

rom the Pastor's Desk

This weekend in parishes throughout the Boston Archdiocese, people are being encouraged to participate in a very significant **postcard campaign addressed to our U.S. Senators and Representatives**. It is expected that at some point in the near future, Congress will be considering legislation known as the **Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA)**.

What is **FOCA** and what does it propose? Several months ago the **U.S. Bishops' Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities** offered this assessment of the legislation...

"FOCA states that every woman has a "fundamental right" to have an abortion, and no government (federal, state, or local) may "deny" or "interfere with" this right. Moreover, no government may "discriminate" against the exercise of this right when regulating or providing "benefits, facilities, services, or information" to the public. In other words, abortion may not be treated differently from live birth — if a public program supports motherhood it must equally support abortion. FOCA endangers a wide range of laws enacted by the people and their elected representatives over 35 years — laws enacted under *Roe v. Wade* and cases applying it. These include laws on informed consent, parental involvement, physician licensure, clinic safety, and taxpayer funding. FOCA's far-reaching rule on abortion is more radical than anything wrought by *Roe v. Wade*."

Quite simply, **FOCA would make abortion an entitlement the government must fund and promote**. Now is the time to instruct our law makers that this radical legislation promotes a serious threat to human life.

Please take a few moments after Mass today to sign a postcard to our representatives in Congress. Members of the **CCSB Respect Life Committee** will be on hand to provide the information you need.

Recently I participated in a meeting of representatives from several faith communities in the area. We came together out of concern for those in our parishes and congregations who are or could be faced with a job loss or under-employment. The meeting was very informative and helped to provide a pooling of the resources available from faith-based groups in seeking to support those facing employment difficulties.

Rather than duplicate efforts, those at the meeting felt it best to inform our parishioners about the resources for employment and career support that exist in the area. With this in mind, I highly recommend **Transitions**, a support center that operates out of the **Presbyterian Church at Great Plain Avenue and Central Avenue in Needham**. **Transitions operates Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am — 12 Noon** and provides a variety of resources for those needing employment and/or career support. **For information about Transitions, call 781-444-3728.**

Father Frank J. Silva

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. Sponsored by the **CCSB Activities Commission**.



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 CCSB parishioners, folks from neighboring parishes also join us for these Friday devotionals. This week (**Friday, April 3**) we conclude Soup & Stations for Lent 2009 with our own parishioners providing the soup and leading 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).**

EASTER BASKETS FOR JULIE'S CHILDREN



Help delight the young clients of **Julie's Family Learning Program** by donating to the **Easter Baskets** that the staff provides for them. Julie's is a South Boston social service agency that offers community-based support and education programs to help low-income families break the cycle of poverty. The staff needs small basket fillers — plastic eggs, sidewalk chalk, crayons, markers, jump ropes, soft infant toys, stickers, yo-yo's, bubbles, children's toothbrushes, wiffle balls and bats, small games, small stuffed animals, books, preschool flashcards (colors, numbers, letters, animals, etc) — anything children would like in their Easter baskets. Please — **NO CANDY**. **Bring your donations to Fr. Moore Hall (Saint Bernard's Church) or the Gathering Area (Corpus Christi Church) now through next Sunday, April 5. For additional information, contact Monica Sangiolo (617 964-5112 / monicasangiol@rcn.com).**

EASTER REMEMBRANCE

Parishioners are invited to remember their loved ones by making a donation to the **CCSB Parish Sanctuary Fund** this Easter Season. Donations will help with the expenses involved in decorating our parish churches and provide resources for other needs at the altar. Envelopes for your donations will be found at the church entrances. Please print clearly the names of loved ones to be remembered — a listing of those for whom donations are received will appear in a future edition of the parish bulletin.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Following Saturday's 9:00 am Mass until 11:00 am
St. Bernard's Chapel

FIFTH 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

Saturday, March 28

5:00 pm Luau Pot Luck Supper — (LPS School Cafeteria)

Sunday, March 29

5:00 pm (CC) CCSB Scripture Study

6:15 pm (SB) Stations of the Cross for Life

Monday, March 30

7:00 pm (SB) Holy Week Lectors' Meeting

Tuesday, March 31

7:00 pm (CC) Holy Week Sacristy Coordinators' Meeting

Wednesday, April 1

7:00 pm (CC) Guild Program — "Invest in Yourself"

