

Saint Blaise Parish



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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 29, 2015*

- 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
- 30 Mon Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11
- 31 Tue Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38/21
- 1 Wed Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25
- 2 Thu Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
- 3 Fri Is 52:13-53:12/ Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42
- 4 Sat Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15-15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15,32-4:4/Ez 36:16-17a,18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7
- 5 SUN Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

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

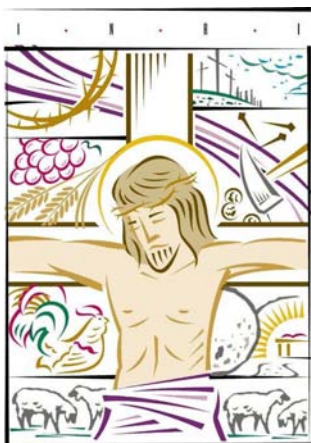
April 3rd at 7:30 pm
Multi-Media
Stations of the Cross

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! 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 WEDNESDAY, April 1st.** Please enter the Chapel from the church entrance on the parking lot side of the church.

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.

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.

 **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.



 **2015 Catholic Appeal**
Living Our Faith Together

The St. Blaise 2015 Catholic Appeal campaign is off to a wonderful start! With \$5,628 already pledged, we are at 26% 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. Thank you for your prayers and support.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS & MEETINGS



Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Monday April 6th and 27th 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
6:00 PM in the Church Hall
"MOVIE NIGHT"



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 April 11th at 7:00 pm in the church hall. Don't miss all the fun!

Mass Intentions

March 28

4:00 pm Edna Tessier

March 29

7:30 am Charles Guenard

10:00 am Daryl and Linda Attwood

Saturday April 4 And Sunday April 5

All Those Listed in Our Remembrance Booklet



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.**

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.



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

Confirmation News ~The next class for both the 10th and 11th grades will be held Sunday April 26th, the 10th graders will meet from 8:30 am - 10:00 am in the rectory; the 11th graders will meet from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm in the rectory. A reminder to the 11th graders, your letter to Fr. Al is due at this any questions please contact Beth.

Second Grade Family Mass ~ Will be held on Sunday April 19th at the 4:00 pm Mass.



500 Club News ~ The Spring 2015 session will kick off **THIS** 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!



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.



~Palm Sunday~ *It begins—the most solemn week of the year. We know how the story ends but still, it's almost too much to bear, remembering the wood of the manger as we look at the wood of the Cross. Saint Ignatius encouraged followers to pray with scripture to "place ourselves fully within a story from the Gospels...become onlooker-participants". Try to do this with the Holy Week readings (found on the inside cover of this bulletin). Today, where are you in the crowd? Did you put palm branches on the road? Are you in the thick of the crowd or on the outskirts? Are you cheering as Jesus rides in? And where do you go after the procession passes by? Do you give any further thought to this man?*

~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.

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 with questions or for more information.



