

# ST BRIDGET of Ireland

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

1024 W. Main St. Berryville, VA 22611

March 17, 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:office@stbridgetberryville.org)  
Hours: Mon-Fri 9 AM - 4 PM (closed 12-1 PM)

#### Religious Education:

John Sengewalt 540-277-2948  
[dre@stbridgetberryville.org](mailto:dre@stbridgetberryville.org)

#### Knights of Columbus:

New: [knights@stbridgetberryville.org](mailto:knights@stbridgetberryville.org)  
Bus. meeting 2nd Tue 7 PM Hobert Hall

#### Office of Youth Ministry:

Michael Murrow [OYM@stbridgetberryville.org](mailto:OYM@stbridgetberryville.org)

#### Music Ministry:

Stacy Sefton [Music@stbridgetberryville.org](mailto:Music@stbridgetberryville.org)

#### Organist:

Jenny Sorenson [jtsorenson@comcast.net](mailto:jtsorenson@comcast.net)

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Chet Lewandowski 540-722-7231

#### Servers:

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#### Sacristan:

Becky Jackson 540-955-1715

#### Ushers:

Jim Willis [sargewillis@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:men@stbridgetberryville.org)

#### Women's Group:

Meets 1st Tues. each month after noon mass  
Mary Kay Batka  
[women@stbridgetberryville.org](mailto:women@stbridgetberryville.org)

#### St. Bridget's Bulletin:

Deadline Noon Monday  
[bulletin@stbridgetberryville.org](mailto:bulletin@stbridgetberryville.org)  
Ruth Hayes 540-277-2943



## PASTOR'S WORDS

Each year, on this second Sunday of Lent, we are presented with the Gospel of the Transfiguration.

Peter, James, and John accompany Jesus up a mountain. There they see him transfigured, his face becoming radiant with light, his clothes becoming dazzling white. It is a sight that is at once fearful to the Apostles, yet beautiful. They see Jesus speaking with Moses and Elijah, two great figures from Israel's history. They hear the heavenly Father's voice testifying on behalf of His Son. As Peter

says, it is good to be there.

But, come down from the mountain they must. They have seen Christ glorified, but the days are coming when they will see him bruised and bloodied, almost weak and powerless in hands of his enemies. The Transfiguration was meant bolster their faith in the face of what was to come.

Perhaps the Transfiguration can play the same part in our lives.

In the season of Lent, we keep the cross of Christ in front of us. Our Lord made it quite clear in his teachings that when it comes to the cross, we as his disciples will not simply be spectators to his sufferings. We will share in those sufferings. If we wish to come after him, we must be ready to take up the cross and follow him.

To be a disciple of Christ does not mean we will be immune to the effects of evil in our world. As I said last week in my homily, we experience temptations, we sin. We also suffer, sometimes horrendously, because of the sins of others. When we are battered, bruised, and broken because of the hurt done to us by others, it is easy despair. Seeing Christ glorified can be for us a sign of hope.

He, too, seemed to be abandoned by his Father while on the cross, but he never lost trust in his Father's love for him. While he suffered unfairly at the hands of the Pharisees and the Romans, he never stopped loving the Father, who loved him from all eternity. He never stopped loving those around him, praying even for those who put him to death. In the end, the Father raised his son from the dead. Love conquered death!

We can cause suffering for others, which calls for repentance on our part. We can suffer at the hands of others. That suffering does not have to destroy our capacity to love. If we can remember the Father who has loved us from all eternity, if we ask for the grace to see our sufferings as a share in the sufferings of Christ, perhaps we will not lose our capacity for love. If that love is in us, one day we will be raised up with him.

The Transfiguration was meant to bolster the faith of the Apostles in the hour of the Passion. Keeping our eyes fixed on Christ, seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven, is meant to be a sign of hope for us as we pass through this valley of tears.

*In Our Lord,  
Father Paul Grankauskas*

## Diocesan News & Events

**2019 Bishop's Lenten Appeal** The Bishop's Lenten Appeal is critical to our diocesan needs and we are asking every household in our parish to support this appeal to the extent that they are able. The BLA funds many programs, services and ministries that serve people in need and furthers the Gospel mission of Jesus Christ in our diocese. Let us join together to do the Lord's work – works that touch the lives and souls of thousands of people. Thank you!

## Mass Times & Intentions

Mass Intentions can be made at the Rectory office from 9 AM - 4 PM M-F

### Monday, March 18:

Noon Mass Special Intention  
Beverly Terry

### Tuesday March 19:

Noon Mass Special Intention  
James Joseph

### Wednesday March 20:

9 AM Mass Special Intention  
John O'Ferrell

### Thursday March 21:

Noon Mass Special Intention  
Charles Wilton

### Friday March 22:

Noon Mass Special Intention  
Rev. Mr. Nicholas Blank

### Saturday March 23:

9 AM Mass Special Intention  
Emmanuel Correno  
5:30 PM Parish Family

### Sunday March 24:

9 AM † Clarence Buxton

## Prayer List:

*Remember the following in your prayers:*

Mike Malucci, Dorothy Brennan, Frank Petrello, Alicia Malbon, Theresa Constantine, Bill Drescher, David Odiorne, Kayla Staph, Frank Cefalu, Ellen Kravetz, Kim Smith, Doug Kruhm, Jim Willis, Tony Tringale, Peggy Dillon, Bob Otey & Jenna Morell.

Please pray for the repose of soul of  
Cathy Craig, Irene Haught and Msgr.  
Frank Mahler.

Please contact Becky Jackson at 540-955-1715 for the person to **go on** the prayer list and when the person **no longer needs** to be on the list. We want the prayer list to be relevant to the needs.

