

rom the Pastor's Desk

We've arrived! Our Lenten journey is just about completed as we find ourselves at the doorstep of **Holy Week** with our observance of **Palm Sunday**. We know that these coming days are meant to be — or should be — 'different'; after all, they will recall for us the depth of God's love as realized in the **Paschal Mystery of Christ** who "humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."

Please note the schedule of services and devotions that will be observed in our parish during these coming days. While central to our celebrations will be the observance of the **Sacred Triduum**, moments will also be offered for Morning Prayer, Stations of the Cross, and the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance. Give witness to your faith in Christ by making this week 'holy' in your own particular way. And anticipate sharing the joy next weekend when we, as the Church, will boldly proclaim "Alleluia!" for the entire world to hear!

As we move into the month of April, we recognize that this is **Child Abuse Prevention Month**. The **Archdiocese of Boston** has committed itself to doing all it can to protect our children, and has implemented comprehensive training and education programs in our parishes and schools. Since October 2002, tens of thousands of parish clergy, religious and volunteers have been trained in the adult awareness and empowerment program "**Protecting God's Children**." There has been tremendous enthusiasm and energy in these sessions that included presentations about the problem of child abuse and the steps we can take as a faith community to prevent abuse before it occurs. In addition, representatives from the Department of Social Services and the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association have given presentations on the requirements and the steps to report child abuse.

If anything has become clear it is that all of us play a role in keeping our children safe. In addition to creating safe environments, we can implement screening and selection protocols, adhere to policies and procedures, assess the physical characteristics of our facilities, educate our children, and greatly minimize the opportunity for abusers to access our children. These are the goals of our programs — creating safe environments for our children and for the adults who minister to them in our parishes, schools, programs, and communities.

The most recent audit by The Gavin Group reported that the Boston Archdiocese is in compliance with the **Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People**. **CCSB parish was a participant in this audit and, of course, we were pleased to see positive recognition given to our efforts.** For this we can be grateful to the members of our **Child Abuse Prevention Team** who assist with the training of our parish volunteers and, of course, for all within the parish who have taken this training seriously. For additional information about policies and efforts being made within the Boston Archdiocese to provide for the protection of children, please visit www.bostoncatholic.org.
Father Frank J. Silva



EASTER BASKETS FOR JULIE'S CHILDREN

All donations due this weekend!



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**. **Kindly bring your donations to Fr. Moore Hall (Saint Bernard's Church) or the Gathering Area (Corpus Christi Church).** For additional information, contact **Monica Sangiolo (617 964-5112 / monicasangiolo@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.

SOUP AND STATIONS

Our Friday evening **Soup & Stations** have concluded for another year. We were delighted to see 'record crowds' participating in this year's Lenten devotions. We offer particular thanks to those from our neighboring parishes who shared these evenings with us and to all of our CCSB parishioners who cooked, donated items, led us in the devotions and/or attended themselves. A special word of appreciation goes out to the dedicated hospitality crew of Rose White, Vinnie & Nicky DelMastro and Janet Carvelli who were present each week to supervise the set up and clean up.

During this Holy Week, your Lenten sacrifices for the poor of the world can be placed in the **Operation Rice Bowl** display at the entrances to our parish churches. **Catholic Relief Services** will receive your offerings and

see that they are distributed to assist in some of the neediest areas of the world. Thank you!



PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

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, April 5

4:00 pm (CC) Game Day

Tuesday, April 7

7:00 pm (CC) Pastoral Council Meeting

COFFEE CONNECTION



Visit with old friends, make new friends!

When? After this Sunday's

9:00 am Mass

Where? Fr. Moore Hall

All are welcome!

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

SUPPORT CCSB PARISH – USE E.F.T.

Forgot your weekly contribution envelope this weekend? Tired of writing checks for your parish donations? As many parishes locally and throughout the country have found, there's now an easy solution to these situations. It's called **EFT – Electronic Fund Transfer**. Many people use EFT to make regular bill payments. This process is now available to CCSB parishioners to make their offertory and other parish donations as well. The EFT process allows for easy, consistent and safe transfer of funds from a bank account or through credit card payment. Several parishioners have already signed up for EFT – why not join them?! **Information about EFT is available from our parish Business Manager, Bob Percheski. Contact Bob for details at 617-244-0608.**

GUILD BANQUET

Save the date – **Wednesday, May 6** in the parish hall (Corpus Christi Church). Our taste buds will once again be delighted with the culinary talents of John Bradley. Mark your calendar!

