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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 the Catholic communities of St. Blaise and St. Brendan is to be a people united in the Eucharist and dedicated to spreading the Good News of God's saving love to all. We seek to encourage the full and active participation of all God's children and be a place where they can come to know, love, and serve God. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we give witness to the teachings of Jesus Christ by actively living the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, thereby being signs of God's love in the world.

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 17, 2015

- 17 SUN Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19
 18 Mon Acts 19:1-8/ Jn 16:29-33
 19 Tue Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
 20 Wed Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
 21 Thu Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
 22 Fri Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
 23 Sat Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25
 24 SUN Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15



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



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 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 180 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 June 2nd at 7:00 pm in the Rectory conference room.

Looking for volunteer opportunities to do as a family this summer? The Food Pantry is looking for families, coworkers, friends, students, etc. to volunteer on a Wednesday morning from 9:00 to 10:30 to make sandwiches for the food pantry. You only need to volunteer for one Wednesday! If you can not volunteer to come in and assist, you may consider making a donation of fruit, snacks, or juice boxes to go along with the sandwiches. If interested please contact Laura at lsalamy@saintblaise.org.

Pete's Bluebird 11th Annual Car, Bike and Truck Show: to be held on Sunday May 31st, 85 Mendon Street, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm (rain date June 14th). Don't miss the fun, Raffles, 50/50, and plenty of burgers, dogs and beverages! All proceeds to benefit the Tufts Veterinary School of Medicine!



*Wishing a very
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
 To
 Fr. Al
 And
 Charles Grenier!*

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS & MEETINGS



Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on
Monday May 18th
 in the rectory at 6:30 pm



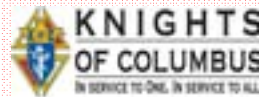
St. Vincent de Paul
Monday, June 8th
 7:00 pm in the Sacristy



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, June 10th
 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 16

4:00 pm Jim Thomas

Sunday, May 17

7:30 am Fr. Michael F. McLellan

10:00 am Eugene Lacroix

Tuesday, May 19

9:00 am George Sutherland

Wednesday, May 20

9:00 am Lillian Joly

Saturday, May 23

4:00 pm Jim Thomas

Sunday, May 24

7:30 am All Our Service Men and Women

10:00 am All Our Service Men and Women



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, Rich, and Karen



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.



The 2015 Catholic Appeal campaign is well underway at St. Blaise. So far, 82 Parishioners have participated, and together, we have raised \$10,914 toward our goal of \$21,347 (51%) Thank you to all who already have participated. Your generosity will benefit hundreds of pastoral, charitable, and educational programs at work within the Archdiocese of Boston, and at St. Blaise. With \$10,433 Left to raise, we need the participation of every parishioner. If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge form at the doors of the church or visit www.bostoncatholicappeal.org. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Journey In Faith



~JOURNEY IN FAITH NEWS~

2015-2016 Journey in Faith Registrations are now available! Registration forms are now being accepted 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.

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 from 9:00 - 3:00. Kyle is raising money for his Eagle Scout project, redoing the wheelchair ramp at the South Fire Station.



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.

The second collection this weekend supports the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). CCC develops media programming, projects and resources that promote Gospel values. Fifty percent (50%) supports the development and production of a wide range of national media programming. Please visit www.USCCB.org/ccp for more information. The other 50% of the collection will remain at the parish to support local communication efforts, such as website technology and bulletins.



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 redcross-blood.org



*Congratulations to all the Students
Who Received the Sacrament of Confirmation
By The Most Rev. Emilio S. Allué, S.D.B.*



Dylan Boucher

Micayla Goulet

Eric Cote

Nicole Hoyt

Nicholas Dash

Kaitlyn Killion

Charles DeFlaminio

Kyle Martin

Craig Eliason

Bradley Polumbo

Ryan Gonthier

Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, enlighten our minds to perceive the mysteries of the universe in relation to eternity. Spirit of Right Judgement and Courage, guide us and make us firm in our baptismal decision to follow Jesus' way of love. Spirit of Knowledge and Reverence, help us to see the lasting value of justice and mercy in our everyday dealings with one another. May we respect life as we work to solve problems of family and nation, economy and ecology. Spirit of God, spark our faith, hope and love into new action each day. Fill our lives with wonder and awe in your presence which penetrates all creation. Amen.



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.



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



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Wed. 6:00-9:00 pm **Basic Truths of the Catholic Faith**, *Rev. Paul E. Ritt* (MAM Core)

Wed. 6:00-9:00 pm **Introductory Latin**, *Dr. M. Kakavas* (Elective)

Session II: May 26-July 9 (2 credit electives)

Tues. 6:00-9:00 pm **The "Terrible Beauty" of the Prophecy of Jeremiah**, *Prof. Celia Sirois*

Tues. 6:00-9:00 pm **Religious Education & the Impact of the Second Vatican Council**, *Prof. Susan Kay*

Wed. 6:00-9:00 pm **Spirituality for Ministry**, *Rev. George P. Evans*

Wed. 6:00-9:00 pm **Theology of Love: Being, Incarnation, and Contrariety**, *Dr. David Franks*

Thurs. 6:00-9:00 pm **Challenging the Landscape of Loss: Spiritual and Psychological Insights for Bereavement**, *Rev. Terence Curley*

Thurs. 6:00-9:00 pm **Women, Sex, and the Church**, *Dr. Angela Franks*

**NO
CHARGE**

Seventh Annual June Biblical Seminar

The Family in the Bible

Prof. Celia Sirois, Mondays, June 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2015 ~ 7-9 pm

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 Jeremiah 31:15-17



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