

From the Pastor's Desk

This weekend our attention turns to the young men and women of our parish community who will receive the fullness of God's Holy Spirit in the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. Sacramental moments are not only special for the individual receiving a particular sacrament, nor just a significant event for the individual's immediate family or close friends. But, given the faith that unites us as the Body of Christ, we all have reason to rejoice when the graces of God's sacraments are conferred upon members of our community.

The joy that we share as a parish community results from the realization that the nurturing and witnessing we offer to Christ's presence among us, have brought our Confirmation candidates to this important moment in their faith lives. Of course, within the family (that is, the domestic church), the faith lives of our candidates have hopefully received consistent support and encouragement. The witness to faith by parents, immediate family members, and those who hold a spiritual relationship with our Confirmation candidates (godparents and sponsors) cannot be underestimated. Their example is only supported by that offered by parish catechists, instructors, and the faith community in general.

So this weekend, as our **27 Confirmation candidates** receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, let us all be thankful to God for what he has empowered us to do in giving witness to his faithfulness and love. And, may the blessings of God be with those who are confirmed, their families and sponsors, and upon us all now and always.

Father Frank J. Silva



We offer our thanks to **Bishop Walter Edyvean** who will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation upon our parish candidates this weekend. And our sincerest appreciation to **Eric and Lindsay Fort** who have served as catechists in our Confirmation Preparation Program this past year and to **Maureen Connell**, our parish Religious Education Director, for all their efforts.

2009 CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Emily Albanese
Colin Brooks
Cyrus Dahmubed
Alexandra Grant
Katherine Lewis
Cory McDade
Akecia Murray
Alexander Petitti
Marissa Troy

Megan Altieri
Michael Cedrone
Maria Dare
Kyle Jepsen
Ashley Luce
Taylor McDade
Sarah Ober
Marisa Petitti
Michele Troy

Maria Brandi
Lauren Christopher
Megan Gentile
James Lew
Joseph Marini
Joseph Morgan
Dominic O'Leary
Jacob Plati
Kalila Zullo

UPDATE AND TRAINING



Eucharistic Ministers

Over the recent decades, the Church has benefitted by the ministry of **extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion**, more commonly referred to as **Eucharistic Ministers**. Here in CCSB Parish we are grateful for the ministry that our Eucharistic Ministers provide – both publically at the celebration of our

parish Masses, and others behind-the-scenes in bringing the Eucharistic presence of the Lord in Holy Communion to those who are homebound or who reside in healthcare facilities. **Cardinal Seán has recently issued revised norms for Eucharistic Ministers in the Boston Archdiocese**. His instructions call for an update for **ALL parish Eucharistic Ministers** and the opportunity to invite those who would be interested in this ministry to come forward. Plans are now being coordinated for **Update/Training Sessions for Eucharistic Ministers** to be held on **Saturday, May 16 at 11:00 am and Tuesday, May 26 at 7:00 pm in St. Bernard's Chapel**. Those who presently serve as Eucharistic Ministers were recently sent information about attending one of these sessions. **Those interested in becoming a parish Eucharistic Minister should contact Deacon Dan Nelson (617-244-9110 / dnelson@ccsbparish.org) for details.**

CCSB BOOK CLUB

Please join us this **Tuesday, April 28 at 7:00 pm in Father Moore Hall (St. Bernard's Church)** when we will be discussing a particularly interesting book, Noah's Flood, The New Scientific Discoveries about the Event that Changed History, by William Ryan and Walter Pitman. **For questions, please contact Anne Keidel (617-527-5053).**

SOCIAL JUSTICE OUTREACH - BRISTOL LODGE

The next date for CCSB parishioners to serve dinner at **Bristol Lodge in Waltham is Tuesday, May 5**. If you are able to serve that evening (4:30-6:00 pm) or provide food (casserole, green beans, salad or juice), **please contact Lucille (617-244-9386) or Ann (617-964-1906)**. Thank you for supporting this outreach ministry.

GUILD BANQUET

Chef John Bradley will once again delight the members of the **CCSB Guild** with his culinary talents (beef tenderloin dinner) on **Wednesday, May 6 in the parish hall (Corpus Christi Church)**. Social time will begin at 6:30 pm with dinner at 7:00 pm. **Tickets (\$22) will be sold after Mass on the weekends of April 26 and May 3, or call Linda Uttaro (617 527-6594)**. No tickets will be sold at the door. All are welcome!

QUESTIONS OF FAITH



As a continuation of last summer's well-received sessions, the CCSB Adult Faith Formation Commission will sponsor **Ask the Pastor – Questions of Faith on Tuesday, May 5 at 7:00 PM at the Parish Center**. The evening provides an informal forum for discussing matters relative to Catholic beliefs and practices. All are welcome.

