

ST BRIDGET of Ireland

CATHOLIC CHURCH

1024 W. Main St. Berryville, VA 22611

January 27, 2019



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:

Please check Mass Times and Intentions for weekly changes inside bulletin.

Saturday

9 AM and 5:30 PM (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday:

9 AM

Weekdays:

Monday & Tuesday Noon
Wednesday 9 AM
Thursday & Friday Noon

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:

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office@stbridgetberryville.org
Hours: Mon-Fri 9 AM - 4 PM (closed 12-1 PM)

Religious Education:

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

Knights of Columbus:

New: knights@stbridgetberryville.org
Bus. meeting 2nd Tue 7 PM Hobert Hall

Office of Youth Ministry:

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Music Ministry:

Stacy Sefton Music@stbridgetberryville.org

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Jenny Sorenson jtsorenson@comcast.net

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Becky Jackson 540-955-1715

Ushers:

Jim Willis sargewillis@yahoo.com

Men's Club:

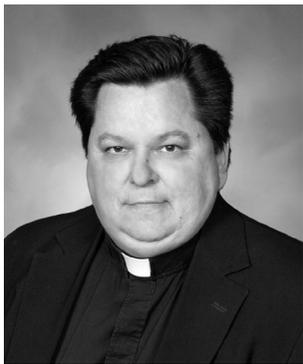
Meets the last Saturday each month
8 AM, in Hobert Hall (7:30 Breakfast).
Dick Drake men@stbridgetberryville.org

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

I'm sure you've heard me say this before, but we are called to holiness of life by virtue of our Baptism. We are called to be saints. If we want to make any progress in this, it is good to learn from the masters: The Saints themselves. I don't mean the football team, of course. I mean the saints in heaven. If they have been raised by Christ to share the glories of heaven, we would be wise to follow their examples and wisdom.

Some saints have left their wisdom behind in the form of writings. On January 24, we celebrate the memorial of one of my favorite saints: Francis de Sales. His classic work *Introduction to the Devout Life* is a great guide for anyone who wishes to grow in the spiritual life. Francis spoke about a universal call to holiness, meaning that anyone, not just priests and religious, can live a devout life. Each does so in a way appropriate to their own vocation. The spiritual life of a married couple raising a family will look different from the spiritual life of a cloistered monk. Francis spent his life offering spiritual direction to people living in different circumstances. The *Introduction to the Devout Life* presents his collected wisdom.

Some saints, however, are not quite as well known, simply because not much is known about them. Our own patroness, St. Bridget of Ireland, is one of them. It is said that she was born of a pagan father and Christian mother. Bridget herself was later baptized as a Christian and was said to be known for her great charity. People would come begging at her door, and she would give away things that belonged to her family, including a jeweled sword that belonged to her father. Apparently, that did not sit well with her dad. He saw her great charity, however, and thought she would be suited for the nunnery. Bridget established a religious community at Kildare. Today she is honored as one of the patrons of Ireland, along with St. Patrick.

The cross associated with St. Bridget seems to have originated during an encounter she had with a sick man. She wished to explain the cross to him, hoping he would convert to Christianity. She gathered up some rushes lying on the floor and fashioned the cross that we see today.

Like I said, not a lot of hard facts are known about our patroness, but we do know her feast day is on February 1. As I mentioned at Mass last week, the Knights of Columbus are hosting a spaghetti dinner to celebrate our parish feast day. The dinner will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. in Hobert Hall. Please come and join us for an evening of food and fellowship.

That is also First Friday, which means we will have Eucharistic adoration following the 12:05 p.m. Mass. As always, I will be available for confession from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Because of the dinner, Benediction will be at 5:30 p.m. That way we can pray and play. The sign-up list for adoration will be in the back of the church. Look for the sign.

Though we may not know much about St. Bridget, all stories do speak about her charity and generosity. On her feast day, it would be good for us to remember how God has loved us, and remember that we, too, are meant to love one another as Christ has loved us.

*In Our Lord,
Father Paul Grankauskas*

Diocesan News & Events

First Friday: Is February 1st, there will be Eucharistic Adoration after the noon mass, confession for the first hour then benediction at 5:30PM.

