

ST BRIDGET OF IRELAND

CATHOLIC CHURCH

1024 W. Main St. Berryville, VA 22611

September 1, 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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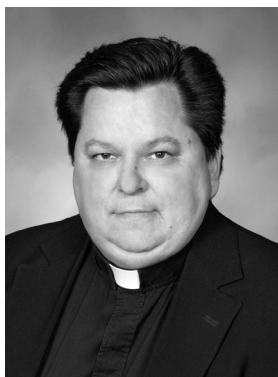
Men's Club:

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
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Ruth Hayes 540-277-2943



PASTOR'S WORDS

In this weekend's Gospel reading, Our Lord delivers a parable about humility.

Our words and our works express something about what is inside each one of us. They reveal something about the person we truly are. Thus, we can say that living a Christian life doesn't begin with what we do, but who we are. The collected wisdom of saints seems to point in one direction when it comes to this: the virtue of humility is one of the most important virtues we can strive to cultivate.

Humility is not put into practice by constantly putting ourselves down or degrading ourselves. Today that's self-flagellation. Humility involves recognizing the truth about who we are. We recognize our weaknesses, faults, and sins, but we also recognize the gifts and talents we possess. In the first case, it takes humility to accept the fact that we are not perfect. It may hurt us to acknowledge and accept that we have done something wrong, but that humility is what opens us up to receiving mercy from God and from others and can lead to healing. In the latter case, it is okay to acknowledge that we have certain gifts and talents or a certain aptitude for a particular job. Humility is what moves us to thank God for giving us these gifts and asking, for as long as we may have them, the grace to use them well.

When we cultivate this humility in ourselves, it flows outward. If I have the humility to accept my faults and failings – if I can learn to be patient with myself – can I not learn how to be patient with others in their faults and failings? If I know that many a time I have needed to be forgiven, can I not bring myself to forgive others? If I can learn to laugh at myself, do I not take away the power of the world to bring me down? Peace of soul is one of the great fruits of the virtue of humility.

Like I said, some of the greatest saints have spoken about the importance of this virtue, and I close with some nuggets worthy of contemplation and consideration:

"It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes man angels."

"Do you wish to be great? Then begin by being. Do you desire to construct a vast and lofty fabric? Think first about the virtue of humility. The higher your structure is to be, the deeper must be the foundation."

"Humility is the foundation of all the other virtues, hence in the soul in which this virtue does not exist there cannot be any other virtue except in mere appearance." -- St. Augustine

"The most powerful weapon to conquer the devil is humility. For, as he does not know at all how to employ it, neither does he know how to defend himself from it." -- St. Vincent de Paul

"It is no great thing to be humbled when you are brought low, but to be humbled when you are praised is a great and rare attainment." -- St. Bernard

"There is more virtue in a little study of humility and in a single act of it than in all the knowledge in the world." -- St. Theresa of Avila

"He who wants to learn true humility should reflect upon the Passion of Jesus." -- St. Faustina.

*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.

THIS WEEKEND The Award-Winning Student Musicians of St. Mark Catholic Church will present another special concert featuring a variety of classical, jazz, and contemporary Christian music on Sunday, September 1st at 3 PM in the church. The concert is part of a series performed by St. Mark's young musicians in support of a friend who was diagnosed with cancer. Freewill donations will benefit the Sarcoma Foundation of America. Everyone is welcome.

Mass Times & Intentions

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

Monday September 2

Noon Mass † Edward Buser

1:30 PM Rose Hill † Ethel Nelson

Tuesday September 3

Noon Mass Special Intention
Ryan Switzer

Wednesday September 4

9 AM Special Intention
Mauricio Portillo

Thursday September 5

Noon Mass Special Intention
John Paul Heisler

Friday September 6

Noon Mass † Richard Kobetz

Saturday September 7

9 AM Special Intention
Tony Bennett
5:30 PM † Cory Waite

Sunday September 8

9 AM Parish Family

PRAYER LIST

Remember the following in your prayers:

Phyllis Keene, Mary Young,
Lara Schafer, John Caroselli, Mark Tate,
Maryanne Jackson, Becky Jackson,
Gayle Keenan, Fred Curtis,
Katie Noland, Bob Lewis,
Matthew Lewis, Michael Boyd,
Jim Willis, Tony Tringale,
Eileen Murray, Terry Lehman.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mike Solma and for his family.

