

## From the Pastor's Desk

First and foremost, a warm and heartfelt greeting this weekend to all mothers in our parish community as we wish them a **"Happy Mother's Day"**. We ask God's blessings upon them for the gifts of life and love with which they have nourished us. Through the intercession of our **Blessed Mother Mary**, may our mothers, living and deceased, forever know the gratitude we have for them.

This month, special update-training sessions are being offered for our parish's corps of **Eucharistic Ministers**. The presence and ministry of these ministers have become familiar to us all as we rely upon their help at Mass in the distribution of Holy Communion. Some of our **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** also provide assistance in making "communion calls" to homebound parishioners who are not able to join us at Mass. (See the column elsewhere in this weekend's bulletin for **"When It's Time for a Communion Call."**)

If you have had an interest in serving our community as a **Eucharistic Minister**, know that we would be happy to speak with you as to what's involved. Please contact **Deacon Dan Nelson (617-244-9110)** for information. The update-training sessions for Eucharist Ministers are scheduled for Saturday, May 16 (11:00 am) and Tuesday, May 26 (7:00 pm) in St. Bernard's Chapel.

Our parish bulletin has provided weekly reports on the progress of the **Annual Catholic Appeal** that began in early March. You will note in this weekend's bulletin that **CCSB Parish** has recently passed two milestones in respect to our parish's goals for the 2009 appeal — our parish has just reached the **70% mark of our \$41,500 goal** which was made possible by **just over 100 parishioners** who made pledges to the appeal. Given the economic times that we are facing, I am encouraged and grateful by this response-to-date.

As has been noted in the past, a successful **Catholic Appeal** is critical to maintaining numerous agencies within the Boston Archdiocese that further the work of the Church, especially in meeting the needs and circumstances of the poor among us. In addition, funds from the appeal support a variety of services offered to every parish and institution within the archdiocese that otherwise would not be possible and that would result in major financial constraints for parishes, schools, etc.

Last year, CCSB parishioners made pledges that surpassed our goal. For this achievement, **CCSB Parish received \$1,800 in return from the Catholic Appeal**. Can we do better this year? I am hopeful and have confidence that we can! Every gift to the appeal makes a difference. So, if you have yet to do so, please consider making a pledge today to the **2009 Catholic Appeal**. Information and pledge cards for the appeal will be found at the entrances to our churches or by contacting the parish office (617-244-0608). Thanks!

Father Frank J. Silva

## Easter Remembrance

In your kindness, please remember the following in whose names contributions were received for the **Corpus Christi - St. Bernard Parish Sanctuary Fund** providing resources for flowers and decorations in our parish churches during the Easter Season.

Francis A. Martin	William & Eleanor Garvin
Joseph X. Ormond, Jr.	John Ackerley
Mary Flaherty	The Cahill and MacBride Families
Robert and Alfred Hazelton	Larry Mastromattei
Elizabeth, Edward & James Milligan	Guido J. Greco
Vincent and Lucy Cornaro	The Hogan Family
Alfonso and Santa Montillo	Steve and Ellen McCabe
The Ford and McCarthy Families	Marguerite Badala
Louis, Anna, Dominic & David Guzzi	Nick Saccardo
The Hart and McCarthy Families	Leonard MacLellan
John and Catherine Vosnak	Timothy and Louise Healy
Catherine and Bartley Keane	Alvin and Laiti McIntyre
Thomas and Margaret Thompson	The Marinucci Family
The D'Alleva and Marascia Families	Robert Pakenham
Jeannette, Howard, Eleanor and Thomas Platt	
The Palmer, Healy and Girard Families	Neal Adkins
Bill and Agnes McEvoy	The D'Alleva and Carvelli Families
John Kerressey	Patricia and Edward Wallace
J. Richard Pakenham	Richard D. Pakenham
Mardy McGreggs	Father Barry and Family Members
Joan Stuffle	Joseph and Mary Gravelle
Patrick and Rose Stack	George Stack
Kathleen Stack	Ronald Dagle
Alex Thompson	Stanley, Mary and Walter Baskiewicz
Clarence Johnson	The Godino Family
Andrew G. Kuhn	Connie and Jim Casella
George and Peg Sullivan	The Macrillo and Russo Families
Mary and Jim DiGironimo	Mary and Nick Perry
Antone and Margaret DeSouza	Martha and Louis Perry
Annette Constantino	Frank and Carol DeSouza
Tony and Elsie DeSouza	Ettore Gandolfi
Giovanni and Maria Arcuri	Lina and Mike Altieri
Marcello Pucci	The Arcuri Family



