

*Saint Blaise Parish*

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*Fifth 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 22, 2015

22 SUN Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

23 Mon Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or  
 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11

24 Tue Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

25 Wed Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk  
 1:26-38

26 Thu Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

27 Fri Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

28 Sat Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

29 SUN Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-  
 7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or  
 15:1-39

# 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*

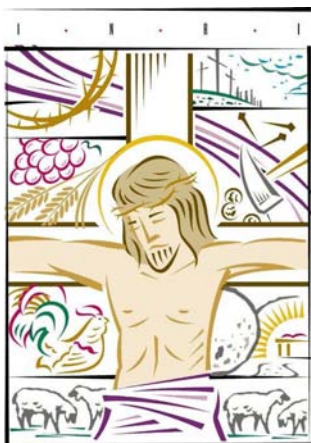
April 3rd at 7:30 pm  
Multi-Media  
Stations of the Cross

#### *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

***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 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.**

**Parish Council Elections:** Next weekend, at all the Masses, parishioners will have the opportunity to vote for the new Parish Council Members.

**Vocation Fair**~ There will be a vocation fair held at St. Brendan Church Hall, 384 Hartford Ave., Bellingham, on Sunday, April 19th from 11 AM until 3:30 PM. A variety of different male and female religious orders will be represented. Come, find your true vocation! Please contact Sr. Ann Marie @ 508-966-2362 or [maryqueenofapostles@verizon.net](mailto:maryqueenofapostles@verizon.net) with questions or for more information.



The St. Blaise 2015 Catholic Appeal campaign is off to a wonderful start! With \$5,053 already pledged, we are at 24% of goal. The early outpouring of support from so many helps sustain the important ministries that make St. Blaise a vibrant place of worship. If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge form at the back of the church or visit [www.bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org). Thank you for your prayers and support.

## 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 April 15th  
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**



**Support Food Pantry** 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 April 11th 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 29th**. 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.



**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.

**Church Decorating** ~ Volunteers are need on Saturday April 4th at 9:00 am to assist with decorating the church for our Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday worship.



**Catholic Vacation Bible School 2015 is coming!!**

The news has arrived! We're going to **EVEREST!** Join us! We'll embark on an icy expedition that empowers kids to overcome obstacles with God's awesome power and anchors kids in rock-solid Bible truths that will guide them through life's challenges. Together, we'll be conquering challenges with God's mighty power! It all happens at the Everest VBS!

**Who:** Open to those age 5 by August 31st, through grade 6 as of September 2015 (Sixth graders register as *Counselors In Training, CIT's*)

**Where:** Saint Brendan's Church Hall

**When:** You will have a choice of two sessions: July 6-10 and July 13-17.

**Time:** Monday through Friday from 9:00 am-12 Noon.  
**Sign me up!** Registrations and volunteer applications will be available April 1st; for more information contact Beth Grenier at 508-966-1258 x13 or e-mail at [bgrenier@saintblaise.org](mailto:bgrenier@saintblaise.org)

**~AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEEPEN YOUR FAITH~  
Archdiocese of Boston  
Men's Cursillo**

Cursillo is a short course in Christianity. It is an encounter with Christ in a small community of the Church, in order to deepen your own faith and strengthen your ability to be witnesses of Christ in the world.

The dates for the weekend are:

**Men's Cursillo Weekend April 23-25, 2015**

The weekend runs from Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon and are held at the Campion Center in Weston MA. For more information please contact Fr. Al, Denyse or Tom Lyden.

**An Evening of Cribbage** ~The Knights of Columbus will host a cribbage evening on Saturday April 25th, doors open at 6:00 pm, play begins at 6:30 pm. Players may register as competitive or recreational. Competitive players need to pay a registration fee of \$20.00 and will play a tournament with cash prizes. Recreational players are players who want to play for fun, to practice their skills or to learn to play, no registration fee is paid and gift certificates will be awarded. Registration forms are at the doors of the church.

## Mass Intentions

### March 21

4:00 pm Doug Welsh

### March 22

7:30 am Our Deceased Parishioners

10:00 am Our Deceased Parishioners

### March 28

4:00 pm Edna Tessier

### March 29

7:30 am Charles Guenard

10:00 am Daryl and Linda Attwood



Prayers

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

Pauline



### 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. **A rehearsal will be held on Monday evening March 30th at 7:00 pm.**

**"Untold Blessing: Three Paths to Holiness"** ~ Fr. Robert Barron's DVD-based program will conclude this Monday evening at 7:00 pm in the Chapel, with part three, "Realizing Your Life is Not About You."



**Yard Sale Meeting:** There will be a meeting for anyone interested in assisting with the Summer Yard Sale. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 24th at 7:00 pm in the church hall. All are welcome!



## Clergy Health and Retirement Trust

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## 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 Confirmation Retreat for 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade March 28<sup>th</sup> 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. Paula will be at the meetings with CORI forms, please bring your license.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> in two parts after the 9:00 am Mass and again on Tuesday evening March 31<sup>st</sup> in its entirety at 7:00 pm in the church hall. All are welcome.



**500 Club News** ~ The Spring 2015 session will kick off NEXT 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.

# 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.

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## HOLY WEEK

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

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