

## From the Pastor's Desk

This weekend we are pleased to welcome to Corpus Christi-St. Bernard Parish **Father Michael Malone, C.S.Sp.**, a member of the **Congregation of the Holy Ghost**, who will invite us — through our prayers and sacrifices — to share in the missionary efforts of his community. Father Malone will speak at all Masses and a special second collection will also take place to help support the missions of the **Holy Ghost Fathers**.

The number of priests serving the Archdiocese of Boston has increased recently with the **ordination to the priesthood** of six men. Please remember to offer special prayers for **Frank D. Camp, Shawn Carey, David W. Gunter, Seán M. Maher, Huy H. Nguyen, and Israel Rodriguez-Díaz** as they begin their priestly ministry. Let us congratulate and salute them on their willingness to respond to God's call to the priesthood. We can only imagine the challenges they will face in being ministers of Word and Sacrament to the People of God.; yet, we also know that their faithfulness in modeling the service of Christ, our High Priest, will bring them consolations and joys that are immeasurable.

By the way, the latest count indicates that **there are presently 478 active diocesan priests** serving the parishes and institutions of the Boston Archdiocese. In addition, there are **264 retired diocesan priests** and **11 priests on disability**. **Please pray daily for an increase in vocations to the priesthood.** Thanks!

Next weekend, the 2009 Easter Season comes to a liturgical close with the observance of the **Solemnity of Pentecost — the great feast of the Holy Spirit**. For some, the Holy Spirit might seem to be the 'forgotten' member of the Holy Trinity. Yet, without the inspiration and guidance offered by the Holy Spirit, our lives of faith and the ability to give witness to Christ's presence among us would not amount to very much. The color red — signifying the tongues of fire that hovered over the disciples on Pentecost — is associated with the Holy Spirit. **Consider wearing something "red" to Mass next weekend as we pray for the continued outpouring of God's Holy Spirit upon our parish community and the Church throughout the world.**

Father Frank J. Silva

Almighty and merciful God, remember our beloved dead, our family and friends, those who have laid down their lives in the service of

our great country so that we may have and continue to esteem freedom, peace and happiness. Grant all these your mercy and the light of your presence. May their deaths have not been in vain, but increase in all of us the desire and the will to work for justice and peace among all peoples and nations. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.



## CCSB BOOK CLUB

Please join us this **Thursday, May 28 at 7:00 pm** in **Fr. Moore Hall (St. Bernard Church)**, when we will be discussing the book, **The Apostles** by **Pope Benedict XVI**. This book discusses the origins of the Church and the Apostles' role in connecting us to Jesus. For questions, please contact **Anne Keidel (617-527-5053)**.

## FATHER'S DAY BABY SHOWER

To celebrate the birth of the unknown babies we have been praying for, the **CCSB Respect Life Committee** will sponsor our second annual **Father's Day Baby Shower** to benefit needy mothers served by the **Archdiocese of Boston's Pregnancy Help Office**. Please consider bringing a new gift to any of the Parish Masses on **Father's Day Weekend (June 20 and 21)**. Gifts can be left in the cribs which will be located in our parish churches that weekend. CCSB parishioners were extremely generous last year. Let's try and repeat the success!

## 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.

## RCIA & ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

We are currently in the process of meeting with individuals who have an interest and questions about the Catholic faith. This **Period of Inquiry** tends to lead individuals to a more formal commitment to preparing for initiation into the Church through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. **If you know someone who has expressed an interest in the Catholic faith, invite them to contact Tom Griffin at the Parish Center (617-244-9110 / tgriffin@ccsbparish.org)**. In the past three years we have seen several individuals experience the Easter Sacraments. Many of these individuals have become quite active in our parish community through our various parish ministries, commissions and councils — a visible sign of making disciples!

## BRISTOL LODGE FOOD PANTRY



The **Bristol Lodge Food Pantry** (located on Moody Street in Waltham) is in need of non-perishable food items. CCSB Parishioners can drop off donated food items at **Father Moore Hall** in **St. Bernard's Church** or in the gathering area of **Corpus Christi Church**. A special thanks to all who provide continued support for this very important outreach ministry!

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

UP & COMING EVENTS						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14

### Tuesday, May 26

Pancake Breakfast (after 9:00 am Mass)

7:00 pm (SB) Eucharistic Minister Training

### Thursday, May 28

7:00 pm (SB) Book Club 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 Masses are also offered...

Monday-Wednesday — 9:00 am — Corpus Christi Church

Thursday-Friday — 7:00 am — St. Bernard's Chapel

Hey, CCSB Middle School Youth Group (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders)! Get your friends and join us for....



### SUNDAY JUNE 7

Feature presentation:

**A Night at the Museum**  
(rated PG)

Start time: 4:00 pm

Movie runs 1 hour and 48 minutes.

Theatre: Parish Hall (Corpus Christi Church)

Hot dogs and soda will be served.

### ANNUAL CORI CHECKS

The month of June is right around the corner and with it brings the annual **CORI forms for all parish staff and volunteers**. If you are already a parish volunteer, or thinking about becoming one soon, you will be required to complete a background check. Forms will be mailed to each volunteer. Simply complete the form and return it to Tom Griffin for identity verification. A driver's license can be used for identification purposes. Once forms are completed and identities verified, forms are mailed to the Archdiocese for background checks. The process takes approximately 2-3 weeks to complete. **All parish volunteers and parish pastoral staff (clergy and laity) are required to complete forms**. You can return your completed form to Tom Griffin (before or after Masses on Sundays) or stop by his office at the Parish Center (45 Ash Street, Auburndale) Sundays-Thursdays. **Tom can be contacted at 617-244-9111 / tgriffin@ccsbparish.org**.

