

ST BRIDGET of Ireland

CATHOLIC CHURCH

1024 W. Main St. Berryville, VA 22611

May 19, 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:

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

Music Ministry:

Stacy Sefton Music@stbridgetberryville.org

Organist:

Jenny Sorenson jtsorenson@comcast.net

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Chet Lewandowski 540-722-7231

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Becky Jackson 540-955-1715

Ushers:

Jim Willis sargewillis@yahoo.com

Men's Club:

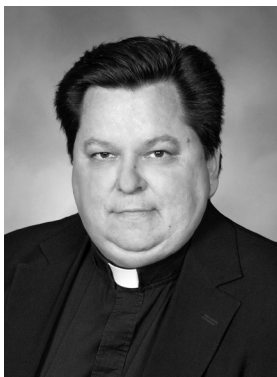
Meets the last Saturday each month
8 AM, in Hobert Hall (7:30 Breakfast).
Dick Drake men@stbridgetberryville.org

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

"For a long time, Jesus and little Therese had gazed at each other and they understood each other. On that day it was no longer a matter of gazing: it was a union. ... Heaven dwelt in my soul."

Such was the way St. Therese of Lisieux spoke of her first Holy Communion in her spiritual autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*. I can't exactly say I had a similar mystical experience on the day I made my first Holy Communion. In fact, I really can't remember that day at all.

That's why I look forward to celebrating this moment each year with our second graders.

Having read the writings of the saints, who speak so beautifully about the graces we receive in each Holy Communion we receive; after reflecting on what the Scriptures say about the Eucharist, I like to think I have a deeper love and appreciation for the most Blessed Sacrament, an appreciation that perhaps was not there when I was younger. Helping our children prepare for their first Holy Communion helps keep that sense of wonder alive for me.

In receiving the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ, we truly do receive the Bread that comes down from Heaven. Heaven dwells in us, as Therese so beautifully stated.

The Eucharist deepens our relationship with Christ, who becomes one with us, but also with the Trinity as a whole. Where one Person is present, all Persons are present. St. John Damascene writes that we call it "Communion" because yes, we are united with Christ; but because Christ unites all of the members of his mystical body, both on earth and in heaven, it is also communion with all those who have gone before us.

I personally want to thank the catechists (Mrs. Beth Shoemaker assisted by Jacob Lewis & Kathryn Shoemaker and Ms. Jessica Alfaro) who have worked so hard to prepare our children. The most important teachers our children have, however, are mom and dad. I pray that this will be a grace filled time for you, as well. I invite you to reflect as well on the great graces that come from the moment of Holy Communion, and in doing so, I pray that you will instill a desire in your child for all that Our Lord desires to give them.

Congratulations to Damon Barr, Adelyn Bosworth, Jolene Bosworth, Peyton Cox, Abram Doyle-Naegeli, Meghan Duley, Andrew Flynn, Brycen Garber, Austin Grubb, Kendall Levi, Trinity Ludtke, Margaret Myer, Tiarnan O'Shaughnessy, Maxwell Scheulen, Morgan Smith, Kelly Tate, Aurora West, MacKenna Zaborowski, and Noelle Zaborowski for receiving your first Holy Communion today.

*In Our Lord,
Father Paul Grankauskas*

FYI

Fr. Paul will be on retreat May 20 - 24th and Msgr. Krempa will be saying the Mass Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday this week. **No Mass on Wednesday.**

Tour of Ireland trip Oct. 15 – 23, 2019 with Father Paul, please pick up application in narthex and sign up now, trip will soon fill.

Big Yard Sale: The St. Bridget of Ireland Women's Group is sponsoring the Big Yard Sale June 8th from 8 AM - 3 PM Look for bulletin inserts and sign up sheets in the narthex.

