

Saint Blaise Parish

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

Parish Resources

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Weekend Masses

Saturday, 4:00 PM

Sunday, 7:30 & 10:00 AM

Daily Masses

Monday through Wednesday 9:00 AM

Liturgy of the Word Service—

Thursday & Friday 9:00 AM

Holy Days

As announced in the bulletin and on the website

Reconciliation

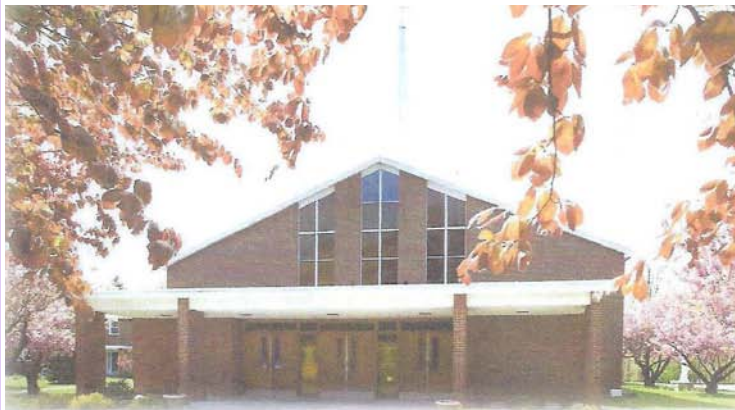
Saturdays 3:15-3:45 p.m. in the Reconciliation Room off the vestibule of the church, or by appointment.

Baptisms

Parents are requested to call the Rectory as soon as possible to arrange for the Baptismal Catechesis and Baptism.

Marriages

Contact with the Pastor should be made as far as possible in advance so as to allow time enough for the Pre-Cana Program.



All Are Welcome Here

Parish Mission Statement

The mission of our Saint Blaise Catholic Community is to be people of prayer dedicated to spreading the Good News of God's saving love to all, as we journey together in faith. As a sacramental people united in the Eucharist, we seek to develop and strengthen our relationship with Jesus. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we give witness to God's Word, actively following the Gospel message of peace, love, and Social Justice.

Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

Director: Laura Salamy

lsalamy@saintblaise.org

Wednesdays 11:00 to 1:00 pm

We are always in need and very grateful for Donations of dry goods, paper goods, and Can goods. Please call the Rectory for more Information and/or assistance

Bible Based Faith Sharing

Every Tuesday Evening at 7:30 pm

In the Church Sacristy

Bingo

Every Sunday Evening at 6:00 pm

In the Church Hall

(doors open at 4:00 pm)

Scripture Readings

Scripture for the week of

March 15, 2015

- 15 SUN 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21
 16 Mon Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
 17 Tue Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
 18 Wed Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
 19 Thu 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 20 Fri Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 21 Sat Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
 22 SUN Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

HOLY WEEK**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

St. Blaise Parish
Holy Week 2015

Holy Thursday

April 2nd at 7:30 pm
 Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Adoration until 10:00 pm

Good Friday

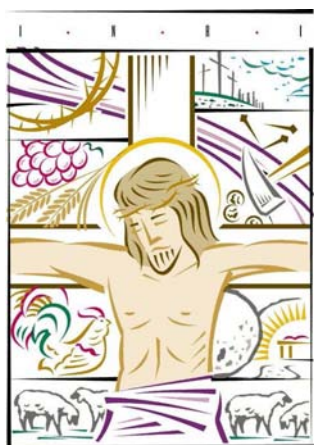
April 3rd at 7:30 pm
 Multi-Media
 Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

April 4th at 7:30 pm
 Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

Masses 7:30 & 10:00 am
 Easter Egg Hunt
 Following the 10:00 Mass



St. Brendan Parish
Holy Week 2015

Wednesday April 1st

Tenebrae at 7:00 pm
 Followed by Confessions

Holy Thursday

April 2nd at 7:00 pm
 Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Adoration until 10:00 pm

Good Friday

Confessions at 3:00 pm
 Living Stations of the Cross
 By the Rel. Ed Students 4:00 pm
 Lord's Passion 7:00 pm
 Followed by Confessions

Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer 9:00 am
 Followed by Confessions
 Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday

Masses 8:30 & 10:30 am

Mass Intentions

March 14

4:00 pm Ted and Theresa Trudeau

March 15

7:30 am John DeMarinis, III

10:00 am Rudolph and Carol Citrone

March 21

4:00 pm Doug Welsh

March 22

7:30 am Our Deceased Parishioners

10:00 am Our Deceased Parishioners



Prayers

MaryClare, Ron, Barbara, Rose, Fr. Peter, AnnMarie, Bertha, Ann, Peter, Elaine, Ken, Amy, Dorothy, Rachel, CJR, Rob, Kevin, Baby Ashton, Aurora, Joan, Lauren and Pauline



