

My Lord and my God!

*But these are written
that you may come to
believe that Jesus is
the Messiah, the Son
of God, and that through
this belief you may have
life in his name.*

John 20:31

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 12, 2015**

- 12 SUN Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31
- 13 Mon Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8
- 14 Tue Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
- 15 Wed Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
- 16 Thu Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
- 17 Fri Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
- 18 Sat Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21
- 19 SUN Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48



CRIBBAGE NIGHT

Sponsored by the
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ST. BLAISE COUNCIL 15291

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: _____

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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.



Clergy Health and Retirement Trust

Caring for the Well-Being of our Boston Priests

The Easter collection for the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust supported the health and well-being of our 628 active and senior diocesan priests. If you were out of town this past weekend, or did not have the opportunity to participate, all are welcome to make a donation online at www.clergyfunds.org, or use the envelopes found at the doors of the church. On behalf of all our priests, thank you for your generous support of the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust.



St. Blaise Spring Cleaning We need volunteers to help us beautify the church and grounds of the church and rectory on Saturday April 25th

from 9:00 to 1:00pm. Please bring your work gloves, rakes, wheel barrels, and shovels if you have them. We will have jobs for all ages so bring the whole family.



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.**



The St. Blaise 2015 Catholic Appeal campaign is off to a **Living Our Faith Together** wonderful start! With \$8,183 already pledged, we are at 38% 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 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, May 14th **May Banquet**



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 11

4:00 pm James Scafidi

Sunday April 12

7:30 am Our Deceased Parishioners

10:00 am June and Carmen Giardino

Saturday April 18

4:00 pm Marjorie Ratcliffe

Sunday April 19

7:30 am Armando Andrew Colonna

10:00 am David McNaul



Prayers

Millie, 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.

2015-2016 Journey in Faith Registrations are now available! Registration forms are now being accepted from **April 1, 2015** through **July 16, 2015**, registrations received after July 16th will be assessed a late fee. To ensure there is space in your preferred session, register early! Forms can be found on the Faith Formation bulletin board, located near the bathroom in the Vestibule of the Church, or on the website, www.saintblaise.org. For more information or questions please contact Beth Grenier at bgrenier@saintblaise.org or call the office.



500 Club News ~ 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.

A special THANK YOU to all who donated Easter Baskets to the Food Pantry. Your generosity was very much appreciated.

~3rd Annual Yard Sale/Flea Market ~

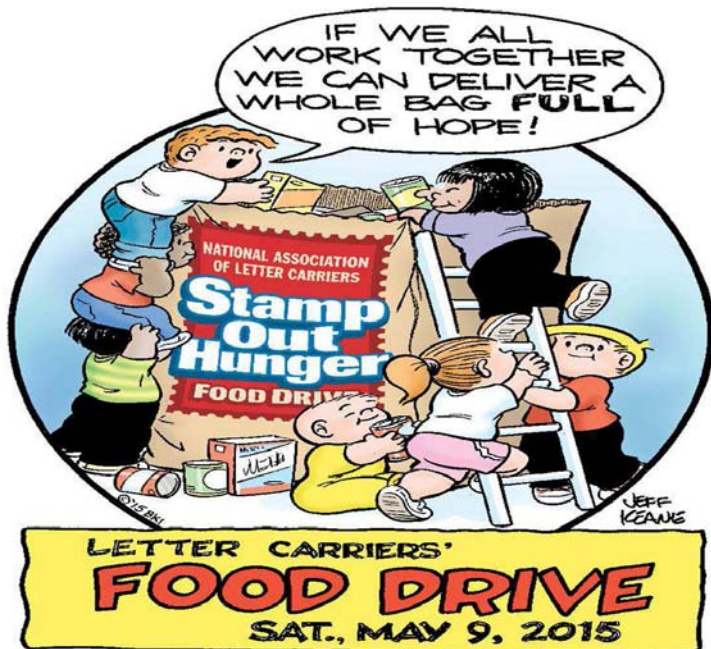
St. Blaise Parish
 Saturday, June 13, 2015
 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
 Rain or Shine
 Free Admission!

