

ST BRIDGET of Ireland

CATHOLIC CHURCH

1024 W. Main St. Berryville, VA 22611

October 21, 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 - 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 Ministry

Pastor:

Father Paul Grankauskas

Rectory:

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

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
8 AM, 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
bulletin@stbridgetberryville.org
Ruth Hayes 540-277-2943



PASTOR'S WORDS

Just a reminder that November 2 (All Souls Day) is also First Friday. In October, we held our first holy hour following the Noon Mass. In November, I would like to extend the hours of adoration into the evening, until 8 p.m. The final hour, 7 to 8 p.m., will be holy hour in which we will offer prayers for the victims of the sex abuse crisis. The hour will include evening prayer and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, as well as Benediction.

Starting this weekend, a sign-up list will be placed in the narthex of the church. You can sign up for hour or half-hour time slots. Ideally, we want to have at least two people signed up for each hour, but we can get by with one. It's important that we don't have any hours unattended, so please consider signing up to spend some time with Our Lord.

A man spending hours in the presence of the tabernacle once told St. John Vianney that he was looking at Jesus, and Jesus was looking at him. In the end, that's what Eucharistic Adoration is all about. We look at Jesus, and he looks at us.

Imagine Jesus looking down from the cross. He sees those who are mocking and ridiculing him, though he is dying for them. Then he sees his mother and beloved disciple. Which one, do we suppose, brought him consolation in the midst of his Passion? Perhaps, as we adore Jesus in the Eucharist, we can bring him some consolation in the midst of the turmoil wracking his Mystical Body, the Church. Perhaps in loving him, we can make some small reparation for the sins of shepherds who have led souls astray. We can ask the Lord of Life to bring healing and peace to souls so grievously wounded by those sins.

Imagine the Risen Jesus, looking at the Apostles on Easter Sunday. Aware that they abandoned him in the hour of his Passion, they were probably full of fear. What will the Master say? Jesus says, "Peace be with you." In Adoration we look at Jesus and he looks at us. Maybe we, too, come to him with anxieties, an all-too-keen sense of awareness regarding our sinfulness and weakness. Perhaps he will remind us of the time he forgave a woman caught in the act of adultery. Perhaps he will remind us that he is mercy itself, and that he comes, not to bring judgment, but mercy.

Given that it will be All Souls Day, it might be good for us to remember our loved ones. As we gaze upon Christ and he looks upon us, we might remember that he is the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in him, even if he dies, will have eternal life. What hope he gives us, a hope that no one else in the world can give us.

I know that our lives are full and busy, but I encourage you to spend some time in the presence of Our Lord. Like I said, we need people to sign up for hour or half-hour slots, but if you are not able to do that, at least consider spending a few minutes with Jesus. What a difference even that can make in our lives.

*In Our Lord,
Father Paul Grankauskas*

Diocesan News & Events:

Looking for spiritual renewal? Cursillo is a lay Catholic movement approved by the Diocese of Arlington; the name means "short course in Christianity." The Cursillo begins with a weekend retreat, called the Three Days. There is a Men's Weekend on October 25-28. The weekend will be at Priest Field Retreat Center in Kearneysville, WV, just around the corner for us. If interested, please contact George Darnell, 703-850-2132.

Mass Times & Intentions

Msgr Krempa will be celebrating mass at St. Bridget on Oct. 22-25th while Fr. Paul is on retreat.

St. Bridget of Ireland Mass Intention Book for 2019 is open and intentions can be made at the Rectory office from 9 AM-4 PM M-F.

Monday, October 22:
Noon Mass + Dave Gregg

Tuesday October 23:
Noon Mass + Eileen Mason

Wednesday October 24:
9 AM Mass

Thursday October 25:
Noon Mass + Laura Ruscito

Friday October 26:
Noon Mass + Zuber Family

Saturday October 27:
9 AM + Frank J. Windisch
5:30 PM Parish Family

Sunday October 28:
9 AM Special Intention
Bob & Roslyn Seale

PRAYER LIST:

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Julius Lee, Cara Kravetz, Sean Henry, Tony Tringale, Donna Surina, James May, Josephine Vesey, Sandy Kay and Debbie Kissinger

If you would like to add someone to this list, please contact Becky Jackson at 540-955-1715.

FYI:

Weekly Bulletin: We have a new email for bulletin submissions: bulletin@stbridgetberryville.org. Submissions are due at *noon*, the Monday *before* the date of the weekly bulletin.

Visit Our Website: Please visit our beautiful website at www.stbridgetberryville.org for Mass, confession times and past bulletins.

Knights of Columbus Council at St. Bridget of Ireland The St. Bridget Knights of Columbus council 16938 is sponsoring a "Keep Christ in Christmas" campaign. We are selling Christmas cards that exemplify the theme. We will be in Hobert Hall after masses for the next several weeks. **KIDS:** We are also having a poster contest that demonstrates the theme. Watch the bulletin carefully for rules and info. All men of the parish are invited to join the Knights of Columbus. www.KofCBerryville.org

October 21, 2018 Divine Mercy said: "Pray for souls that they be not afraid to approach the tribunal of My mercy. Do not grow weary of praying for sinners. You know what a burden their souls are to My Heart. Relieve My deathly sorrow; dispense My mercy." (St. Faustina Diary, 975)

SAVE THE DATE! Come Join New Eve Maternity Home on Saturday, December 1st in Muldowney Hall at Sacred Heart Church for our "Dessert Hostess with the Mostest". More info to come! Please contact JoAnn Blaker at 304-839-8890.

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: *Always* use an envelope with your parish number on it to deposit your checks or cash that you want annotated for a yearly statement. Envelopes are then recorded in your parish record for giving. Contact rectory office if you have 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

Today is the Diocese Rally, Sunday OCTOBER 21. Some of our teens are attending the diocesan RALLY this weekend. Please pray for their safety and that each will be touched by the Holy Spirit during this wonderful event. Bishop Burbidge will celebrate the Sunday Mass and Fr. Paul will help with Confessions.

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 (540) 550-7984

Advertising: We have a few more ad spaces to fill. This is a great opportunity to connect with our parish about your products, services or special events. Contact Ruth Hayes at (540) 277-2943

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 AM - 4:00 PM Training will be provided. For volunteer Drivers, we ask that you have a good driving record and willing to drive to medical appointments round-trip 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. John Roberts:

John was born in Trawsfynydd, Gwynedd, Wales in 1575, and studied at Oxford. John became a Catholic and went to Paris in 1598, studying and becoming a Benedictine priest in 1602. He then returned to England and aided so many victims of the plague of 1603 that he became quite famous. He left England for a time to establish a seminary but then returned to London. John was arrested for being a Catholic priest and exiled from England no fewer than three times. He had many exploits in England, Spain, and France until his final arrest for being a priest. With Blessed Thomas Somers, he was hanged, drawn, and quartered at Tyburn in 1610. John's feast day is October 25.

No Religious Education class
November 4th.

Spiritual Thought

"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love".

St. Teresa of Calcutta

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