Friday, April 3

6:00 pm (CC) Soup & Stations

Sunday, April 5

4:00 pm (CC) Game Day

Tuesday, April 7

7:00 pm (CC) Pastoral Council Meeting

CCSB SCRIPTURE STUDY

Our parish's **Scripture Study Group** concludes its discussion of the Book of Genesis this **Sunday, March 29, at 5:00 pm at the CCSB Parish Center**. Discussion will center on the readings and questions for Lesson 10 (Chapters 46-50). New members are always welcomed. If you are interested in joining, or just curious about the group, **please contact Bob Larner (617-965-4746 / rlarner@crai.com) or Betty Bruhmuller (781-899-9265 / Bruhmuller@rcn.com).**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR LIFE

The **CCSB Respect Life Community** will be hosting **Stations of the Cross for Life** this **Sunday, March 29 at 6:15 pm in the St. Bernard Chapel**. These meditations are from the 2008 USCCB Respect Life Program and are based on Good Friday Reflections by Pope John Paul II. Please join us and our Religious Education students for this special devotion. **Should you have any questions, feel free to contact John Burkly (617-332-8285) or Linda Uttaro (617-527-6594).**

HEALTH AND WELLNESS NIGHT

The **CCSB Guild** is sponsoring **"INVEST IN YOURSELF,"** an evening of health and wellness this **Wednesday, April 1 at 7:00 pm in the parish hall (Corpus Christi Church)**. The evening will include a demonstration and discussion of podiatry (Dr. Boudreau), yoga, fitness and wellness. Nurses will be available to take blood pressures. This is a free event — everyone is welcome! Bring a friend! Healthy refreshments will be served. **For information, call Judy Dore (617-244-8296).**

COFFEE CONNECTION



Visit with old friends, make new friends!
When? After the 9:00 am Palm Sunday Mass
April 5

Where? Fr. Moore Hall
All are welcome!

Contact Rose Yesu (617-965-1631 / Rnyesu@aol.com)

CCSB Religious Education Program



THIS SUMMER...

ALL ROADS LEAD TO ROME!

Come discover the early Church of Rome and meet the apostle Paul. During the week of **August 17-21** we will encounter the early Christians and the apostle Paul who lived and worked and prayed together in first century Rome. Children entering grades 1 to 5 in the fall of 2009 are invited to be a part the **CCSB 2009 Vacation Bible School (VBS)**. VBS will run Monday through Friday from 9 am - 2pm. We will have daily skits, songs and games that help to strengthen our faith. Snack time will be yummy and creative. **VBS** promises to be a lot of fun for everyone! Registration forms are available at the main entrance to the parish churches, on the parent's desk at Religious Ed classes and on the parish website (www.ccsbparish.org). Don't miss the chariot!! Adult and teen volunteers are welcome to help make the week a success. **For additional information and to volunteer to help, contact Maureen (mconnell@ccsbparish.org / 617-244-0608).**

FIVE MONTH DEVELOPING BABY



Your spiritually adopted babies weigh over one pound now. They use to be too small for their mothers to feel, but now the moms can feel them move. They needed to be big and strong enough to kick hard against the outside uterine wall and dent it. We are mid-way through the pregnancy now. Your prayers have helped your baby's mother to continue with her pregnancy and seek the help she needs.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON RETREAT

Celia Sirois, presenter

Encountering Jesus in the Scriptures

Sunday, March 29 — 1:00-4:30 pm

St. John's Church

Washington Street & Glen Road (Route 16), Wellesley

PRO-LIFE DAY OF PRAYER

The **Pro-Life Office of the Archdiocese of Boston and Women Affirming Life** will be hosting a **Lenten Day of Prayer and Reflection on the Sacredness of Human Life on Saturday, April 4, from 9:00 am — 2:00 pm at the Daughters of St. Paul Convent in Jamaica Plain**. The guest speaker will be **Sister Olga Yaqob** of the Boston University Catholic Center. Her topic is **Witnesses to Life: Ambassadors for Christ**. **Please call 508- 651-1900 or e-mail ProLifeOffice@rcab.org for more information.**

CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Saint Jude Elementary School (175 Main Street, Waltham) will be hosting an open house on **Sunday, April 5 from 1:30-3:00 pm**. Saint Jude School currently serves children from Waltham, Watertown, Newton, Brighton and surrounding cities. We hope you can join us and see what makes Saint Jude School the Good News in Education. If you would like more information, **please call the school office at 781-899-3644 or visit the school's website at: www.saintjudewaltham.com.**



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

Our appreciation goes out to all parishioners who have made a gift to the **2009 Catholic Appeal**. The Appeal is to our Archdiocese what the weekly offertory is to our parish. If you have not yet made your gift, please consider making a pledge this weekend.