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 26

9:00 am (SB) Confirmation Mass

Monday, April 27

12:30 pm (CC) Monday Club

7:00 pm (CC) Finance Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 28

7:00 pm (SB) CCSB Book Club

Friday, May 1

4:00 pm (SB) First Communion Rehearsal (Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass)

Saturday, May 2

10:00 am (CC) First Communion Rehearsal (Sunday, 11:15 am Mass)

4:00 pm (SB) First Communion Mass

Sunday, May 3

11:15 am (CC) First Communion Mass

Monday, May 4

7:00 pm (CC) Worship Commission Meeting

Tuesday, May 5

4:30 pm Dinner at Bristol Lodge, Waltham

7:00 pm (CC) Questions of Faith

Wednesday, May 6

6:00 pm (CC) Guild Banquet

Saturday, May 9

10:00 am (SB) First Communion Rehearsal (Sunday, 9:00 am Mass)

Sunday, May 10

9:00 am (SB) First Communion Mass

SATURDAY MORNING MASS

Join us for the Mass that is now offered on Saturday mornings at 9:00 am in St. Bernard's Chapel. The Mass is followed with a period of time for Eucharistic Adoration through 11:00 am.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY FUND

As mentioned in last weekend's bulletin, we have become aware of several new figures that can be added to the present nativity set displayed during the Christmas Season in St. Bernard's Church. These figures run an average of \$350. per piece. Parishioners wishing to contribute to a special "Nativity Fund" should contact the parish office (617-244-0608) for details.

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF THE VIRGIN MARY

Mary Joan Leith, chair of Stonehill College's Religious Studies Department, will offer an Evening of Reflection on the life and times of the Virgin Mary. Professor Leith will lead a discussion on what is really known about Mary; the dynamics in the world when Mary appeared in places such as Fatima, Guadalupe, and Medjugorje; the Mary of Liberation Theology; and prayers devoted to the Blessed Virgin. This event will take place at St. Susanna's Parish Hall (262 Needham Street, Dedham) on Thursday, May 7 from 7:00-9:00 pm. The program is free and open to the public.

THIS SUMMER...ALL ROADS LEAD TO ROME!

A Letter from Paul to the CCSBians...

Brothers and Sisters, grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I have been made aware that in the coming months a group of you will be offered the opportunity to visit with me here in the city of Rome. I encourage you to listen to the disciples who share the news of this pilgrimage with you and await the opportunity to converse with you in person.



An All-New Holy Land Adventure Rome – Paul and the Underground Church – Vacation Bible School Adventure 2009 immerses learners of all ages in Bible-times culture, helping kids and adults explore what it might have been like to live as the church was just beginning. Families will experience new traditions, taste new foods, try new arts and crafts projects, and discover that God's love is the most powerful gift, saving us from our sins. All ages welcome to join us on this pilgrimage to our faith's history. Dates: August 17 – 21 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm daily. For more information contact Maureen Connell (mconnell@ccsbparish.org) or pick up an information sheet at the church entrance.

SEMINARY GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 17th Annual Blessed John XXIII National Seminary Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday, May 18 at The Weston Golf Club. This premier charity event is held to benefit the educational program for the seminarians. Tuition covers only half the cost of educating a seminarian and the proceeds from this tournament will help bridge the gap and keep the cost of educating them affordable. The \$250 player entry includes lunch at the Club, 18 holes of golf with cart, and door prizes; followed by a social hour, silent auction and dinner for each golfer and a guest at the seminary. To register, call Kate Folan at 781-899-5500 or visit www.blessedjohnxxiii.edu.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Seán Cardinal O'Malley invites all couples of the Archdiocese of Boston who are marking their 25th and 50th wedding anniversaries in 2009 to join him for the annual celebration at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross on Sunday, June 7 at the 11:30 am Mass. The Mass will include a renewal of marriage vows by all participating anniversary couples. Family members and friends of participating couples, as well as the general public, are welcome to attend. Please register with the parish office by May 11 (call 617-244-0608) if you would like to attend this celebration. A formal invitation and more information will then be sent to celebrating couples from the Archdiocese. Congratulations on your anniversary!



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

Thank you to all supporters of the 2009 Catholic Appeal.

Our Parish results to date...
\$23,630. (56.9%) **Target Goal: \$41,500.**
Donors: 87 (49.4%) **Donor Goal: 176**

If you have not yet pledged, please consider a gift today and help us meet our parish goal. Remember, CCSB Parish will receive 25% of all funds raised above our goal. Please consider making your pledge now even if you plan on fulfilling that pledge towards the end of the year. Information packets with pledge forms for the Catholic Appeal are available at the entrance to the church. Every gift matters. Thank you!

