



*Saint Blaise Parish*

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*“I am the good shepherd, and I  
know mine and mine know me...”*

*~John 10:14*

# 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 26, 2015

- 26 SUN Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18  
 27 Mon Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10  
 28 Tue Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30  
 29 Wed Acts 12:24-13:5a/Jn 12:44-50  
 30 Thu Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20  
 1 Fri Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6  
 2 Sat Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14  
 3 SUN Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8



### **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)



**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.**

**Count Down to Christmas Fair!** Yes, we are planning now for our annual Count Down to Christmas Fair, only 201 days until the Fair! We need your help with many jobs that can be accomplished now in anticipation for the fall. Here is how you can help...

**Mailing Committee** ~ Looking for something to do with the kids this summer? Why not come to the rectory and help stuff envelopes for the Count Down to Christmas Fair mailing. If you would like to volunteer, call the office or e-mail Paula at [paulanieva@saintblaise.org](mailto:paulanieva@saintblaise.org).

**Holy Stitchers** ~ Looking for a night out to socialize and do crafts? The Holy Stitchers will soon be meeting to put together crafts for the craft table. Keep an eye on the bulletin and the website for the schedule.

**Raffle Table and Baskets** ~ Going on vacation this summer? Why not pick something up to donate to the raffle table or put a basket together with items from your vacation destination!

***Thank you for your continued support!***

**~3rd Annual Flea Market ~**


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

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

**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](mailto: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.

**Home Missions and Black & Native American, Military Archdiocese Collection:** THIS week's second collection supports three important national Catholic missions. *The Military Archdiocese* collection provides for Catholic chaplains throughout the world for American servicemen and servicewomen. *The Home Missions* collection subsidizes the evangelization and formation activities of mission dioceses. *The Black and Native American* collection strengthens evangelization and outreach programs which would otherwise be in danger of disappearing among the Black, American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut communities of the United States. For more information, please visit [www.usccb.org/hm](http://www.usccb.org/hm) or [www.milarch.org](http://www.milarch.org)

 The St. Blaise 2015 Catholic Appeal campaign is off to a *Living Our Faith Together* wonderful start! With \$9,684. already pledged, we are at 45% 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 April 27th  
 in the rectory at 6:30 pm



**St. Vincent de Paul**  
 Monday, May 11th  
 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 May 20th  
 7:30 pm in the  
 Rectory Basement



**Joint Parish Council Meeting**  
 St. Brendan Church  
 Monday, May 4th at 7:00 pm



**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



**The Parish Council**  
 will meet On  
 Wednesday, May 13th  
 7:00 PM in the Sacristy



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 May 2nd at 7:00 pm in the church hall. Don't miss all the fun!

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, April 25

4:00 pm Francis Lavallee

### Sunday, April 26

7:30 am Our Deceased Parishioners

10:00 am Coleman J. Lydon

### Saturday, May 2

4:00 pm Dennis McDonald

### Sunday, May 3

7:30 am Our Deceased Parishioners

10:00 am Paul Robinson



Prayers

Millie, MaryClare, Ron, Barbara, Rose, Fr. Peter, AnnMarie, Ann, Peter, Elaine, Sidley, Ken, Dorothy, Rachel, Lauren, CJR, Rob, Kevin, Aurora, Joan, Pauline, George, Chris, Kathy, Victoria, Gerry, Wendy, and Vasco.



Ladies  
Of  
St. Anne

**Ladies' of St. Ann May Banquet** ~ The Ladies will hold a May Banquet on Thursday evening May 21st at 6:00 pm at the Restaurant 45, located at 45 Milford St. in Medway.

Meal choices include Chicken Loretta, or Salmon Alex for \$25.00, or Veal Parmesan for \$28.00, prices include gratuity. Please have your request and payment in no later than May 17th; they can be dropped off at the office, put in the Mass collection basket clearly marked LOSA Banquet, or given to Beverly Sherrill. If you have any questions please contact Marie Crossland at 508-498-2266.