**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**  
**Thursday, May 21**

Masses offered at  
7:00 am — St. Bernard's Church  
7:00 pm — Corpus Christi Church

### RCIA & ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Do you know a relative or friend who is interested in becoming a Catholic? How about an adult who has not been confirmed? We are offering opportunities for individuals to connect and re-connect with the Catholic faith. **Contact Tom Griffin (617-244-9111) for more information.**

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

UP & COMING EVENTS						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14

### Monday, May 11

12:30 pm (CC) Monday Club  
5:30 pm (CC) Adult Faith Formation Meeting

### Tuesday, May 12

7:00 pm (CC) Pastoral Council Meeting

### Thursday, May 14

7:00 pm (SB) Baby Shower Committee Meeting

### Saturday, May 16

11:00 am (SB) Eucharistic Minister Training

### Monday, May 18

12:30 pm (CC) Monday Club  
6:30 pm (SB) Activities Commission Meeting

### 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. Daily Mass are also offered...

Monday-Wednesday — 9:00 am — Corpus Christi Church  
Thursday-Friday — 7:00 am — St. Bernard's Chapel

### TANGLEWOOD CONCERT IN LENOX



Featuring works by  
**Bernstein, Harris, and Thompson**  
Sunday, July 26

Bus will leave St. Bernard's Church Parking Lot at 10:30 am & return around 8:00 pm.

**Ticket & Bus: \$47.00 pp**  
(includes reserved seating under the shed)  
Bring a bag lunch or purchase lunch on site.

To make reservations, call Claire Palmer (617-332-4913) and leave a message with your name, phone number, and the number of tickets needed. Make your check payable to "CCSB Parish" with "Tanglewood" in the Notes section and mail or drop off your request at the CCSB Parish Office (1529 Washington Street, Newton) by Sunday, July 5. Sponsored by the CCSB Activities Commission.

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

### THIS SUMMER...ALL ROADS LEAD TO ROME!



Are you looking for a great family vacation? Want to do something that your entire family can get involved in and that is life-giving? **Join us as we travel to 'Rome' from August 17–21 at this summer's CCSB Vacation Bible Camp.** The itinerary will include meeting and

talking with a former Roman soldier who is now imprisoned in his home because he follows Jesus the Nazarene, clandestine meetings with members of the new underground church calling themselves 'Christians,' visits to the marketplace, training with Roman athletes preparing for the Olympics and much more.

The cost for this week of adventure and faith is \$35.00 per person. All ages are invited and tour guides are most welcome. Our daily adventure will begin at 9:00 am and end at 2:00 pm. **For more information contact Maureen Connell (mconnell@ccsbparish.org / 617-244-0608) or check the parish website at www.ccsbparish.org**



### SEMINARY GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 17<sup>th</sup> 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 Monday, 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.



**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...  
**\$29,060. (70.0%)** Target Goal: **\$41,500.**  
Donors: **106 (60.2%)** 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](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com) or call 617-779-3700. Thank you!

**PROJECT RACHEL RETREAT**

Do you know someone who is carrying grief and sorrow over a past abortion? **Project Rachel** is the post-abortion ministry of the Catholic Church to help those dealing with the pain of abortion. **Project Rachel** will offer a "Come to the Waters" post-abortion healing retreat on **Saturday, May 30**. For more information and registration, contact **Project Rachel at 508-651-3100**. All calls are confidential.