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

SUPER COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

The City of Newton will conduct the annual **Newton Serves Day** this **Sunday, April 26**. Volunteers are needed to help spruce up a variety of sites around the city for the coming outdoor season. Here's a chance for a group of individuals to gather together as representatives of CCSB Parish and lend a helping hand within our community. **For more information see, the city's website: www.ci.newton.ma.us**



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

- Brianna Catherine Arzuaga**
 • daughter of Angel Arzuaga & Sarah Cupo
Michael Christopher Gullage
 • son of Donald & Alison Gullage
Andrew David Moan, Jr.
 • son of Andrew & Wendy Moan

SAVE DARFUR

The Massachusetts Coalition to Save Darfur and Hebrew College will be hosting "**Darfur: What Next? A Day of Education, Inspiration, Solidarity and Action.**" The program will take place on **Sunday, May 3 from 3:00-8:00 pm at the Andover Newton Theological School-Hebrew College (160 Herrick Road, Newton Centre)**. Space is limited, so register now for this community wide gathering featuring Rev. Dr. Gloria White Hammond, the Save Darfur Coalition and an array of informative and inspiring workshops. Whether you are new to the movement or have been involved for years, this symposium will help deepen your knowledge of the crisis in Darfur and take purposeful action. After pre-registering on line, there is a \$10 fee at the door which includes dinner. To learn more and register please visit the Massachusetts Coalition to Save Darfur website at www.savedarfurma.googlepages.com/home.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 25		
4:00 pm	Ann Mulkern	1 st Anniversary
Sunday, April 26		
7:30 am	Constance & Anthony Vena	Memorial
9:00 am	Mass for the People	
11:15 am	Lorraine Hartman	Memorial
Thursday, April 30		
7:00 am	Robert L. Hazard	Anniversary
Saturday, May 2		
4:00 pm	Mass for the People	
Sunday, May 3		
7:30 am	Mary & Steve Corcoran & Family	Memorial
9:00 am	Michael, Maria, Luigi & Giovanni Caruso	Memorial
11:15 am	Mass for the People	

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

In your prayers, please remember the soul of **Marie Therese Nicolazzo** for whom a funeral Mass was 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: \$5,392.
(includes \$719. in April 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!*

† **Next Weekend's Celebrants** †
Saturday, May 2

4:00 pm Fr. Frank Silva

Sunday, May 3

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

SIX MONTH DEVELOPING BABY



Your spiritually adopted babies are growing quite beautifully now. Their weight is approaching two pounds. Babies born prematurely at this time have a very good chance of surviving. The medical advances in caring for extremely small newborn infants are extraordinary indeed.

APRIL IS CHILD SAFETY MONTH

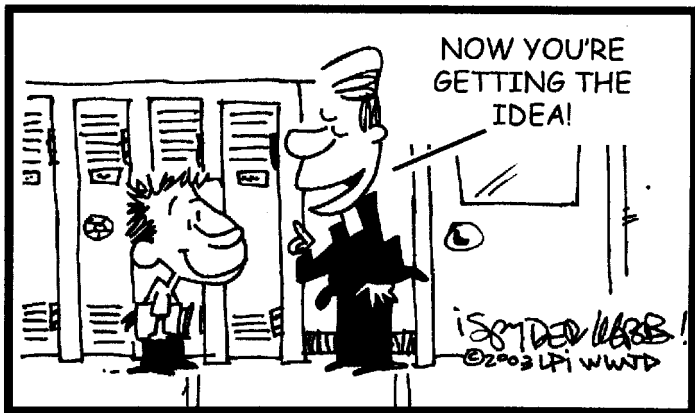
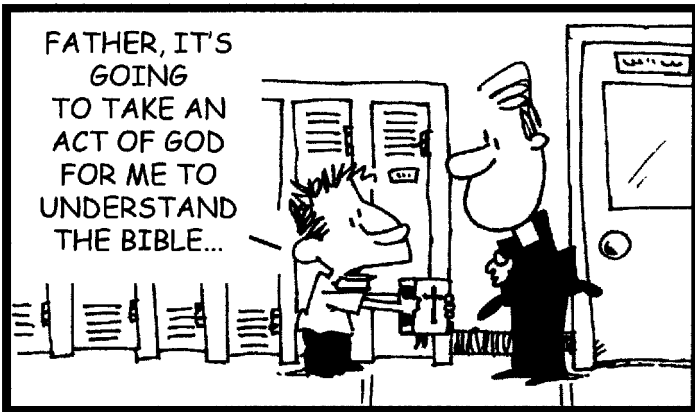
How Old Does a Child Need to Be in Order to Stay Alone?

Don't assume that when your child understands what you're saying, he's ready to walk out the door by himself. Besides the fact that many states have laws against leaving children of certain ages alone (for example, younger than 12), experts say children should not be left by themselves until they're capable of fighting off an abductor or handling a crisis situation. Experts also say children do not have the mental maturity to cross busy streets by themselves until they're about 10 or 12 years old. (Did you know that pedestrian injuries rank third in child fatalities, behind traffic accidents and drowning?) Finally, parents who are certain their young children would never walk away with a stranger will be shocked to learn that studies show they probably will. Stay alert and vigilant, even if you believe your child is aware of possible dangers from others.



All are welcome to include their petitions in the **Intercessory Prayer Books** located at the main entrances to our parish churches. As a faith community, we pledge to remember these intentions in our prayers.

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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