**Mother's Day Booklet and Cards:** A special booklet remembering our mothers, grandmothers or special loved ones living or deceased will be available Mother's Day weekend. The last day to submit names for the booklet is Monday May 4th. We also have beautiful Mother's Day cards available at the office for a donation of \$5.00.

### **Congratulations to our Newly Elected (and Re-Elected) Members of the Parish Pastoral Council...**

Voting took place the weekend of April 11-12 and the results are as follows: Brian Sutherland, Tom Carey, Tom Deffley, Will Fontaine, Jim Nieva, Bill Holmes, Jen Altomonte, Anne Kane (newly elected), Lynda Clancy, Pauline and Emilio DiSpirito (newly elected), Anita Lawlor (newly elected), and Jim Kingdon. ALL NEW MEMBERS are welcome to attend their first Parish Council meeting on Wednesday, May 13th at 7:00 pm in the church sacristy. Thank you to all who took the time to vote and thank you to all elected members of the PPC for offering your time, treasure, and talent to your parish community.

## Journey In Faith



### ~JOURNEY IN FAITH NEWS~

May Session:

**Saturday Session Only**  
**Saturday May 9th 2:00-5:00**  
**(includes 4:00 Mass)**

**First Communion News** ~ First Communion rehearsal will take place on Wednesday evening April 29th at 6:30 for those students receiving the Sacrament on Saturday May 2nd at the 4:00 pm Mass; And on Thursday April 30th at 6:30 For those students receiving the Sacrament on Sunday May 3rd at 10:00 am. If you have any questions please contact Beth.

**Confirmation Rehearsal** ~ for students and sponsors will take place on Thursday evening May 14th at 7:00 pm. The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Saturday May 16th at the 4:00 pm Mass with the Most Rev. Bishop Allue presiding.

***Please keep all our First Communion and Confirmation students in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacraments.***

**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](http://www.saintblaise.org). For more information or questions please contact Beth Grenier at [bgrenier@saintblaise.org](mailto:bgrenier@saintblaise.org) or call the office.



*A very special thank you to all the volunteers who assisted with the Journey in Faith program this year. Thank you for sharing your time and talent with the families of St. Blaise. We are truly grateful and blessed!*



**The Ascension**  
**Holy Day of Obligation**  
**May 14, 2015**  
**Mass at 9:00 am**

**Meeting for those seeking information on the Catholic Faith.**



We will have an information meeting on Sunday May 17, 2015 at 11:15 am in the chapel after the mass. Plan for a 1 hour meeting. The meeting is for:

**Unbaptized:** persons (age of discretion: 7+ years) who have never been baptized.

**Baptized in Another Christian Church:** Those who were baptized into an another Christian denomination and wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. They are considered candidates.

**Baptized but uncatechized Catholic Adults:** persons who were baptized as infants and not given any or received some religious instruction in the Catholic faith and desire to receive First Communion and Confirmation. One needs to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation to be a godparent or a Confirmation sponsor. Also information on annulments will be available.

If you have questions or desire more information about the Catholic faith and the RCIA journey and can't attend the meeting, contact Fr. Al, Pastor, at 508-966-1258 x12 or [fatherfaretra@saintblaise.org](mailto:fatherfaretra@saintblaise.org); or Beth Grenier, Director of Faith Formation, at x13 or [bgrenier@saintblaise.org](mailto:bgrenier@saintblaise.org)



**QUIZ**

Can you choose the correct endings?

1. He is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become:  
(a) worn out (b) the cornerstone (c) useful elsewhere?
2. Beloved, we are God's children:  
(a) now (b) in some ways (c) if we try?
3. A good shepherd lays down his life:  
(a) if he can't avoid it (b) if thieves take him by surprise (c) for the sheep?
4. I will lay down my life for:  
(a) the sheep (b) the good of the country (c) I have no choice?
5. This command I have received from my:  
(a) brethren (b) Father (c) rulers?

ANSWERS

The correct answers are: 1(b); 2(a); 3(c); 4(a); 5(b)

**WORDSEARCH**

Can you find and circle the words listed below the wordsearch grid?

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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



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