



“Have a happy Lent!” Oftentimes when I use that phrase in greeting people, I get some very strange reactions. “Happy? What’s so ‘happy’ about a season that invites us to some serious introspection? This is a season that speaks of embracing disciplines of fasting and abstaining from things we enjoy. We’re even reminded at this time of year that we could do better in giving time to God in prayer and reaching out with our abilities and resources to help the needy among us. This doesn’t sound like it should be a time for being ‘happy!’”

Yet, true “happiness” is precisely what this penitential season of Lent is inviting us to embrace. When we become more serious in nurturing our relationship with God (prayer), and recognize that all we have comes from God as gift (fasting), and make efforts to be good stewards of God’s blessings by sharing our gifts with others (almsgiving), a happiness of heart and soul touches our lives. The gifts of joy and peace become more real. Actually, it’s perhaps more accurate to say that Lent has called us to realize our “blessedness.”

So, make it a “happy” Lent. Know that through the disciplines and practices you undertake during this grace-filled season, you continue to grow in your blessedness anticipating that day when the fullness of God’s life and love will unveil a happiness to be lived in God’s presence forever.

It’s great to see the ARISE faith-sharing groups up and running for another season. I’m especially pleased to hear that the faith-sharing group for young adults has gotten off to a great start. Many of us hope and pray that the special group for our high school youth to begin later this month will also see great things happening. Please pray for the success of the **ARISE** program — it is proving to bring many blessings to our parish and parishes throughout the Boston Archdiocese.

On this First Sunday of Lent, **Cardinal Seán** will conduct two services at the **Holy Cross Cathedral** to officially welcome those who are preparing to be received into the Catholic Church or who are looking to complete their initiation into the Church this Easter. (The two services are necessary because of the hundreds of persons involved!) CCSB Parish will be ‘sending forth’ five young adults from our community to the Cathedral service. They have been preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation and will now enter into a more intense time of preparation for these life-giving sacraments. During this Lenten Season, please find a special place in your prayers for **Michael Hayden, Emily & Kate Femino, Steven Butera, and Stacy George** and all other catechumens and candidates preparing to be received into the Church this Easter.

All **Liturgical Ministers** are asked to look at their schedules for the months of **April, May and June**. Should you have a change in your availability for serving during those months, **please notify Lisa Levine (617-965-6296 / gmap911@verizon.net) by March 10**. The spring schedule will be prepared soon!

Lastly, there are still a few Lenten **Black Books** and **Operation Rice Bowl** containers available. The Black Books provide some wonderful daily reflections and, of course, the Rice Bowls encourage our making sacrifices during this Lenten season. If you have yet to do so, please pick up a Black Book and/or Rice Bowl at the church entrance this weekend. Thanks!

Father Frank J. Silva

LENTEN MASS SCHEDULES

This Lent, consider making Mass a part of your devotional practices. Participating in Mass an extra day or two each week or even daily, if possible, is a most special way to observe these days of grace and blessing. Our CCSB Mass schedule and those of neighboring parishes are as follows...

Corpus Christi-St. Bernard Parish

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday at 9:00 am (Corpus Christi Church)
Thursday & Friday at 7:00 am (St. Bernard Chapel)
Saturday at 9:00 am (St. Bernard Chapel)

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish

Monday through Friday at 7:00 am
Thursday at 7:30 pm

Sacred Heart Parish

Monday & Friday at 12:05 pm
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at 7:00 am
Friday & Saturday at 9:00 am

SOUP AND STATIONS

Here at CCSB Parish, the Lenten season means **Soup & Stations**, a Friday evening Lenten practice that has become a tradition for many individuals and families. In addition to our own parishioners, the folks from neighboring parishes will also be joining us for these Friday devotionals. This coming week (Friday, March 6) the parishioners of Sacred Heart in Newton Centre will provide the soup and lead us in the Stations of the Cross. If you have any questions as to what’s involved, contact Linda Uttaro (617-527-6594 / uttaro@comcast.net) or Rose White (617-969-5999 / bob_white2@verizon.net).

