

# ST BRIDGET OF IRELAND

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

1024 W. Main St. Berryville, VA 22611

September 23, 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:office@stbridgetberryville.org)  
Hours: Mon-Fri 9AM - 4PM (closed 12-1 PM)

### Religious Education:

John Sengewalt 540-277-2948  
[dre@stbridgetberryville.org](mailto: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](mailto:OYM@stbridgetberryville.org)

### Music Ministry:

Stacy Sefton [Music@stbridgetberryville.org](mailto:Music@stbridgetberryville.org)

### Organist:

Jenny Sorenson [jtsorenson@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto:sargewillis@yahoo.com)

### Men's Club:

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

### Women's Group:

Meets 1st Tues. each month after noon mass  
Mary Kay Batka  
[women@stbridgetberryville.org](mailto:women@stbridgetberryville.org)

### St. Bridget's Bulletin:

Deadline Noon Monday  
[office@stbridgetberryville.org](mailto:office@stbridgetberryville.org)  
Ruth Hayes 540-277-2943



## Pastor's Words

When my Godson, Jeremy, was about 2 years old, his family moved into a new home. It used to be an old farm. He was going to show me some cats that were living in one of the outbuildings. He ended up being more fascinated by a toad. Having seen plenty of toads in my life, I was going to walk right on by the thing. Jeremy scooped it right up and started showing it off to his family. He had found a treasure.

Kids sometimes find wonder in things that we can take for granted. A plane flies overhead, we might not notice it, but a little child gets excited. This big, noisy thing passing by is something new and wondrous.

It's no secret that kids are also dependent. They are dependent on mom and dad to provide for their physical and spiritual needs. Providing them with a sound moral formation is just as important as providing them with the physical necessities of life.

In this week's Gospel, Our Lord tells us that to be great in the Kingdom of God, we must become like little children. What exactly does that mean?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines hope as the "theological virtue by which we desire and expect from God both eternal life and the grace we need to attain it." We believe that Christ has opened the way to eternal life, but we are completely dependent on God to provide the graces we need to follow Him in it. In the spiritual life, we are children dependent on and trusting in the love the Father has for us. Even though Jesus tells us that our heavenly Father knows our needs even before we ask, still we ask for what we need in prayer as a sign of our desire for all that God wants to give us. Becoming like little children means acknowledging our complete dependence on God.

Becoming like little children means also having a sense of wonder when it comes to the truths of our faith. We say that Christ died to take away our sins. We hear that all the time. It can become a rote formula. What if we changed those words a bit and said he died to take away my sins? He who was innocent of any sin could easily have escaped the suffering of the cross, yet he freely accepted it, not for anything he could gain, but to gain for me the forgiveness of my sins. He died for love of me. What a difference it makes when we look at it in a more personal way. What a sense of wonder it awakens in us. We cannot lose that sense of wonder.

*In Our Lord,  
Father Paul Grankauskas*

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:francesmoyer@hotmail.com).

**Celebration of a Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary** this year will be held at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington, with Bishop Michael F. Burbidge on Sunday, October 14th at 2:30 p.m.

**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. On the weekend you will examine and celebrate your relationship with Christ and Christian community. There will be a series of talks and discussions, times of quiet, opportunities for spiritual direction, Mass and Reconciliation, and fun, too -- plus you'll meet new friends with whom you can share your walk with Christ. Weekends run from Thursday evening to Sunday evening. 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, contact George Darnell, 703-850-2132.

## 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 24:**  
Noon Mass + Jose F Alfaro

**Tuesday September 25:**  
Noon Mass + John Surina

**Wednesday September 26:**  
9 AM Mass

**Thursday September 27:**  
Noon Mass + Terry Kennedy

**Friday September 28:**  
Noon Mass + Virginia Clarke

**Saturday September 29:**  
9 AM † William Drury III  
5:30 PM Parish Family

**Sunday September 30:**  
9 AM Special Intention  
Logan Morris

## 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,  
Ellen Kravetz, Laurie Custidero  
and Mary Ann Jackson.

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



## FYI:

**Visit Our Website:** Please visit our beautiful website at [www.stbridgetberryville.org](http://www.stbridgetberryville.org) for Mass, confession times and past bulletins. Our website is a great way to stay informed but it's even better to stay connected in person!

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

**September 23, 2018 DIVINE MERCY SAID:** "This firm resolution to become a saint is extremely pleasing to Me. I bless your efforts and will give you opportunities to sanctify yourself. Be watchful that you lose no opportunity that My providence offers you for sanctification. If you do not succeed in taking advantage of an opportunity, do not lose your peace, but humble yourself profoundly before Me and, with great trust, immerse yourself completely in My mercy. In this way, you gain more than you have lost, because more favor is granted to a humble soul than the soul itself asks for..." (St. Faustina Diary, 1361)

**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. Contact OYM to reserve your place. <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/youth-ministry/rally/> for more details.

**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:** 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](mailto:sargewillis@yahoo.com) (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.

**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 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. Ysarn:

Ysarn was born in Toulouse, France. He was educated at Saint Victor's Monastery in Marseilles, France. Ysarn then became a Benedictine monk at Saint Victor's. As abbot at Saint Victor's he revitalized spiritual life and devotion to the Rule of St. Benedict; his house became the center of a great Benedictine revival in the region. Ysarn was famous for his charity and his prison ministry. He secured the release of the monks of the Lérins Abbey when it was captured by Saracens. Ysarn died in 1048. His feast day is September 24th.

Confirmation retreat October 7th at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church

First RCIA will be September 27th (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) at 7 PM in hall. Contact the rectory office for further details, 540 277-2943

## Spiritual Thought

"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."

*St. Teresa of Calcutta*

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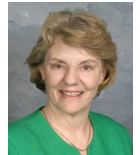
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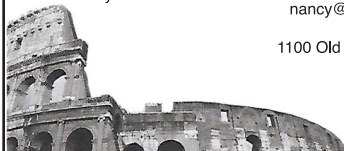
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