

# ST BRIDGET of Ireland

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

1024 W. Main St. Berryville, VA 22611

August 11, 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)

#### 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  
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)  
Ruth Hayes 540-277-2943



## PASTOR'S WORDS

This past Wednesday, I took Father Gaudfrey, our visiting missionary from Tanzania, to the Shrine Grotto of Lourdes and the Shrine of Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg.

No matter how many times I have been to the latter, I always come away deeply impressed by the holy life of Mother Seton and with something new to ponder.

In this week's Gospel reading, Our Lord tells us, "Where your treasure is, there your heart also will be." These words invite us to ask a few simple questions: What is my greatest desire? What am I working for? What am

I longing for more than anything else?

For Mother Seton, the answer was simple: heaven. Elizabeth Seton's mother died when her daughter was only three of four years old. Mother Seton's father was a surgeon and often called away to work. It is said that even in such sadness and loneliness, the young Elizabeth thought not of earthly loss, but heavenly gain. She knew she had a Father in heaven.

Mother Seton's life was full of struggle and loss. She married William Seton, heir to a shipping company. They had five children together. She saw this as a very happy time in her life. Then her husband's company went bankrupt and he started showing signs of tuberculosis. During a trip to Italy, which they had hoped would be restorative to his health, he died while they were in quarantine.

In Italy, she met a Catholic family – business associates of her husband – and learned about Christ's presence in the Eucharist. Elizabeth -- Episcopalian by birth -- began wrestling with the idea of entering the Catholic Church. Her final decision caused great division among her relatives and friends in New York. So much so that when she tried to start a school, she was met with great opposition. No one wanted the "deluded" Elizabeth Seton to convert their children. Apparently, she did not always have the best business partners, either. Given the circumstances, her efforts failed. She was poor and widowed, trying to provide for her five children.

Long story short, she was eventually invited to Baltimore and then to Emmitsburg, where she finally realized her dream of opening a school. Even then, life was not easy. Two of her daughters died when they were teenagers, victims of tuberculosis. Two of her closest sisters-in-law also died of the disease.

Elizabeth Seton, herself, died of tuberculosis. The bed where she lay dying was near the chapel, set up so that she could see the tabernacle. Despite all that she experienced in life she never lost her devotion to the Eucharist. Her dying words to her sisters: "Be children of the church. Be children of the church." Despite all that she experienced in life, she never lost faith. Her husband and father were not religious men, but even they had a great respect for Elizabeth's burning faith.

When we read the lives of the saints – especially someone like St. Padre Pio – we often hear stories of miracles surrounding the life of that saint. Their lives seem so extraordinary that they seem unreal. God gives us those saints to show forth His power and love. But He also gives us saints like Mother Seton. I don't recall hearing any stories about miracles attributed to her in her lifetime, though there are miracles attributed to her following her death. These are what opened the way to her canonization.

All that Mother Seton had in life was a desire for and determination to be in heaven. Her life of charity was the fruit of her great love of God. These she kept through a lifetime of struggle and hard work. What is it we desire more than anything? What do we see as the goal of our lives? For where our treasure is, there is our heart.

*In Our Lord,  
Fr. Paul Grankauskas*

## Diocesan News & Events

**Celebrating A Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary This Year?** Were you married in 1969 or 1994? Then join Bishop Michael F. Burbidge for the 2019 Mass for Jubilarians to be celebrated on Sunday, October 13th at 2:30 PM at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington, VA. Contact the parish office to register no later than **September 30th**. For more info, visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM).

## Mass Times & Intentions

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

### Monday August 12

Noon Mass

### Tuesday August 13

Noon Mass Special Intention  
Bryan Correa

### Wednesday August 14

9 AM † Margie Dillon Petersen

### Thursday August 15

Noon Mass Special Intention  
Peter McShurly  
7 PM Special Intention  
Becky Jackson

### Friday August 16

Noon Mass † Richard Kobetz

### Saturday August 17

9 AM † Margie Dillon Petersen  
5:30 PM Parish Family

### Sunday August 18

9 AM † Raymond Gristko

## PRAYER LIST

*Remember the following in your prayers:*

John Caroselli, Mark Tate,  
Maryanne Jackson, Becky Jackson,  
Gayle Keenan, Fred Curtis,  
Katie Noland, Bob Lewis,  
Matthew Lewis, Michael Boyd,  
Frank Cefalu, Jim Willis, Tony Tringale,  
Ellen Kravetz, Eileen Murray,  
Terry Lehman, Lisa Schaefer-Phillips  
and her unborn twins

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.



## FYI

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** Thursday August 15 is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a holy day of obligation. Mass will be at noon and 7 PM.

**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.

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

**August 11, 2019 Divine Mercy Said:** "My daughter, what I demand from you is prayer, prayer, and once again prayer for the world and especially for your country. For nine days receive Holy Communion in atonement and unite yourself closely to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. During these nine days you will stand before God as an offering; always and everywhere, at all times and places, day or night, whenever you wake up, pray in the spirit. In spirit, one can always remain in prayer." (St. Faustina Diary, 325)"

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**Veritas Young Adults Group:** The Young Adults of Saint Bridget are sponsoring three events in August: Noon Mass at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in D.C. today, August 11th, Clarke County Fair on August 16th, and Hiking at Harpers Ferry on August 24th. See Flyer in the narthex for more information or email us at [youngadults@stbridgetberryville.org](mailto:youngadults@stbridgetberryville.org).

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

**St. Bridget Choir:** The St. Bridget's choir are on their summer break. Practice will resume in September. If you have any interest in the choir contact the music ministry at [Music@stbridgetberryville.org](mailto:Music@stbridgetberryville.org)

## Religious Education Program

**Registration material** 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. Please register as soon as you can so that we have sufficient supplies on hand for the first class.

First class for the 2019 – 2020 school year is September 8th.

## Office of Youth Ministry (OYM)

**Calling ALL Parish Adults!** The USCCB has set these goals for Youth Ministry:

**Goal 1:** To empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today.

**Goal 2:** To draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic faith community.

**Goal 3:** To foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person.

Won't you please help us to achieve these worthy goals? Contact the OYM to volunteer.

**RALLY 2019!** The Arlington Diocese annual youth rally for 9th through 12th grades will be on Sunday October 20th. Mark your calendars NOW!

## Help Needed

**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.

**Clarke County Fair Food Booth:** St. Bridget's will be manning the food booth on Saturday, August 17th, from 6 PM until close. Please email [men@stbridgetberryville.org](mailto:men@stbridgetberryville.org) to volunteer.

## Saint of the Week St. Stephen the Great:

Stephen was born in 977 to a Hungarian duke and his wife. After conclusively defeating an alliance of rival pagan nobility, Stephen used their acquired wealth to build a monastery, and invited clergy to convert the people. Stephen established laws favoring Christianity over paganism and sent an emissary to Rome with a request for the Pope to proclaim him as king. Pope Sylvester II accepted the request, sending him a crown and a gold processional cross, while also giving Stephen certain religious privileges. Greatly devoted to the Virgin Mary, Stephen had several churches built in her honor both in Hungary and outside the kingdom. Her intercession is credited with preventing a war between Hungary and the Holy Roman Empire under Conrad II and stopping an assassination plot against Stephen himself. In 1038, Stephen died on the feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary. Stephen is the patron saint of Hungary.

His Feast day is August 15th.

## Spiritual Thought

The good you do today, will often be forgotten. Do good anyway."

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



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