The yard sale/Flea Market will include crafters, vendors, flea market, civic organizations, and a cookout sponsored by the Bellingham Knights of Columbus.

Chairperson/Co-Chairs wanted to chair the 3rd Annual Yard Sale. The Chairperson will be responsible for the overseeing of vendors, and vendor spaces. If interested please call the office 508-966-1258 or speak to Fr. Al or Paula.

Vendors Wanted~ We are currently seeking the participation of vendors, crafters and local organizations. All spaces are outside, 20' x 20' and are \$30.00. Please call the office for more information or questions, 508-966-1258 x10 or e-mail Paula Nieva at paulanieva@saintblaise.org

Volunteers Needed ~ Many volunteers are needed to assist throughout the day. If you can volunteer even one hour, please contact the office.



Volunteers needed for the Post Office Food Drive, please save the date. All food collected in Bellingham comes directly to the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry.



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

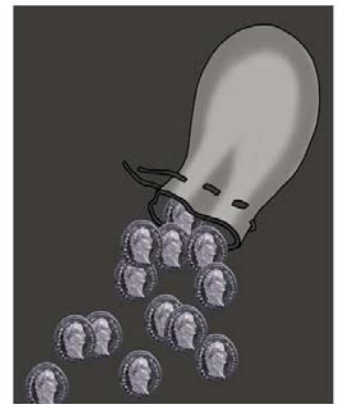
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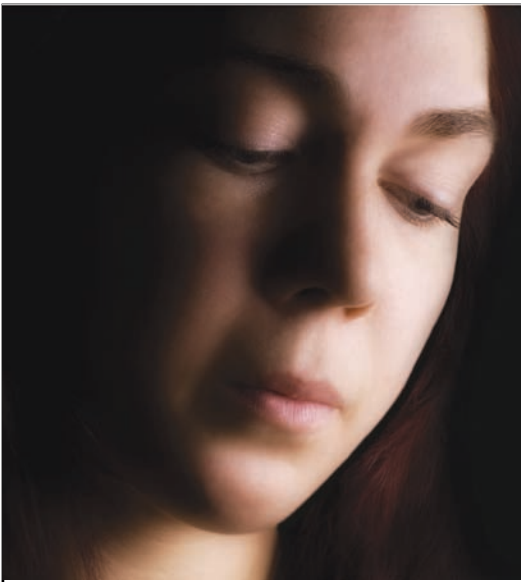
THE APOSTLES:
 JUDAS ISCARIOT
 AND MATTHIAS

Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve apostles, betrayed Jesus at the first Easter. For thirty pieces of silver, he told the Jewish authorities where they could find Jesus and arrest him secretly.

Thirty pieces of silver was the price of a slave in those days.

Judas later returned the money, but then killed himself. Because of that, the eleven remaining apostles selected another of the early disciples, to replace Judas. This was Matthias. We know very little about him.





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Come to the Waters of Healing

One Day Retreat for Hope & Healing After Abortion

◆ Saturday, April 25, 2015

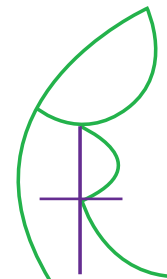
9:00AM – 5:00 PM

This one-day retreat is designed to help women hurting from past abortions experience the personal love of Christ and find hope for healing in a loving and confidential environment.

Sponsored by the Project Rachel Ministry - Archdiocese of Boston

Pre-registration is required. Limited to 10 participants.

For more information, contact
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Rachel mourns her children; She refuses to be consoled, because her children are no more. Thus says the Lord: "Cease from your cries of mourning. Wipe the tears from your eyes... There is hope for your future."
 Jeremiah 31:15-17



Project Rachel is a confidential Catholic outreach ministry offering hope and healing to women and men hurting from past abortions. Trust in the tender embrace of God's merciful love.

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