

# ST BRIDGET of Ireland

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

1024 W. Main St. Berryville, VA 22611

October 6, 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)

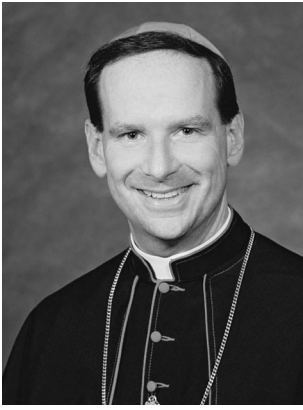
#### Women's Group:

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



## Bishop's Message

During the month of October, we join with dioceses across the country to mark Respect Life Month. We take as our theme this year "Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life." Our focus on hope is greatly needed in a world suffering the harmful consequences of a "throwaway culture."

May we take this month to renew our commitment to the sacredness of life at every stage; to creating a society where all human beings are welcomed; where abortion, euthanasia and suicide are unthinkable; and where the elderly, inmates, immigrants and those with disabilities are treated with dignity and respect.

Our efforts to uphold the dignity of life must be rooted in prayer, advocacy and witness. We pray daily and fervently, trusting in the power of God to make all things new. In a special way, the Church continues to shine the healing light of mercy on all men and women who have lost children through abortion. Project Rachel offers free, confidential, and compassionate support to all who seek Christ's healing.

Our parishes also stand as beacons of hope as through the Gabriel Project they accompany expectant families in challenging pregnancies. Life-affirming help for those seeking to make adoption plans for their unborn children is available through Catholic Charities. May Mary, our mother, intercede for us as we turn to God seeking His grace to be courageous and faithful witnesses to the Gospel of Life.

*Sincerely in Christ,  
Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge  
Bishop of Arlington*

## FYI

**No Mass** on Wednesday Oct. 9th due to Priest Gathering for the Diocese.

**St. Bridget Book Club:** Join fellow St. Bridget parishioners beginning Sunday, October 27, 2019 for a 33-day combination group and Do-It Yourself retreat to prepare to consecrate or renew your consecration to Jesus through Mary this December 8. More about the dates and times to come.

**Faith Direct** is easy to use. Visit this website [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net), directions can be found there. Our parish code is VA605 or call 866-507-8757 (toll free) for more information.

**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. Please watch subsequent bulletins for more details.

**Our Website:** St. Bridget's url is <https://stbridgetberryville.org>. There is an abundance of information on the site; upcoming events, announcements, weekly bulletins for you to download, Ministries information, and much more.

**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! Our email is [Knights@stbridgetberryville.org](mailto:Knights@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 7

Noon Mass Special Intention  
Luke Poczatek  
1:30 RH † Mr. & Mrs. Eugene  
Bosworth

### Tuesday October 8

Noon Mass Special Intention  
Jonathan Fioramonti

### Wednesday October 9

9 AM No Mass

### Thursday October 10

Noon Mass Special Intention  
Fr. Isenberg

### Friday October 11

Noon Mass † Mary Elizabeth Peterson

### Saturday October 12

9 AM † Jose Ortiz  
5:30 PM † Marie Clarke

### Sunday October 13

9 AM Parish Family  
Noon Mass † Virginia A. Weidner

## Prayer List

*Remember the following in your prayers:*

Maggie O'Connor, Theresa Vesey,  
Bill Drescher, Bob Otey, Phyllis Keene,  
Lara Schafer, John Caroselli,  
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, and for his 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.

**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, email M.K. Batka women@stbridgetberryville.org.

**October 6, 2019 Divine Mercy Said:** "The most solemn moment of my life is the moment when I receive Holy Communion. I long for each Holy Communion, and for every Holy Communion I give thanks to the Most Holy Trinity. If the angels were capable of envy, they would envy us for two things: one is the receiving of Holy Communion, and the other is suffering." (St. Faustina Diary, 1804)

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**Veritas Young Adults Group:** The Young Adults of Saint Bridget are sponsoring two events in October: 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 "Tai Chi For Health"** class starts Oct. 9th from 9:30-11 am in the hall. Call or text Victor (540) 532-4372 to register, \$5 fee required.

**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. Donations to FISH are collected every 2nd Sunday (next week) 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.

**Are You New to Our Parish?** Registration forms are available in the narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance. It is important to specify on the registration form if you wish to become a member of St. Bridget's or Sacred Heart parish. Please return the completed form to an usher.

## 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.

## Saint of the Week

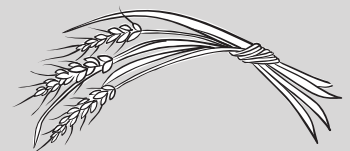
### St. Giovanni Leonardi:

Giovanni Leonardi was born at Diecimo, Italy. He became a pharmacist's assistant at Lucca, studied for the priesthood, and was ordained in 1572. He gathered a group of laymen about him to work in hospitals and prisons, became interested in the reforms proposed by the Council of Trent, and proposed a new congregation of secular priests. Great opposition to his proposal developed, but in 1583, his association (formally designated Clerks Regular of the Mother of God in 1621) was recognized by the bishop of Lucca with the approval of Pope Gregory XIII. Giovanni was aided by St. Phillip Neri and St. Joseph Calasanctius, and in 1595, the congregation was confirmed by Pope Clement VIII, who appointed Giovanni to reform the monks of Vallombrosa and Monte Vergine. He died in Rome on October 9th of plague contracted while he was ministering to the stricken. He was venerated for his miracles and religious fervor and is considered one of the founders of the College for the Propagation of the Faith. His Feast Day is October 9th.

## Spiritual Thought

"Honesty and frankness  
make you vulnerable.  
Be honest and frank anyway"

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





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