

ST. BRIDE



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At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.

**The First Sunday of Lent
February 14, 2016**

Our Parish Staff

Reverend Robert J. Roll, Pastor
Ms. Laura L. Zbella,
Administrative Manager
Mr. Terry Rose, Youth Minister
Mr. Tommy Slay, Facilities Manager

Liturgy Schedule

Sunday at 10 AM

Monday thru Friday as scheduled

8 AM in the House Chapel

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before Mass and anytime by appointment!

The Sacrament of the Sick

Please make arrangements with the Parish House to have the Sacraments brought to the sick and homebound.

The Anointing of the Sick should take place early in any illness and as often as necessary.

Please note: Hospitals are not allowed, by law, to contact the parish.

Please have someone contact the Parish House for a hospital visit.

New Parishioners

Please consider registering after Mass at the Activity Table in the Church or call the Parish House at your convenience!

Welcome Visitors to St. Bride

We are honored to have you with us! Please be sure to sign our guest book.



MASSES THIS WEEK

Daily Mass is celebrated at 8 AM

In the Parish House Chapel as scheduled

The First Sunday of Lent 2016:

For the Intention of

Fritz and Laverne Baumgartner

For the Intention of Sister Teresa Grabowski

For the Intention Dorothy Wade

on her 80th Birthday

Wedding Anniversary Remembrance of

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lusk

In Thanksgiving for the recovery of Patrice

Kondombo

Stations of the Cross after Mass today!

Monday: Lenten Weekday

Presidents' Day

Tuesday: Lenten Weekday

Wednesday: The Seven Holy Founders

Of the Servite Order

Thursday: Lenten Weekday

Friday: Lenten Weekday

Abstinence

Stations of the Cross at Noon

Saturday: Lenten Weekday

The Second Sunday of Lent:

For the Intention of Ber Heflin

For the Intention of Gloria Tepavchevich

For the Intention of Margaret Cmarik

For the Intention of Marge Machay

For the Intention of Sister Annette Sliwa

For the Intention of the Lamana Family

Living and Deceased

Eucharistic Adoration after Mass today!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;

Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19;

Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;

Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3,

7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8;

Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;

Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-

14; Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1];

Lk 9:28b-36

SERVE THE POOR - Be diligent in serving the poor. Love the poor, honor them as you would Christ himself.

—St. Louise de Marillac

Support Our Food Pantry

The St. Bride Food Pantry is open. We will welcome your donations of *NON-PERISHABLE* food items to stock our shelves and prepare bags for those who utilize our outreach program when you bring them to Church each week, September to June! Food can be brought on Sundays to the Church! Gift cards for groceries are also welcome!

Mass Intentions Available

If you have a special anniversary or family member or celebration that you want to remember at Mass, now is the time to arrange to reserve that date. Please be sure to include your intention as well as your phone number when submitting the request. The traditional stipend per Mass is ten dollars. You can schedule Masses by email or on Give Central; see left column of our web page at www.st-bride.org.

Upcoming Dates and Events 2016

February 28th – 2016 Leap Year Luncheon
– After Mass in the Church Hall; a complete Mexican Lunch for \$6.00.

March 13th – St. Patrick and St. Joseph
Luncheon following Mass

March 20th – Palm Sunday:

Mass and Procession at 10 AM

March 24th – Holy Thursday:

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 5PM

March 25th – Good Friday:

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3 PM

March 26th – Holy Saturday:

The Easter Vigil at 7 PM

March 27th – Easter Sunday:

Mass at 10 AM

May 15th – Annual Spring Luncheon

All tickets and ads must be completed and paid for by May 9, 2016. Add \$10 per ticket, if available, after May 9, 2016

Electronic Giving for Weekly Offerings

Since we have started *Give Central*, more than \$7550.00 has been contributed through this electronic means of giving! It is an excellent way of scheduling your offerings to St. Bride, as well as a way of marking special events. Click on the "Donate Now" button on our web site at WWW.ST-BRIDE.ORG





JESUS AND THE DEVIL

The devil tempted Jesus by quoting scripture, as today's Gospel reminds us. Try a self-serving miracle. Try selling out. Try dazzling the audience; people are gullible, after all. Try all these easy ways. The tempter tries to urge Jesus onto the slippery slope, attempts the old soft-soap, the snake-oil solutions that are always readily at hand. The devil knows better, but is powerless to do better, much less be better. The devil is evil personified, who senses in

Jesus the stronger, truly attractive presence of holiness.

Evil is exposed and engaged, we are reminded in this Sunday's Gospel. Evil knows the jig is up. The undoing of lies begins with Jesus, who takes up the work of soul-healing and world-healing. This Lent, the Church invites us to enter into this renewing, re-creative work and be made whole again.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today Lent begins. Ash Wednesday initiates the forty days of the Lenten fast, but since Sundays are not tallied in the days of fasting, today is the solemn opening of the forty days of Lent. The Church has work to do today, principally the calling forward of those chosen (the proper word is elected) for the Easter sacraments. Some of those who have been catechumens may now make a transition to a new way of life as the "elect." For them, this Lent will be a time of "purification" and "enlightenment." For us who accompany them, it is a time of helping them discern God's call and prepare for new life.

This year, while the readings from the third year of the Lectionary cycle are usually read, they are set aside on certain Sundays for the benefit of the elect. We turn then to the readings from Year A, and we give those who journey to the font of baptism three extraordinary companions. In the Gospels for those days, we meet the woman of Samaria and the man born blind, and we come to the tomb of Lazarus three days after his death. Many bishops celebrate the Rite of Election on or near today, affirming God's choice for these new faithful, and also offering them the solidarity of many companions. In 2013, over 38,000 adults entered the baptismal waters in the United States, a remarkable testimony to the vigor of our tradition of receiving and nurturing adult faith.

Jubilee Year of Mercy - First Sunday of Lent

On Ash Wednesday Pope Francis commissioned "*Missionaries of Mercy*," priest-confessors sent forth worldwide as "living signs of the Father's readiness to welcome those in search of [God's] pardon." In a way, though, Pope Francis challenges all of us to become "missionaries of mercy"

(*Misericordiae Vultus*, 18) by living Lent in this Jubilee Year of Mercy "more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God's mercy" (*MV*, 17). Francis bids us make the prophet Micah's words our own: "God . . . who does not persist in anger forever, but delights rather in clemency. You will cast into the depths of the sea all our sins" (Micah 7:18, 19). Having experienced God's mercy ourselves in the unconditional forgiveness of our sins, how eager we should be to invite others to know the peace of God's boundless mercy; perhaps even to experience, through our reaching out in gentle kindness and compassionate care, something of God's unconditional love for them.

Lenten Regulations

Abstinence -- Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be used at all.

Fast -- Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. Regarding other weekdays of Lent, participation in daily Mass and the voluntary observance of fasting is recommended.

Commendable, particularly during Lent, is generosity to local, national and world programs of sharing our abundance, the traditional Lenten Devotions and all the self-denial summed up in the Christian concept of "mortification."