

# ST BRIDGET of Ireland

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

1024 W. Main St. Berryville, VA 22611

October 20, 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 and Noon

#### 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:

P 540-277-2943 • F 540-277-2945  
[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:

[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:

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](mailto:men@stbridgetberryville.org)

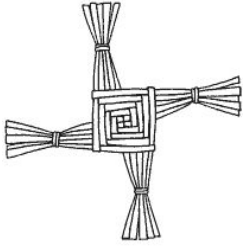
#### Women's Group:

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



### Notes from the Parish Staff

As Fr. Paul travels through Ireland, the Parish staff wishes to fill you in on one of his stops:

On the evening of August 21, 1879 Mary McLoughlin, the housekeeper to the parish priest of Knock, County Mayo, Ireland, was astonished to see the outside south wall of the church bathed in a mysterious light; there were three figures standing in front of the wall, which she mistook for replacements of the stone figures destroyed in a storm. She rushed through the rain to her friend Margaret Byrne's house.

After a half hour Mary decided to leave and Margaret's sister Mary agreed to walk home with her. As they passed the church they saw an amazing vision very clearly: Standing out from the gable and to the west of it appeared the Blessed Virgin, St. Joseph and St. John. The figure of the Blessed Virgin was life-size, while the others seemed to be neither as large nor as tall. They stood a little away from the gable wall about two feet from the ground. The Virgin was erect with her eyes toward Heaven, and she was wearing a large white cloak hanging in full folds; on her head was a large crown. Mary Byrne ran to tell her family while Mary McLoughlin gazed at the apparition. Soon a crowd gathered, and all saw the apparition. The parish priest, Archdeacon Cavanaugh, did not come out, however, and his absence was a disappointment to the devout villagers. Among the witnesses were Patrick Hill and John Curry. As Patrick later described the scene: 'The figures were fully rounded, as if they had a body and life. They did not speak but, as we drew near, they retreated a little towards the wall.' Patrick reported that he got close enough to make out the words in the book held by the figure of St. John.

An old woman named Bridget Trench drew closer to embrace the feet of the Virgin, but the figure seemed always beyond reach. Others out in the fields and some distance away saw a strange light around the church. The vision lasted for about three hours and then faded.

The next day a group of villagers went to see the priest, who accepted their report as genuine; he wrote to the diocesan Bishop of Tuam; then the Church set up a commission to interview a number of the people claiming to witness the apparition. The diocesan hierarchy was not convinced, and some members of the commission ridiculed the visionaries, alleging they were victims of a hoax perpetrated by the local Protestant constable! But the ordinary people were not so skeptical, and the first pilgrimages to Knock began in 1880. Two years later Archbishop John Joseph Lynch of Toronto made a visit to the parish and claimed he had been healed by the Virgin of Knock.

In due course many of the witnesses died. But Mary Byrne married, raised six children, living her entire life in Knock. When interviewed again in 1936 at the age of eighty-six, her account did not vary from the first report she gave in 1879.

The village of Knock was transformed by the thousands who came to commemorate the vision and to ask for healing for others and themselves. The local church was too small to accommodate the crowds. In 1976 a new church, Our Lady Queen of Ireland, was erected. It holds more than two thousand and needs to, for each year more than a half million visitors arrive to pay their respects to the Blessed Virgin.

The Church approved the apparition in 1971 as being quite probable, although it has never been formally stated. The Shrine at Knock is opened year-round. In 1994 three life-sized statues were erected of Our Lady, St. Joseph and St. John. - [www.catholictradition.org](http://www.catholictradition.org)

### Diocesan News & Events

**Collection for Hurricane Dorian** by Catholic Relief Services will take place the weekend of October 26-27 Masses. Please be generous, and thank you for your help.

### FYI

**Msgr Krempa** will be saying Mass each day that Fr. Paul is in Ireland, October 15-23, please come by and celebrate Mass with him and visit.

**Faith Direct** Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net). Our parish code is VA605 or call 866-507-8757.

**Backpack Ministry Continues:** Questions, please email M.K. Batka [women@stbridgetberryville.org](mailto:women@stbridgetberryville.org).

## Mass Times & Intentions

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

RH - Rose Hill

### Monday October 21

Noon Mass Special Intention  
Callie Morris

### Tuesday October 22

Noon Mass Special Intention  
Logan Morris

### Wednesday October 23

9 AM † Ted Whibble

### Thursday October 24

Noon Mass † Jose F. Alfaro

### Friday October 25

Noon Mass † Laura Ruscito

### Saturday October 26

9 AM Special Intention  
Timothy Courtney  
5:30 PM Parish Family

### Sunday October 27

9 AM Special Intention  
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Troutman  
Noon Mass † Faye Zidek

## Prayer List

Remember the following in your prayers:

John Cameron, Maggie O'Connor,  
Theresa Vesey, Bill Drescher,  
Bob Otey, Phyllis Keene,  
Lara Schafer, John Caroselli,  
Gayle Keenan, Fred Curtis,  
Bob Lewis, Michael Boyd, Jim Willis,  
Tony Tringale and Eileen Murray

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.



