

ST BRIDGET OF IRELAND

CATHOLIC CHURCH

1024 W. Main St. Berryville, VA 22611

July 14, 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

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:

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office@stbridgetberryville.org
Hours: Mon-Fri 9 AM - 4 PM (closed 12-1 PM)

Religious Education:

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Knights of Columbus:

knights@stbridgetberryville.org
Bus. meeting 2nd Tue 7 PM Hobert Hall

Office of Youth Ministry:

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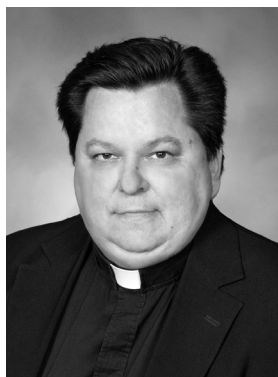
Men's Club:

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
Except for July and August
Christi McMullen
women@stbridgetberryville.org

St. Bridget's Bulletin Deadline Noon Monday
bulletin@stbridgetberryville.org
Ruth Hayes 540-277-2943



PASTOR'S WORDS

This weekend we hear the familiar parable of the Good Samaritan. Because of its familiarity, it may be easy to miss some of the real power of the parable's message.

The story of the Good Samaritan begins with someone asking Jesus a question: "Who is my neighbor?" we are told that the one asking the question wants to "justify himself." He wants Our Lord to validate what he is already thinking and feeling about loving his neighbor. In his heart, he may be thinking there are those deserving of his love and help and those who are not. The parable is meant to challenge that.

The priest and Levite who walk by the "dead" body would not have thought they were doing anything wrong. The Mosaic Law would have agreed. They were on their way to Jerusalem to minister in the Temple. They would have been considered ritually unclean if they had come in contact with the body. They would not, then, be able to minister in the Temple. Time and again, Jesus would remind the Pharisees especially that God desires mercy not sacrifice.

Samaritans and Jews did not get along with each other. They hated each other. It was a hatred going back centuries. The Samaritan would probably have been taught to hate the man. But, when he sees the man lying half dead, he doesn't see an enemy. He simply sees someone who needs his help. He even goes out of his way to provide extra help. He doesn't just abandon the man in an inn. He says he'll come back. This probably would have been a radical challenge to the one who sought to justify himself: charity knows no bounds.

We are taught that we are to pray for those who hate us. Talk about radical charity. We want to hate the people who hate us. We feel justified in hating them because they hate and hurt us. Yet, God desires that all of us be saved through His Son. It pains Him to see such souls go astray. To pray that someone we hate may one day repent so God can show them mercy is to have the mind and heart of our Heavenly Father. That's why we do it.

We cannot do works of charity simply because I want to feel good about myself. That's still self-love. We do works of charity simply because we know it's the good and right thing to do. We do them simply because someone needs our help.

*In Our Lord,
Father Paul Grankauskas*

FYI

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.**

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 14, 2019 Divine Mercy Said: "Now you shall consider My love in the Blessed Sacrament. Here I am entirely yours, soul, body and divinity, as your Bridegroom. You know what love demands: one thing only, reciprocity..." (St. Faustina Diary, 1770)

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Mass Times & Intentions

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

Monday July 15

Noon Mass † Thomas F. McCall

Tuesday July 16

Noon Mass Special Intention
Carmela Rao

Wednesday July 17

9 AM Special Intention
Will Nyce

Thursday July 18

Noon Mass † Matt Steubing

Friday July 19

Noon Mass † Julius Lee

Saturday July 20

9 AM † Chuck Hayes
11 AM Funeral † David Odiorne
5:30 PM Parish Family

Sunday July 21

9 AM † Mary Schneider

Prayer List

*Remember the following
in your prayers:*

Gail Keenan, Jerome Simamzle, 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 soul of David Odiorne.

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.

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

Knights of Columbus: Installation of our new officers will be held after the 5:30 Mass on Saturday, July 20. A meet and greet with light refreshments will be held immediately after installation. Please join us. See www.KofCBerryville.org for more information.

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.

On Vacation? You don't have to miss service just because you are away from home. Go to <https://masstimes.org> to locate a Mass service near you.

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.

Blandy Arboretum Rosary Walk for Teens: Will be held *today* Sunday July 14th. We will leave St. Bridget after the 9AM Mass (and donuts) and return in the early afternoon. Bring your rosary and a bagged lunch. Don't remember how to pray the Rosary? No problem. We will teach you! 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.

Saint of the Week

St. Bonaventure:

John di Fidanza was born at Bagnoregio, Italy, in 1221. He reportedly received the name of Bonaventure in consequence of an exclamation of St. Francis of Assisi, when, in response to the pleading of the child's mother, the saint prayed for John's recovery from a dangerous illness, and, foreseeing the future greatness of the little John, cried out "O Buona ventura"- O good fortune! At the age of twenty-two Bonaventure entered the Franciscan Order. Having made his vows, he was sent to Paris to complete his studies. In Paris, he became the intimate friend of the great Thomas Aquinas. He received the degree of Doctor, together with Thomas Aquinas. Like Thomas, he enjoyed the friendship of the holy King, St. Louis. At the age of thirty-five he was chosen General of his Order and restored a perfect calm where peace had been disturbed by internal dissensions. He did much for his Order and composed The Life of St. Francis. He also assisted at the translation of the relics of St. Anthony of Padua.

Bonaventure was nominated Archbishop of York by Pope Clement IV, but he begged not to be forced to accept that dignity. Gregory X obliged him to take upon himself a greater one, that of Cardinal and Bishop of Albano, one of the six suffragan Sees of Rome. Before his death he abdicated his office of General of the Franciscan Order. He died while he was assisting at the Second Council of Lyons, on July 15, 1274. Bonaventure's feast day is July 15.

Spiritual Thought

"If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway."

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

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