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

Parish Office: Will be closed on Monday September 2 for Labor Day.

September 6th is First Friday with Mass & rosary at noon then Eucharistic Adoration from 1 - 6:30 PM with benediction concluding at 7 PM. Confession during Eucharistic Adoration. Please sign up to spend time with the Lord and please include those our prayer list.

St. Bridget of Ireland Women's Group will be meeting Tuesday September 3rd after the noon Mass for their monthly meeting and luncheon. All are welcome and it will be a busy month as they plan for the fall and Christmas season.

Retreat for those Facing Serious Illness will be held October 4 - 6 PM at the San Damiano Spiritual Life Center in White Post, VA. Sponsored by Catholic Charities, and staffed by a compassionate team of physicians, nurses, priests and other volunteers, it offers a unique time of spiritual renewal and refreshment for those facing serious physical illness. Enjoy prayer times, talks by the priest directors, quiet time, the celebration of the liturgy, and ample periods of rest. There's no cost to attend. Brochures with details and registration info are available in the parish office.

Seasons of Hope is a Christ-centered, facilitated support group for the bereaved, helping us explore mourning through scripture, prayer, reflection activities and faith sharing. There are four different 6-week programs offered throughout the year, and participants may attend any of them. Our next series begins on September 10th from 6:00-8:00 PM. For more information and to register (by September 6th), please call Sacred Heart of Jesus Church's parish nurse, Reen Markland (540) 868-1447. Brochures are available in the narthex. A Christ-centered support group may be for you if any of these are true: you are looking for friends in Christ to share your journey of sorrow; you've been trying to figure out the meaning of your grief; you want to get on with life but haven't been able to; you find comfort in the teaching of Christ; you are open to new ways of coping with your grief; you don't want to feel alone anymore.

September 1, 2019 Divine Mercy Said: "Daughter, when you go to confession, to this fountain of My mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul and ennobles it. Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself entirely in My Mercy, with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul. When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy..." (St. Faustina Diary, 1602)

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Veritas Young Adults Group: The Young Adults of Saint Bridget are sponsoring two events in September: Skyline Drive hike on September 7th and Apple picking at Hartland Orchards on September 21st. See Flyer in the bulletin and members of the VYAG in the narthex after Mass for more information or email us at youngadults@stbridgetberryville.org.

Religious Education Program

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

Confirmation Parent meeting (for those being confirmed in Fall 2020 / 21) September 17th at 7 PM.

Confirmation Mass celebrated by Bishop Burbidge September 23rd at 7 PM.

Office of Youth Ministry (OYM)

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

Help Needed

The second Mass on Sunday will be at noon starting October 6th. Looking ahead we will need more Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EM), Readers, Ushers, Collection counters, Choir members and Altar servers. If you are interested in active participation in the liturgical celebration or assisting in the services needed in ushering and counting, please submit your name to the parish office or to Fr. Paul directly. Training and certifications will soon be provided, and we need to get new scheduling prepared by October. Please volunteer to enjoy your part in contributing your talents.

Saint of the Week

St. Teresa of Calcutta:

Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu was born in Skopje, Macedonia on August 26, 1910. In 1928, at age 18, Agnes joined the missionary order of the Sisters of Loreto in Dublin, Ireland. There she was given the name Sister Mary Teresa. As a young Sister in 1929 she traveled to Calcutta (today known as Kolkata), India, to teach at a school for girls. She continued to teach at various schools in India for 20 years. During that time, she was deeply moved by the number of sick and dying people on the streets. On September 10, 1946, while traveling by train to Darjeeling, Sister Mary Teresa experienced a "call within a call." She felt called to be God's love in action: to serve the sick and dying, the hungry and homeless. She received permission to leave the Loreto convent. Then she sought medical training and became determined to serve the poorest of the poor. Eventually, she was joined by other women. Some of these women were her former students, and they helped her serve the poor. In 1950 she established an order of religious women called the Missionaries of Charity. Over time the Missionaries of Charity have built centers throughout the world. In 1979 Mother Teresa, as she was known by then, received the Nobel Peace Prize. She captivated the world as few other people have.

Her simple message was:

"We are put on earth to do something beautiful for God."

Mother Teresa's Feast Day is September 5th.

Spiritual Thought

"People really need help but may attack you if you do help them.

Help people anyway."

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



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