

August 26, 2018

ST BRIDGET OF IRELAND CATHOLIC CHURCH

1024 W. MAIN ST. BERRYVILLE, VA 22611



St. Bridget (or Brigid) of Kildare is one of the three major patron saints of Ireland along with Saint Patrick and Saint Columba. Saint Bridget's faith and labors for the Lord are remembered among the Irish people through prayers, sacred places, blessings and customs. St. Bridget was an extraordinary woman of faith: strong in her mission, loyal to the Lord, faithful to the Church, generous to the poor and hospitable to missionaries. St. Bridget laid strong foundations for the Church in Ireland. Her feast day is February 1st, the first day of the Celtic Spring.

Sacramental Information:

Baptisms:

Sunday, after 9:00 AM Mass
Contact the Rectory Office at 540-277-2943
Office Hours:
Monday - Friday 9 AM - 3 PM

Marriage:

Contact parish priest at least six (6) months prior to proposed date of the wedding.
Contact the Rectory Office at 540-277-2943
Office Hours:
Monday - Friday 9 AM - 3 PM

Confessions:

Saturday 4 PM - 5 PM
Sunday 8 AM - 8:30 AM

Rosary:

The rosary is prayed after the 12:05 PM Mass on the 1st Friday of each month

Prayer List:

Contact Becky Jackson at 540-955-1715

FISH:

Food collection is in the narthex on the 2nd Sunday each month. *Please give generously.*

Mass Schedule:

Saturday

9 AM and 5:30 PM (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday:

9 AM

Weekdays:

Monday & Tuesday 12:05 PM
Wednesday 9 AM
Thursday & Friday 12:05 PM

Holy Days:

12:05 PM and 7 PM

Nationwide Mass Schedule:

www.thecatholicdirectory.com

Hospitalized and Homebound:

Notify the rectory at 540-277-2943 so that the hospitalized and homebound parishioners may receive the pastoral care of the church.

Website:

stbridgetberryville.org

Coffee & Donut Sundays:

1st Sunday: Men's Club
2nd Sunday: Knights of Columbus
3rd Sunday: Youth Ministry

Pastor:

Father Paul Grankauskas

Rectory:

P 540-277-2943 • F 540-277-2945
office@stbridgetberryville.org

Religious Education:

John Sengewalt 540-277-2948
dre@stbridgetberryville.org
New Office Hours: Sun after class until 1 PM
Wed 9 - 3 / Sat by apt
Tue & Thur 9 - 3 in the rectory.

Office of Youth Ministry:

Michael Murrow OYM@stbridgetberryville.org

Music Ministry:

Stacy Sefton Music@stbridgetberryville.org

Organist:

Jenny Sorenson jtsorenson@comcast.net

Eucharistic Minister / Lectors:

Chet Lewandowski 540-722-7231

Servers:

John Sengewalt 540-277-2948

Sacristan:

Becky Jackson 540-955-1715

Ushers:

Jim Willis sargewillis@yahoo.com

Men's Club:

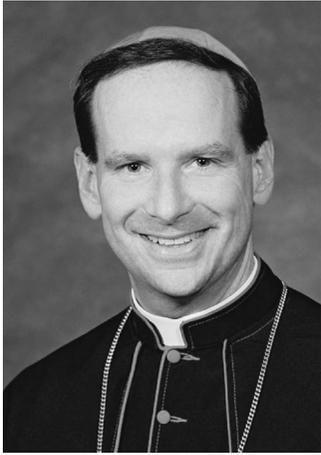
Meets the last Saturday each month
8AM, in Hobert Hall (7:30 Breakfast).
Dick Drake men@stbridgetberryville.org

Women's Group:

Meets 1st Tues. each month after noon mass
Mary Kay Batka
women@stbridgetberryville.org

St. Bridget's Bulletin:

Deadline Noon Monday
office@stbridgetberryville.org
Ruth Hayes 540-277-2943



Bishop's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, recently reminded us of the words of the Apostle Paul: "If one member suffers, all suffer together with it" (1 Cor 12:26). With you, I share the suffering of victims of sexual abuse on the part of clergy, and the suffering of all who have lost trust and confidence in leaders of our Church.