**2009 ARCHDIOCESAN DIRECTORY AVAILABLE**

A limited number of copies of the **2009 Boston Archdiocesan Catholic Directory** are available for purchase at the CCSB Parish Office. This annual directory contains contact information on all catholic parishes and institutions, as well as complete listings of clergy and religious presently in service within the archdiocese. The cost of the directory is \$25. The CCSB Parish Office is open Monday-Friday from 10:00 am-3:30 pm and is located on the lower level of St. Bernard's Church.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION  
NEXT WEEKEND – May 16-17**



The **Catholic Communication Campaign** supports Catholic communications projects. Half of all diocesan proceeds stay local, and the other half supports national Catholic media.

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Saturday, May 9**

4:00 pm Paul Flynn and Joseph Caruso  
1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

**Sunday, May 10**

9:00 am Mass for the People  
11:15 am Giovanna Nicolazzo  
Memorial

**Monday, May 11**

9:00 am Edward & Hazel Bigham  
Memorial

**Tuesday, May 12**

9:00 am Mass for Military Personnel & their Families

**Saturday, May 16**

4:00 pm Edith & John Leehan  
Memorial

**Sunday, May 17**

7:30 am Mass for the People  
9:00 am Josephine Pace  
1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**.....IN MEMORIAM.....**

In your prayers, please remember the soul of **Barbara Babigian** 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 were recently made to the **CCSB Sanctuary Fund** in memory of **Vito Montillo**. Kindly remember him in your prayers.

**Parish Support**

**Last Weekend's Offertory Collection: \$5,612.**

*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 16**

4:00 pm Fr. Frank Silva \*

**Sunday, May 17**

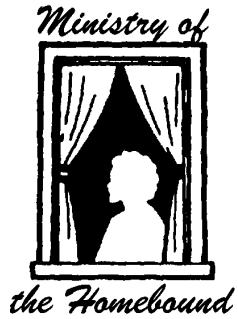
7:30 am Fr. Frank Silva

9:00 am Fr. Frank Silva

11:15 am Fr. Francis Conroy \*

\* - Deacon Daniel Nelson preaching

**WHEN IT'S TIME FOR A COMMUNION CALL...**



As early as the year 150 A.D., the martyr Justin, in writing an explanation of Christian worship to the Roman authorities, described the Sunday eucharist pretty much as we celebrate it today. At the end of the description, he notes that ministers take the eucharist from the Sunday assembly to those who were unable to be present. Perhaps these included people who were in prison for living according to the gospel, and those whose work (Sunday was a work day back then) kept them away. But almost certainly he meant the sick and the infirm, and those who were otherwise homebound. This is our ancient tradition: to love and cherish and to keep connected with those members of this community who cannot be with us on Sunday.

When illness or infirmity keeps you from the Sunday assembly, ministers of communion will bring a word of scripture and the body of Christ to you. Call the parish office and we will set this up. The best time for this is Sunday, when the minister can come straight from the celebration of Mass. But other times can be arranged. Don't worry about fasting before receiving communion: If you are able to, that's fine. But because of your condition, you are not obligated.

The rite of communion for the sick is simple. It can be very brief if you are not feeling up to more. But normally, it consists of some opening prayers and readings (similar to those at Mass). If you are able, you then offer some prayers for the world and the church. Your family, friends and caregivers can (and should!) participate in the rite. If they would normally receive communion at Mass, then they can share in communion at this time, too. Before and after this simple, powerful rite of communion, you can visit with the minister or not, depending on how you feel.

Sick or infirm, homebound or hospitalized, each baptized person is nonetheless part of this parish, a member of the body of Christ. So don't be afraid that you're being a burden, and don't think that we're so busy we wouldn't have time for you. Regularly sharing in communion is an important part of our life together as the church.

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