

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:

P 540-277-2943 • F 540-277-2945 office@stbridgetberryville.org Hours: Mon-Fri 9 AM - 4 PM (closed 12-1 PM)

Religious Education:

John Sengewalt 540-277-2948 dre@stbridgetberryville.org

Knights of Columbus:

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

Office of Youth Ministry:

OYM@stbridgetberryville.org

Music Ministry:

Stacy Sefton Music@stbridgetberryville.org

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Jenny Sorenson 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:

Parish Office 540-277-2943

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

We have the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday September 23rd with Bishop Burbidge at 7 PM at St. Bridget of Ireland. This will be the first time we celebrated the sacrament with the bishop as a new parish. Please congratulate our newest full members of St. Bridget of Ireland. I would ask you to join me in praying for our newly Confirmed:

Lauren Teresa Dilzer Molly Cecilia Edmonds MacKenzie Rita Gilkison Nicholas Hugo Fiona Sebastian Juday Carl Christopher Keenan Christopher Christopher LeBlanc
Ava Anthony Mennard
Logan Francisco Morris
Katherine Vitus Myer
Payton Gemma Sullivan
Patrick Peter Whalen

Congratulations!

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*. Visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM.

Confirmation Mass celebrated by Bishop Burbidge September 23rd at 7 PM. All are welcome to come and celebrate this wonderful sacrament.

FYI

Faith Direct is easy to use and 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.

Community Dinner at Duncan Memorial Church is Thursday September 26th at 5:30 pm. All are invited to a great meal and local fellowship.

St. Bridget of Ireland Men's Group meets Saturday Sept. 28th at 8 am, come for breakfast at 7:30 AM and start your day off happy.

Retreat for those Facing Serious Illness will be held October 4-6 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. For more information please call Sacred Heart of Jesus Church's parish nurse, Reen Markland (540) 868-1447. Brochures are available in the narthex.

Mass Times & Intentions

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

Monday September 23

Noon Mass Special Intention Frankie Garcia 7 PM Mass Special Intention Confirmation Students

Tuesday September 24

Noon Mass Special Intention Robby Renner

Wednesday September 25

9 AM Special Intention Elder Maldonado

Thursday September 26

Noon Mass Special Intention Sam McIlheran

Friday September 27

Noon Mass Special Intention Joe Townsend

Saturday September 28

9 AM Special Intention Andrew Clark5:30 PM Parish Family

Sunday September 29

9 AM † James Franklin Stickley Sr.

Prayer List

Remember the following in your prayers:

Theresa Vesey, Bill Drescher,
Bob Otey, Phyllis Keene, Lara Schafer,
John Caroselli, 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 souls of Mary Young, Mary Ann Jackson, Cletus Black, and Bishop Francis X. Roque.

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.

Backpack Ministry: Donations of tuna or Chef Boyardee are greatly appreciated and have started back up now that school is back in session. 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.

September 22, 2019 Divine Mercy Said: "Write, speak of My mercy. Tell souls where they are to look for solace; that is, in the Tribunal of Mercy (the Sacrament of Reconciliation). There the greatest miracles take place (and) are incessantly repeated. To avail oneself of his miracle, it is not necessary to go on a great pilgrimage or to carry out some external ceremony; it suffices to come with faith to the feet of My representative and to reveal to him one's misery, and the miracle of Divine Mercy will be fully demonstrated. Were a soul like a decaying corpse so that from a human standpoint, there would be no (hope of) restoration and everything would already be lost, it is not so with God. The miracle of Divine Mercy restores that soul in full. Oh, how miserable are those who do not take advantage of the miracle of God's mercy! You will call out in vain, but it will be too late." (St. Faustina Diary, 1448)

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Veritas Young Adults Group: The Young Adults of Saint Bridget are sponsoring two events in October: Praying the rosary at a DC abortion clinic followed by a trip to the zoo on October 5th; Mass and Wayside Farm Night Corn Maze on October 19th. We are also hosting a 7-week bible study/discussion every Wednesday at 7pm, September 11th through October 23rd. See Flyer in the narthex for more information or email us at youngadults@stbridgetberryville.org.

Coats and Blankets will be collected by our Knights of Columbus council after Masses for the next two weeks. (Sept 14, 15, 21, 22) Collected goods will be donated to FISH and the homeless of our region. Cold weather is just around the corner, please help keep our neighbors warm. www.KofCBerryville.org for more information.

What is FISH: FISH (Friends Inspired to Sympathetic Help) is an ecumenical band of Clarke County residents dedicated to helping the troubled and needy in our community. FISH was established in 1969 with the closely coordinated support of county churches, the Clarke County Community Fund, the Red Cross, Visiting Nurses, and many caring individuals. FISH provides food, shelter, and counseling for the needy in Clarke County. Counselors and individuals associated with FISH have mentored and assisted countless individuals and families through crisis situations. FISH is collected every 2nd Sunday of the month.

Advertising: There are a few spaces available. If you are interested in advertising your business to the parish please contact the Rectory 540-277-2943.

Religious Education Program

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

Custodian for the Parish – *Full time (30 hr. wkly)* needed at St. Bridget of Ireland Church, for weekly cleaning of church, hall and rectory. Janitorial experience required and handyman skills are a plus. You can email office@stbridgetberryville.org and place *Custodian needed* in subject line. Or call the parish office at 540 277-2943 or mail St. Bridget of Ireland 1024 W Main St. Berryville, VA 22611

The Second Mass on Sunday will be at noon starting October 6th. 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. Adamnan:

Adamnan, born in Drumhome, Donegal, Ireland in 624. He became a monk at the monastery there. Later at Iona, of which he became ninth abbot in 679. In 688, Adamnan visited several English monasteries and was induced by St. Ceolfrid to adopt the Roman calendar for Easter. Adamnan worked ceaselessly thereafter with much success to get Irish monks and monasteries to replace their Celtic practices with those of Rome. His success in convincing the Council of Birr that women should be exempt from wars and that women and children should not be taken prisoners or slaughtered caused the agreement to be called Adamnan's law. A scholar noted for his piety, he wrote A Life of St. Columba, one of the most important biographies of the early Middle Ages. He also wrote DE LOCIS SANCTIS, a description of the East told to him by a Frank bishop, Arculf, whose ship was driven ashore near Iona on the way back from Jerusalem. His Feast Day is September 23rd.

Spiritual Thought

"If you are successful, you win false friends and true enemies. Succeed anyway"

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





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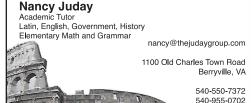


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