Upon hearing credible and substantiated allegations of sexual abuse on the part of Archbishop Theodore McCarrick and the horrific accounts of the Pennsylvania grand jury report, including the failure of Church leaders to protect children, teenagers and young adults from abuse, I, like you,

felt tremendous anger and shame that such crimes occurred within our Church.

I have had several opportunities to speak about these issues in recent days through statements, homilies, a letter to priests, and podcasts. (These are all available on the diocesan website.) In each instance, I knew full well that words cannot sufficiently express my regret for the sins of Church leaders and priests who betrayed Christ and his people. No matter how insufficient words may be, however, I again convey my sincere apologies to victims of abuse and reassure them, as well as the rest of the Catholic faithful in this Diocese, of my desire to support you in every way possible. Additionally, I assure you that no priest credibly accused of child sexual abuse is, or ever will be, in active ministry in this Diocese.

I was ordained a bishop in 2002, the same year the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People was enacted to establish standards for reporting and investigating accusations, as well as to help victims heal from the trauma they experienced. As such, I have always implemented these procedures throughout my ministry as a bishop. Once again, I wish to assure you that in our Diocese, immediately upon receiving an accusation of abuse, we report it to law enforcement. In addition, all evidence about each allegation is assessed by our diocesan review board, composed of a majority of lay men and women who have expertise in areas that will assist with the process.

Policies are essential, and they must continue to be implemented and followed. This crisis, however, is not only about policies — it is about evil, the moral failings of priests, and at times a lack of courage and integrity on the part of bishops and other Church leaders. Priests and bishops should not need policies to keep from committing immoral acts or to report heinous crimes to the authorities. We should need only a well-formed conscience, a commitment to Jesus Christ, and fidelity to the promises of our vocation. With the Lord's grace, we must strive to root out evil and work tirelessly to protect all young people as a matter of respect for their precious dignity as beloved children of God.

When witnessing such failures, many will naturally question their confidence and trust in the Church. Please always remember that Christ is Head of the Church and that he never fails us. While the Lord in his divinity works through his bishops and priests, at times they in their humanity fail to protect the flock, even in the most disturbing ways. Please join me in praying for our priests, as in this troubling time they greatly appreciate the support you have shown. I pray that, together, we will renew our faith in Christ, who promises to be with us through periods of darkness and uncertainty. We call upon his Divine Mercy and saving help as we seek healing, purification and transformation. May Our Lord guide and protect his Church and his people, now and always.

*Sincerely in Christ,
Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge*

Diocesan News & Events

Join the Marian Missionaries of Divine Mercy For an inspiring Mercy & Mary Retreat (at Holy Trinity, Gainesville) featuring bestselling author of *33 Days to Morning Glory* and acclaimed speaker Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. To register and for more details <https://events.marianmissionaries.org/events/mercy-mary-retreat-arlington-va/>

Mass Times & Intentions

St. Bridget of Ireland Mass Intention Book is open for 2018 and 2019. Mass Intentions can be made at the Rectory office during business hours, 9am-3pm. Find an available date, obtain a remembrance card and make a donation for your special date *now*.

Monday, August 27:

Noon Mass Special Intention
Edward & M. Susan Windisch

Tuesday August 28:

Noon Mass Special Intention
Megan & Andrew Davis

Wednesday, August 29:

9 AM Mass + Greg Izzo

Thursday, August 30:

Noon Mass Special Intention
Ryan Switzer

Friday, August 31:

Noon Mass Special Intention
Mauricio Portillo

Saturday, September 1:

9 AM Mass + Sharon Hassett
5:30 PM Mass + Edward Buser III

Sunday September 2:

9:00 AM Mass
Parish Family

PRAYER LIST:

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Maggie O'Connor, Nicholas Otey,
Julius Lee, Carolyn Knight,
Leonard Roman, Christine Peglar,
Joe Ofano, Cara Kravetz, Sean Henry,
Tony Tringale, Paul Malucci,
James Payne, Roy Allen
and Nancy Scorca

To add someone to this list, contact
Becky Jackson at 540-955-1715.

FYI

Visit Our Website: Please visit the beautiful new website at www.stbridgetberryville.org for Mass, confession times and past bulletins. We have had some technical difficulties with the bulletins being updated so come to St. Bridget and get one in person!