Ladies' of St. Anne Scholarship: The Ladies of St. Anne Sodality is offering a \$500 scholarship to a graduating high school senior or an individual already attending college or technical school, who has been an **active member of St. Blaise Parish**. The student must be planning to attend college or technical school on a fulltime basis. This is not strictly a financial need scholarship, the awarding of the scholarship will be based on academic achievement, extra curricular and parish activities, essay, and financial need. Application forms may be found at the doors of the church. Applications due no later than April 30th.



Easter Liturgical Dance ~ will be part of the 10:00 Easter Sunday Mass; both children and adults are invited to participate in this ancient form of prayer. No dance experience is required. If interested please sign up at the back of the church.



Clergy Health and Retirement Trust
Caring for the Well-Being of our Boston Priests

At Easter we honor and celebrate our priests. The Clergy Health and Retirement Trust helps care for the health and well-being of our 628 priests, ensuring an appropriate level of care and quality of life for the men who have dedicated their lives in service to our Archdiocese of Boston. Remember the priests who were there for you and your loved ones in times of need, and consider honoring them with a generous gift. Thank you in advance for helping to ensure the continuing care for all our priests.

Journey In Faith



~JOURNEY IN FAITH NEWS~

April Session:

Saturday April 18th 2:00-5:00
(includes 4:00 Mass)

Sunday April 19th 10:00-1:00
(includes 10:00 Mass)

Family Mass: April 19th, grade 2

Mandatory Parent/Child First Communion Retreat
March 21st from 2 to 5pm. We will be ending with the 4pm Mass.

Mandatory Confirmation Retreat for 10th and 11th grade **March 28th from 12 to 6pm.** For this retreat, we are collaborating with St. Brendan's Confirmation program. This Retreat will be held at Saint Brendan's. Eat a small lunch before coming and pizza will be served at 3pm. We will end with the 5pm Mass.

Facilitators' Meeting~ The next facilitators' meeting will be held on Thursday March 26th, 6:00 pm for middle/high school facilitators and 7:00 pm for elementary school facilitators. The meetings will be held in the church hall.

Parish Volunteer CORI's: ALL parish volunteers must complete a yearly CORI form, required by the Archdiocese of Boston. Paula will be at all the Masses with the CORI forms, please remember to bring your license.

"The Way" is a movie about a father that heads overseas to recover the body of his estranged son who died while traveling the "El Camino de Santiago," and decides to take the pilgrimage himself. The movie will be shown here at St. Blaise on Monday March 30th and 31st in two parts after the 9:00 am Mass and again on Tuesday evening March 31st in its entirety at 7:00 pm in the church hall. All are welcome.



500 Club News ~ The Spring 2015 session will kick off on Sunday, March 29th after the 10:00 Mass. If you haven't participated in the past, St. Blaise 500 Club is a great way to support your parish as well as have some fun. Don't miss all the fun and your chance to win!



Ultreya Mass: For all who have lived Cursillo, Please mark your calendars for an Ultreya Mass and gathering which will take place on Friday evening, March 27th at 7:30 p.m. here at Saint Blaise Church. Everyone who has lived Cursillo is most welcome as we take this wonderful opportunity to gather in prayer.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU! During the Season of Lent, opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be made available to all who would like to avail themselves of this beautiful Sacrament of God's grace and forgiveness. Due to the current renovations to the Reconciliation Room, **the Chapel will be the location to offer the Sacrament from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on WEDNESDAYS, March 18th & 25th and April 1st.** Please enter the Chapel from the church entrance on the parking lot side of the church. If these Wednesdays are not convenient for you, please know you are invited to call Fr. Al to make an appointment. May God bless you as you journey through Lent.



St. Brendan & St. Blaise Catholic Knowledge Quest: Students in grades 3 -7 are invited to participate in a Catholic knowledge fact contest on **Sunday April 26th, 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (approximately).** The goal is to encourage children to learn the basic tenets of their Catholic faith and share their knowledge in a fun forum. If you would like to participate, **please complete the form found at the doors of the church and return it to Beth Grenier.** If you have any questions please speak to Beth. **Please note the change in date.**



Resumes now being accepted: Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry Director, Laura Salamy, will be moving to New Mexico to start a new adventure with her family in early June. We are now in the process of conducting a search for a new director. If interested, please contact Laura at lsalamy@saintblaise.org for additional information and a job description.



