

# ST. BRIDE



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## 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 Fifth Sunday of Lent  
March 13, 2016**



## MASSES THIS WEEK

Daily Mass is celebrated at 8 AM  
In the Parish House Chapel as scheduled

### The Fifth Sunday of Lent:

*For the Intention of Al Piamonte*

*For the Intention of*

*Fritz and Laverne Baumgartner*

*For the Intention of George and Helen Brongel*

*For the Intention of Sherman Carey, Sr.*

*For the Intention of Rev. Tom Unz*

*For the Intention of the Stephen Plaza Family*

*For the Good Health of the Cruz Family*

Monday: Lenten Weekday

Tuesday: Lenten Weekday

Wednesday: Lenten Weekday

Thursday: St. Patrick

Friday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem - Abstinence

Saturday: St. Joseph

*Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

### Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion:

*For the Intention of Connie Matriciano*

*For the Intention of Gloria Tepavchevich*

*For the Intention of Ida Gladney*

*For the Intention of Margaret Cmarik*

*For the Intention of Marge Machay*

*For the Intention of*

*Ted and Rita Wilczak and Sons*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62;

Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21;

Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7;

Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5,

27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (procession);

Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;

Phil 2:6-11;

Lk 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]

## 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](http://www.st-bride.org).

## JUBILEE OF MERCY

### BEAR PATIENTLY THOSE WHO DO US ILL

We witness the mercy of God when we are patient with others, especially those who cause us difficulties. In his mercy, God is patient. He waits patiently, just as the father of the prodigal son waited patiently for his own flesh and blood who had wronged him. *As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other.* (Colossians 3:12-13)



### ONE WORD AT A TIME

## Upcoming Dates and Events 2016

### March 20<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday:

Mass and Procession at 10 AM

### March 21, 22, 23<sup>rd</sup>

Mass in the Church at 8 AM

### March 24<sup>th</sup> – Holy Thursday:

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 5PM

### March 25<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday:

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3 PM

### March 26<sup>th</sup> – Holy Saturday:

The Easter Vigil at 7 PM

### March 27<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday:

Mass at 10 AM

### May 15<sup>th</sup> – Annual Spring Luncheon

Reception at 12 pm

Luncheon promptly at 1 pm

Dynasty Banquets

4125 Calumet Avenue in Hammond, Indiana

Donation: Adult \$45.00 / Child \$20.00

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

Pray for Peace in the World and Our City!

## STRAIGHT LINES

“God writes straight with crooked lines,” the saying goes. The power of Paul’s testimony that everything is junk but knowledge of Jesus and the power of his resurrection is a straight enough message. And, God knows, Paul had a crooked journey before his blinding insight straight from God.

Through Isaiah, God reminds us all that the past great works were as nothing compared to the new creation. “Can’t you see it?” we are asked, as if we are still wandering along our crooked lines.

And there is no straighter line than that between the woman whose misery is intense and the God whose mercy in Jesus is deeper and more acute. You just can’t beat this kind of good news.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Three years ago, as we made the shift in the Eucharistic Prayer from “Benedict” to “Francis,” we named a “treasure” in our tradition. From apostolic times, the Church has sent disciples on mission with a mandate to proclaim the gospel. Paul and Barnabas and Timothy come to mind as men invested with responsibility for community and mission. First we see bishops, “overseers,” good men appointed by the acclaim of their people, the center of leadership, of prayer, of word and sacrament. Their territories were small initially, small enough to get everyone into one room and for the bishop to know everyone’s name.

In time, men were appointed to function as a council of advisers, “elders,” or presbyters. That isn’t a comment on chronological age, rather it indicates the maturity of their wisdom and faith. Before long, and only when the bishop was absent, some of these men “stood in” for him to do what bishops usually did: preaching, presiding at Eucharist. The deacons had a strong and visible role in liturgy and service, especially in the care of the poor, but were gradually overshadowed by the new importance of the presbyter. As the Roman Empire first tottered and then collapsed completely by 476, bishops increasingly became civil servants to maintain order and dispense justice. Conferences and duties summoned bishops away from their home posts, and presbyters were entrusted with the sacramental and preaching duties, even though at one time runners were sent out from the bishop’s Mass to bring fragments of the host to drop into chalices as a sign of the church’s unity around its own local bishop.

### Jubilee Year of Mercy - Fifth Sunday of Lent

How fitting that the first Sunday Angelus of Pope Francis, who has made mercy his papacy's theme, took place the last time today's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the adulterous woman was proclaimed. "Jesus' attitude is striking," Francis declared. "We do not hear words of scorn or condemnation, only words of love, of mercy, an invitation to conversion: 'Neither do I condemn you' " (John 8:11). Francis continued: "God's face is the face of a merciful father who is always patient. Have you thought about God's patience, the patience [God] has with each one of us? That is [God's] mercy. [God] always has patience, patience with us . . . understands us . . . waits for us . . . does not tire of forgiving us" if we return 'with a contrite heart" (Pope Francis, Angelus address, March 17, 2013). Parishes preparing catechumens may proclaim Jesus' raising of Lazarus. Referring to Lazarus, and all those "raised" from the "death" of sin, Jesus defines the community's "mission of mercy"-- "Untie him and let him go" (John 11:44).

### 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.”