ARISE IS UNDERWAY!



The first week for the **ARISE (season two) faith-sharing sessions** has been a huge success! Most of the groups are full but there are some openings—so there’s still time for you to connect with one of these small faith-sharing groups this Lenten season. There are openings on Monday

afternoons and evenings and a few on Saturday mornings. There is also a modified 1-hour session on Monday afternoons for religious education parents and/or guardians. **Contact Tom Griffin (617-244-9111 / tgriffin@ccsbparish.org) and he will happily help you find a group to fit your schedule.**

BRISTOL LODGE SOUP KITCHEN

CCSB parishioners will provide and serve dinner at Bristol Lodge in Waltham this **Tuesday, March 3 from 4:30-6:00 pm**. We will need donations of casseroles, salad, green beans and juice. **Please call Lucille (617-244-9386) or Ann (617-964-1906)** if you can provide these items or you would like to serve that evening. Thank you!

GUILD LENTEN REFLECTION

The **CCSB Guild** will host an afternoon of common prayer, guided reflection, and sharing on **Sunday, March 8 at 2:00 pm in the Corpus Christi Church Hall**. Our presenter will be **Sister Ann D’Arcy, CSJ**, Associate Director of the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life. Sister’s topic will be “Do Not Be Afraid.” Jesus says this many times to his first disciples. He says this to us during this afternoon of reflection. Refreshments will follow the reflection time. Everyone is most welcome!

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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, March 1

5:00 pm (CC) CCSB Scripture Study Group

Monday, March 2

7:00 pm (CC) Worship Commission Meeting

Tuesday, March 3

4:30 pm Bristol Lodge Soup Kitchen

7:00 pm (CC) Pastoral Council Meeting

Friday, March 6

6:00 pm (CC) Soup & Stations

Sunday, March 8

2:00 pm (SB) Guild Meeting — Lenten Afternoon of Reflection

Monday, March 9

7:00 pm (CC) Finance Council Meeting

CCSB ALOHA! LUAU POTLUCK SUPPER SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2009

Following the 4:00 pm Mass in the LPS School Cafeteria
(entrance from parking lot behind St. Bernard's Church)

All are welcome to bring their favorite appetizer/salad, main dish, or dessert. We will eat buffet-style and enjoy the opportunity to get to know one another. Food may be dropped off in the cafeteria before Mass. See the Sign-up Sheets at the main entrance to our parish churches. Sponsored by the CCSB Activities Commission.

CCSB SCRIPTURE STUDY

The CCSB Scripture Study Group continues its study of the **Book of Genesis** on **Sunday, March 1 at 5:00 pm at the CCSB Parish Center**. We will be discussing the readings and questions for Lesson 8 (Chapters 35-39). New members are always welcomed. If you are interested or just curious, **contact Betty Bruhmuller (781-899-9265 or bruhmuller@rcn.com)**.

CCSB RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

The CCSB Respect Life Community meets twice yearly for prayer and to plan future events. Our winter/spring meeting will take place on **Monday, March 16 at 7:00 pm**. We will meet in St Bernard Chapel for prayer. The business meeting will immediately follow. Come and pray with us. Come and see the activities we sponsor. All are welcome! For further information, **please call John Burkly (617-332-8285)**.

EVENING OF REFLECTION

Hosted by our parish's Adult Faith Commission, **Father Francis Conroy** will offer a Lenten Reflection on **Monday, March 23 at 7:00 pm in Corpus Christi Church**. A light reception will follow in the church hall. All are welcome to the evening to reflect upon the theme, **'Change our Hearts.'**

FOUR MONTH DEVELOPING BABY



Well, your spiritually adopted babies now weigh 6 ounces and have fingernails, eyelashes and working taste buds. They have their own unique fingerprints, which remain unchanged for the rest of their lives. By 14 weeks their sense of hearing is present, and there

are no more major bodily developments. Your spiritually adopted babies are already well formed internally and externally. All they need now is time to gain weight and grow strong.