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
Monday - Friday

Monday, January 28:

Noon Mass † Dean Pettenati

Tuesday January 29:

Noon Mass † Olivia Romano

Wednesday January 30:

9 AM Mass

Thursday January 31:

Noon Mass † Carmelo Lauro

Friday February 1:

Noon Mass † Carol Milihran

Saturday February 2:

9 AM Mass † Edward Nauer

5:30 PM † Al Zuber

Sunday February 1:

9 AM Parish Family

PRAYER LIST:

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Irene Haught, Doug Kruhm,
Jim Willis, Tony Tringale,
Donna Surina, Josephine Vesey,
Peggy Dillon, Bob Otey,
Bernie Shulman, Ellen Kravetz,
Sam Mediati, Courtneyrose Ball,
Jenna Morell and Eric Myer.

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

FYI:

Guest Wifi in Hobert Hall: Please see notice on facilities board.

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. Please email submissions to: bulletin@stbridgetberryville.org.

OYM: Laser Tag: February 10, 4-6PM. Cost is \$10 in advance for 2 hours of play which is only 25% of usual cost. The OYM has prepurchased a block of 10 advance tickets so please contact the OYM to reserve your ticket at the discounted price. Bring your friends. Come and see how fast Father Paul can run while being chased by kids with laser guns!

Knights of Columbus will have a Feast of St. Bridget Spaghetti Dinner that includes spaghetti, meatballs, marinara sauce, salad, and garlic bread with cookies and ice cream for desert on Friday February 1 from 6-8 PM.

January 27, 2019 Divine Mercy Said: "Say unceasingly the chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy." St. Faustina Diary 687)

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](mailto:M.K.Batka.women@stbridgetberryville.org)

St. Bridget Window Books: Great gifts anytime of the year. Books are \$10 and can be purchased in the rectory office.

Collection Envelopes: Please add check # above amount, it's very helpful in processing your parish account and counting envelopes.

Help Needed:

All Masses Need Ushers: We have grown as a new parish, so are our needs for ushers at both Masses. Please contact office@stbridgetberryville.org or call (540) 277-2943.

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

Advertising: We could still use a few more ads to fill our bulletin. Contact Ruth Hayes in the rectory at (540) 277-2943. Our advertisers defray the cost of the bulletin please patronize their business, thank you.

FISH of Clarke County is a Christian organization of volunteers. FISH was approved by Cooley Elementary to start a "pilot" after school program (once a week) for disadvantaged children starting on *Wednesday, March 6* and extending for 6 weeks from 3:15-5:15. Volunteers would do tutoring, offer snacks & drinks, or play games with the students. Those interested need to file a volunteer form with the Clarke County Schools office by January 31st. Forms are available in the CCPS office, at all county schools, www.clarke.k12.va.us.

2018-19 Religious Education Program

Saint of the Week:

St. Francis Xavier Maria Bianchi:

Francis was born in Arpino (Frosinone), on December 2 1743. He studied in the Seminary of Nola and at the University of Naples. In 1762 Francis entered into the Congregation of the Barnabites and he continued his studies in Macerata, Rome, and again in Naples, where he was ordained a priest in 1767. His fame of being a Barnabite scholar gave him various assignments of prestige which he carried out with great expertise: superior for twelve years of the College of St. Mary in Cosmedin in Portanova; from 1778 extraordinary professor in the Royal University; associate of the Royal Academy of Arts and Sciences, and of the Ecclesiastical Academy. Fairly quickly he was recognized as a saint, because in him came always more the substitution of studies and of the attendance of circles of scholars, with the works of charity, the contemplation and the apostolate, especially among the humble lowly of his quarter.

Devoted to penitence, he did not renounce it not even when he was struck by a mysterious malady which immobilized him in the last thirteen years of his life: on the contrary, in the last three years he prodigiously was able to celebrate Mass holding himself up on his legs, swollen and covered in sores. He died in Naples on January 31, 1815. Leo XIII beatified him in 1893, and Pius XII canonized him in 1951. Francis' feast day is January 31st.

Confirmation classes will begin oral testing on their prayers on February 3rd.

Spiritual Thought

"Many people mistake our work for our vocation. Our vocation is the love of Jesus."

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