~Catholic Appeal 2015~ Last weekend, our parish launched the 2015 Catholic Appeal. We would like to thank all of you who have given so generously to support our parish. If you were unable to attend Mass last weekend and would like to make a donation there are envelopes at the doors of the church; completed envelopes may be put into the collection baskets. This year, St. Blaise has a goal of \$21,347.00, please prayerfully consider making a generous gift. By supporting the Appeal, you support our parish. To make an online pledge, please visit www.bostoncatholicappeal.org. Thank you for your consideration of this year's appeal.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS & MEETINGS



Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Monday March 23rd in the rectory at 6:30 pm



St. Vincent de Paul Monday, April 13th 7:00 pm in the Sacristy



Choir Practice Tuesday Evenings 7:00 pm in the Church ***New Members are always Welcome!***



Bible Based Faith Sharing Every Tuesday Evening 7:30 in the Sacristy ***All Are Welcome!***



Knights of Columbus Wednesday March 18th 7:30 pm in the Rectory Basement



Ladies' of St. Anne Thursday, April 9th 7:00 PM in the Church Hall



The Parish Council will meet On Wednesday, April 8th 7:00 PM in the Sacristy



Pray the Rosary With the Knights of Columbus ***Second Friday of the month at St. Brendan's Parish and the Third Friday Of the month at St. Blaise Parish Both at 7:00 pm, ALL ARE WELCOME***



For the month of March we continue to need cereal and dry goods. Thank you for your continued support.



The next Knights of Columbus Meat Raffle will be held on Saturday evening March 7th at 7:00 pm in the church hall. Don't miss all the fun!



Muffins with the Easter Bunny: The Bellingham Women of Today will be hosting Muffins with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, March 28th from 9:00 am to 11:30 am in the church hall. Come and enjoy muffins and have your child's picture taken with the Easter Bunny.



Donate an Easter Basket: Anyone wishing to donate an Easter Basket for the children using the food pantry, infant to teens, should drop off the basket no later than Sunday, March 29th.

Easter Flowers and Memorial Booklet: If you would like to remember a special person, living or deceased, in our Easter Memorial bulletin, please fill out an envelope found at the doors of the church and **return it no later than March 22nd**. Please make note of the deadline date, because of Easter Sunday, the bulletin needs to be at the publisher early. Donations help defray the cost of the Easter flowers.



Good Friday Multi-Media Stations of the Cross-On Good Friday, Stations of the Cross will be presented through the use of music, drama, dance, readings and media. Parishioners will experience the Way of the Cross as it connects to living in the world today.

There will be a meeting for anyone interested in participating and assisting, middle school age to adults, on Sunday March 22nd following the 10:00 Mass; sign up sheets can be found at the back of the church.



~Journey With Us Through Lent~

God calls each of us to become a saint, and he's ready to support us along the way by providing abundant blessings. Join us as we seek these blessings by participating in Fr. Robert Barron's DVD-based program: *"Untold Blessing: Three Paths to Holiness."* The first path is "Finding the Center in Christ;" the second is "Knowing You Are a Sinner" and then the third, "Realizing Your Life is Not About You." our parish will begin the *Untold Blessing: Three Paths to Holiness* program on March 9th at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm in the chapel and will continue the on March 16th and 23rd at the same times; each session lasting approximately 1 hour. Please save the dates and journey with us this Lent. If you have any questions please speak to Bert Galipeau or Fr. Al.

UNTOLD BLESSING

Three Paths to Holiness



John the Baptist's statement, "Christ must increase and I must decrease," defines what it means to be holy. The journey to sanctity involves knowing the truth about yourself and allowing God to work through you for the good of his creation.

Explore the three paths to holiness with Father Robert Barron: finding the center, knowing you are a sinner, and recognizing that your life is not about you.

Learn more about this journey by participating in Father Barron's study program, *Untold Blessing: Three Paths to Holiness*.

CATHOLICTV'S MARCH PROGRAMMING

SPANISH MASS

Starting March 1st, CatholicTV will now air a weekly Spanish Mass at 8am, 5:30pm & 10pm from the Chapel of Holy Cross.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Spend St. Patrick's Day with CatholicTV while we host Mass, This is The Day & Divine Mercy Chaplet from Ireland!

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday Mass, Chrism Mass, Holy Thursday Mass, Good Friday, Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday Mass

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March 8-16

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