

ST BRIDGET of Ireland

CATHOLIC CHURCH

1024 W. Main St. Berryville, VA 22611

September 8, 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:

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

Eucharistic Minister / Lectors:

Chet Lewandowski 540-722-7231

Servers:

John Sengewalt 540-277-2948

Sacristan:

Becky Jackson 540-955-1715

Ushers:

Parish Office 540-277-2943

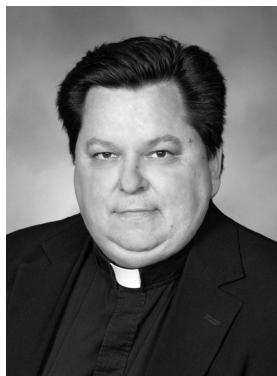
Men's Club:

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

"If anyone comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." (Lk 14:25-26b)

These are rather harsh and unsettling words, coming as they do from the lips of the Prince of Peace. How does a commandment to love God and neighbor fit with the idea of hating family?

Consider this: when family members who aren't Catholic come to visit for a weekend, do you stay at home and miss Mass because you don't want to leave them alone or do you go to church? We

love our family, but we know we have the obligation – no, we have the privilege – of attending Mass, of receiving Our Lord in Holy Communion. If Jesus, who came down from heaven to lead us to heaven, is asking us to follow him, will I go where he leads? "Hating," as Our Lord uses it here, does not mean we hate our family or friends and want nothing to do with them. It means that I won't let those relationships get in the way of what God wants me to do.

In one of my previous parishes, I remember hearing about a young girl who attended a Catholic high school. She was on a school sports team that was going to practice on Holy Thursday, of all days. She told her coach she was going to Mass instead. Because she had the courage to stand up, other girls followed suit.

Some might argue that Holy Thursday is not a holy day of obligation. True. But it is a part of the Triduum. Because it is the start of the celebration of the Lord's passing from death to the Life – the Paschal Mystery – it is certainly one of the holiest and most significant days of the Church year. That young girl recognized that. It's rather telling that more people attend Mass on Ash Wednesday (which is not a holy day of obligation, either) than on Holy Thursday, and yet the latter is far more significant in terms of solemnity.

If living our faith is reduced to fulfilling the minimum obligations – of doing the least I need to do to get by – can I honestly say I love God with my whole heart, soul, and mind? This does not mean that we will love others less. St. Mother Theresa of Calcutta, whose memorial we celebrated this past week, is a wonderful example of how a deeper love of God leads to a deeper love of neighbor. The soul that loves God completely will desire the greatest good for themselves and for others: salvation in Christ. It will hate that which keeps the soul apart from God: sin

*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.

FYI

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.

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.

Mass Times & Intentions

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

Monday September 9

Noon Mass † Raymond Florence Sr.

Tuesday September 10

Noon Mass † Chuck Hayes

Wednesday September 11

9 AM Special Intention
Peter Clem

Thursday September 12

Noon Mass † Walter Beksinski

Friday September 13

Noon Mass Special Intention
Joseph Jacobeen

Saturday September 14

9 AM Special Intention
Jeff Petroski
5:30 PM † John Labarca

Sunday September 15

9 AM Parish Family

PRAYER LIST

Remember the following in your prayers:

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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Nellie Sweeten and Mike Solma and for their families.

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.

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 6:00-8:00pm. 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.

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 8, 2019 Divine Mercy Said: "I saw the Lord Jesus, like a king in great majesty, looking down upon our earth with great severity; but because of His Mother's intercession He prolonged the time of His mercy." (St. Faustina Diary, 1261)

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Veritas Young Adults Group: The Young Adults of Saint Bridget are going 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.

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 for more information.

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

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

Confirmation Parent Meeting (for those being confirmed in Fall 2020 / 21) Sept. 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

CUSTODIAN FOR 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. Please email office@stbridgetberryville.org and place Custodian needed in subject line. Please 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. Jean-Gabriel Perboyre:

Jean-Gabriel was born at Puech, France on January 6, 1802. On the feast of the Holy Innocents, 1820, he made the four vows of the Vincentians. Jean-Gabriel was raised to the priesthood on September 23, 1825. Shortly after, he was sent to the seminary of Saint-Flour to teach dogmatic theology; and two years later, he was appointed superior of the preparatory seminary. In 1835, he asked permission to go to China -- there to preach, to suffer and to die. He arrived at Macao, where he spent some time studying the Chinese language. On 21 December 1835, he began his journey to Ho-Nan, the mission assigned him. In January 1838, he was transferred to the mission of Hou-Pé, in which, as in that of Ho-Nan, he labored zealously and with great success. In September 1839, the persecutions against Christians broke out in Hou - Pé, and Jean - Gabriel was one of the first victims. A neophyte betrayed Jean-Gabriel for thirty ounces of silver. He was stripped of his garments and clothed with rags, bound, and dragged from tribunal to tribunal before he was strangled to death on a cross. His Feast Day is September 11th.

Spiritual Thought

"People are illogical, unreasonable, and self-centered. Love them anyway"

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



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