

# ST BRIDGET of Ireland

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

1024 W. Main St. Berryville, VA 22611

April 28, 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)

#### Eucharistic Minister / Lectors:

Chet Lewandowski 540-722-7231

#### Servers:

John Sengewalt 540-277-2948

#### 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

## Divine Mercy Sunday

From Creation, God has revealed his nature as love itself, in Sacred Scripture and most perfectly in the life, Passion, death and Resurrection of his Son, Jesus. Saints have also borne witness to God's unfathomable love, e.g., in the writings of Augustine, Aquinas, Catherine of Siena, Francis of Assisi, Margaret Mary Alacoque and Therese of Lisieux.

In his second encyclical, *Rich in Mercy*, St. Pope John Paul II offers an extended meditation on the mystery of God's mercy, which he calls "the greatest of the attributes and perfections of God" (*Dives in Misericordia*, 13). He returned to this theme throughout his pontificate:

*As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness, and fear, the Risen Lord offers His love that pardons, reconciles, and reopens hearts to love. It is a love that converts hearts and gives peace. How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy! Lord, who reveals the Father's love by Your death and Resurrection, we believe in You and confidently repeat to You today: Jesus, I trust in You, have mercy upon us and upon the whole world.*

St. John Paul II, Regina Caeli message prepared for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3, 2005

*What is mercy if not the boundless love of God, who confronted with human sin, restrains the sentiment of severe justice and, allowing Himself to be moved by the wretchedness of His creatures, spurs Himself to the total gift of self, in the Son's cross...?*

*Who can say that he is free from sin and does not need God's mercy? As people of this restless time of ours, wavering between the emptiness of self-exaltation and the humiliation of despair, we have a greater need than ever for a regenerating experience of mercy.*

St. John Paul II, Regina Caeli message, April 10, 1994  
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI has called John Paul "a great apostle of Divine Mercy" and echoed his predecessor's thoughts:

*In our time, humanity needs a strong proclamation and witness of God's mercy. Beloved John Paul II, a great apostle of Divine Mercy, prophetically intuited this urgent pastoral need. He dedicated his second Encyclical to it and throughout his pontificate made himself a missionary of God's love to all peoples.*

## 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!**

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

**NO Mass** on Monday April 29th as there is a Deanery meeting with the priests.

**May 3rd is First Friday** with Mass & Rosary at noon then Eucharistic Adoration from 1-6:30 with benediction concluding at 7. Confession during Eucharistic Adoration. Please sign up to spend a little time with the Lord during the Easter season.

## Mass Times & Intentions

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

### Monday, April 29

No Mass

### Tuesday April 30

Noon Mass Special Intention  
Elenore Florence

### Wednesday May 1

9 AM Mass Special Intention  
Mary Jo Fehr

### Thursday May 2

Noon Mass † Robert J. Donovan Sr.

### Friday May 3

Noon Mass Special Intention  
Carmela Rao

### Saturday May 4

9 AM Special Intention  
Rachel Piescik  
5:30 PM † Cory Waite

### Sunday May 5

9 AM Parish Family

## 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,  
Frank Petrello, Bill Drescher,  
David Odiorne, Frank Cefalu,  
Kim Smith, Doug Kruhm, Jim Willis,  
Tony Tringale, Bob Otey, Jenna Morell,  
Sally & Lou Papa and Ray Borsella.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margie Petersen and for her family.

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.

## GREETINGS

**Congratulations** to the newest members of our parish through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults at the Easter Vigil on April 21; James Brock, Cletus Black, Alyssa Lutz & Greg Morell.

## 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](mailto:women@stbridgetberryville.org).

**April 28, 2019 Divine Mercy Said:** "I have eternity for punishing, and so I am prolonging the time of mercy for the sake of sinners. But woe to them if they do not recognize this time of My visitation. My daughter, secretary of My mercy, your duty is not only to write about and proclaim My mercy, but also to beg for this grace for them, so that they too may glorify My mercy." (St. Faustina Diary, 1160)

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**Join us today** Divine Mercy Sunday April 28 from **3:00 PM to 4:00 PM** in the parish hall to discuss Chapter 7 of the ongoing 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.

**Thank you** to everyone that made the Soul-Full Community Dinner on April 25th a wonderful event for the community of churches in Berryville.

## Religious Education Program

**Last class** will be May 5th.

**First-year** Confirmation retreat May 11th **Second-year** Confirmation retreat June 6th

**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 AM 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)

**Young Adults 18-35+** Today Sunday April 28 at 4PM, join Father Paul and other Catholic young adults for an outing to Emmitsburg for Holy Hour on Divine Mercy Sunday. The Basilica of Mother Seton, our first All American Saint, is in Emmitsburg. Father Paul will give us an introduction to the Liturgy of the Hours. We will have an AYCE feast on the way home. Contact us at [OYM@StBridgetBerryville.org](mailto:OYM@StBridgetBerryville.org) to reserve your place!

**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! Help us meet our goal of enough attendance to get a bus.

## 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](mailto:office@stbridgetberryville.org) and place Custodian needed in subject line. Janitorial experience and handyman skills are a plus.

## Saint of the Week

### St. Gianna Beretta Molla:

Gianna was born in Magenta near Milano, the 10th of Alberto and Maria Beretta's 13 children. An active member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and a leader in the Catholic Action movement, Gianna also enjoyed skiing and mountain climbing. She earned degrees in medicine and surgery from the University of Pavia, eventually specializing in pediatrics. In 1952, Gianna opened a clinic in the small town of Mesero, where she met engineer Pietro Molla. Shortly before their 1955 marriage, Gianna wrote to Pietro: "Love is the most beautiful sentiment that the Lord has put into the soul of men and women." In the next four years the Mollas had three children: Pierluigi, Mariolina, and Laura. Two pregnancies following ended in miscarriage. Early in her sixth pregnancy, doctors discovered that Gianna had both a child and a tumor in her uterus. She allowed the surgeons to remove the tumor but not to perform the complete hysterectomy that they recommended, which would have killed the child. Seven months later in April 1962, Gianna Emanuela Molla was born at the hospital in Monza, but post-operative complications resulted in an infection for her mother. The following week, Gianna Molla died at home in Mesero, where she was buried. Gianna Emanuela went on to become a physician herself. Gianna Beretta Molla was beatified in 1994 and canonized 10 years later. Her Feast Day is April 28th.

## Spiritual Thought

"God doesn't require us to succeed; he only requires that you try."

- Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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