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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
April 5, 2015**

- 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
- 6 Mon Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15
- 7 Tue Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
- 8 Wed Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
- 9 Thu Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
- 10 Fri Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14
- 11 Sat Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15
- 12 SUN Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31



CRIBBAGE NIGHT

Sponsored by the
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DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2015
PLACE: ST. BLAISE PARISH HALL
1158 SOUTH MAIN STREET
BELLINGHAM, MA. 02019
TIME: GAMES TO START AT 6:30 PM

PLAYERS MAY REGISTER IN EITHER THE COMPETITIVE OR RECREATIONAL DIVISIONS. 7 GAMES WILL BE PLAYED. PLAYER'S STARTING TABLE POSITION WILL BE ASSIGNED BY THE CRIBBAGE CHAIRMAN. MUGGINS WILL NOT APPLY. TOP 3 SCORES IN THE COMPETITIVE DIVISION QUALIFY FOR CASH PRIZES. THE TOP 3 PLAYERS IN THE RECREATIONAL DIVISION WILL RECEIVE GIFT CERTIFICATES.

PRIZES: CASH PRIZES WILL BE BASED ON 50% OF THE COMPETITIVE REGISTRATION FEES COLLECTED. AMOUNTS OF PRIZES WILL BE ANNOUNCED DURING THE SECOND GAME OF THE NIGHT.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$20 PER PERSON COMPETITIVE DIVISION, NO CHARGE FOR THE RECREATIONAL DIVISION. CRIBBAGE BOARDS WILL BE SUPPLIED. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE BUT NOT ALLOWED AT THE PLAYING TABLES

EARLY REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION FEE: **(CHECK WHICH DIVISION YOU WISH TO PLAY IN)**

- \$20 COMPETITIVE
- FREE RECREATIONAL

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Knights of Columbus Council 15291

MAILING ADDRESS:

Robert Bartlett
52 Bruce Road
Bellingham, MA 02019

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: () -

EARLY REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE APR 22, 2015. EARLY / PAID REGISTRATIONS WILL QUALIFY FOR DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS. REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR FROM 6:00 PM UNTIL 6:30 PM.

Fr. Al and the entire St. Blaise Staff wishes you and your family a Happy and Blessed Easter.

~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.

THE EASTER PASCHAL CANDLE has been generously donated by Ann Carroll and the Carroll Family in loving memory of Tim. Please keep the Carroll Family in prayer, especially as we light the candle for the first time at the Easter Vigil and continue to light the candle throughout the Easter Season.

Scholarship! **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 The St. Blaise 2015 Catholic Appeal campaign is off to a **Living Our Faith Together** 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 April we continue to need cereal, dry goods, and tuna. 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

Saturday April 4 And Sunday April 5

All Those Listed in Our Remembrance Booklet

Saturday April 11

4:00 pm James Scafidi

Sunday April 12

7:30 am Our Deceased Parishioners

10:00 am June and Carmen Giardino



Prayers

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



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.**

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 class, 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 March \$50.00 winners are: Francis and Ann Bigwood, Beverly Sherrill, Crystal Woods, Maurice

Dalpe, and Joseph Matkowski. Our \$500.00 winner is John DeCiantis! Congratulations to all our winners! You still have time to join the fun, membership forms can be found at the doors of the church. The next drawing of the 500 Club will be Sunday, April 26th after the 10:00 Mass. Thank you for your continued support!



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.



St. Vincent de Paul Breakfast NEXT WEEKEND: St. Vincent de Paul will

sponsor a DELICIOUS Pancake Breakfast NEXT Sunday April 12th after all the masses. Breakfast includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, home fries, sausage, breakfast pastries, juice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. Tickets will be sold at the door for adults \$6.00, children 6-12 \$3.00, under 6 free and a family max of \$20.00. All Are Welcome!



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

"If God knows everything we do, then how come we have to go to confession?"

We go to confession to say "I'm sorry" for our sins, not to tell God something He does not already know. You may know your younger brother broke your CD player, but wouldn't it be aggravating if he knew you knew, but still did not say "I'm sorry?" It would be a double slap in the face. In addition to saying "sorry" to God, confession also reconciles us with the Church (CCC 1469). There is no such thing as a private sin. Every sin affects the world in a negative manner. There is always a ripple effect. When a Catholic accepts and takes advantage of the sacrament of reconciliation, he builds up the body of Christ (Col 1:24; CCC 1496). He is implicitly saying, "I believe in the sacrament, and you should, too." This affirmation of the sacrament can lead others to live a sacramental life (2 Cor 8:21).



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

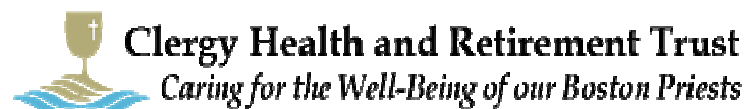
When: You will have a choice of two sessions: July 6-10 and July 13-17.

