

# ST BRIDGET of Ireland

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

1024 W. Main St. Berryville, VA 22611

July 21, 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.

**Faith Direct:** [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net)

### 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:

[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)

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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)

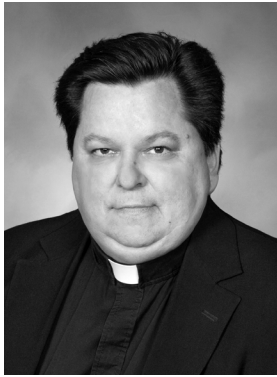
#### Women's Group:

Meets 1st Tues. each month after noon mass  
Except for July and August  
Christi McMullen  
[women@stbridgetberryville.org](mailto:women@stbridgetberryville.org)

**St. Bridget's Bulletin** Deadline Noon Monday

[bulletin@stbridgetberryville.org](mailto:bulletin@stbridgetberryville.org)

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## PASTOR'S WORDS

I'm sure we have all seen this. Perhaps we have even had someone do this to us.

You go to a restaurant. You see two people sitting at a table. They are not looking at each other, but at their cellphones. Rather than being present to each other, they are more interested in things elsewhere.

If you've been on the receiving end of this, you know how annoying this is. You can't help but feel that you are coming in second to something or someone else.

What if our prayer life looked the same way?

Our lives can be so full of activity that we find ourselves frequently multitasking, trying to do many things at once. Making time for prayer can fall into that category: I pray when I'm cutting the grass, I pray when I'm on the road, I pray when I'm doing this or that.

Don't get me wrong. If we're meant to pray always, then raising our minds and hearts to God at all those different times brings our human activities into the realm of the divine. Prayer can sanctify our daily duties, making them times when we glorify God.

However, is that the only way I pray? Do I seek times of greater intimacy with Jesus, when I can give him my full attention? If conversations between husbands and wives were always mere rundowns of what one was doing that day; if they were always quick, cursory things that require little effort or substance, how would they grow in their knowledge of each other? How would they get to know each other more intimately? Sharing deep, personal things does not happen on the fly. It only happens when two people are focused on each other.

Quiet time for prayer – quiet time for praying the rosary, reading the Scriptures, for spiritual reading – are essential for us. The quiet time is essential not only for speaking, but also for letting the Lord teach us. Silence – being alone with Jesus and praying with him – allows us to be more present to him, to learn from him. Silence is not a luxury in prayer, but a necessity. How else can we be completely filled with him?

This is why Jesus tells Martha that Mary has chosen "the better part." While the Savior of the world is in her home, while the Lord of heaven and earth has chosen to visit her, she puts all things aside to listen to him and learn from him. Are we willing to give him our all, or is he just one thing among many in my life?

*In Our Lord,  
Father Paul Grankauskas*

## FYI

**A Funeral Mass** will be held at St. Bridget of Ireland for Eileen and Vernon Mann on Monday July 22 at 9 am before burial at Sacred Heart cemetery. The Manns were long time parishioners so please try to attend this mass as there will be no reception.

**Mass on Friday July 26** has been moved to 9am so Fr. Paul can join the youth on Kings Dominion trip.

**A FEW Spaces still available for the Tour of Ireland trip Oct. 15 – 23, 2019** with Fr. Paul. Please pick up application in narthex and sign up now, **only 4 seats remaining.**

**Faith Direct** is easy to use and directions can be found by visiting this website [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net). Our parish code is **VA605** or call **866-507-8757 (toll free)** for more information.

## Mass Times & Intentions

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

### Monday July 22

9 AM Mass † Eileen & Vernon Mann  
Funeral  
Noon Mass Special Intention  
Ellen Kravetz

### Tuesday July 23

Noon Mass † Margie Peterson

### Wednesday July 24

9 AM Special Intention  
Fr. Sean Koehr

### Thursday July 25

Noon Mass Special Intention  
Michele Moore

### Friday July 26

\*9 AM Mass † Gregory Izzo

### Saturday July 27

9 AM † Paul Rosia  
5:30 PM Parish Family

### Sunday July 28

9 AM † Mary Schneider

## PRAYER LIST

*Remember the following in your prayers:*

Richard Banzinger, Becky Jackson, Gayle Keenan, Jerome Simandle, Fred Curtis, Katie Noland, Sam Adams, Bob Lewis, Josephine Vesey, Matthew Lewis, Michael Boyd, Frank Cefalu, Doug Kruhm, Jim Willis, Tony Tringale, Ellen Kravetz, Eileen Murray, Terry Lehman, Lisa Schaefer-Phillips and her unborn twins

Please pray for the repose of the souls of David Odiorne, Dale O'Connor and Eileen & Vernon Mann

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.