**Pemance Services at Others**  
**Sacred Heart** – Tuesday, April 16th, at 7 PM Saint John the Baptist  
Monday, April 15th, at 7 PM

## FYI:

**Congratulations** to William and Pamela Burke on the baptism of their son Jameson Alexander Burke Sunday March 10th at St. Bridget of Ireland by Fr. Paul Grankauskas.

**Men's Club** will host the Friday Lenten Dinner Mar. 22nd at 630 pm following stations of the cross at 6pm. Please come and enjoy!

**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! Email M.K. Batka at women@stbridgetberryville.org

**March 17, 2019 Divine Mercy Said:** "There is more merit to one hour of meditation on My sorrowful Passion than there is to a whole year of flagellation that draws blood; the contemplation of My painful wounds is of great profit to you, and it brings Me great joy. I am surprised that you still have not completely renounced your self-will, but I rejoice exceedingly that this change will be accomplished during the retreat." (St. Faustina Diary, 369) "Used with permission of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M."

**"IT'S NOT TOO LATE! Join us for WEEK 2 of a 10-week study and discussion series, Divine Mercy:** The Second Greatest Story Ever Told and the Augustine Institute's DVD film series March 10-June 2, 2019 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the parish hall (excluding Easter Sunday April 21 and Mother's Day May 12). Series cost is \$20 and includes a copy of Father Gaitley's book and your personal Divine Mercy guidebook. To register contact the rectory at 540-277-2943 or email office@stbridgetberryville.org. This is ongoing study.

**Consecration of the family:** Tuesday March 19th at 7 PM: St Bridget's Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a special Mass on the Feast of St. Joseph for the Consecration of the Families of our parish. Each family will recite the prayer consecrating their family in the image of the Holy Family and ask for their prayers to live in their image. Father Paul will bless each family individually. With so many families living in strife, the prayers of the Holy family are needed more today than ever.

## OYM Office of Youth Ministry:

**High School Retreat @ Steubenville!** This year, for the first time, we will be taking a group of rising 9th – 12th grade St Bridget Teens to a youth retreat at the Franciscan University of Steubenville. This is one of the best and most popular youth retreats in the country. The tentative date is July 19 – 21. We will coordinate with several area parishes. Deadline to show interest is March 25th with a registration and deposit deadline shortly after. Fundraisers and scholarships will be available. We have a great team assembled to join us including Father Paul! Contact the OYM for more information.

## Help Needed:

**FISH of Clarke County** is a Christian organization of volunteers that the parish supports through the poor box collection. Please call FISH Help Line 540-955-1823.

**Seasons of Hope** is a Christ-centered, facilitated support group for the bereaved, helping us explore mourning through scripture, prayer, reflection activities and faith sharing. There are four different 6-week programs offered throughout the year, and participants may attend any of them. The next series begins on March 19th for six consecutive Tuesday evenings from 6:15-8:30pm, in Stephens City. To register, please call Reen Markland, Parish Nurse for Sacred Heart at (540) 868-1447. Brochures will be available in the church office soon.

## Spiritual Thought

"The hunger for love is much more difficult to remove than the hunger for bread."

- St. Teresa of Calcutta

## RE PROGRAM:

### Saint of the Week St. Gertrude of Nivelles:

Gertrude of Nivelles was born around 626 in present-day Belgium into a well-connected noble family. But she didn't stick to the script that most noble women were made to follow in her era: When she was 10, Gertrude reportedly refused - loudly and angrily - to be married to the son of a duke. In fact, she insisted that she would never marry at all. When her father died, Gertrude and her mother, Itta, moved to Nivelles (south of present-day Brussels) to set up a monastery, where she became an abbess. She became known for her devotion to scholarly and charitable works, and for taking care of orphans, widows, and pilgrims. She was also visited by spiritual visions and said to know most of the Bible by heart. But her ascetic lifestyle, which included long periods without food or sleep, took a toll on her health, and she resigned as abbess in 656 at the age of 30. She died three years later. Gertrude's feast day is March 17.

**The Religious Education students and catechists** will be praying the Stations of the Cross during class, today, March 17th.

**Catholic Cafe:** Come join us in Hobert Hall for coffee and a video each Sunday during CCD (10:15 - 11:30 AM). We offer something new each week: a classic movie, religious documentaries, video lectures by some outstanding Catholic personalities (Bishop Barron, Deacon Oney) and lessons from Great Courses. If you have a favorite DVD's you'd like to share, please contact Trina Black (540-955-3990) or John Sengewalt. Bring a snack and enjoy the show!

**Vacation Bible School:** Mark your calendars! From June 24th through June 28th, St. Bridget's will offer Vacation Bible School. We will meet each morning from 9:30 to noon and everyone aged 4 to 12 is welcome. Please be on the lookout for a flyer and a sign-up sheet in the next few weeks. There will be lots of opportunity to volunteer as well.

**Walking With Purpose Women's Bible Study** at Sacred Heart of Jesus in Winchester invites you to Fearless and Free, a study of Ephesians. This 6-week personal and transformative study emphasizes healing and wholeness. Book is \$20. 3 class sessions available: Wednesdays 9:15-11 am, April 10- May 22./ Thursdays 9:15 -11 am, April 11-May 23/ Mondays 7-9 pm May 6 -June 17th. If interested, email Michele at hislambstwo@gmail.com. Go to the website [www.walkingwithpurpose.com/bible\\_studies/fearless-and-free/](http://www.walkingwithpurpose.com/bible_studies/fearless-and-free/)

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