



From the Pastor's Desk

Our **Lent 2009** journey is well underway here at CCSB Parish! It has been a delight to see so many people — including a number of families with children — participating in our Friday evening **Soup & Stations**. This coming **Friday (March 13)**, we are in for a treat when the youth group of **St. Ignatius Parish in Chestnut Hill** leads us in praying the Stations of the Cross. Gather the family together and join us for this simple yet very meaningful devotion — things get underway at 6:00 pm in the parish hall at Corpus Christi Church.

A number of very encouraging reports have been received from the **ARISE** faith-sharing groups that have begun to meet over the past week or so. Participation in this 'second season' of **ARISE** has increased and we are pleased in having a special young adult group that is meeting regularly. Your continued prayers for the success of the **ARISE** program in our parish and in the parishes of the Boston Archdiocese will be much appreciated.

Last Sunday, hundreds of catechumens and candidates from parishes throughout the archdiocese observed the **Rite of Election** at Boston's Holy Cross Cathedral with **Cardinal Seán**. Our CCSB candidates (**Michael Hayden, Emily & Kate Femino, Steven Butera, and Stacy George**) have moved into their final preparations for receiving the **Sacraments of Christian Initiation** this Easter. As part of their journey, next **Sunday, March 15** at our parish's **9:00 am Mass (St. Bernard's Church)**, our candidates will observe the **scrutinies**, a rite of the church that calls for self-searching and repentance. I hope to have the children at Mass that day assist me in celebrating the scrutinies in order to give our candidates the assurance of the prayers and support of our young parish members.

This Lent we will be joining with several of the Catholic parishes in Newton in offering **Communal Penance Services**. The first to be offered will be a special **Family Penance Service** that is scheduled for **Sunday, March 22 at 3:00 pm**. The second service will be celebrated on **Monday of Holy Week, April 6 at 7:30 pm**. Both services will be conducted at **Our Lady Help of Christians Church (573 Washington Street, Newton)**. A number of priests will be available for confessions at these services. Please keep in mind that we also offer the opportunity for the **Sacrament of Penance every Saturday from 3:15-3:45 pm in the chapel of St. Bernard's Church**.

At a recent class, our **Confirmation Candidates** heard a most moving presentation on the dignity of our human lives and the destruction that abortion causes to the most defenseless of human life — the unborn child. The presentation was given by **Linda Thayer**, a veteran science teacher and educator. By the end of this month, an invitation will be offered for parishioners to urge our federal elected officials to oppose the **Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA)** that would create a right to abortion and make it an entitlement the government must fund and promote. Watch for details!

As you will note from the announcement elsewhere in the bulletin, this is **Catholic Appeal Weekend**. I encourage each and every household in the parish to join with me in making a pledge to the appeal which does so much to address the concerns of the needy, provide support for parish services, and strengthen the community of faith of which we are a part — the Archdiocese of Boston. Our parish goal this year is very reasonable and, I believe, quite attainable. Your pledge — regardless of its size — is needed and will make a difference!

Father Frank J. Silva

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**.



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 13) the Youth Group from St. Ignatius Parish 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), Rose White (617-969-5999 / bob_white2@verizon.net), or Ann Purcell (617-964-1906 / nunnahp@yahoo.com).**

GUILD LENTEN REFLECTION

The **CCSB Guild** will host an afternoon of common prayer, guided reflection, and sharing this **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

All Liturgical Ministers are asked to review 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 this Tuesday, March 10. The spring schedule will be prepared soon! Thanks.

SECOND 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 8

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

Monday, March 9

7:00 pm (CC) Finance Council Meeting

Thursday, March 12

7:00 pm (CC) Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting

Friday, March 13

6:00 pm (CC) Soup & Stations

Monday, March 16

6:30 pm (SB) Activities Commission Meeting

7:00 pm (SB) Respect Life Committee

CCSB SCRIPTURE STUDY

Our parish's **Scripture Study Group** continues its look at the Book of Genesis on **Sunday, March 15 at 5:00 pm at the CCSB Parish Center**. We will be discussing the readings and questions for Lesson 9 (Chapters 40-45). New members are always welcomed. If you are interested or curious about joining the study group, **please contact Betty Bruhmuller (781-899-9265 / bruhmuller@rcn.com)**.

CCSB RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

The **CCSB Respect Life Community** meets twice a year 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.'**

CCSB BOOK CLUB

Please join us for the next meeting of the **CCSB Book Club** on **Thursday, March 26 in Father Moore Hall (St. Bernard Church) at 7:00 pm**. The book to be discussed is Dreams, God's Forgotten Language by John A. Sanford. For information, **contact Anne Keidel (617-527-5053)**.

FOUR MONTH DEVELOPING BABY

*Respect
Life* 

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

Religious
Education 

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** this **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)**.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SPEAKER AT OUR LADY'S

This **Sunday, March 8, Thomas Awiapo will be speaking at Our Lady Help of Christians Church (573 Washington Street, Newton) in Furlong Hall at 7:00 pm**. Thomas currently works for **Catholic Relief Services** in Ghana, in the west of Africa. Thomas has a truly inspiring story of survival and success. Orphaned before the age of ten, Thomas survived bleak poverty and hunger in his small African village. Today he works in Ghana, training community leaders. He is married and has four children. The focus of his work is to develop greater and more equitable access to food in poor countries in the world. His story of initiative and his joyful presence has brought inspiration to thousands of people in the United States. All are welcome to attend!



2009 BOSTON CATHOLIC APPEAL

*Responding to God's Grace
Renewing Our Church*

This is **Catholic Appeal Weekend** here at Corpus Christi-St. Bernard Parish. We, like all parishes throughout our Archdiocese, are asking every Catholic household to participate by making a pledge. Please know that your participation matters and will make a difference.

As a Catholic community, we are called during this season of Lent to respond to God's grace in our lives. Participation in the **Catholic Appeal**, a once-a-year pledge drive to benefit the many central ministries and services of the Archdiocese, is one way for us to respond to His grace. 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.

Please refer to the information packets at the church entrances to learn more and to obtain a pledge form if you didn't receive one last week.

Cardinal Seán thanks all the families of Corpus Christi-St. Bernard Parish that contributed \$40,705 to the 2008 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 percent of all funds raised above goal for use here in our parish. Thank you in advance for joining with parishioners throughout our Archdiocese's 292 parishes to carry on and renew the broader mission of our Church through support of the **2009 Catholic Appeal**.

MARCH 8, 2009



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

Monday, March 9

9:00 am Paul Nemiccolo Memorial

Wednesday, March 11

9:00 am Carol & Ed Tyman and Tyman Family Memorial

Friday, March 13

7:00 am Hazel Sears Memorial

Saturday, March 14

4:00 pm Robert F. Broderick, Anne Clark and Deceased
Members of the Broderick & Clark Families Memorial

Sunday, March 15

7:30 am Mass for the People

9:00 am Antonia & Domenico Alicandro Memorial

11:15 am John & Jennie Campbell Memorial

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

In your prayers, please remember the souls of
Clare L. Whynot and Thomas W. Colston
for whom Funeral Masses were recently offered in our parish.

*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: \$4,855.

*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 14

4:00 pm Fr. Francis Conroy

Sunday, March 15

7:30 am Fr. Leo Manglaviti

9:00 am Fr. Frank Silva

11:15 am Fr. Francis Conroy

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