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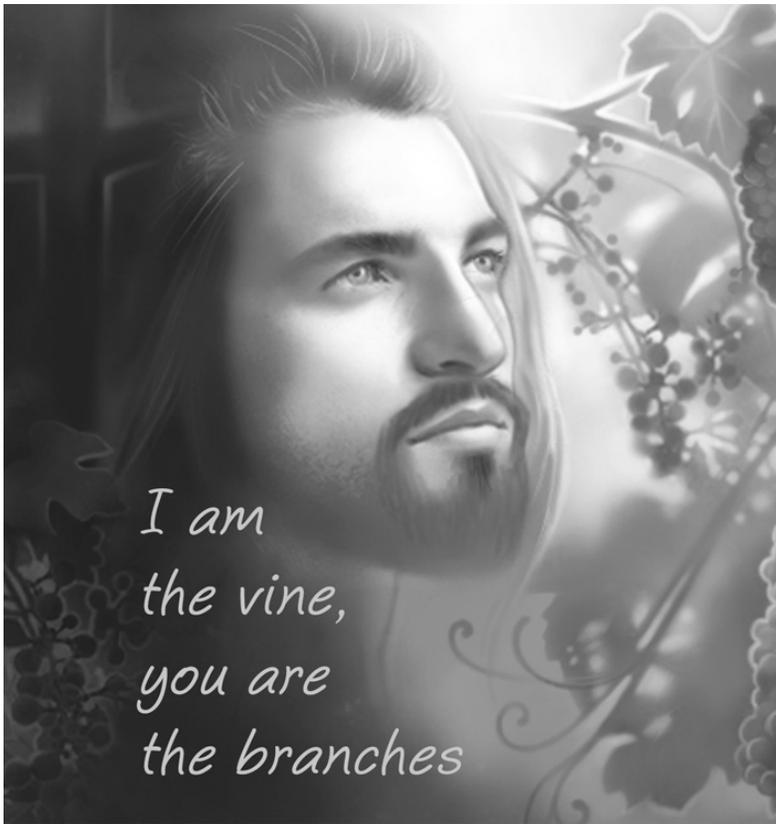
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Our Parish Staff

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 Easter
May 3, 2015**



MASSES THIS WEEK

Daily Mass is celebrated at 8 AM

In the Parish House Chapel as scheduled

The Fifth Sunday of Easter:

For the Intention of Carolyn Anzalone

For the Intention of the Family of Nicholas Alfich

For the Intention of Isabelle Rice

For the Intention of Joseph and Ann Ziomek

For the Intention of

Mickey and Christopher Schreiber

Monday: Easter Weekday

Tuesday: Easter Weekday

Wednesday: Easter Weekday

Thursday: Easter Weekday

Friday: Easter Weekday

Saturday: Easter Weekday

The Sixth Sunday of Easter:

For All Mother's – Living and Deceased

For the Intention of Adeline Gonerka

For the Intention of Jackie Jackson

For the Intention of Dennis Drwila

For the Intention of Louis and Jeanette Drwila

For the Intention of

Fritz and Laverne Baumgartner

For the Intention of the Klugiewicz Family

For the Intention of Theresa Jagielski

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16;
Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10;
Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12;
Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5;
Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48;
Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10

CHRISTIANITY

Christianity is the spirit of Jesus Christ at work in the world. – Anonymous

SMALL TASKS

Each small task of everyday life is part of the total harmony of the universe. – St. Thérèse of Lisieux

HOLIEST FLOWER

Mary is the lily in God's garden.

– St. Bridget of Sweden

YEAR OF SACRAMENTS • ONE WORD AT A TIME

Live



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We don't think of going to Mass on Sunday as a matter of life or death, but it is. We depend entirely on the Eucharist to be alive and to stay alive.

Jesus himself says, "Whoever eats this bread will **live** for ever." (John 6:51) And later he says that those who do not eat his flesh or drink his blood "have no life" in them.

