

# ST BRIDGET of Ireland

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

1024 W. Main St. Berryville, VA 22611

October 27, 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)

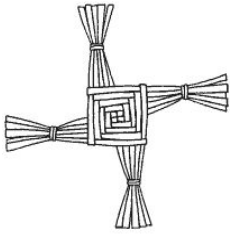
#### Women's Group:

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 Father Paul's journey continues, the staff would like to introduce you to another holy site in Ireland:

Lough Derg, Ireland (also known as St. Patrick's Purgatory) is a celebrated sanctuary in Donegal, in the Diocese of Clogher, dating from the days of St. Patrick, but it is also known as the Lough Derg pilgrimage, so named from Lough Derg, a sheet of water covering 2200 acres, about thirteen miles in circumference 450 feet above sea level, on which are eleven islands, the principal of which are Saints Island and Station Island. The sanctuary lands on Saint Island were known in the Middle Ages as Termon Dabheoc (from the sixth-century St. Dabheoc who presided over the retreat) and were subsequently called Termon Magrath from the family of Magrath, who were coarbs or stewards of the place from 1290. St. Patrick's Connection with the purgatory which bears his name is not only a constant tradition, but is supported by historical evidence, and admitted by the Bollandists. In 1130 or 1134, the Canons Regular of St. Augustine were given charge of Lough Derg--it being constituted a dependent priory on the Abbey of Sts. Peter and Paul, Armagh. Its fame became European after the knight Owen's visit in 1150, although it had been previously described in 1120 by David, the Irish rector of Wurzburg. Numerous accounts of foreign pilgrimages to St. Patrick's Purgatory are chronicled during the thirteenth, fourteenth, and fifteenth centuries, including the vision related in the "Legenda Aurea", printed in 1482.

In 1470, Thomas, Abbot of Armagh, got the priory in comendam and in 1479 the community had almost died out, the revenues being farmed by Neill Magrath. Pope Alexander VI ordered the cave to be closed on Saints Island, the papal decree was executed on St. Patrick's Day, 1497. A few years later, in 1502, the station was transferred to Station Island, where the Purgatory had originally existed. The cave was visited by a French knight in 1516, and by the papal nuncio, Chiericati, in 1517. Chiericati gives an interesting account of his visit and relates that there were three Austin Canons in the priory. Though formally suppressed by the English Government in 1632, the lay owner permitted the Austin Canons to resume their old priory, and in 1660 we find Rev. Dr. O'Clery as prior, whose successor was Father Art Maccullen (1672-1710). The Franciscan Friars were given charge of the Purgatory in 1710, but did not acquire a permanent residence on the Island till 1763, at which date they built a friary and an oratory dedicated to St. Mary of the Angels. In 1780 St. Patrick's Church was built and was subsequently remodeled. From 1785 the priory has been governed by secular priests appointed by the Bishop of Clogher. In 1813 St. Mary's Church was rebuilt, but it was replaced by the present Gothic edifice in 1870, and a substantial hospice was opened in 1882. The number of pilgrims from 1871 to 1911 has been about 3000 annually, and the station season lasts from June to 15 August. The station or pilgrimage lasts three days, and the penitential exercises, though not so severe as in the days of faith, are austere in a high degree, and are productive of lasting spiritual blessings.

- [www.newadvent.org/cathen](http://www.newadvent.org/cathen)

## FYI

**November 1st** is All Saints Day. Masses will be at Noon and 7 PM.

**November 1st** is First Friday with Mass at Noon followed by the rosary, then Eucharistic Adoration from 1-5:30 with Benediction concluding at 6. Confession during Eucharistic Adoration. Please sign up to spend time with the Lord and please include prayers for those on our prayer list.

**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.

**Hurricane Relief:** This week's second collection will go towards CRS Hurricane Dorian relief. Please be generous as we assist those who have been affected by the hurricane and thank you.

## Mass Times & Intentions

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

RH - Rose Hill

### Monday October 28

Noon Mass † Ralph and Virginia Clark

### Tuesday October 29

Noon Mass † Virginia A. Weider

### Wednesday October 30

9 AM † Dale O'Connor

### Thursday October 31

Noon Mass † Beverly Kopczenski

### Friday November 1

Noon Mass † Norman Ball

7 PM † Ada Kalbian

### Saturday November 2

9 AM All Souls Novena

5:30 PM All Souls Novena

### Sunday November 3

9 AM Parish Family

Noon Mass † Rose McCabe

## 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, Eileen Murray,  
and Alina Learned.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Celeste Jalette, and for her 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.

**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](mailto:women@stbridgetberryville.org) or call Victoria Hughes 703 434-0070.

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

**Backpack Ministry Continues:** 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](mailto:women@stbridgetberryville.org).

**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](mailto: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](mailto:men@stbridgetberryville.org)

**October 27, 2019 Divine Mercy Said:** *"Do not fear, My little child, you are not alone. Fight bravely, because My arm is supporting you; fight for the salvation of souls, exhorting them to trust in My mercy, as that is your task in this life and in the life to come."* (St. Faustina Diary, 1452)

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**Veritas Young Adults Group:** The Young Adults of Saint Bridget are sponsoring two events in November: Saturday Morning Mass at St. Bridget and praying the Rosary at Green Hill Cemetery on November 2nd; and providing lunch for Veterans and their families at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center on November 16th (please RSVP by November 5th). See Flyer in the narthex for more information or email us at [youngadults@stbridgetberryville.org](mailto:youngadults@stbridgetberryville.org).

**St. Bridget Women's Group:** SBWG is open to all Women of the Parish. If you cannot attend the daytime meeting, please find copies of our agenda, minutes and calendar in the Narthex and on the St. Bridget website. Or, you can stop in during one of our events. We would love to meet you! Our next event is the bake sale, this Sunday, October 27th in Hobert Hall. Hope you will join us for fellowship and some delicious treats! Proceeds will go to the building fund to help maintain our beautiful church. Hope to see you there!

**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 at 540-692-4036.

## Help Needed

**Help Needed Autumn Cleanup:** It's Autumn and that means we need to prepare the parish grounds for Winter. There will be a grounds clean-up on November 2nd after 9 AM Mass. If you are able to provide a pick-up truck and/or wheelbarrow, please contact the Parish Office #540-277-2943 or contact Facilities Manager, Anthony-- [facilities@stbridgetberryville.org](mailto:facilities@stbridgetberryville.org).

**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

### Blessed Maria Restituta Kafka:

Helen Kafka was born in 1894 to a shoemaker and grew up in Vienna, Austria. At the age of 20, she decided to join the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity and took the name Restituta after an early Church martyr. In 1919, she began working as a surgical nurse in Austria. When the Germans took over the country, she became a local opponent of the Nazi regime. Her conflict with them escalated after they ordered her to remove all the crucifixes she had hung up in each room of a new hospital wing. Sister Maria Restituta refused, and was arrested by the Gestapo in 1942. She was sentenced to death for "aiding and abetting the enemy in the betrayal of the fatherland and for plotting high treason." She spent the rest of her days in prison caring for other prisoners, who loved her. The Nazis offered her freedom if she would abandon the Franciscan sisters, but she refused. She was beheaded March 30, 1943 in Vienna. Her Feast Day is October 29th.

## Spiritual Thought

*"What you spend years creating,  
others could destroy overnight.  
Create anyway."*

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





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