

Saint Blaise Parish

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.

John 15:1-2 (NAB)

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 May 3, 2015

- 3 SUN Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
- 4 Mon Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
- 5 Tue Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
- 6 Wed Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-824
- 7 Thu Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
- 8 Fri Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
- 9 Sat Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
- 10 SUN Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17



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!

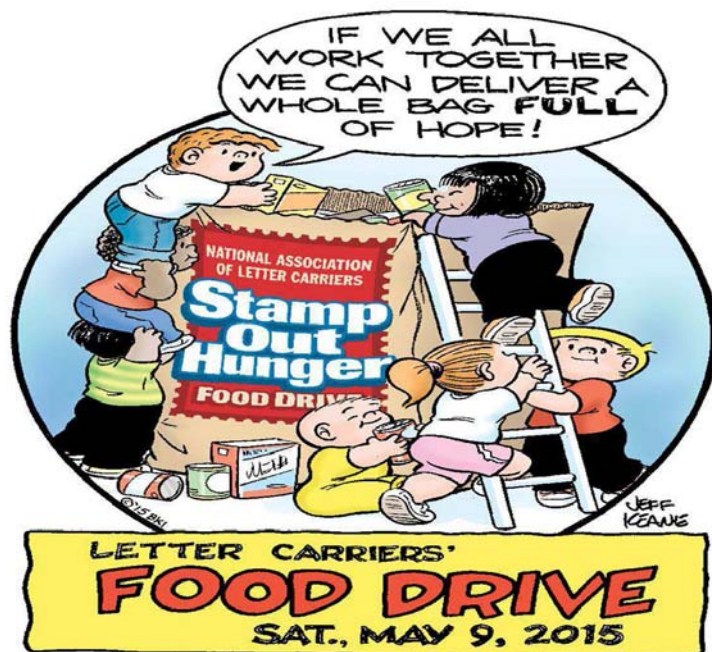
Who: Open to those age 5 by August 31st, through grade 6 as of September 2015 (Sixth graders register as *Counselors In Training, CIT's*)

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



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 194 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.

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

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

Flea Market Meeting ~ The next meeting for anyone interested in assisting with the Flea Market will be held on Tuesday May 12th at 7:00 pm in the Rectory conference room.

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 Thursday May 7th. Names can be dropped off at the office or e-mailed to Paula at Paulanieva@saintblaise.org We also have beautiful Mother's Day cards available at the office for a donation of \$5.00.


 The St. Blaise 2015 Catholic Appeal campaign is off to a *Living Our Faith Together* wonderful start! With \$9,884. already pledged, we are at 46% 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 May 4th
 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



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, May 29th 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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 2

4:00 pm Dennis McDonald

Sunday, May 3

7:30 am Charles and Theodora Arsenault

10:00 am Paul Robinson

Saturday, May 9

4:00 pm All Those Listed in Our Mother's Day Booklet

Sunday, May 10

7:30 & 10:00 All Those Listed in Our Mother's Day Booklet



Prayers

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



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.



500 Club News ~ The April 500 Club winners are: David Reimels, Mr. and Mrs. David Debatis, Pat Braley and two time winner Kevin Donohue! Con-

gratulations to all of our \$50.00 winners!! The next drawing will be held on Sunday May 31st after the 10:00 Mass.



For the month of May the food pantry is in need diapers size 4 & 5 as well as side dishes. Please keep the food pantry in mind during the summer months when donations are low. Thank you for your continued support.

In Loving Memory:

*The Altar Bread and Altar Wine
were donated by
John and Sue Normandin
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Oscar and David Normandin*

Journey In Faith



~JOURNEY IN FAITH NEWS~

May Session:

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

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 Confirmation students in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament.

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.



Ladies' of St. Ann Plant Sale
Sunday May 17th after Masses
Saturday May 23rd after Mass

Girl Scout Talent Show to benefit the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry: The Bellingham Girl Scouts will hold a Talent Show on Friday evening May 29th from 7:00 - 9:00 at the Middle School. Admission to the show is an item for the food pantry! Save the date, invite your family, friends and neighbors out for a fun evening for a great cause!

Bottle/Can Drive and Car Wash: Kyle Manning will be holding a bottle/can drive and car wash here at St. Blaise on Saturday May 30th. Kyle is raising money for his Eagle Scout project. More information to follow.



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



God Bless Our First Communion Students

Isabella Anderson
Sydney Bashford
Mallory Berkeley
Zachary Berkeley
Michaela Brøhart
Abigail Cormier
Liam Donohue
Matthew Drons
Hayden Dube
Charles Eldridge
Maxwell Gamble
Julia Kane

Cassidy Leger
Owen Luedtke
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 Jeremiah 31:15-17



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