**Backpack Ministry:** Donations of tuna or Chef Boyardee are greatly appreciated and continue into the summer months. We are helping to pack backpacks of food for 38 children in CCPS. Put donations in tubs in the Narthex. Thanks for your generosity! Any questions, please email M.K. Batka women@stbridgetberryville.org.

**July 21, 2019 Divine Mercy Said:** "My daughter, know that My Heart is mercy itself. From this sea of mercy, graces flow out upon the whole world. No soul that has approached Me has ever gone away unconsolated. All misery gets buried in the depths of My mercy, and every saving and sanctifying grace flows from this fountain. My daughter, I desire that your heart be an abiding place of My mercy. I desire that this mercy flow out upon the whole world through your heart. Let no one who approaches you go away without that trust in My mercy which I so ardently desire for souls." (St. Faustina Diary, 1777)

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**Veritas Young Adults Group:** The Young Adults of St. Bridget are sponsoring one more event in July: to serve as chaperones on the Arlington Diocese Youth Kings Dominion Day trip on July 26th (Virtus compliant required). See Flyer in the narthex for more information.

**Advertising:** If you are interested in advertising your business to the parish please contact the Rectory 540-277-2943.

**St. Bridget Choir:** Just a reminder the St. Bridget's choir will be taking their summer break. Practice will resume in September.

## Religious Education Program

**Registration material** for the 2019-20 school year has been emailed. If you didn't receive yours, please see the website or the table in the narthex for the forms.

**Confirmation paperwork** is due July 31st for those being confirmed this Fall.

## Office of Youth Ministry (OYM)

**Arlington Diocese Kings Dominion Day! Save the date! Friday July 26, 2019.** Join hundreds of diocesan youth and young adults for a fun day beginning with Mass. Discount tickets will be available. Middle & high school students are invited, younger children can attend if accompanied by a parent. How loud will Father Paul scream on the new Twisted Timbers roller coaster? Come and find out! Contact the OYM for more information.

**Mass at the St. Dominic's Monastery:** The Youth have been invited to Mass at the St. Dominic's Monastery in Linden, VA. We will be going on July 28th for 11AM Mass. Come and learn about monastic life and personally thank these wonderful nuns for spending their lives in prayer on our behalf. <http://lindenopnuns.org/> Contact the OYM for more information and to sign up!

## 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 Needed:** Parishioner living in Shenandoah Retreat is now in *real need* of a few rides to appointments in Berryville and to weekend Mass. Please contact the rectory if you are interested in helping out.

## Spiritual Thought

"If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway."

- Found written on the wall in Mother Teresa's home for children in Calcutta

## Saint of the Week

### St. Bridget of Sweden:

Birgitta was the daughter of a Swedish Lagman, Birger Petersson and his wife, Ingeborg, who was a member of the same clan as the reigning family. Birgitta's family was pious; her father went to Confession every Friday and made long and arduous pilgrimages as far away as the Holy Land. Birgitta's mother died, leaving Birgitta, ten years old, Katharine, nine and a newborn baby boy, Israel. The children were sent to their maternal aunt for further education and care. From age 7 on, Bridget had visions of Christ crucified. Her visions formed the basis for her activity –always with the emphasis on charity rather than spiritual favors.

She lived her married life in the court of the Swedish king Magnus II. Mother of eight children – the second eldest was Saint Catherine of Sweden – Bridget lived the strict life of a penitent after her husband's death. Bridget constantly strove to exert her good influence over Magnus; while never fully reforming, he did give her land and buildings to found a monastery for men and women. This group eventually expanded into an Order known as the Bridgetines. In 1350, a year of jubilee, Bridget braved a plague-stricken Europe to make a pilgrimage to Rome. Although she never returned to Sweden, her years in Rome were far from happy, being hounded by debts and by opposition to her work against Church abuses. A final pilgrimage to the Holy Land, marred by shipwreck and the death of her son, Charles, eventually led to her death in 1373. In 1999, Bridget, Saints Catherine of Siena and Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, were named co-patronesses of Europe. Bridget's feast day is July 23.

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