CCSB Religious Education Program



Faith and fun in the summer! Want to help children learn about their faith and have tons of fun at the same time? Come to a **Vacation Bible School planning meeting on Thursday, March 12 from 7:00-8:30 pm in the CCSB Parish Center**. Help us choose the theme for this summer's adventure with Jesus. For more information, **contact Maureen Connell (mconnell@ccsbparish.org / 617-244-0608)**.

This **Sunday, March 1, at 6:00 pm in the chapel of St. Bernard's Church**, our Confirmation candidates will participate in a program on **Respect for Human Life** to be presented by **Ms. Linda Thayer**. This program is open to the entire parish community. Topics to be addressed are: scripture and life issues, when life begins, fetal development, harmful effects of abortion, and respect for sexuality.

Teens (13 to 18) are welcomed to come and be a part of an **ARISE for Youth** faith-sharing group. The group will meet on six **Sunday afternoons from 3:30-4:30 pm beginning March 22**. Come to one, two or all of the sessions, whatever you have time for! This is an opportunity for teens to share their faith with other teens. We will follow along with the same readings as the adults in our parish community. If interested, just show up on the first night at Fr. Moore Hall (St. Bernard's Church). For more information, **contact Maureen Connell (617-244-0608 / mconnell@ccsbparish.org)**.



2009 BOSTON CATHOLIC APPEAL *Responding to God's Grace Renewing Our Church*

Next weekend, **March 7-8**, will be **Catholic Appeal Weekend** here at Corpus Christi-St. Bernard Parish. As a Catholic community, we are called during this season of Lent to respond to God's grace in our lives. We do so by continuing to participate as fully as we are able in the building up of His kingdom. This month, Cardinal Seán is asking every Catholic household to participate in the **2009 Catholic Appeal**, which funds the many central ministries and services of the Boston Archdiocese. The Appeal is to our Archdiocese what the weekly offertory is to our parish — so your participation and support are critical. Because of the economic downturn, support of the **Catholic Appeal** is more urgent this year than ever.

Cardinal Seán thanks all CCSB parishioners who contributed \$40,705 to last year's Catholic Appeal. This year, we hope to have more households participate. Our financial goal is \$41,500. If we exceed our financial goal, we will receive 25% of all funds raised above goal for use in the parish. Please know that your participation is important and that all gifts matter.

Information packets with important information about the **Catholic Appeal** will be found at the church entrances. We encourage you to take home a packet from Mass this weekend so that you can prayerfully consider how you will participate. Those who gave to the Appeal last year should also receive a letter this week from Cardinal Seán. Please bring your completed pledge card and pledge envelopes to Mass next weekend to place in the collection basket. Thank you!

MARCH 1, 2009



Saturday, February 28

4:00 pm Mark & Bridget Devane 40th Anniversary

Sunday, March 1

7:30 am Mass for the People

9:00 am Margaret King Anniversary

11:15 am Cleo Mahoney's 101st Birthday Mass for the Living

Monday, March 2

9:00 am Margorie Bransfield Mass for the Living

Tuesday, March 3

9:00 am Nicholas Neissa Mass for the Living

Wednesday, March 4

9:00 am Hazel Bigham Memorial

Thursday, March 5

7:00 am Mass for a Special Intention

Friday, March 6

7:00 am Jack Condon Memorial

Saturday, March 7

4:00 pm Richard R. Malone 1st Anniversary

Sunday, March 8

7:30 am Mass for the People

9:00 am Mickle Bonadio Memorial

11:15 am Joseph X. Ormond, Jr. 2nd Anniversary

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

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: \$5489.
(includes \$707. in February EFT donations)

*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 our parish Business Manager Bob Percheski at 617-244-0608.

† **Next Weekend's Celebrants** †

Saturday, March 7

4:00 pm Fr. Frank Silva *

Sunday, March 8

7:30 am Fr. Frank Silva *

9:00 am Fr. Francis Conroy

11:15 am Fr. Francis Conroy

* - Deacon Dan Nelson preaching

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