St Bridget of Ireland

CATHOLIC CHURCH

1024 W. Main St. Berryville, VA 22611

September 16, 2018

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 - 4 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 - 4 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:
www.stbridgetberryville.org

Coffee & Donut Sundays:
1st Sunday: Men's Club
2nd Sunday: Knights of Columbus
3rd Sunday: Youth Minstry

Pastor:
Father Paul Grankauskas

Rectory:
P 540-277-2943 • F 540-277-2945
office@stbridgetberryville.org
Hours: Mon-Fri 9AM - 4PM (closed 12-1 PM)

Religious Education:
John Sengewalt 540-277-2948
dre@stbridgetberryville.org
Office Hours: Sun after class until 1 PM
Wed 9 - 3 / Sat by apt
Tue & Thur 9 - 4 in the rectory.

Office of Youth Ministry:
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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

Notes from the Parish Staff

Father Paul has a grin on his face because his staff gave him a day off.

He has been working hard with his staff to start several projects that have been on hold or in need of some revision. John Sengewalt, our Director of Religious Education, has revised the program with a new series of books with input from several catechists this past summer. This new book series will offer a more rigorous instruction of our Faith.

With the arrival of Father Paul, some new ideas and practices were also introduced, and it was all presented to the students this past weekend in our religious education program for kindergarten through eighth grade, or second year Confirmation class.

The Confirmation class is a two-year program and this year we combined the curriculum to flow as one big program. There will be some exciting parts for seventh grade that were not there before, like a retreat, and the opportunity to get engaged in service hours for church and community. For the eighth grade we have added another retreat that will involve their sponsor. The students will continue to attend the Net Ministry retreat for the students in the fall prior to their Confirmation.

Probably the best news is that we moved the eighth-grade test from December to April of next year, we have more time for study and we can enjoy whatever events are planned in celebration of Advent.

We have had parishioners ask about the RCIA program or Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults long before we were a parish and their only opportunity was to get involved with the Sacred Heart of Jesus parish for the training. Now we will have our own program at St. Bridget of Ireland parish starting on Thursday evening at 7 pm Sept. 27th. It will be a small start, but it can only grow with our expanding parish.

Our Youth program is eager to get rolling into an active part of our parish. October will be a busy month for them.

The Parish Staff

Diocesan News & Events:

Women's Bible Study: Walking with Purpose is in its 6th year at Sacred Heart and brings women to a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ. WWP offers personal study and small group discussion that link our everyday challenges with the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Roman Catholic Church. Morning and evening classes available. Contact Michele Sunderlin at 540-514-0908 or hislambstwo@gmail.com. Registration forms in narthex also in Pink folder.

GIVE AN HOUR-CHANGE A HEART-CHANGE A LIFE! Join the National Life Chain Sunday, October 7, 1-2:00 pm. Arrive at 12:45 pm. Stand prayerfully & peacefully for: Unborn children, Women victimized by abortion, God's gift of life. Be a link in this year's Life Chain. We will stand along Amherst St. in Winchester. Meet at Keating Dr. Official signs provided. Rain or Shine! Families welcome. Ice cream social after. For information, contact Frances Moyer at 571-992-5848 or francesmoyer@hotmail.com.

Celebrating A Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary This Year? Were you married in 1968 or 1993? Then join Bishop Michael F. Burbidge for the 2018 Marriage Jubilee Mass to be celebrated on Sunday, October 14th at 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington, Va. Contact the parish office to register no later than September 14th. Visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM.

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!

Mass Times & Intentions

St. Bridget of Ireland Mass Intention Book is open for **2019**. Mass Intentions can be made at the Rectory office during business hours, 9am-4pm. Find an available date, obtain a remembrance card and make a donation for your special date.

Monday, September 17:
Noon Mass Special Intention
Sr. Veronica Mary

Tuesday September 18:
Noon Mass Special Intention
Msgr Krempa

Wednesday September 19:
9 AM Mass

Thursday September 20:
Noon Mass + Roberta Brulport

Friday September 21:
Noon Mass Special Intention
Tweetie Chisholm

Saturday September 22:
9 AM Mass + Helen Harris
5:30 PM Mass + James Hunt

Sunday September 23:
9:00 AM Mass
Parish Family

Prayer List:

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Maggie O'Connor, Julius Lee, Cara Kravetz, Sean Henry, Tony Tringale, Nancy Scorca, Frank Cefalu, Jack Cameron and Mary Ann Jackson.

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

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.

September 16, 2018 DIVINE MERCY SAID: "…speak of My mercy. Tell souls where they are to look for solace; that is, in the Tribunal of Mercy (the Sacrament of Reconciliation). There the greatest miracles take place (and) are incessantly repeated. To avail oneself of this miracle, it is not necessary to go on a great pilgrimage or to carry out some external ceremony; it suffices to come with faith to the feet of My representative and to reveal to him one's misery, and the miracle of Divine Mercy will be fully demonstrated…." (St. Faustina Diary, 1448)

New to Our Parish? St. Bridget of Ireland registration forms are available in the narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.

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. Thanks.

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. "Upon this rock I will build my church, window #3 contains the state bird of Virginia, the cardinal." Books on sale for $10, contact Patty Doyle, 540-955-0438. Buy one or a couple books for keeping or giving as gifts.

Youth Ministry: High School students are invited to the annual RALLY for the diocese, Sunday OCTOBER 21. There will be good music, food, fun and almost a thousand other youth from around the diocese. Bishop Burbidge will be celebrating Sunday Mass. See https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/youth-ministry/rally/ for more details. Contact OYM to reserve your place.

FREE PIZZA! Did that get your attention? September high school youth ministry meeting ***SEPTEMBER 30 @ 6PM.*** Games and discussion about upcoming events planned for the remainder of the year. Your Youth Ministry Team has been working hard for you! Watch here and parent inboxes for more information.

Help Needed:

Ushers Needed: As we grow as new parish, so our needs for ushers for the Saturday vigil 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 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!

2018-19 Religious Education Program

Saint of the Week:
St. Emilie de Rodat

Emilie was born in 1787 near Rodez, France. She became a nun at Maison St. Cyr when she was 18. In 1815, after much dissatisfaction, Emilie decided that her vocation was in teaching poor children. With the approval of Abbe Marty, her spiritual adviser, and the aid of three young assistants, she began this work in her room at St. Cyr. This was the start of the Congregation of the Holy Family of Villefranche. It grew rapidly, establishing its own mother house and branches. In time, St Emily extended its activities to caring for unfortunate women, orphans and the aged. She saw thirty-eight institutions established before she died. Today the Congregation serves in 14 countries. Emilie's Feast Day is September 19.

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

Mandatory Parent meeting for parents of all First and Second Year Confirmation students on September 20th, 7 PM, Hobert Hall
Confirmation class of 2018 retreat October 7th at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church

RCIA or Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult classes will start on Sept. 27 at 7 PM. Contact the rectory office for further details, 540 277-2943

Spiritual Thought

"We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop."

St. Teresa of Calcutta

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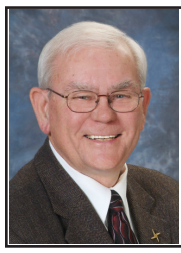
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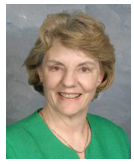
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