

ST BRIDGET of Ireland

CATHOLIC CHURCH

1024 W. Main St. Berryville, VA 22611

September 30, 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 Ministry

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:

Michael Murrow OYM@stbridgetberryville.org

Music Ministry:

Stacy Sefton Music@stbridgetberryville.org

Organist:

Jenny Sorenson jtsorenson@comcast.net

Eucharistic Minister / Lectors:

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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



PASTOR'S WORDS

Fall is probably my favorite time of the year. It would have to be someone pretty hard-hearted who is not moved by the beauty of creation the vivid yellows, reds, and oranges of the leaves; the crisp blue of the sky - during this season.

Along with Fall comes football, hockey, and the World Series. We have bonfires and s'mores. We have corn mazes, apple and pumpkin picking, and Linus spending another Halloween in the pumpkin patch waiting for the Great Pumpkin. We have trick or treating and ghost stories. The Legend of Sleepy Hollow is a great tale for a crisp, Fall day.

On the sacred side of things, we start the month of October with some powerhouse feast days - St. Francis of Assisi, St. Therese of Lisieux, and the Guardian Angels. Of particular note is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Since the Middle Ages, the Church promoted the rosary as a powerful devotion and spiritual weapon. St. Dominic, when combating the Albigensian heresy in the 11th century, promoted devotion to the rosary. The Albigensian heresy saw material things as corrupt and evil. Only the spiritual was pure. Dominic used the rosary as a means of meditating on the goodness of creation. The Divine Son of God took to himself a human nature to redeem us from the corruption of sin.

In our day and age, the rosary can be a powerful tool in promoting a culture of life. The annual Life Chain will be held on October 7 from 1 to 2:15 p.m. in front of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Winchester. This is meant to be a prayerful witness to the dignity and sacredness of human life.

When we meditate on the mysteries of the rosary, what do we see? We see the Divine Son of God coming into the world as a little baby, carried in the womb of our Blessed Mother. We see the Divine Son of God, capable of performing so many miracles, allowing himself to undergo the suffering and humiliation of the cross. We see the Son of God experiencing death. We see him rising from the dead and ascending into heaven to prepare a place for us. In other words, do we not see the Son of God sharing in each moment of our human existence and revealing to us our ultimate purpose? Does that not say something about the sacredness of human life?

We will also be praying the rosary here at St. Bridget Parish on Sunday, October 7, at 4 p.m. as part of a Rosary Coast to Coast. Details are in this week's bulletin.

The Gospels tell us that Mary kept in her heart the things that were said about her son and by her son. As we pray the rosary and meditate on the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious mysteries, we are following in her footsteps, keeping before our eyes the birth, death, and Resurrection of Christ. The rosary is like having a little Gospel in our hands.

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*In Our Lord,
Father Paul Grankauskas*

Diocesan News & Events:

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.

Rosary Coast to Coast: We will also be praying the rosary here at St. Bridget Parish on Sunday, October 7, at 4 p.m. in our round-about, or rosary garden, as someone has suggested. Please come join us as we join the nation in prayer.

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, very soon. The weekend will be at Priest Field Retreat Center in Kearneysville, WV. Please contact George Darnell, 703-850-2132.

Mass Times & Intentions

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration after the noon mass and rosary on Oct. 5, 2018. Please join us for our first adoration.

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

Monday, October 1:
Noon Mass + Robert Langwell

Tuesday October 2:
Noon Mass + Edward Buser III

Wednesday October 3:
9 AM Mass

Thursday October 4:
Noon Mass Special Intention
Michael Kelly

Friday October 5:
Noon Mass + Sally Curtain

Saturday October 6:
9 AM Special Intention
Brian Accettulo
5:30 PM Parish Family

Sunday October 7:
9 AM + Jacqueline Prout

PRAYER LIST:

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Julius Lee, Cara Kravetz,
Sean Henry, Tony Tringale,
Mary Ann Jackson, Donna Surina,
James May and Josephine Vesey.

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 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!

St. Bridget of Ireland Women's Group will meet Tuesday, October 2. Please join us for noon Mass, followed by luncheon/meeting in Hobert Hall.

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 30, 2018 Divine Mercy Said: "Don't cry. You are that saint...It is not for you to know how this will come about. Your duty is to be faithful to My grace and to do always what is within your power and what obedience allows you to do..." (St. Faustina Diary, 1650)
Happy Feast Day, St. Faustina, Apostle of Mercy on October 5th! Come Pray with Us at Sacred Heart Church at 3:00 PM-The Hour of Great Mercy. Members of the Divine Mercy Cenacle will be praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and reciting the Praises of Divine Mercy."

Save the Date! Join New Eve Maternity Home on Saturday, December 1st in Muldowney Hall for our "Dessert Hostess with the Mostest". More info to come! 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 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: TONIGHT, 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.

RALLY for the Diocese, Sunday October 21: High School students are invited to the annual youth rally, with 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.

CORN MAZE! October 14: The OYM is sponsoring an afternoon of fun for the whole family at Wayside Farm's annual corn maze with this year's theme: Emoji. If the rains stop and the field is dry, plan to arrive at 2PM. Father Paul and John Sengewalt challenge you to a race through the maze. People with mobility challenges can sit with me in the pavilion and cheer on the others. <https://www.wayside-farmfun.com/> for more info!

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

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. Mother Theodore Guerin:

Anne-Therese was born October 2, 1798, in Etables, France. She entered the Sisters of Providence of Ruelle-sur-Loir in 1823, taking the name Theodore. She educated children and cared for the sick poor in France for 17 years. In 1840, in response to a request from the bishop of Vincennes, Indiana, Mother Theodore led a group of five Sisters of Providence to the United States to establish a motherhouse and novitiate, to educate children of pioneer families and to care for the sick poor. In 1841, Mother Theodore opened an Academy in the remote forest, now known as Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College which is the oldest Catholic women's college in the United States. In the years that followed, Mother Theodore established schools throughout Indiana, two orphanages in Vincennes and free pharmacies at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods in Vincennes. Mother Theodore died May 14, 1856. Her feast day is October 3rd.

RE classes will say the rosary in class on October 7th. If your student has their own rosary, please send it to class with them that day.

Confirmation retreat for 9th Grade
Confirmandi Class
October 7th at Sacred Heart of
Jesus Church

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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