**St. Bridget Book Club:** Join fellow St. Bridget parishioners beginning Sunday, October 27, 2019 for **33 Days to Morning Glory: A St. Bridget's Group and Do-It-Yourself Retreat in Preparation for Marian Consecration on December 8.**

The Retreat works this way: Each day, for 33 days, a participant will read and ponder a very brief section of Father Michael Gaitley's book, **33 Days to Morning Glory.** Under the guidance and direction of our own Father Paul, participants will then meet as a group once a week for 6 Sundays from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM in Hobert Hall to discuss their thoughts and ponderings on the week's brief readings and listen to short DVD lectures by the book's author, Father Michael Gaitley. The retreat will consist of 5 group meetings from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM on the following Sundays plus the consecration day on Sunday, December 8. October 27, November 3, 10, 17, and 24, from 4 - 5:30 PM No meeting on Sunday December 1 due to Thanksgiving holiday weekend **Consecration Day.** December 8, 2019: 4:00 to 5:30 PM.

**Visit Nuns at St. Dominic's Monastery in Linden Virginia:** Experience the joy, peace, and beauty of St. Dominic's Monastery on Friday, November 8. Interested St. Bridget's parishioners are invited to gather at church parking lot at 10:00 AM and carpool to the Monastery in time for 11:00 AM Mass. Then we will enjoy a short visit with the nuns followed by lunch at nearby Fox Meadow Winery before returning to St. Bridget's around 3:00 PM. Space is limited. There is no charge, but donations to St. Dominic's Monastery are welcome. To register email women@stbridgetberryville.org or call Victoria Hughes 703 434-0070.

**Knights Of Columbus:** Catholic men do you want to make a difference in our community, celebrate and develop Faith and Fellowship with other Catholic men? 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.

**"Seeking Men Who Cook"** is the theme of the Chili Cook-off sponsored by the Men's Group on Saturday, November 16th following 5:30 Mass. More to come! men@stbridgetberryville.org

**October 20, 2019 Divine Mercy Said:** "During the rosary today, I suddenly saw a ciborium with the Blessed Sacrament. The ciborium was uncovered and quite filled with hosts. From the ciborium came a voice: These hosts have been received by souls converted through your prayer and suffering. At this point, I felt God's presence as a child would; I felt strangely like a child."

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**Veritas Young Adults Group:** The Young Adults of Saint Bridget are sponsoring one more event in October: Wayside Farm Night Corn Maze on October 26th. We are also hosting a 7-week bible study/discussion every Wednesday at 7 PM; September 11th through October 23rd. See flyer in the narthex for more information or email us at youngadults@stbridgetberryville.org.

**St. Bridget "Tai Chi For Health"** Class meets on Wednesday from 9:30-11AM in the hall. Call or text Victor (540) 532-4372 to register, \$5 fee required.

## Religious Education Program

**No Religious Education Class:** November 3rd.

## Office of Youth Ministry (OYM)

**The Youth Ministry** of High school age students will be continuing studies from the book Decision Point, produced by Dynamic Catholic Publishing. Our topics will be focusing on achieving holiness. Sessions will be held on Sunday evenings from 6-7 pm starting November 3rd through November 24th For additional information contact Antonia Cummings @540-692-4036.

## Help Needed

**Help Needed Autumn Clean-up:** Work to be done: Cleaning established gardens and establishing new gardens (shovels, rakes, loppers, and garden gloves needed) ; tree clearing (pickup trucks and chainsaws needed); parking lots (shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows, and pickup truck needed). Mark your personal tools with your name. Sign up sheets will be posted in the narthex during next weekend's Masses.

**Help is requested** of a wonderful woman who could use some rides to daily Mass. If you can help, please call the parish office 540-277-2943.

## Saint of the Week

### St. Anthony Mary Claret:

Anthony was born December 23, 1807 in Salient in Catalonia, Spain, the son of a weaver. He took up weaving but then studied for the priesthood, desiring to be a Jesuit. Ill health prevented his entering the Order, and he served as a secular priest. In 1849, Anthony founded the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, known today as the Claretians, and the Apostolic Training Institute of the Immaculate Conception (Claretian nuns). In 1850 Anthony was appointed as the archbishop of the much neglected diocese of Santiago de Cuba, Cuba. He would serve there until 1857.

He returned to the court of Queen Isabella II as confessor and went into exile with her in 1868. In 1869 and 1870, Anthony participated in the First Vatican Council, where he was a staunch defender of the doctrine of infallibility. All his life Anthony was interested in the Catholic press. He founded the Religious Publishing House, a major Catholic publishing venture in Spain, and wrote or published 200 books and pamphlets. Anthony died in the Cistercian monastery of Fontfroide in southern France on October 24, 1870. His Feast Day is October 15th.

## 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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