We can often fool ourselves about what sustains us. We might think, for example, that it is our work, or our relationships, or even our entertainments. These things may keep us alive but only partially. The ultimate, complete, and true source of our life is Jesus, our bread of life. Only when we are sustained by him can we make sense of our life overall. And then we not only live, but we live wisely.

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Since we have started Give Central, more than \$5000.00 has been contributed through this electronic means of giving! No problems at all! 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.

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.

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. You can schedule Masses by email or on Give Central; see left column of our web page at www.st-bride.org.

Pray For Peace these Easter Days

BEARING FRUIT

“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” John’s words come to us on this day when the Gospel passage presents us with the great image of the vine and the branches. Jesus uses the image as a warning to those who have begun to distance themselves from the way of the Lord. One of the ways this happens is when we love God and others “in word or speech” instead of “in deed and truth.” What does it mean for us to “remain in Christ”? In an extension of the metaphor, the Lord gives us an example. If we remain in him, we will bear much fruit. As the branches, we draw strength from Christ who is the vine. This strength enables us to bear fruit—to do the work of true discipleship.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over time, the crisis of last illness and the way the faithful met death changed. In earliest times, a sickbed vigil was an occasion for the community to gather and strengthen the dying person with assurances of love. A thousand years ago, in part because of massive upheavals in society, a new emphasis on individual repentance captured the imagination of millions. Death was to be feared, because it was about judgment. The delights of heaven’s banquet dimmed, since most people saw God’s just judgment and inevitable punishment intervening. If a community gathered at all, it was not to express faith in the Resurrection, but to seek forgiveness for those who were powerless to help themselves. The dead couldn’t improve their situation, but their loved ones, by expressing sorrow for sin, could. Better yet, the clergy could, if they intervened in a timely fashion, provide the absolution needed for everyone to relax. Ministry to the sick shifted away from a ministry of consolation toward a challenge to repent before it was too late.

As the sense grew that most people died with their work of repentance incomplete, the color black was reintroduced to funerals. It was the old pagan way of expressing despair. No wonder they call this time in history the “Dark Ages.” Many layers have had to be peeled away to reveal the deepest, most positive expressions of our tradition of care for the dying.

Fifth Sunday of Easter - Living in Shame?

In the reading from St. John’s first letter, he talks about our hearts condemning us. (1 John 3:20) He is referring to the shame we feel when we do something sinful. When he says God is greater than our hearts he means that even when we know we have sinned, even if we feel unworthy to be forgiven, God is still a forgiving God, who doesn’t wait for us to be “worthy.” He patiently waits for us to ask for his mercy, to want his forgiveness. So when we confess our sins, we need not doubt that we are forgiven.

But sometimes we feel shame when we have done nothing wrong. It may be something simple, like sneezing in the quiet part of a symphony. Or perhaps something more serious, such as when you accidentally hurt someone. That is when it is good to remember that God knows what happened and still loves us.

The best way to remember this is by living as God commands, by loving God and our neighbor. If you believe in Jesus, you love God, because you trust that God sent his Son to save us. So we know that God forgives us even before we ask him to. If you love your neighbor, then you reach out to the person you hurt, instead of hiding in shame, and try to help them.

When we stop living in shame and start living in love, we know that the Lord lives in us. And as both the second reading and the gospel point out, we can ask for whatever we need and receive it. For when God lives in us and we live in him, we won’t ask for anything trivial or selfish. His Spirit teaches us how to pray with confidence and faith. We pray as Jesus taught in the Lord’s Prayer: “Thy will be done.” Our love and trust in God will help us to accept whatever God sends our way.

St. Bride Parish Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 17th – Our Annual Spring Luncheon

Reception 12 pm Luncheon 1 pm

Dynasty Banquets - 4125 Calumet Avenue - Hammond, Indiana

Donation: Adult \$45.00 / Child \$20.00

May 24th – Pentecost Sunday – Mass at 10 AM

June 7th – The Celebration of Corpus Christi – Benediction after 10 AM Mass