

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:

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

Knights of Columbus:

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

Office of Youth Ministry:

Michael Murrow OYM@stbridgetberryville.org

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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 bulletin@stbridgetberryville.org Ruth Hayes 540-277-2943



Pastor's Words

During the past year we have continued to grow as a community of love and faith in God. We have witnessed our faith being expressed not only in our Sunday Eucharist but also in the very spirit and tone of the parish; a warm love that reaches out to each other.

We are about to share in the liturgy of Holy Week which enables us to celebrate in a very sacred way the great gift of Jesus Christ the Eucharist, His death and His resurrection.

Our prayer and wish for the parish is that this Easter will bring us all a deeper awareness of our faith in God and our need to "love one another."

In Our Lord, Father Paul Grankauskas

Easter Schedule 2019

Holy Thursday: No Noon Mass, Mass of the Lord's Supper- 7 PM

Good Friday: No Noon Mass, Stations of the Cross - 3 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - 7 PM

Holy Saturday: No Morning Mass Noon - Blessing of the Easter Food 8:30 PM Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter

Easter Sunday: 9 & 11 AM Mass

Confessions

Keeping the Light on Tues. Night 6:30 - 8 PM Palm Sunday, April 14 and April 16 - 6 -7:30 PM **Divine Mercy Sunday**

April 28th Holy Hour at 2 PM with Divine Mercy Chaplet and Confessions followed by Benediction at 3pm.

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! **St. Bridget of Ireland is at 94% participation and attaining our goal!**

Keeping the Light On is last confessions on Tuesday from 6:30-8pm on April 16th.

Parish office will be closed on Friday April 19 for Good Friday observance.

Mass Times & Intentions

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

Please note all the changes for holy week.

Monday, April 15

Noon Mass Special Intention Ellen Kravetz

Tuesday April 16

Noon Mass † Norman Ball

Wednesday April 17

9 AM Mass Special Intention Katie Piescik

Thursday April 18

7 PM Mass Parish Priest

Friday April 19 No Mass

Saturday April 20

9 AM No Mass 8:30 PM Parish Family

Sunday April 21

9 AM Special IntentionMsgr Krempa11 AM Special IntentionDale Smith

Prayer List

Remember the following in your prayers:

Frank & Trevor Keedy, Joy Roberson,
Eric Myer, Matthew Lewis, Michael Boyd,
Luke Milhon, Sean Binning, Mike Malucci,
Dorothy Brennan, Frank Petrello,
Bill Drescher, David Odiorne, Frank Cefalu,
Ellen Kravetz, Kim Smith, Doug Kruhm,
Jim Willis, Tony Tringale, Bob Otey,
Jenna Morell, Sally & Lou Papa
and Ray Borsella.

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.

Penance Services at Others
Sacred Heart: Tues, April 16th, at 7 PM
Saint John the Baptist:
Monday, April 15th, at 7 PM

FYI

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. Thank You! Email M.K. Batka at women@stbridgetberryville.org.

April 14, 2019 Divine Mercy Said: "My daughter, your compassion for Me refreshes Me. By meditating on My Passion, your soul acquires a distinct beauty." (St. Faustina Diary, 1657) "Used with permission Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M."

Join us *Today*, April 14th for Week Six 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 office@stbridgetberryville.org. *This is an ongoing study*.

Religious Education Program

Today's Class on Palm Sunday, April 14th, will be from 10:30 – 11:30.

No class on Easter Sunday, April 21st.

Last class will be May 5th.

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. There will be lots of opportunity to volunteer as well.

Office of Youth Ministry (OYM)

Easter Egg Hunt! Holy Saturday, 11AM April 20th. Prizes for each age group and goodies in the eggs. Lunch will be available. Sponsored jointly between the Knights of Columbus and the Office of Youth Ministry. Check our flyer or contact the OYM at OYM@stbridgetberryville.org

Divine Mercy Trip: Father Paul will be making a trip to Emmitsburg on Divine Mercy Sunday April 28th with the Young Adults (18 - 35) interested in attending the Holy Hour at 5 pm. Group will leave from church at 4, attend holy hour and then have dinner. Please contact the rectory 540-277-2943 or office@stbridgetberryville.org before April 27th for reservations to be made.

Help Needed

Part-time custodian needed at St. Bridget of Ireland Church, for weekly cleaning of church, hall and rectory. Please email office@stbridgetberryville.org and place <u>Custodian needed</u> in subject line. Janitorial experience and handyman skills are a plus.

Saint of the Week

St. Agnes of Montepulciano:

Agnes was born circa 1268 and at the age of nine entered the monastery of Montepulciano, near her home in Gracchiano -Vecchio. Four years later (at just 13!) she was commissioned by Pope Nicholas IV to assist in the foundation of a new convent in Procena. At fifteen she became the head of the nuns there. About 1300, the people of Montepulciano built a new convent in order to lure Agnes back to them. She established a convent under the Dominican rule and governed there until her death in 1317. Agnes was noted for her visions. She held the infant Christ in her arms and received Holy Communion from an angel. She experienced levitations and she performed miracles for the faithful of the region. Agnes' feast day is April 20th.

Spiritual Thought

"We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature - trees, flowers, grass- grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence...

We need silence to be able to touch souls."

- St. Teresa of Calcutta





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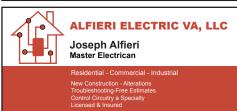
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