

ST BRIDGET of Ireland

CATHOLIC CHURCH

1024 W. Main St. Berryville, VA 22611

October 14, 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:

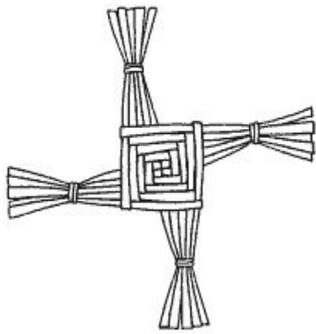
Meets the last Saturday each month
8 AM, in Hobert Hall (7:30 Breakfast).
Dick Drake men@stbridgetberryville.org

Women's Group:

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

St. Bridget's Bulletin:

Deadline Noon Monday
New: bulletin@stbridgetberryville.org
Ruth Hayes 540-277-2943



Notes from the Parish Staff

This week Father Paul has a grin on his face because his staff is helping him to keep up with the busy schedule.

It has been a very productive and busy week, now that we have hired a new Facilities Manager. Anthony Coviello has taken a few walks around the grounds and is amazed at all the buildings and the upkeep and maintenance that the new job will require. He was presented with a long "To Do" list. So, his journey with St. Bridget of Ireland begins.

We are very thankful for the years of volunteer service from many dedicated parishioners. They were always willing to help with a phone call for assistance. Having a Facilities Manager will help Fr. Paul to organize and maintain all three buildings and the grounds, in an efficient and timely manner. The buildings will be maintained on an organized schedule to ensure they last a long time and we, the parishioners, get the best for our support of St. Bridget of Ireland.

Our parish is really growing, and we see that in the new programs that Fr. Paul is starting with the many requests for programs that parishioners had at other parishes or that they would like to see here.

Our first Eucharistic adoration on First Friday went very well and over half of those attending, took the opportunity to go to confession during that time. The Knights of Columbus have also requested a time of prayer and adoration after the First Friday in November, that falls on All Souls day.

We are still seeing many new families register in the parish, some new to the area, others have been coming for a while but just now registering. We will be addressing this matter soon. We have been trying to get an accurate number of parishioners and parish registration is the best way to measure. At the end of the year when we send out the contribution reports, we will try to address any lingering issues with registrations.

Fr. Paul will be taking his annual retreat this month and Msgr. Krempa will be celebrating the Masses for him. So please come and visit, I'm sure he will be happy to be back at St. Bridget, if only for a few days.

The Women and Men's Groups have been busy organizing for holiday events, so look for their bulletin announcements for events planned. Our event calendar (seen on the Announcements page on our website) is filling nicely this year. We plan for the near future of having a leadership meeting to discuss a year of events and how to coordinate all of them.

In Christ,
The Parish Staff

Diocesan News & Events:

TODAY is the Celebration of a Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary this year at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington, with Bishop Michael F. Burbidge on Sunday, October 14th at 2:30 p.m. Congratulations to Sharon & Wiley Strickland on their 50th wedding anniversary.

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.

GREETINGS:

Congratulations to Hannah S. Herington and Thomas M. Feeley who were married by Fr. Paul Grankauskas on Saturday Oct. 6, 2018 at St. Bridget of Ireland.

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 15:
Noon Mass Special Intention
Kaliko Dwight

Tuesday October 16:
Noon Mass + Bill Carroll

Wednesday October 17:
9 AM Mass

Thursday October 18:
Noon Mass + Irene Benson

Friday October 19:
Noon Mass + Al Zuber

Saturday October 20:
9 AM + Meg & Al Zuber
5:30 PM Parish Family

Sunday October 21:
9 AM Special Intention
+ John Surina

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, Josephine Vesey
and Sandy Kay

To add someone to this list, 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 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.

October 14, 2018 Divine Mercy said: "My daughter, I desire that even in the smallest things, you rely on your confessor. Your greatest sacrifices do not please Me if you practice them without the confessor's permission; on the other hand, the smallest sacrifice finds great value in My eyes, if it is done with his permission... And on the other hand, even the smallest of your acts, done with the confessor's permission is pleasing in My eyes and very dear to Me. Hold firmly to this always. Be constantly on the watch, for many souls will turn back from the gates of hell and worship My mercy. But fear nothing, as I am with you. Know that of yourself you can do nothing." (St. Faustina Diary, 639)

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 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

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 www.arlingtondiocese.org/youth-ministry/rally/ for more details. Contact OYM to reserve your place.

TODAY 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.waysidefarmfun.com/> for more info! **If you want to join us for this event but need help paying for tickets, we have a generous parishioner that has agreed to sponsor you. Contact the OYM.**

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. Cleopatra:

Cleopatra and her son John came from the village of Edra near Mount Tabor in Palestine. She was a contemporary of the holy Martyr Varus and witnessed his voluntary suffering. After his execution, St. Cleopatra brought the body of the holy martyr to Palestine and buried him with reverence. Previously, Cleopatra's son, John, had attained the honorable rank of officer. To the great sorrow of his mother, John suddenly died. With tears of grief, St. Cleopatra turned to the relics of the holy Martyr Varus, begging him for the return of her son. Varus and John appeared to Cleopatra in a dream, radiant in bright attire with crowns upon their heads. She realized that the Lord had received her son into the heavenly Kingdom. After this vision, Cleopatra lived near the church that she had built over the relics of the holy martyr Varus and her son John and performed many good deeds. She distributed her property to the poor and spent her time in prayer and fasting. Cleopatra's feast day is October 19.

Students in Grades 1, 5, 6, 7, and 8 will have their Formation of Christian Chastity lesson during class this weekend.

Spiritual Thought

"Intense love does not measure, it just gives."

St. Teresa of Calcutta

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