### LOOKING FOR A JOB OR UNDEREMPLOYED?

Check out **Transitions**, a support center that provides a variety of resources for those needing employment and/or career support. Transitions operates Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 12 Noon at the **Presbyterian Church (Great Plain Avenue and Central Avenue, Needham)**. For additional information about Transitions call 781-444-3728.

### 2009 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PAUL — AND THE UNDERGROUND CHURCH

Strap on your sandals as we bring the Bible to life.



Experience Unforgettable  
Adventure—in Rome!

*You won't just hear about Bible events...you'll experience them!*

You'll elbow through a crowded Roman marketplace. Learn with the Apostle Paul. Gasp as a thief is wrestled to the ground. Tiptoe past Roman guards to a

hidden cave, where you'll pray with first-century Christians who eagerly await news from their imprisoned friend—the Apostle Paul.

And that's just one day at this summer's most exciting VBS!

This week long adventure will include games, crafts and activities all centered on our coming to understand God's love for us.

Dates: **August 17 through August 21, 2009**

Time: **9:00 am to 2:00 pm daily**

Location: **CCSB Parish Hall (45 Ash Street, Auburndale)**

Registration Fee: **\$35.00 pp**

### 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.**

### SEVEN-EIGHT MONTH DEVELOPING BABY

You're in the home stretch with your spiritually adopted babies. They are completely formed and have been since 8 weeks. All they have been doing since then is gain weight and making their mothers uncomfortable with their size. But mom's not worried now. In a short time her baby will be born. She has planned to bring her baby home or place her baby for adoption. Either way, she knows she can receive the assistance she needs from the Catholic Church and from crisis pregnancy centers. Your baby's parents appreciate the prayers you have said for them and their baby. It hasn't been easy, but your prayers have given them the grace to seek the help they need.

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.





**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...

**\$30,490. (73.5%)**      **Donors: 115 (65.3%)**  
**Target Goal: \$41,500.**      **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!

**CALLING ALL FORMER 'ST. JEAN PARISHIONERS!'**

A reunion has been planned for the former parishioners and friends of St. Jean's Parish of Newton. The reunion will begin at the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, June 7 at Our Lady Help of Christians Church (573 Washington Street, Newton). Following the Mass, refreshments will be served in the church hall. For additional information, contact Mary Caira (617-926-9944).

**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 next 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 30-31  
ANNUAL SEMINARY APPEAL**

Your support to next weekend's special collection will help with the important ministry of priestly formation and education at St. John Seminary in Brighton and Blessed John XXIII Seminary in Weston.

*Mass for the  
Intentions*  *for the  
Week*

**Saturday, May 23**

4:00 pm Lionel Sadler Memorial

**Sunday, May 24**

7:30 am Anthony Vena 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

9:00 am Michael Caira Memorial

11:15 am Mass for the People

**Monday, May 25**

9:00 am Domenico Villella Memorial

**Thursday, May 28**

7:00 am Barbara Babigian Months Mind

**Saturday, May 30**

4:00 pm Gaetano & Angelina Taranto, Teresita Barbuto and the Deceased Members of the Taranto Family Memorial

**Sunday, May 31**

7:30 am Mass for the People

9:00 am Nancy & Steven Cappadona Memorial

11:15 am Maria & Gaetano Scanio Memorial

*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.*

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

In your prayers, please remember the souls of  
**Ann Marie Barden, Eugene A. Cronin,  
and Marion C. Cunningham**  
for whom Funeral Masses were recently offered in our parish.

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: \$5,474.**  
(includes \$755. in May EFT donations)

**Catholic Communication Campaign: \$535.**

*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 30**

4:00 pm Fr. Francis Conroy

**Sunday, May 31**

7:30 am Fr. Francis Conroy

9:00 am Fr. Frank Silva

11:15 am Fr. Frank Silva

*Why do most dioceses transfer the feast of the Ascension from Thursday to the following Sunday?*

**Q** Ascension Thursday is a holy day of obligation, requiring Mass attendance for all Catholics. Luke's time frame in the Acts of the Apostles assigns the Ascension to forty days after Easter, with Pentecost occurring ten days later. **A** With Pentecost always celebrated on a Sunday, ten days before places the Ascension on a Thursday.

A weekday is often not conducive for most people to attend Mass for various reasons. Acknowledging such a modern day reality and wishing not to minimize the solemnity of the feast, the United States bishops requested Pope John Paul II's approval to transfer the feast to the following Sunday in accordance with canon 1246.2 of *The Code of Canon Law*. It states that "with prior approval of the Apostolic See, however, the conference of bishops can suppress some of the holy days of obligation or transfer them to a Sunday."

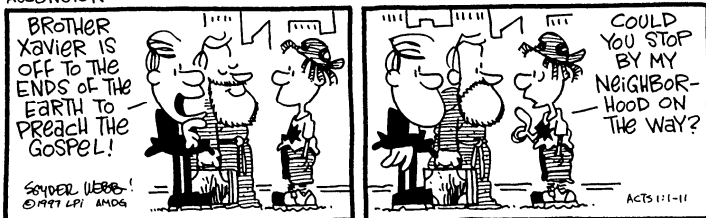
With the Vatican's approval, the US bishops, on November 16, 1998, allowed the bishops of each ecclesiastical province in the United States to determine whether the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord would be transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter in their ecclesiastical province. The ecclesiastical provinces of Boston, Hartford, New York, Newark, Philadelphia, and Nebraska have retained the celebration of the Ascension of the Lord on Thursday. All other provinces have transferred this solemnity to the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

No matter when Ascension is celebrated in your diocese, become attuned to the feast's meaning and significance.

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