

St Bridget of Ireland

CATHOLIC CHURCH

1024 W. Main St. Berryville, VA 22611



November 18, 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 Rector 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 Rector 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.stbridgeberryville.org

Coffee & Donut Sundays:

1st Sunday: Men's Club
2nd Sunday: Knights of Columbus
3rd Sunday: Youth Ministry

Pastor:

Father Paul Grankauskas

Rector:

P 540-277-2943 • F 540-277-2945

office@stbridgeberryville.org

Hours: Mon-Fri 9 AM - 4 PM (closed 12-1 PM)

Religious Education:

John Sengewalt 540-277-2948
dre@stbridgeberryville.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@stbridgeberryville.org

Music Ministry:

Stacy Sefton Music@stbridgeberryville.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@stbridgeberryville.org

Women's Group:

Meets 1st Tues. each month after noon mass

Mary Kay Batka

women@stbridgeberryville.org

St. Bridget's Bulletin:

Deadline Noon Monday

New: bulletin@stbridgeberryville.org

Ruth Hayes 540-277-2943



PASTOR'S WORDS

My mom and I were once heading down to Virginia Beach. Along the way we stopped at Burger King. While the woman ahead of us was scanning the menu, the cashier asked her what she would like to order. In a snarky tone, the woman asked the cashier to just wait a minute. When she did place her order, it came out like this, "Give me a burger, give me this, give me that ..." To me, it sounded rude and demanding.

One of the most basic lessons we teach our children is to say "please" when we ask for something and to say "thank you" if we receive it. We call it being polite, but there is something to be said about having what I like to call "an attitude of gratitude."

So often I hear people – adults and teens alike – acknowledge that they are not always grateful for the things that they have. No matter how much we do have, there always seems to be a part of us that wishes we could have what others have, that simply wants more. We live in a consumer culture that makes it very easy to be envious.

Giving thanks is one of the best ways to ensure that envy doesn't get the best of. In just a few days, we'll be celebrating a national holiday dedicated to the very act of giving thanks. It's a holiday that reminds us of something we should be doing every day. I'm pretty sure that most of us, if not all of us, can usually find something for which we can be thankful.

We can be thankful that we have a roof over our heads, food on our tables, clothes on our backs. We can be thankful for family and friends. We can be thankful for those who are kind and generous to us. We can be thankful for our faith. We give thanks for the good which God enables us to do each day. If we are really daring, we can give thanks for the blessings other receive. Sometimes I even give thanks for the rough moments in my life, when I come face to face with my faults and failings. I see those moments as occasions when God is teaching me.

To give thanks for our blessings is to show our appreciation for all the gifts we have been given. In giving thanks, we can keep envy at bay by acknowledging that God has given us all that we need. Many of the great saints acknowledge the need to do a daily examination of conscience each day. I would add to that the need to make a daily prayer of thanks.

Have a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving

*In Our Lord,
Father Paul Grankauskas*

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS:

St. Bridget of Ireland Rectory office will be closed on Thursday & Friday Nov.22-23 in observance of Thanksgiving Holiday

Bishop Burbidge will be celebrating Confirmation at our parish for 26 of our Confirmandi on Saturday Dec. 1 at 10 am.

Join Father Paul Scalia, Episcopal Vicar for Clergy, at the San Damiano Spiritual Life Center for an Advent Day of Prayer Saturday, December 8, 2018. Let us make this Advent a fruitful time of preparation for Our Lord's coming at Christmas. Registration begins at 9 am and the day concludes after Mass – about 3:30 pm. The cost of the day is \$30 which includes lunch. Registration forms are available at www.arlingtondiocese.org/San-Damiano-Retreat-Center/Events/

FYI:

Website/ Weekly Bulletin: Visit our beautiful website at www.stbridgetberryville.org for Mass, confession times and past bulletins. Submissions for our bulletin are due at **noon**, the Monday **before** the date of the weekly bulletin. Email submissions to: bulletin@stbridgetberryville.org.

Mass Times & Intentions

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, November 19:
Noon Mass † Sebastian Rao

Tuesday November 20:
Noon Mass † Vincent Legare Jr

Wednesday November 21:
9 AM Mass

Thursday November 22:
10 AM Mass † Mary Cherpes

Friday November 23:
Noon Mass † Mary Cherpes

Saturday November 24:
9 AM † Mary Cherpes
5:30 PM † Mary Berman

Sunday November 25:
9 AM Parish Family

Prayer List:

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Julius Lee, Cara Kravetz, Tony Tringale, Donna Surina, Josephine Vesey, Larry Krasinski, Anita Rittelmeyer, Faye Haering and Jim Willis.

