

L. 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

Rosarv:

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:

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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:

 ${\it Michael\ Murrow\ OYM@stbridgetberryville.org}$

Music Ministry:

Stacy Sefton Music@stbridgetberryville.org

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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



Bishop's Message

This truth is the reason for our joyful hope at Easter and always. It is true, dear friends, by His own suffering and death and resurrection, Jesus has once and for all dispelled the power of darkness. He has transformed chaos into order and promises that all suffering will lead to glory and even death to life. Our risen Lord invites us to walk in this newness of life as His sons and daughters, every day of our lives, and forever.

There's one other thing the Lord asks of us: to go forth as His witnesses of this joyful hope, and to allow others to see by the way we live that freedom can only be found in faithfulness to His commands, and we only discover serenity and peace in relationship with Him.

Jesus Christ is risen today; He is victorious, and His victory is ours. No wonder we sing 'Alleluia! Alleluia!' May our risen Lord bless you, dear friends, with abundant peace and joy at Easter, and always.

Sincerely in Christ, Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge

Easter Blessings in Abundance today and throughout the Easter Season from the Staff of St. Bridget of Ireland.

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 95% participation and attaining our goal!**

Msgr Krempa will be at parish April 22nd through Friday April 26th saying the noon Mass on Mon., Tue., Thur. and Fri. while Fr. Paul is away.

NO MASS on Wednesday or Saturday morning this week April 24th or 27th.

FYI

April 21, 2019 Divine Mercy Said: "...the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be acts of mercy, and I demand the worship of My mercy through the solemn celebration of the Feast and through the veneration of the image which is painted. By means of this image I shall grant many graces to souls. It is to be a reminder of the demands of My mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works." (St. Faustina Diary, 742)

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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 22

Noon Mass Special Intention Carmela Rao

Tuesday April 23

Noon Mass † Fran Lee

Wednesday April 24 NO Mass

Thursday April 25

Noon Mass † Matthew Steubing

Friday April 26

Noon Mass † Raymond G. Florence Sr.

Saturday April 27

9 AM No Mass 5:30 PM Parish Family

Sunday April 28

9 AM † Mary Schneider

Prayer List

Remember the following in your prayers:

Theresa Chahtahty,
Frank & Trevor Keedy, Joy Roberson,
Matthew Lewis, Michael Boyd,
Luke Milhon, Sean Binning,
Frank Petrello, Bill Drescher,
David Odiorne, Frank Cefalu,
Ellen Kravetz, Kim Smith, Doug
Kruhm, Jim Willis, Tony Tringale,
Bob Otey and Sally & Lou Papa.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margie Petersen and Ray Borsella and keep the families in your prayers.

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.

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.

Soul-Full Community Dinner will be Thursday April 25th from 5:15-6:30 pm at Duncan Methodist Church at 210 East Main Street in Berryville sponsored by St. Bridget Of Ireland Church this month. For those helping prepare the meal, *meet Thursday morning at 10 am at Duncan Methodist church*. Questions: call Helene Hatcher at 703-606-0100.

"In Service to One, In Service to All" St Bridget Knights of Columbus Council #16938 invites all men who are Catholics in good standing and over 18 to join us for our fraternal meeting and BBQ on Tues April 23 at 7PM. Come see what we are all about. Vivat Jesu!

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

Religious Education Program

No class today, 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)

Attention 6th-8th graders! BASH! On May 11th, Over 1000 Catholic middle school kids of our diocese will be gathering for music, games, food, speakers, opportunities for confession, and a Sunday vigil Mass. Free T-Shirt! More info coming soon.

Father Paul will be making a trip to Emmitsburg on Divine Mercy Sunday April 28th with the Youth 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 email 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 Custodian needed in subject line. Janitorial experience and handyman skills are a plus.

Saint of the Week

St. Anselm:

Anselm was born of noble parents, at Aoust, England, about the year 1033. At 15, Anselm wanted to enter a monastery, but was refused acceptance because of his father's opposition. Twelve years later, after careless disinterest in religion and years of worldly living, he finally fulfilled his desire to be a monk. He entered the monastery of Bec in Normandy, was elected prior and then abbot Considered an original and independent thinker, Anselm was admired for his patience, gentleness, and teaching skill. Under his leadership, the Abbey of Bec became a monastic school, influential in philosophical and theological studies. While abbot, Anselm published his theological works, including the book Cur Deus Homo ("Why God Became Man"). Against his will, Anselm was appointed archbishop of Canterbury in 1093, at age 60. His appointment was opposed by 2 sequential kings of England, so Anselm went into voluntary exile in Rome for 10 years His care and concern extended to the very poorest people. Opposing the slave trade, Anselm obtained from the national council at Westminster the passage of a resolution prohibiting the sale of human beings. Anselm's feast day is April 21st.

Spiritual Thought

"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song."

- Pope John Paul II



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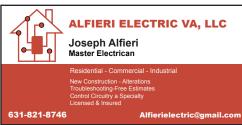
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