only attend one session. For more information, **contact Deacon Dan Nelson (dnelson@ccsbparish.org / 617-244-9110) or Maureen Connell (mconnell@ccsbparish.org / 617-244-0608).**

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).**

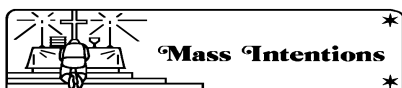
CAREGIVER HOMES

"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.**

IT'S TAX TIME!

Parishioners who have made their offertory contributions to the parish by using the envelope system can obtain a statement for tax filing purposes of their 2008 donations by contacting **Bob Percheski**, our parish's Business Manager, at **617-244-0608**. Tax rules require you to have a cancelled check, credit card statement, or a written receipt from the charity (including CCSB Parish) in order to deduct any donation.

JANUARY 25, 2009



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

Tuesday, January 27

9:00 am Edward Tyman 3rd Anniversary

Carol & Marcia Tyman Memorial

Thursday, January 29

7:00 am Esther Burke Codyer Memorial

Friday, January 30

7:00 am Thomas Buckley Anniversary

Saturday, January 31

4:00 pm William Pilla 1st Anniversary

Sunday, February 1

9:00 am Francis Castagnino 1st Anniversary

11:15 am Mass for the People

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: \$2,935.

*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 •
CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA**

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

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 31

4:00 pm Fr. Francis Conroy

Sunday, February 1

7:30 am Fr. Francis Conroy

9:00 am Fr. Frank Silva *

11:15 am Fr. Frank Silva *

* - Deacon Dan Nelson preaching

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