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.**



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

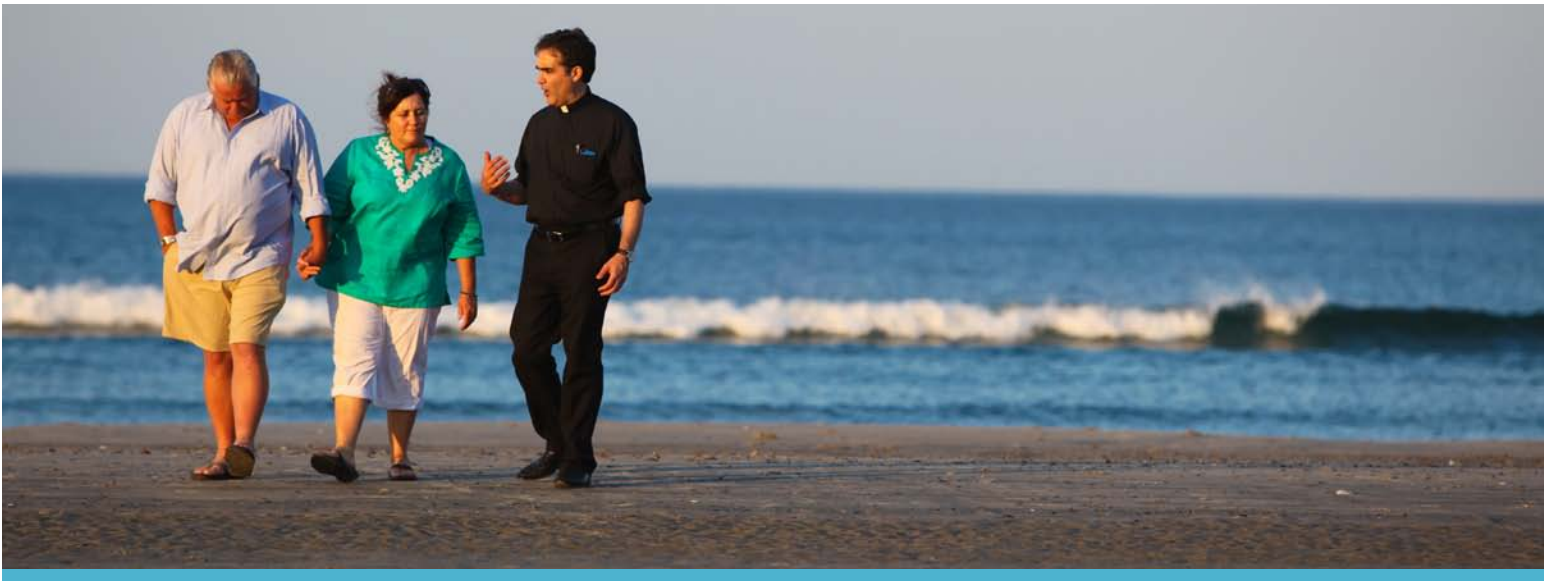
"Did Adam & Eve Have Belly Buttons? And 199 Other Questions from Catholic Teenagers"
by Matthew J. Pinto

Q. "Why do we go to church on Sunday instead of another day?"

A. Saturday was the Sabbath for the Jews, but the early Catholics changed the practice to Sunday to commemorate Jesus' rising from the dead on Sunday (Acs 20:7; Rv 1:10; CCC 2042).

For the first Jewish Christians, both Saturday (the original Sabbath) and Sunday were regarded as festival days. As the number of Jewish converts to Christianity decreased, the Christian observance of Saturday as a holy day diminished.

For the gentile (that is, non-Jewish) Christians, Saturday never had any particular importance. They observed Sunday as the holy day. There have been attempts by a few modern Protestant sects to reestablish Saturday as the day of worship. The most notable of these is the Seventh-Day Adventists. This practice has no historical basis and is contrary to the practice of the early Church (CCC 1343).



Meet Fr. Joe— *Answering the call with compassion*

For Gary and Susan Pickering, Fr. Joe Mazzone is more than a pastor—he is family.

Like so many priests in our Archdiocese, Fr. Joe has been a source of strength and support, helping others find Christ's presence in times of joy and sorrow. When Gary and Susan's daughter Marcy passed away unexpectedly during surgery, Fr. Joe was the first person they called. Marcy had been a close friend of Fr. Joe's, and her faith life had blossomed with his help through challenging times in her life. Fr. Joe was there for the Pickerings as they said goodbye to their beloved Marcy then, and he remains by their side today. Together, they continue to grow in faith and friendship, confident that they will be reunited with Marcy again, and grateful for the hope they receive through each other in Christ Jesus.

Our priests are there for us and our families without question or hesitation. Please consider showing your gratitude by supporting your parish collection this Easter.

Thank you for helping to ensure a continuum of care and quality of life for all our active and senior priests.



“Support your priests with your love and prayers, that they may always be shepherds after Christ’s heart.”

- Pope Francis

To submit your special intentions to be remembered by our senior priests during the celebration of Holy Mass at Regina Cleri each week, visit www.clergyfunds.org/intentions.

To watch a short video of Fr. Joe Mazzone, please visit www.clergyfunds.org.



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Co-Workers in the Vineyard Conference
 The Mission of Evangelization in the Parish
April 10, 2015 9:00-3:30
 Our Lady Help of Christians Parish
 Newton, MA
 Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Ralph Martin

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