

# LOVE ONE ANOTHER



*“It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the father in my name he may give you”*

~John 15:16

# Parish Resources

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## Parish Business Manager

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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 10, 2015**

10 SUN Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

11 Mon Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26-16:4a

12 Tue Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11

13 Wed Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Jn 16:12-15

14 Thu Acts 1:1-11/ Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

15 Fri Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23

16 Sat Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28

17 SUN Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19





### **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)



**Do you make a great Tomato Sauce? Have you been told it is the BEST Sauce? Why not put it to the judges?**

St. Blaise and St. Brendan will hold a "Stations of the Sauce" cook-off! There will be 7 people from each parish (including Fr. Al and Fr. Mullen!) who will submit 2 gallons of their homemade tomato sauce for parishioners of

both parishes to taste and judge! The event will take place on Saturday evening October 24, 2015 from 6:00-8:00 pm at St. Blaise Parish Hall. Mark your calendars now and save the date! Cooks will be chosen on a first come, first serve basis; so if you would like to submit your sauce, e-mail Paula at [paulanieva@saintblaise.org](mailto:paulanieva@saintblaise.org) and the first six people will be chosen! For those of you who do not like to cook but love to eat, we will need you to do the judging! So again, save the date for an evening of fun and laughs!



**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](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.

**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.



**Blood Drive** ~ Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will take place at St. Blaise on Saturday, May 23rd from 9:00 - 2:00 pm in the church hall. For an appointment please call 1-800-RED CROSS (733-2767) or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

Congratulations to parishioners Melissa Jacques and Mark Flannery on their newly elected positions as members of the Bellingham School Committee.

 The St. Blaise 2015 Catholic Appeal campaign is off to a wonderful start! With \$9,934. already pledged, we are at 47% 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 May 18th**  
 in the rectory at 6:30 pm



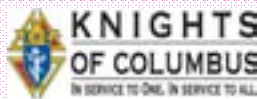
**St. Vincent de Paul**  
**Monday, May 11th**  
 7:00 pm in the Sacristy



**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



**The Parish Council**  
 will meet On  
**Wednesday, May 13th**  
 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**



The next **500 Club** drawing will be held Sunday May 31st after the 10:00 Mass. Join us for coffee, donuts, and a chance to be a prize winner!!



**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 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

### Wednesday, May 13

9:00 am Cynthia Kairit Reding

### Saturday, May 16

4:00 pm Jim Thomas

### Sunday, May 17

7:30 am Fr. Michael F. McLellan

10:00 am Eugene Lacroix



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, Pam, and Rich



**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.



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.

### Mother's Day Prayer by Gaynell Bordes Cronin

~From the book [Friend Jesus: Prayers for Children](#)~

I love you, Mom. I love your aliveness,  
your joy in living, your understanding,  
your giving.

And what I love best of all  
is that you love me.  
God of all Mothers,  
thank you for my mom!

## Journey In Faith



**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](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.



***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***



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

**RCIA**  
Right of Christian  
Initiation of Adults

We will have an information meeting **NEXT** 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)



**VFW "Buddy Poppy"® Sales** ~ Members of the Bellingham VFW will be at St. Blaise on Sunday, May 24th for the annual Buddy Poppy ® sale. The VFW conducted its first Poppy distribution before Memorial Day 1922. The Poppy soon was adopted as the official memorial flower of the VFW of the United States. All of the Poppies are assembled by disabled and needy veterans in VA hospitals. The VFW Buddy Poppy® program provides compensation to the veterans who assemble the Poppies, provides financial assistance in maintaining state and national veterans' rehabilitation and service programs and partially supports the VFW National Home For Children. Thank you in advance for your support.



**The Holy Father will be in Philadelphia for the World Meeting of Families in 2015!** The Holy Father, Pope Francis, will be in Philadelphia the weekend of September 26-27, 2015 for the conclusion of the World Meeting of Families. St. Blaise Parish working in collaboration with St. Brendan Parish, will be sponsoring a bus trip to Philadelphia on Sunday September 27th to participate in the Holy Father's closing Mass. ***Save The Date!*** The particulars of the Mass have not yet been finalized so please watch the bulletin for specifics and updates.



## Priest, Deacons & Youth Ministers Familiarization Trip

*If you enjoy traveling and want to see how you can immerse your church community in helping children in need while transforming their own lives through service, visit a Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH, Spanish for "Our Little Brothers and Sisters") home with us. Your life may never be the same!*

### Visit the *Pequeños* at NPH Guatemala August 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Come experience first-hand how NPH transforms the lives of the children it supports. We invite you to visit Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH, Spanish for "Our Little Brothers and Sisters") Guatemala with us. You will meet the amazing children, staff and volunteers of NPH and learn the ins and outs of their daily lives. If you are new to NPH, visiting a home is the best way to see what we do in action. If you are a longtime supporter or sponsor, come catch up with old friends and see how your godchildren are growing and flourishing. Join us – your life may never be the same!

#### About NPH Guatemala

Opened in 1996, NPH Guatemala is home to 335 children. It is located in San Andres, 16 miles from Antigua and an hour northwest of Guatemala City, the capital. It has approximately 25 acres of land, kinder through junior high school, a computer lab, vocational workshops, a clinic, gardens and a solar water heating system.

#### Trip Highlights

- Discover first-hand the effects that love, caring, and acceptance have on children who once struggled to survive
- Experience life as the children of NPH do each day with chores, school, sports, and sharing meals
- Develop meaningful relationships where language and culture have no boundaries
- Meet the leadership, staff and volunteers of NPH Guatemala
- See how your church can make a difference by introducing them to NPH whether it be with a future service trip, sponsorship drive, hosting a pequeño tour, or an NPH speaker!



#### Cost: \$250.00\*

Includes:

- Accommodations at NPH Guatemala
- Local transportation
- Meals while at NPH
- NPH USA interpreter and guide
- Travel insurance and background check
- Airfare to and from Guatemala City

Not included:

- Outside meals
- Airport fees

#### Reservation Schedule

- Reserve a spot with a \$250 non-refundable deposit due June 10, 2015

\*We would love to cover the cost of your airfare (approximately \$700.00 value) for the opportunity to be welcomed into your church this year!

\*One representative per church.

Register online at [www.nphusa.org/maneguatemala2015](http://www.nphusa.org/maneguatemala2015)

For more information, please contact **Monica Henry: [mhenry@nphusa.org](mailto:mhenry@nphusa.org) or 617.206.4943**



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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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