

# ST. BRIDE

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*Christ tempted in the desert!*

## **Our Parish Staff**

Reverend Robert J. Roll, Pastor

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## **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.

**The First Sunday of Lent**  
**February 22, 2015**



## MASSES THIS WEEK

Daily Mass is celebrated at 8 AM

In the Parish House Chapel as scheduled

### The First Sunday of Lent 2015:

*For the Intention of Dr. Violet Eggert*

*For the Intention of Michael G. Mongello*

*For the Intention of Kathy Morgan*

*For the Intention of Richard La Vigne*

*For the Intention of Sue King*

*For the Intention of*

*Mickey and Christopher Schreiber*

+ Stations of the Cross after Mass +

Monday: St. Polycarp

Tuesday: Lenten Weekday

Wednesday: Lenten Weekday

Thursday: Lenten Weekday

*For the Intention of Vito Marzullo*

Friday: Lenten Weekday

Abstinence

+ Stations of the Cross at Noon+

Saturday: Lenten Weekday

### The Second Sunday of Lent:

*For the Intention of Bernice Kendryna*

*For the Intention of Carolyn Anzalone*

*For the Intention of Isabelle Rice*

*For the Good Health of Sister Therese Fields*

## 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 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18;  
Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34;  
Mk 9:2-10

## Mass Intentions Available

If you have a special anniversary 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.

**THE QUALITY OF CHANGE** -To change and to change for the better are two different things.

— German proverb

## Support Our Food Pantry

The St. Bride Food Pantry continues its work and our shelves are literally BARE! We will welcome your donations of *NON-PERISHABLE* food items to stock our shelves and prepare bags for those who utilize our outreach program each week, September to June! We serve over 150 families a month. We have more than 400 families now registered for the program. We also accept clothing for our clothes pantry, household goods; dishes, silverware, glasses, linens, etc.

## Lenten Regulations

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent.


Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

The special Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

By the threefold discipline of fasting, almsgiving and prayer the church keeps Lent from Ash Wednesday until the evening of Holy Thursday. All of the faithful and the catechumens should undertake the serious practice of these three traditions. Failure to observe penitential days totally or a substantial number of such days must be considered very serious.

YEAR OF SACRAMENTS • ONE WORD AT A TIME

# Repair



In the Sacrament of Penance, the priest offers what is called a "penance," usually a prayer or action. It is nothing severe or difficult to do. But don't think that it is of little importance. In fact, it's very important.

The penance is a small way to begin to **repair** the damage of sin. We confess our sins, and we receive absolution, the forgiveness of those sins. Still, the residue or consequences of sin remain. If we have been unjust or unkind, we need to repair the damage. If we have succumbed to habits that diminish us, we need to repair the damage. If we have ignored the needs of others, we need to repair the damage. The penance reminds us that a converted and forgiven heart will claim responsibility and then move forward. The penance may be a short prayer or a small action, but do not underestimate its value.

## POPE FRANCIS'S VISION OF HEALING AND COMMUNION

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## THE MEANING OF OUR BAPTISM

Lent is the time of year that we devote to scrutinizing our lives in the light of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Today's readings are a nice shorthand catechism of what our baptized lives mean. As Noah passed through the waters of the flood to a covenant with God, so did we enter into a covenant, a promised relationship with God through our baptism. The psalm reminds us that if we truly keep the covenant, the way of life God expects us to follow will not be a burden, but a source of love and truth. Peter's letter gives one explanation of what our baptism means: it is an appeal that we make to God for a clear conscience. How do we obtain this clear conscience? The words that Jesus proclaims immediately following his temptation show us the way: "Repent and believe in the gospel." It might be a good spiritual exercise to keep these readings before us throughout the entire season of Lent, a means to help us return to a life lived in our baptismal promises.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Fasting may be a priority in your Lenten spring-cleaning regimen. Almost every religious tradition recognizes that fasting is a key to heightened spiritual awareness. You know this from your own experience. When you are engaged in a hobby, painting a room, keeping vigil near a delivery room, or standing watch at a sickbed, you may simply forget to eat. What you are doing so fills you that the intensity of the action is itself nourishing. In fasting from food, or drink, or habitual behaviors, you make room for what is truly important.

Even though Lenten Sundays stand apart from the Lenten fast, you will notice traces of fasting in our liturgy. We fast from singing the Gloria and Alleluia, we fast from flowers bedecking the altar, and there may be a noticeable drop in the number of infant baptisms as parents elect to wait until Easter. This hints that fasting is a prelude to feasting, and the vigor of our Easter alleluias is rich fare after a long silence. In the same way, even a small fast—no cream in the coffee, no pepper in the soup, no radio in the car—can not only point to deeper hungers, but help us rejoice more fully in the feast when we break our fast together.

## St. Bride Parish Upcoming Events

**February 27-28, 2015 – Festival of Forgiveness.** Throughout the Archdiocese there will be special times to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation over two days. Included are some churches that will be open 24 hours. Special Confession times at St. Bride: Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> – Mass of Reconciliation at 8 AM in the Church; Confessions 8:30 AM until 10 AM. Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> – Mass of Reconciliation at 9 AM in the Church; Confessions from 9:30 until 11 AM

**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> – Eucharistic Adoration after Mass**

**Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> – Sacrament of Reconciliation - Before and After Mass**

**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> - St. Joseph and St. Patrick Celebration - Luncheon following Mass**

**Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> - Clean Up Sunday**

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 29<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday Mass at 10 AM

April 2<sup>nd</sup> - Holy Thursday Mass at 5 PM

April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Good Friday Service at 3 PM

April 4<sup>th</sup> - Easter Vigil and Mass of the Resurrection at 7 PM

April 5<sup>th</sup> - Easter Sunday Mass at 10 AM

**Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> - Annual Spring Luncheon**

**GOD'S WORD TODAY** - The Church teaches us that two spiritual strands weave together to form the fabric of the season of Lent. The first, and most familiar, is the repentant character of Lent. Through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving we spend these forty days in the desert of repentance, preparing for the celebration of Easter. The second strand is the baptismal character of this holy season. The unbaptized spend Lent in preparation for their baptism and most of us, the already baptized, spend this time preparing to renew the promises—the covenant—established when we were baptized. Today's readings echo this theme of the covenant between God and us—God's holy people. Let us enter the Lenten desert of repentance, mindful of the promises made at our baptism when we rejected Satan and professed faith in God.