

ST BRIDGET of Ireland

CATHOLIC CHURCH

1024 W. Main St. Berryville, VA 22611

February 3, 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
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Religious Education:

John Sengewalt 540-277-2948
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Knights of Columbus:

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Bus. meeting 2nd Tue 7 PM Hobert Hall

Office of Youth Ministry:

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Ushers:

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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 tempted to begin this week's reflection with "The Princess Bride": "Mawiage is what bwings us here together today."

Okay, maybe I need to work on resisting temptation.

I was tempted to quote the movie because that's how I usually start my wedding homily. Today's second reading is a pretty popular wedding reading.

I suppose it's so popular because it is so poetic: love is patient and kind, it's not rude or jealous, it doesn't brood over past injuries. I suppose it's also popular because it is so hopeful: love endures all things and never fails.

I wish St. Paul would have added one more word to his little litany of love: work.

Love – real love – takes work. It takes work to be patient. It takes work to forgive past injuries. Love is more than just a feeling. We have to make a conscious decision to love. How do I choose to speak about others? How do I even choose to think about others? The incident at the March for Life involving the Catholic students from Kentucky and the way it was covered in the media is a great lesson in the importance of being slow to judge others. Do I automatically think the worst of others? Am I willing to correct erroneous judgments? Am I willing to make some form of restitution if I have spoken falsely of someone? That's one of the things I find most disturbing about the social media age. Opinions are quickly expressed on line, using the most vulgar language. People threaten each other on line. What if we're wrong? What are we willing to do to restore a person's good name? Charity demands no less.

If I were to write about all the ways we are meant to show love for one another, this column would be a lot longer. The bottom line is that real love takes work, and yet charity, as St. Paul points out, is the greatest of all the virtues. In heaven, there will be no need for faith and hope, for we will see God face to face. Love remains. Our exercise of the virtue of charity – or our lack of charity – bears fruit in eternal life.

*In Our Lord,
Father Paul Grankauskas*

Diocesan News & Events

2019 Bishop's Lenten Appeal Begins! At the end of January many of us received a mailing regarding the 2019 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). The theme for the 2019 BLA is "Together in the Light of Christ." After reflecting upon the blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge to this important appeal that funds many programs and ministries that serves thousands of people in our diocese. Together, through the BLA, let us renew our personal commitment to furthering the Lord's work in our diocese.

FYI:

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

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, February 4:

Noon Mass † Betty Raynor
1:30 RH † Bob Shelton

Tuesday February 5:

Noon Mass † Helen & Joseph Izzo

Wednesday February 6:

9 AM Mass

Thursday February 7:

Noon Mass Special Intention
Courtneyrose Ball

Friday February 8:

Noon Mass † Ruth Ball

Saturday February 9:

9 AM Mass

5:30 PM † Mary Sullivan

Sunday February 10:

9 AM Parish Family

Prayer List:

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Kim Smith, Irene Haught,
Doug Kruhm, Jim Willis,
Tony Tringale, Peggy Dillon,
Bob Otey, Bernie Shulman,
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.

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. When the teens were asked what fun activity they want the OYM to sponsor, the unanimous answer was laser tag! Cost is \$10 in advance for 2 hours of play which is 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!

High School Religious Education Program! The OYM, in conjunction with the Office of Religious Education is sponsoring a limited High School Religious Education Program for the Spring semester. If you are at all interested, please contact the OYM. The program will be developed based on the input of the participants and parents. Since many teens help with the Primary Religious Ed programs, the high school program can be held, based on your input, any time other than during the Sunday morning primary Religious Ed classes. The program will culminate with a trip to the Franciscan University at Steubenville Youth Conference!

February 3, 2019 Divine Mercy Said: "My heart is even more wounded by their distrust after a fall. It would be less painful if they had not experienced the goodness of My heart." (St. Faustina Diary, 1532)

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

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

Advertising: We still have a little room for a couple ads to fill our bulletin. Please use our sponsors. 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. Training will be provided. For volunteer Drivers with good driving record, there is a need 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:

Bl. Anne Catherine Emmerick:

Anne Catherine was born on September 8, 1774 in at Flamsche, Germany. She was a very pious child who suffered with poor health, but who received visions and prophecies; they were so common that she thought all children could see the Child Jesus and the souls in Purgatory. As an adult, she was employed as a seamstress, daily attended Mass, visited the Blessed Sacrament, and in the late evening spent hour upon hour praying on her knees. Around midnight, she would leave her home to make the Stations of the Cross by candlelight at a series of wayside shrines outside her village, along a lengthy path that wound through the pine woods, taking over two hours to complete. Before her death, Anne suffered the stigmata. Anne Catherine's feast day is February 9th.

Confirmation classes will begin oral testing on their prayers this weekend.

Spiritual Thought

"We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do."

St. Teresa of Calcutta

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