THANK YOU!

Good food, great conversation, wonderful music and fun made last weekend's **CCSB Luau Potluck Supper** a great success! A word of thanks is offered to all who assisted in any way with the event. The **CCSB Activities Commission** is now in the process of planning a trip to **Tanglewood on Sunday, July 26** to enjoy the **Boston Symphony Orchestra**. Keep an eye on the parish bulletin for updates on this event that has become a very popular summer outing. **Interested in being a member of the CCSB Activities Commission? Join us for our monthly meetings on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 pm in Father Moore Hall (St. Bernard's Church).**



Your Easter Offering

The offertory collection at all our Easter Masses is directed entirely to support the retirement, medical care, and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. We ask that you give generously on behalf of the priests who have devoted their lives to faithfully serve God and the good work of the Boston Archdiocese. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity.

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 Connell (mconnell@ccsbparish.org / 617-244-0608).**

CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

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

EVENING OF REFLECTION

Trying to determine God's voice amidst the noisiness of life? Wondering how God is calling you? Take some quiet time to pray with these questions during an evening of reflection on Christian discernment and desire. The evening incorporates guided meditation, scripture reflection, Christian theology, and personal and communal prayer to help us find and follow God's voice in our lives. It will be held on **Tuesday April 14** from **7:00-8:30 pm** at the **Sisters of Saint Joseph Mother House (637 Cambridge Street, Brighton)**. The evening is free of charge and will be facilitated by **Carolyn Weir Herman**. To register, **please contact carolyn.herman.1@bc.edu or 724-989-7755**. All are welcome! Carolyn Weir Herman has a MA in Theology from the Catholic University of America and is a Ph.D. Candidate in Systematic Theology at Boston College.

CATHOLIC MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CONFERENCES

Coming Soon! The **Boston Catholic Men's & Women's Conferences** will be held at the **Conte Forum at Boston College** on **April 18 and 19**. The Boston Catholic Conferences will provide opportunities for men and women to deepen their faith and grow closer in their relationship with Christ. **Several complimentary passes have been provided to CCSB for parishioners interested in attending either conference. Please contact Father Frank Silva (617-244-0608) if you wish to claim one of the passes.** For additional information about the Catholic Men's & Women's Conferences, visit **www.CatholicBoston.com**.



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

Cardinal Seán wishes to thank everyone from Corpus Christi-St. Bernard Parish who has participated thus far in the **2009 Catholic Appeal**.

Parish results to date...
\$14,855. (35.8%) (Target Goal: **\$41,500.**)
Donors: 70 (39.8%) (Donor Goal: **176**)

We ask every Catholic family to participate so that we can surpass our goal. Please know that every gift matters. Because of the economic downturn, support of the Catholic Appeal is most urgent this year. You can pick up Catholic Appeal information packets with pledge forms at the entrances to our parish 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!

HOLY LAND COLLECTION

The **Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land**, in the words of Paul VI is "not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities." Your donation will support the sacred places and the educational, charitable and peace-seeking ministries of the Church in the Holy Land.

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 pediatric 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!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 4

4:00 pm John & Margaret Sullo Memorial

Sunday, April 5

7:30 am Jim Pine 10th Anniversary

9:00 am Barbara & Dennis Rudenauer Memorial

11:15 am Mass for the People

Monday, April 6

9:00 am Antonio, Antoinette & John Sambucci Memorial

Tuesday, April 7

9:00 am Harvey Bigham Memorial

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

In your prayers, please remember the souls of **Bernice Joyal and Lois Ann Doucette** 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 SANCTUARY FUND

Donations to the Parish Sanctuary Fund help in obtaining much needed liturgical items (vestments, sacred vessels, etc.) for use in our parish.

Contact the parish office for details.

Parish Support

Last Weekend's Offertory Collection: \$4,379.

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 11

7:30 pm Fr. Frank Silva

Sunday, April 12

7:30 am Fr. Francis Conroy

9:00 am Fr. Frank Silva

11:15 am Fr. Francis Conroy

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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