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

Spiritual Thought

"Love cannot remain by itself – it has no meaning. Love must be put into action, and that action is service."

St. Teresa of Calcutta

St. Bridget of Ireland Women's Group will host "HOLIDAY BRUNCH" DECEMBER 2, 2018! at Hobert Hall immediately following 9:00 am Mass. All parishioners are invited to participate. Families are asked to bring a covered dish to serve approximately six to eight (6-8) people, in throw-away containers or clearly mark with name and phone #. Please bring your dish to the kitchen by 9:30 am on Sunday morning. Suggested dishes are breakfast casserole, coffee cakes, croissants, biscuits, biscuits & gravy, deviled eggs, fruit, vegetable and cheese trays, pastries or donuts, etc. If your family enjoys the dish, everyone will like it. Drinks will be furnished. Religious Education hours will be modified to allow students to attend the brunch. Volunteer to help set up, prep food or clean up, please contact Patty Doyle at (540) 955-0438 or pandpdoyle@comcast.net.

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

Tis the Season to give thanks and help those in need. The 2018 St. Bridget's Giving Tree is now in the Narthex. The Women's Group invites all to take an ornament, purchase the gift, wrap the gift, attach the ornament to the gift and return to the Narthex under the tree. All gifts need to be returned to church by Sunday, Dec. 16th. Thank you for generously making this Christmas special for those less fortunate. If you have any questions, please contact Erin Huff 317-696-4143.

November 18, 2018 Divine Mercy said: "Know, my child, that for your sake I grant blessings to this whole vicinity. But you ought to thank Me on their behalf, as they do not thank Me for the kindnesses, I extend to them. For the sake of your gratitude, I will continue to bless them." (St. Faustina Diary, 719)

Hostess with the Mostest? Be a "hostess" or a "guest", both will have a fun evening supporting New Eve Maternity Home on Saturday, December 1, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Sacred Heart's Muldowney Hall. Author Michael Foley will speak about his book Drinking with the Saints: A Sinner's Guide to a Holy Happy Hour while all enjoy complimentary appetizers and sample a flight of drinks from his book. Hostesses invite friends to join their table of 8, have fun decorating their table, (prize awarded for the best table) & supply a dessert for your table. Or reserve a place as a guest for \$20 For more exciting information please contact JoAnn Blaker at 304-839-8890.

Backpack Ministry Donations of tuna or Chef Boyardee are greatly appreciated. We are helping to pack backpacks of food for 38 children in CCPS. Please put donations in tubs in the Narthex. Thanks for your generosity! Any questions, please email M.K. Batka women@stbridgetberryville.org

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.

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 office@stbridgetberryville.org or call (540) 277-2943.

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are needed also. Please contact office@stbridgetberryville.org, call (540) 277-2943 or talk to Fr. Paul.

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 in the in the Rectory 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 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. Edmund Rich

Edmund was born in Abingdon, on November 30, 1180. He studied at Oxford, England, and in Paris, France. Edmund taught art & mathematics at Oxford and was ordained. He spent eight years teaching theology and became Canon and treasurer of Salisbury Cathedral. An eloquent speaker, Edmund preached a crusade for Pope Gregory IX and was named archbishop of Canterbury. He became an advisor to King Henry III and presided in 1237 at Henry's ratification of the Great Charter.

When Cardinal Otho became a papal legate with the patronage of King Henry, Edmund protested. Edmund finally protested before Henry and generally excommunicated all who had infringed upon the liberties of his primal see. He left for Rome, planning to appeal his case before the Curia, but poor health forced him to stop at Soisy, where he died in 1240. He was buried at Pontigny Abbey. Edmund was canonized in 1246 or 1247. A hall in Oxford bears his name. His feast day is November 16.

No RE class on November 25th.
Happy Thanksgiving!

Good Shepherd School, a Pre-K through 8th grade Classical and Montessori school is in Purcellville. They expect to have very limited openings for the 2019 -2020 placement, with enrollment beginning Dec. 1st. Please email the Director of Adminssions, Katheryn Caro at admissions@goodshepherdschoolva.com with your questions.



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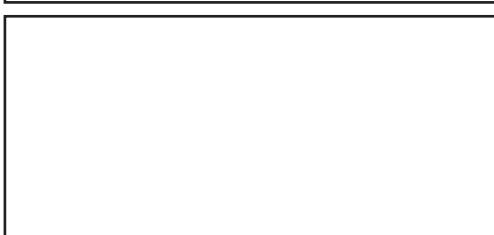
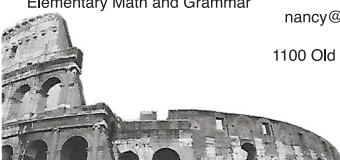
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