Parish results to date...

\$11,165. (26.9%) (Target Goal: **\$41,500.**)
Donors: 49 (27.8%) (Donor Goal: **176**)

Remember, our parish will receive 25% of all funds we raise above our goal. Each gift has the potential to increase parish revenue while still supporting the shared ministries of our Church at the Archdiocesan level. We ask every Catholic family to participate - every gift matters. You can pick up information packets with pledge forms at the entrance to our parish's churches. Please return your completed pledge/gift through the mail in the envelope provided in the information packet.

For more information, visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com or call 617-779-3700. Thank you!

WALK FOR HUNGER

With poverty and unemployment rising at unprecedented rates and 522,000 people across the state struggling to put food on the table, this year's **Walk for Hunger** is more important than ever. Now is the time to step up and join us for **Project Bread's Annual Walk for Hunger on Sunday, May 3**. With the economy struggling, every dollar, every mile, and every volunteer hour counts for our neighbors in need. Your pledges feed people through emergency food programs throughout the state and through many food programs in schools, after school programs, and pediatrician offices, which integrate help into the ordinary fabric of everyday life. Celebrate the spirit of giving along with over 40,000 other concerned citizens by participating in this Massachusetts family tradition. **For more information, visit www.projectbread.org/walk or call 617-723-5000.**

LOG ON TO... www.BostonCatholic.org

The Archdiocese of Boston has launched a new website designed to bring Catholics closer to their faith and to offer an expanded and more comprehensive view of the Church. The new website contains helpful information with links to parishes. It also offers a number of new features, including a video welcome message from Cardinal Seán, streamlined navigation, and many new videos and slideshows. Log in TODAY!

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



Saturday, March 28		
4:00 pm	Salvatora & Josephine Plati	Memorial
Sunday, March 29		
7:30 am	Loretta C. Walsh & Family	Memorial
9:00 am	Sal Graceffa	10 th Anniversary
11:15 am	Mass for the People	
Monday, March 30		
9:00 am	Herman Brennan	Memorial
Wednesday, April 1		
9:00 am	Caroline Costello	Memorial
Friday, April 3		
7:00 am	Giovanna Nicolazzo & Philip Nicolazzo, Jr.	Memorial
Saturday, April 4		
4:00 pm	John & Margaret Sullo	Memorial
Sunday, April 5		
7:30 am	Jim Pine	10 th Anniversary
9:00 am	Barbara & Dennis Rudenauer	Memorial
11:15 am	Mass for the People	

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: \$5,746.

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, April 4

4:00 pm Fr. Frank Silva

Sunday, April 5

7:30 am Fr. Frank Silva
9:00 am Fr. Francis Conroy
11:15 am Fr. Leo Manglaviti

HOLY WEEK 2009 *Schedule of Services*

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." — Jn 12:23-24

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PALM SUNDAY MASSES – April 5

4:00 pm (Saturday) – St. Bernard's Church

7:30 am – Corpus Christi Church

9:00 am – St. Bernard's Church

11:15 am – Corpus Christi Church

Monday-Wednesday, April 6-8

Weekday Masses at 9:00 am – Corpus Christi Church

Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)

Monday, April 6 – 7:30 pm

Communal Penance Service

Our Lady Help of Christians Church

573 Washington Street, Newton

Tuesday, April 7 – 6:30-7:30 pm

St. Bernard's Chapel

Wednesday, April 8 – following 9:00 am Mass

Corpus Christi Church

HOLY THURSDAY – April 9

9:00 am – Morning Prayer (St. Bernard's Church)

7:30 pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper (Corpus Christi Church)

followed by Solemn Adoration until 10:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY – April 10

9:00 am – Morning Prayer (St. Bernard's Church)

12:00 Noon – Children's' Stations of the Cross (St. Bernard's Church)

3:00 pm – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (Corpus Christi Church)

7:30 pm - Stations of the Cross (St. Bernard's Church)

HOLY SATURDAY – April 11

9:00 am – Morning Prayer (St. Bernard's Church)

7:30 pm – Solemn Vigil of Easter (Corpus Christi Church)

[NOTE: There is no 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, April 11]

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES – April 12

7:30 am – St. Bernard's Church

[NOTE: There is no 7:30 am Mass on Easter at Corpus Christi Church]

9:00 am – St. Bernard's Church

11:15 am – Corpus Christi Church

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