Mass Times & Intentions

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

Monday, May 20

Noon Mass Mother's Day novena

Tuesday May 21

Noon Mass Mother's Day novena

Wednesday May 22

No Mass

Thursday May 23

Noon Mass † Paul F. Donovan

Friday May 24

Noon Mass † Richard Kobetz

Saturday May 25

9 AM † Patricia Clarke

5:30 PM † Cory Waite

Sunday May 26

9 AM † Clarence Buxton

PRAYER LIST

*Remember the following
in your prayers:*

Nellie Sweeten, Stacy Aubin,
Steve Stevens, Frank & Trevor Keedy,
Matthew Lewis, Michael Boyd,
Luke Milhon, Sean Binning,
Mike Malucci, Bill Drescher,
David Odiorne, Frank Cefalu,
Doug Kruhm, Jim Willis,
Tony Tringale, Bob Otey,
Sally & Lou Papa

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! Contact M.K. Batka at women@stbridgetberryville.org.

May 19, 2019 Divine Mercy Said: "In the Host is your power; It will defend you." (St. Faustina Diary, 616) "But I want to tell you that eternal life must begin already here on earth through Holy Communion. Each Holy Communion makes you more capable of communing with God throughout eternity." (St. Faustina Diary, 1811)

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The Second Greatest Story Ever Told Join us, **today**, at 4:00 PM in the parish hall to discuss Chapter 9 of the ongoing study and discussion series, Divine Mercy: The Second Greatest Story Ever Told and the Augustine Institute's DVD film series March 1- June 2, 2019.

St. Bridget Parish Picnic. Come one, come all! It will be a great, social event, so don't miss it. **Saturday, June 1, 2019 Noon - 4:00 PM** Chet Hobert Park at the Kiwanis Shelter. Hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, and all paper products will be provided. Please bring a dish to share, as well as your own beverages. You may want extra chairs, and hopefully we will need sunscreen!

Flag Football Camp The Catholic community in Front Royal is hosting flag football camps for boys 5-16. Pick up a flyer in the narthex for more information.

Religious Education Program

2nd-Year Confirmation retreat June 6th

Registration material for the 2019-20 school will be sent out in late June.

Vacation Bible School: June 24th – 28th We will meet each morning from 9:30 to noon and everyone aged 4 to 12 is welcome. Lots of opportunity to volunteer as well.

Office of Youth Ministry (OYM)

Middle & High School Teens and Parents: The OYM team is working hard on an exciting and fulfilling summer program for YOU! Please contact us if you have any ideas for events or programs that you would like to see here at St. Bridget. Without your input, we can only guess. Email the contact info on front cover or call the rectory office and leave a message for the OYM team.

Young Adults: St Bridget Young Adults has had our first outing and we are planning for a fun summer. Contact the OYM to get on our email list.

Help Needed

Part-Time Receptionist: Help wanted at Human Life International, Front Royal, for a part-time receptionist. If interested, contact Karen at (540) 635-7884.

Ride desired Parishioner in need of a ride from Shenandoah Retreat to weekend Mass and occasional weekday Masses. Please contact the rectory if you are interested in helping out.

Part-time custodian STILL 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

Ivo of Chartres:

Ivo was born into a noble family about 1040. He first studied in Paris, and then at the Abbey of Bee in Normandy, at the same time as St. Anselm. In 1080 he became, at the desire of his bishop, prior of the canons of St-Quentin at Beauvais. He was then one of the best teachers in France. He was appointed bishop in 1090, his predecessor, Geoffroy, having been deposed for simony. His episcopal government, at first opposed by the tenants of Geoffroy, ranged over a period of twenty-five years. Ivo appears as a man always faithful to his duties, high-minded, full of zeal and piety, sound in his judgments, a keen jurist, straight-forward, mindful of others' rights, devoted to the papacy and to his country, at the same time openly disapproving of what he considered wrong. As bishop he strongly opposed Philip the First, who wished to desert Bertha, his legitimate wife, and marry Bertrade of Anjou (1092); his opposition gained him a prison cell. Though he died too early to witness the final triumph of his ideas with the Concordat of Worms (1122), his endeavors and his doctrines may be said to have paved the way for an agreement satisfactory to both sides. Ivo died in 1116. His feast day is May 20.

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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