

ST. BRIDE



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC

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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.



*Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
Pray for us!*

**The Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth
December 27, 2015**



MASSES THIS WEEK

Daily Mass is celebrated at 8 AM

In the Parish House Chapel as scheduled

The Feast of the Holy Family:

For the Intention of Joe Golab

For the Intention of Sister Feliciana Ziemba

For the Intention of Margaret Cmarik

For the Intention of

Teresita E. Tojong - Good Health

In Thanksgiving to Tony

For the Intention of

Joseph and Josephine Trzebiatowski

Monday: The Holy Innocents

Tuesday: Fifth Day within the Octave
of the Nativity of the Lord

St. Thomas Becket

For the Intention of

Joseph and Francis Trzebiatowski

Wednesday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the
Nativity of the Lord

Thursday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the
Nativity of the Lord

St. Sylvester I

New Year's Eve

For the Intention of Stanley and Tekla Sroka

Friday: The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

World Day of Prayer for Peace

New Year's Day

Saturday: Ss. Basil the Great and

Gregory Nazianzen

The Epiphany of the Lord Jesus:

For the Intention of Carolyn Anzalone

For the Intention of Fred and Willa Neal

For the Intention of Sr. Dulciosa Czerwiec, CSFN

For the Intention of Chester and Jean Zurek

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8;
Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6;
Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10;
Lk 2:36-40

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13;
Jn 1:1-18

Friday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;
Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

PRAY FOR PEACE!



Support Our Food Pantry

The St. Bride Food Pantry is open again. 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!

Upcoming Dates and Events 2015/2016

January 1, 2016 – New Years Day:
Mass at 10 AM

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

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*

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.

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.



January 1, 2016

FAMILY LIFE

Family life is sacred, but it is not without trial. Perhaps this is the most important message we can glean from today's readings. If Jesus, Mary, and Joseph can trip up sometimes—can disconnect—then we shouldn't find it surprising when such things happen to us as well. And parents everywhere (children, too) can probably relate to—and take some solace in—the Gospel's account of Mary and Joseph after Jesus explained why he stayed behind in the temple. They heard his words, Luke tells us, "But they did not understand what he said to them" (Luke 2:50). Amen! Nevertheless, Jesus does go back home with them, and continues to thrive under their care.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This New Year's Eve, at the turning of the year, you may catch a glimpse of the old year, a cartoon figure of a hunched old man with a sickle, Father Time. Where else but in this column could you learn that this is in fact a pope? December 31 was in the old calendar the feast of St. Sylvester. Legend says that Sylvester healed the Emperor Constantine of leprosy, and presided at the liturgy of baptism for the grateful emperor. In 314, he was chosen pope, and it fell to him to organize the peacetime church, free at last from persecution. He founded the Lateran Basilica, the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome.

In northern Europe "Sylvester Night" is a time of great parties with eating, dancing, and singing—recalling perhaps the joy of the church in the fresh air of Sylvester's papacy. In Poland, there was great fear as the year 1000 approached that an immense dragon would devour the earth and set fire to the heavens. The people prayed earnestly to St. Sylvester, trusting that the saint would not permit such suffering on his feast day. They've been celebrating ever since!

Many New Year's customs have pagan roots, like the British "First Footer" tradition. The idea is that the first person setting foot into your house in the new year determines the luck for the year ahead. The ideal first footer was not a bit like old Pope Sylvester, but rather a tall, dark-haired man carrying the right gift. A handsome first footer meant the year ahead would be pleasant, and if he carried bread or a shovel of coal there would be food and warmth in the future. Who will be your household's first footer?

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Imagine: three New Year's celebrations in little over a month! In late November, Advent began the new liturgical year; December 8, the *Jubilee Year of Mercy*; this coming Friday, the New Year 2016. In today's Gospel, after three days of anguish, Mary tells Jesus how desperately she and Joseph have been searching for him. Mary could be speaking for the whole human race. With religious persecutions raging, international and domestic conflicts seething, our family and friends suffering various difficulties, not to mention our own personal problems, how much our world needs Jesus as another New Year veiled in mystery begins! As we pray for God's mercy to enfold our world and embrace each of us in 2016, let our New Year's resolution be to live the Jubilee Year of Mercy by being for others, as Mary was, a channel of God's mercy and an instrument of Christ's peace.

New Year's Prayer for the Family

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate.

We know that you are always ready to forgive us.

Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.



New Year's Blessings!