



ST. BRIDE



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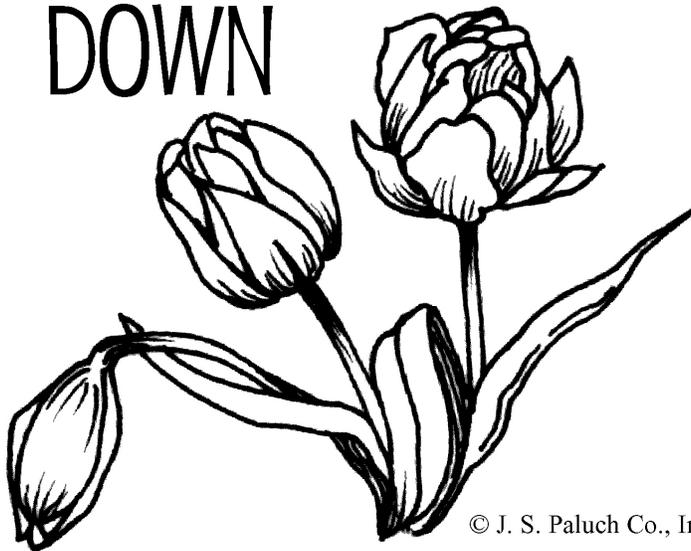
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THE LORD RAISES UP THOSE WHO WERE BOWED DOWN



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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.

**The Twenty-third Sunday of the Church Year
September 6, 2015**



MASSES THIS WEEK

Daily Mass is celebrated at 8 AM

In the Parish House Chapel as scheduled

The Twenty-third Sunday of the Church Year:

For the Intention of Adam and Frances Plaza

For the Intention of Carolyn Anzalone

For the Intention of Carole Palmore

For the Intention of Willie D. Horton

Monday: Labor Day

Tuesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Peter Claver

Thursday: Weekday

Friday: Patriot Day – September 11, 2015

Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Mary

The Twenty-fourth Sunday of the Church Year:

For the Intention of Anthony Grande, Sr.

and Ralph Maiorano

For the Good Health of Mark Dedowicz

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9;
Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab;
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6;
Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-
8, 11; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7;
Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9;
Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35



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.

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Electronic Giving for Weekly Offerings

Since we have started *Give Central*, more than \$6700.00 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.

Support Our Food Pantry

The St. Bride Food Pantry will be closed from now until after Labor Day. 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! **PLEASE: NO CLOTHING UNTIL SEPTEMBER!** Humidity and other factors make it difficult to store clothing for over 2 months in the basement! Food can be brought on Sundays to the Church!



Upcoming Dates and Events

2015/2016

September 13th – Parish Picnic

October 18th – Oktoberfest

November 21st – Thanksgiving Outreach Luncheon to the Community

November 29th – First Sunday of Advent

December 6th – Breakfast with Santa

December 8th – The Immaculate Conception – Mass at 8 AM in the Church

December 24th – Christmas Eve:
Family Mass at 4 PM

December 25th – Christmas Day:
Mass at 10 AM

January 1, 2016 – New Years Day

February 7th – Mardi Gras Party:
After Mass in the Church Hall

February 9th – St. Bride Revival Night:
Dinner at 5:30 PM; Mass and Revival Talk at 7 PM

February 10th – Ash Wednesday:
Mass at 8 AM and Noon

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

March 20th – Palm Sunday:
Mass and Procession at 10 AM

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



FEAR NOT

In these times, there is plenty to be afraid of, if we only look around. It seems that every day the news media have yet more bad news to tell: wars, disease, terrorism, drought, social unrest, and more. Some people have stopped using clock radios to wake up in the morning, preferring a jarring buzzer to the even more jarring morning news. What more do we need before we realize that we are finite creatures, and while there is much we can do to make our world better, ultimately there is a lot that is simply not within our grasp? To this our loving God says, "Be strong, fear not!"

We must do what we can to make our world a better and safer place, but we must also realize our limits and that our ultimate safety is in the hands of God. We can be comforted by the realization that God loves us beyond measure, and will give us every help in our efforts to make our world a loving and safe place for everyone.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Orthodox Christians have a saying about the reality of sin. They speak of "this holy and sinful Church, which we love." We know all too well the effects of sin on the faith community. From our earliest days, we have seen baptism as a place where the old self dies in Christ, dies to sin, and rises to new life. Our ancestors in faith held that post-baptismal major sin was unthinkable. Yet, as one Baptist minister once explained, "We know that sin is drowned in the water, but it would appear that the devil is a pretty good swimmer."

The origins of the sacrament of penance have to do with a similar insight among bishops in the early church. A critical question for them was whether or not a baptized person who had committed a public sin could be re-established in church life, forgiven, and restored. Forgiven, yes, was an early answer, but restored was another matter. Penance would be a permanent lifestyle for the forgiven; they would live at the margins of the community, clearly visible in distinctive garments, and their access to the table of the Eucharist was restricted. The harsh beginnings of public penance led in time to a true treasure of our tradition: the ability to find our way home through the ministry of others, and a way for all of us sinners to experience the gentle embrace of our forgiving Lord.

Spiritual Reflections on 9/11

Every person can recall what it was like. In the massive unfolding tragedy you looked at television or to the sky, and you felt inside your skin the death of hope that anyone would survive. A shadow blotted out joy, and behind the shadow, evil worked to make sure that joy never returned. Of course that can't happen. No one can be in pain forever. Fear isn't here to stay. It just felt that way. Suffering can be defined as the pain that makes life seem meaningless. Animals suffer, of course, and often deeply. Some are capable of mourning for their kind if one dies. Humans, however, are subject to complex inner pain that includes fear, guilt, shame, grief, rage and hopelessness. It was an illusion to think that our society was immune to such suffering. That illusion abruptly burst on Sept. 11. Around me people reached out, beseechingly, for how to cope with their suffering. I offered this: "Don't be afraid to ask for contact. Reach out and tell your loved ones that you do love them, don't let it be taken for granted. Feel your fear. Be with it and allow it to be released naturally. Pray. Grieve with others if you can, alone if you must." I would offer the same today. - *Deepak Chopra*

Tragedy can teach us many lessons. From pain, we can learn compassion. From division, we can learn solidarity. And when our world is shattered, as it was on September 11, 2001, we can learn to seek understanding. On that violent day which shook us silent, America fractured. The lines between "us" and "them" grew thicker, darker, and harsher, muddying our shared humanity. We have since inhabited the shadows they cast, shouting at one another from across divides. On this, the tenth anniversary of that heartbreaking day, we mourn and remember those we lost and all who were affected. But we are also given an opportunity: to overcome the lie of "them" and "I" and learn to live together. The terrorists of 9/11 were guided by a narrative of intercultural incompatibility. But as people of diverse religious and secular identities, we can prove them wrong in our unity. By building bridges of understanding, we can emerge from the shadows and learn -- from one another -- how to be our best selves. - *Chris Stedman*