Knights of Columbus Council at St. Bridget of Ireland: Please contact our Worthy Chancellor, Tom Morley at morleytr@gmail.com for more information on the Knights, our activities, and how to join our Council.

August 26, 2018 DIVINE MERCY SAID: "You are not living for yourself but for souls, and other souls will profit from your sufferings. Your prolonged suffering will give them the light and strength to accept My will." (St. Faustina Diary, 67)

Backpack Ministry: Thank you for your continuing, generous support of this program. This school year, St. Bridget's has been asked to donate tuna and/or Chef Boyardee items. Regular sized cans are fine, as are the smaller serving sizes, which suit the younger children. Please put donations in the plastic bin in the Narthex. If you have any questions, contact Mary Kay Batka 540-955-3715. Thank you.

Envelope reporting: Envelopes are recorded in your parish record for giving. Contact rectory office for answers to your questions.

St. Bridget Window Books: Did you know that there are 16 stained glass windows in the church and 12 depict something indigenous to Virginia or local spots of interest and history. "In Baptism one is born anew, window # 2 in the upper left background, the tower of Grace Episcopal Church in Berryville is shown. This was home of St. Bridget community until the chapel was built." Books are on sale for \$10. Contact Patty Doyle, 540-955-0438. She can get you one or a couple books for keeping or giving as gifts.

Blast From the Past Dance the Oldies for our New Babies: New Eve Maternity Home invites you to enjoy the music of Trainwreck, a great local band at our Fall Oldies Dance held at West Oaks Farm Market, 4305 Middle Road in Winchester on September 8th. From 7PM-10PM dance to the sounds of music from the Rock n' Roll era to help us care for our babies. Cost is \$25 per person. For information or to make reservations, please call JoAnn Blaker, 304-839-8890.

Special Concert Aug 25th at St. Bridget of Ireland Church: Thank you for your generous support. If you missed the concert and would like to add a donation, there is information in the narthex on how to make payments to The Sarcoma Foundation of America.

Help Needed

Ushers Needed: We are steadily growing as a new parish, so are needs for ushers at the Saturday vigil mass at 5:30 pm. Please contact Jim Willis at sargewillis@yahoo.com or (540) 550-7984

Advertising: We could still use a few more ads from your favorite places to fill our bulletin. Contact Ruth Hayes at (540) 277-2943.

House to Rent: Mature Catholic couple looking to rent 2-3-bedroom house commutable to Warrenton. Moving from Southwest Virginia to be closer to children and grandchildren. No realtors please. 540-315-8920; ekjaroma@gmail.com.

"FISH of Clarke County is a Christian organization of volunteers. There are several vacancies on both the Help Line and Driver sections. For the Help Line, we are asking for one day a month to answer our Help Line phone. We will forward the FISH line to the comfort of your own home for that one day and hours are 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Training will be provided. For volunteer Drivers, we ask that you have a good driving record and willing to drive to medical appointments roundtrip from Clarke county to Winchester. Please call the FISH Help Line (955-1823) and Volunteer!"

2017-18 Religious Education Program

Saint of the Week St. Raymond Nonnatus:

Raymond was born at Portella, Catalonia, Spain. He was delivered by caesarean operation when his mother died in childbirth. Hence his name nonnatus (not born). He joined the Mercedarians under St. Peter Nolasco at Barcelona. He succeeded Peter as chief ransomer and went to Algeria to ransom slaves. He remained as hostage for several slaves when his money ran out and was sentenced to be impaled when the governor learned that he had converted several Mohammedans. He escaped the death sentence because of the ransom he would bring but was forced to run the gauntlet. He was then tortured for continuing his evangelizing activities but was ransomed eight months later by Peter Nolasco. On his return to Barcelona in 1239, he was appointed Cardinal by Pope Gregory IX, but died at Cardona a short distance from Barcelona the next year while on the way to Rome. He was canonized in 1657. He is the patron saint of expectant mothers and midwives because of the nature of his own birth.

Please contact the RE office at dre@stbridgetberryville.org or 540-277-2948 if you still need to register for class or Confirmation.

First CCD Class will be September 9th

Spiritual Thought

"The most terrible poverty is loneliness, and the feeling of being unloved."

St. Teresa of Calcutta

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