

ST. BRIDE

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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 Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth

December 28, 2014



MASSES THIS WEEK

Daily Mass is celebrated at 8 AM

In the Parish House Chapel as scheduled

The Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth:

For the Intention of Anthony Grande

For the Intention of Catherine Bourg

For the Intention of Dr. Violet Eggert

For the Intention of Mary Piemonte

For the Intention of Michael G. Mongello

For the Intention of Richard La Vigne - St. Bride '58

For the Intention of Mickey and Christopher Schreiber

Monday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the

Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket

For the Intention of Sr. Lillian Murzyn, CSFN

Tuesday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the

Nativity of the Lord

For the Intention of Bernadette Stadler

Wednesday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the

Nativity of the Lord;

St. Sylvester I

Thursday: The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Mary, the Holy Mother of God;

World Day of Prayer for Peace;

New Year's Day

For the Intention of Chuck and Donna Heavlin

Friday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

The Epiphany of the Lord:

For the Intention of Anna Galek

For the Intention of Carolyn Anzalone

For the Intention of Isabelle Rice

For the Intention of Margaret Cmarik

For the Intention of Mary Wisniewski

For the Intention of Paul Setlak

For the Intention of Philip Eubanks

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6;

Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10;

Lk 2:36-40

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

Jn 1:1-18

Thursday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;

Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

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

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6;

Jn 1:29-34

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of. — Benjamin Franklin



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.

YEAR OF SACRAMENTS • ONE WORD AT A TIME

Cry



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Infants cry. We all know it. In their vulnerability, they let us know that they need nourishment or need to be held. We know that this is true of the newborn Jesus. The Eternal Word made flesh shares the human vulnerability of every other infant on earth. And this infant vulnerability—their need and their smallness—draws us close to them.

We may grow up, but we never leave behind our fundamental vulnerability. In different ways, we continue to cry for sustenance, for mercy, for strength, for healing, and for connection and communion. In our vulnerability, God draws close to us, as Scripture says, with bands of love. When our deepest needs and vulnerabilities prompt us to cry, the Lord draws us to himself through sacramental signs and rituals. He hears our every cry, and the sacraments of the Church tell us that this is true.

Upcoming Dates and Events 2015

January 1, 2015 – New Years Day
Mass at 10 AM

January 4th – Feast of the Epiphany
Mass at 10 AM

February 1st – Feast of St. Bride

February 15th - Mardi Gras Party:

After Mass in the Church Hall

February 17th – St. Bride Revival Night:

Dinner at 5:30 PM

Mass and Revival Talk at 7 PM

February 18th – Ash Wednesday

Mass at 8 AM and Noon

March 15th – St. Patrick and

St. Joseph Dinner

March 29th – Palm Sunday

Mass and Procession at 10 AM

April 5th – Easter Sunday: Mass at 10 AM

May 17th – Annual Spring Luncheon

WE ARE GOD'S HOLY FAMILY

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the last century, a few new feasts were blended into the Church year, including today's. After World War I, the chaos of daily life in Europe made its impact felt on the family structure. Partly to offer Christians an image of hope and holiness in married family life, and also to promote the welfare of children, today's feast was "invented" in 1921. In 1969, it became a feast of Christmas.

The prayers today remind us not only of family life, but of life in the community of faith. We ponder the mystery of a God who loves us dearly enough to embrace the struggles, joys, and daily sorrows of family life. The message of Christmas shines through: God-with-us is available to us in the ordinary patterns of our lives and commitments. The lives of people who raise their children in difficult circumstances, and of people who remain faithful to life in the Church in spite of some of their own family struggles, occupy a special place in our hearts today in prayer.

An Act of Thanksgiving for the Blessings of the Past Year

O God, the beginning and the end of all things, Who art always the same, and Whose years fail not, we now, at the close of another year, kneel in adoration before Thee, and offer Thee our deepest thanks for the fatherly care with which Thou has watched over us during the past, for the many times Thou hast protected us from evils of soul and body, and for the numberless blessings, both temporal and spiritual, which Thou hast showered upon us. May it please Thee to accept the homage of our grateful hearts which we offer Thee in union with the infinite thanksgiving of Thy divine Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, Who with Thee liveth and reigneth forever and ever. Amen.

WHO'S A HOLY FAMILY?



If you are reading this, there is a good chance that you meet the definition of a "holy family," given that this may be at least the second Mass of at least four that you and your family will have participated in over a very short period of time.

Meeting a religious obligation, like attending Mass on Sundays and holy days, is not the only criterion for a holy family, of course, but as today's Gospel reminds us, it's one of them.

The presentation of Jesus in the Temple portrays his parents as devout Jews who took him to Jerusalem as the Law of Moses required. According to the Law, the mother who gives birth to a boy is not to touch anything sacred or enter the Temple for forty days. At the end of this time she is to offer a year-old lamb and a pigeon or turtledove as an atonement for sins. Mary offered a pair of birds, as was permitted a person who could not afford a lamb.