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

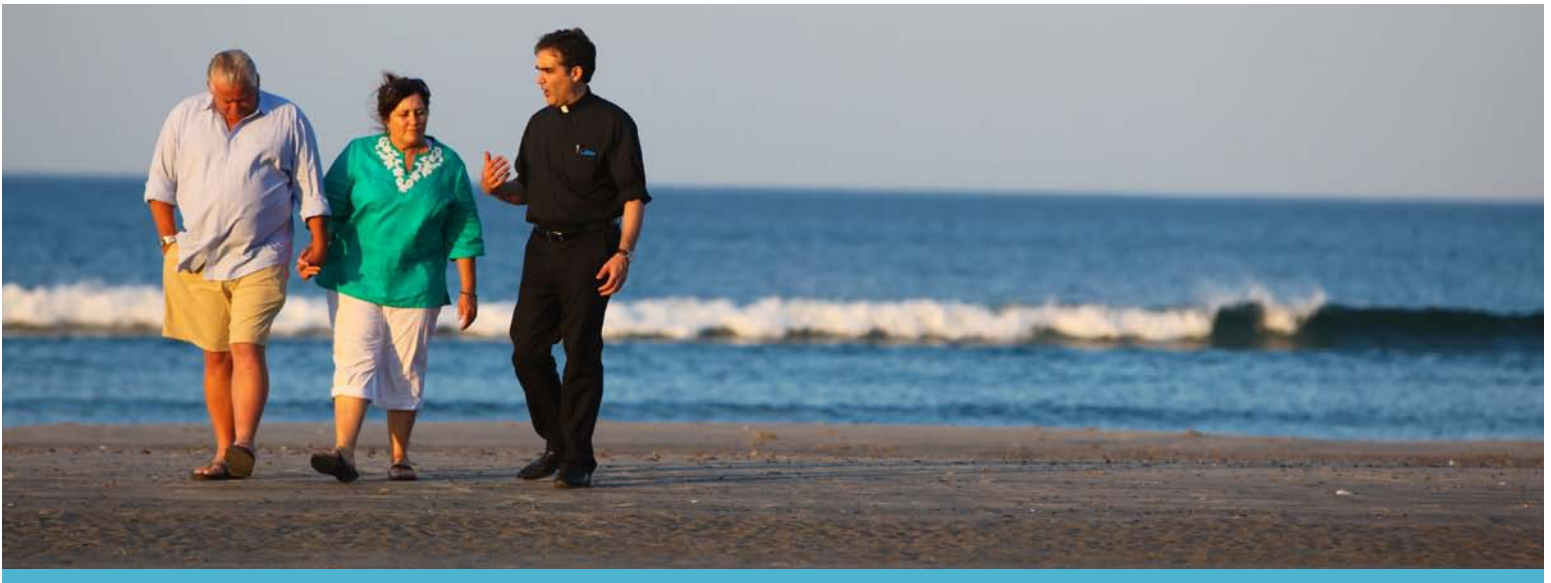
HERE'S HOPING THAT YOU MIGHT KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT KNOW SOMEONE WHO KNOWS SOMEONE who is in the landscaping business and might like to donate time & talent when we do our annual spring clean up. We are especially in need of a landscaper's expertise regarding the possible removal of the barberry (thorny) bushes in front of the rectory and a replacement that does not have the danger of thorns. Any suggestions you might offer to Fr. Al would be greatly appreciated.

FYI - I HAPPENED TO NOTICE SOME WORDING ON THE BACK PAGE OF THE BULLETIN... which needs a little clarification. It reads: *"Please support our Generous Sponsors"* and those sponsors do deserve our support because it makes possible the printing of the bulletin each week at NO cost to the parish. However, any surplus monies raised from "our" sponsors does not come back to the parish but goes directly to Pilot Printing a subsidiary printing service of the Archdiocese of Boston. Again...thank you for your support of the sponsors advertised in the parish bulletin.

Parish Council Elections ~ Next weekend you will have the opportunity to elect the new members of the Parish Council. The following people have been nominated: Jen Altomonte, Tom Carey, Lynda Clancy, Tom Deffley, Emilio Dispirito, Pauline Dispirito, Will Fontaine, Bill Holmes, Anne Kane, Jim Kingdon, Anita Lawlor, and Jim Nieva. The role of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is "to assist the pastor in his leadership role of planning, organizing, initiating, promoting, coordinating, and reviewing the evangelization, worship, religious education and service activities of the parish." (Eighth Synod of the Archdiocese of Boston)



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.



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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April 10, 2015 9:00-3:30
 Our Lady Help of Christians Parish
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 Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Ralph Martin

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