

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

Organist:

Jenny Sorenson jtsorenson@comcast.net

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Chet Lewandowski 540-722-7231

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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

In a recent conversation about 9/11, someone brought up a point worthy of reflection. He said those whom we today honor as heroes – the first responders, the firefighters, anyone who risked their life to save another – probably did not start their day by thinking, "Today, I will be a hero." They became heroes simply by doing what needed to be done in the present moment.

In this weekend's Gospel reading we hear a sad story: a rich man who seems to have way more than enough seems to ignore the poor man who sits right at his gate. When they die, the rich man finds himself in a place of torment while the poor man finds himself at rest in the bosom of Abraham. The rich man desires a drop of water, some small relief from his suffering. He finds himself deprived of that relief, much as he deprived the poor man at his gate.

In life, the rich man had the prophets and the Scriptures to constantly remind him of the need to care for the poor and the widows, yet he fails to heed their words. Just so, we have the words of Our Lord in Matthew's Gospel telling us that when he was hungry, we gave him to eat; when he was thirsty, we gave him to drink; when he was sick, we visited him. He tells us that what we did for the least of our brothers, we did it for him.

None of us probably wakes up each day saying, "Today, I will be a saint," although that's probably not a bad idea. Still, we have plenty of opportunities to grow in love.

We do so at Mass when we offer the sign of peace to those around us. We have just prayed together the "Our Father," now we turn to our brothers and sisters in Christ and wish them the peace of Christ. It may be a family member sitting next to us. It may be a stranger. They are still our brothers and sisters in Christ, We have no idea what that person is experiencing in their life. Simply wishing them the peace of Christ can be a powerful prayer. If someone is feeling isolated and alone and we simply ignore them, that doesn't help.

During the course of our day we will encounter many people with many needs. Do we see them as burdens, or do we see opportunities to put into practice a sacrificial love that prepares us for the life of heaven?

Sometimes love requires extraordinary and long-term action, such as when one spouse cares for another when they are sick. The work can be exhausting. It tests our patience. We may feel all alone. And, yet, those may be the times when God is quietly working within us, giving us the strength to make it just one more day and one more hour. While it may not feel like it, such sacrificial love surely must merit its reward in heaven. What you do for the least of my brothers you do for me.

None of us starts that day thinking, "Today, I will be a saint," but we certainly have plenty opportunities to do so.

In Our Lord, Fr. Paul Grankauskas

Diocesan News & Events

Last call for Celebrating A Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary 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 2:30p.m.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.

FYI

St. Bridget of Ireland Women's Group will be meeting Tuesday Oct. 1st after the noon mass for their monthly meeting and luncheon. All are welcome. It will be a busy month planning for the Fall and Christmas season.

Faith Direct is easy to use. 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.

Mass Times & Intentions

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

Monday September 30

Noon Mass Special Intention Jonathan Smith

Tuesday October 1

Noon Mass Special Intention Kevin Kelly, Jr.

Wednesday October 2

9 AM Special Intention Peter St. George

Thursday October 3

Noon Mass Special Intention Charles Paylick

Friday October 4

Noon Mass Special Intention Msgr Stanley Krempa

Saturday October 5

9 AM Special Intention Nick Young5:30 PM Parish Family

Sunday October 6

9 AM † Margie Peterson

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 Cletus Black, Mary Young, Mary Ann Jackson 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. We want the prayer list to be relevant to the needs.

October 4th is First Friday with Mass at Noon followed by the rosary, then Eucharistic Adoration from 1-6:30 with Benediction concluding at 7. Confession during Eucharistic Adoration. Please sign up to spend time with the Lord and please include prayers for those on our prayer list.

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.

Knights Of Columbus Thanks to everyone who helped make our coat and blanket drive a success. Through your generosity we collected 45 coats for FISH of Clarke County and 45 blankets for the Winchester Rescue Mission.

Delicious Pancake Breakfast *TODAY* after 9AM Mass! Donations will help Virginians with intellectual disabilities and Special Olympics.

Catholic Men. Do you want to make a difference in our community, celebrate and develop Faith and Fellowship with other Catholic men as a Knight of Columbus? Be part of a tradition with almost 2 million members who last year donated over \$185 million to charity and over 75 million hours of hands-on service. Join us! Knights@stbridgetberryville.org

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.

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 29, 2019 Divine Mercy Said: "Don't cry. You are that saint... It is not for you to know how this will come about. Your duty is to be faithful to my grace and to do always what is within your power and what obedience allows you to do."

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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.

St. Bridget Beginner Tai Chi class starts Oct. 9th from 9:30-11 am in the hall. Call or text Victor (540) 532-4372 to register, \$5 fee required.

Religious Education Program

Safe Environment training in class October 13th.

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

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.

Saint of the Week

St. Flora of Beaulieu:

Flora was born at Auvergne in France in 1309 and grew up in a very loving family. When her parents tried to arrange a marriage for her, she pleaded with them and said that she would like to join the convent. They finally agreed and at the age of 13, she joined the sisters of St. John of Jerusalem at Beaulieu. She was an innocent, good girl who gave herself to God as his spouse. God rewarded her love by making her strong and helping her resist all kinds of trials and temptations. She spent all her time looking after the poor and the sick in the hospital attached to the convent. Because she kept trying to love God, Sister Flora grew dearer and dearer to him. At last, he blessed her with wonderful visions and the gift of knowing the future. She also received the gift of suffering the pain of Christ's cross. She seemed to feel it pressing into her, making a wound in her side. She joyfully accepted this suffering out of her great love for Jesus. Soon, people realized that Sister Flora was very holy and special. They came to ask for prayers and advice until she died in 1347. Her Feast Day is October 5th.

Spiritual Thought

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

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





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