

# ST BRIDGET of Ireland

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

1024 W. Main St. Berryville, VA 22611

May 5, 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:

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[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:

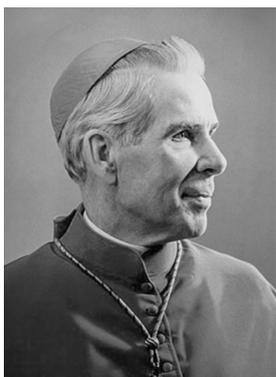
Meets the last Saturday each month  
8 AM, in Hobert Hall (7:30 Breakfast).  
Dick Drake [men@stbridgetberryville.org](mailto:men@stbridgetberryville.org)

#### 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



## Words of Wisdom

The Incarnation of Our Blessed Lord was announced to a Virgin – Mary Immaculate. But His Resurrection was announced to a converted sinner – Mary Magdelene. And both were fitting. Only purity and sinlessness could welcome the all holy Son of God into the world, and hence Mary Immaculate welcomed Him in the city of Bethlehem. But only a repentant sinner who had herself risen from the grave of sin to the newness of life in God could fittingly understand the triumph over sin. Hence not the Virgin Mary, but to Mary Magdelene, are the glad tidings of

the Resurrection first announced. In this contrast is hidden the great truth of Easter Day: the Resurrection is for sinners. It is the final and absolute proof that Our Lord has come not “to call the just, but sinners.”

From that Easter Day on let no one believe he is beyond Redemption. There is nothing too far gone for salvation; there are no hopeless cases; there are no lost sheep that cannot be found; no lost coins that cannot be recovered to rejoice the finder and her neighbors; no prodigals beyond the hope of the embrace of the Father and the banquet of the fatted calf. If ever a cause in the world seemed lost, it was Good Friday night when the Redeemer was sealed in a rock with hideous wounds on hands and feet and side – and yet within three days, defeat became triumph.

If you could have seen Him standing before the Judgment seat of Pilate, forsaken, betrayed, beaten and alone; if you could have heard the mob scream “Crucify,” and watched Pilate hold up his hands in the morning sun, with water dripping from them like glittering jewels; if you could have seen that strong, powerful young man of thirty-three years suffer crucifixion – never for a moment would you have supposed that Pilate was the one who was really judged, that the victorious mob was the one which really lost the day, and that the hands that were nailed would one day bless the world. And yet such is the lesson of Easter Day – the Resurrection of the Dead, the Triumph of the Defeated, the Finding of the Lost; the springtime of the dead earth, the waking of life, the Trumpet of Resurrection blowing over the land of the living. Now, why cannot Easter happen again since Christ is risen? Cannot the hopeless once more have hope? Cannot Magdelene once more be forgiven? Cannot the prospect of Death be converted into Life? Apply this lesson of hope firstly to the modern world and secondly to your own personal lives.

What is true of a despairing world is true of the individuals in it. This earth of ours today is filled with men who have lost their way; with souls whose sins have been psychoanalyzed a thousand times, but never forgiven once; with bodies that have been embittered by pain and never sweetened by the vision of a cross; with hearts that have pursued a thousand fancies, only to be utterly disillusioned in the end; with the poor who thought riches would give them peace of mind; with the despairing who thought drink could make them forget.

But to all these souls, the Easter message rings out: there is no reason for despair. The Resurrection was announced to Mary Magdelene – a soul once like our own. Peace awaits you in the service of the God who made you; certitude awaits you in infallibility; redemption awaits you in the Mass; pardon beckons you in the confessional; Love desires you in the Eucharist.

As so in conclusion, the thought I would give to you is that no matter how hopeless things seem to be, there is still hope, for Christ is the Resurrection and the life. He that can make snowflakes out of dirty drops of water, diamonds out of charcoal, and saints out of Magdelenes, can also make you victorious if you but confess His as Christ the Son of the Living God.

- Venerable Fulton Sheen

## Mass Times & Intentions

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

### Monday, May 6

Noon Mass Special Intention  
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Cox

Rose Hill 1:30: † Parker Nielsen

### Tuesday May 7

No Mass

### Wednesday May 8

No Mass

### Thursday May 9

Noon Mass + Helen Pettenati

### Friday May 10

Noon Mass † Jeanne Gant

### Saturday May 11

9 AM Mother's Day novena  
5:30 PM Mother's Day novena

### Sunday May 12

9 AM Parish Family

## Prayer List

Remember the following in your prayers:

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

Please pray for the repose of the soul  
of Margie Petersen and Ray Borsella  
and for their families.

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.

## 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 97% participation and attaining our goal!***

## FYI

**NO MASS** on Tuesday or Wednesday this week, Fr. Paul at Priest Convocation.

**St. Bridget of Ireland Women's Group** will be meeting **Tuesday May 7th at NOON** since there is no noon mass for their monthly meeting and luncheon. All are welcome and it will be busy in May and June in preparation for election of new officers and the Big Yard Sale event in June.

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

**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).

**May 5, 2019 Divine Mercy Said:** "Already there are many souls who have been drawn to My love by this Image. My mercy acts in souls through this work." (St. Faustina Diary, 1379) "I am very pleased that you had not been talking with Me, but were making My goodness known to souls and rousing them to love Me." (St. Faustina Diary, 404)

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**Join us today** at 4:00 PM in the Hobbert Hall. We will discuss Chapter 8 of Father Gaitley's book **The Second Greatest Story Ever Told** and the Augustine Institute's DVD film series March 10-June 2, 2019. Remember, there is no meeting on Mother's Day, Sunday May 12, 2019. We will meet again on Sunday May 19, 2019 to discuss chapter 9.

## 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! Help us meet our goal of enough attendance to get a bus. We will leave St. Bridget about 2PM. 6th & 8th graders should contact the OYM and 7th graders should contact Mr. Sengewalt. Details of BASH at this website <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/youth-ministry/bash>

## 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.

## Spiritual Thought

"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."  
- St. Teresa of Calcutta

## Religious Education Program

**Last class** is today, May 5th.

**1st -year** Confirmation retreat May 11th

**2nd-year** Confirmation retreat June 6th

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

**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.

## Saint of the Week

### St. John of Beverley:

John was born at Harpham, Yorkshire, England. He studied under Adrian at St. Theodore's School in Kent, and on his return to his native land, became a Benedictine monk at Whitby. He was named bishop of Hexham in 687, where he won renown as a preacher, displayed marked erudition in expounding Scripture, and taught amongst other subjects. John was then transferred to York as metropolitan in 705, succeeding St. Bosa. John was known for his holiness, his preference for the contemplative life, and his miracles, many of which are recounted in Bede's Ecclesiastical History, the author of which he had ordained. In ill health, John resigned the bishopric of York in 717 and retired to Beverley Abbey, which he had founded, and remained there until his death on May 7, 721. His shrine was for centuries one of the most popular pilgrim centers in England. He was canonized by Pope Benedict IX in 1037. John's feast day is May 7.

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