

ST BRIDGET OF IRELAND

CATHOLIC CHURCH

1024 W. Main St. Berryville, VA 22611

December 1, 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 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

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:

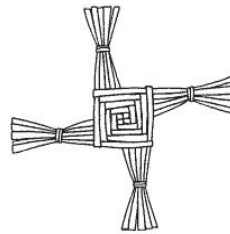
Meets the last Saturday each month 8 AM, in Hobert Hall (7:30 Breakfast).
Dick Drake men@stbridgetberryville.org

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

Notes from the Parish Staff



Christmas Schedule

Confessions

Thursday (Dec 19) 7:00 PM
Friday (Dec 20) 7:00 PM
Saturday (Dec 21) 4:00 PM
Sunday (Dec 22) 8:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Masses

Christmas Eve (Dec 24)
5:00 PM Family Vigil Mass
8:00 PM Solemn Mass of Christmas
Christmas Day (Dec 25)
9:00 AM Mass

New Years Day (Jan 1)
Vigil 11:00 PM (Dec 31)
Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
10:00 AM Mass

FYI

December 6th 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 our prayer list for the sick.

Join Father Stephen Schultz, Chaplain at Paul VI Catholic High School, for an Advent Day of Prayer Saturday, December 14, 2019, at San Damiano Spiritual Life Center. The theme is "Open Wide the Doors to Christ." Let us make this Advent a fruitful time of preparation for Our Lord's birth. Check-in begins at 9 AM and the day concludes with Mass at 2:45 PM. The cost of the day is \$30 which includes lunch. Registration forms are available at www.arlingtondiocese.org/San-Damiano-Retreat-Center/Events/ and are due by December 6, 2019.

Catholic Charities: Tens of thousands of men, women, and families are served annually by Catholic Charities. Please support the 2019 Annual Parish Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities on December 7 and 8. Catholic Charities shows the transformative love of Christ and serves tens of thousands of men, women, and families in dire need annually through 20 programs across 21 counties and 7 cities that make up the boundaries of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington. Please use the special bulletin insert/ contribution envelope provided or go online to share your blessings at www.cdda.net/donate

Listening With the Heart of Christ The key to helping without hurting you or the person you are serving is setting healthy boundaries. Dr. Michael Horne, Director of Clinical Services at Catholic Charities and psychologist, will provide insight and tips for listening and setting healthy boundaries. December 4, 2019, 10AM to 1PM, St. Charles Borromeo, 3304 Washington Blvd, Arlington, VA. RSVP by December 2nd at volunteer@cdda.net. All are welcome to join Trina May as she is driving.

Faith Direct Direct is easy to use and directions can be found by visiting this website

Mass Times & Intentions

Mass Intentions can be made at the Parish office from 9 AM - 4 PM M-F
GF-Green Field RH-Rose Hill

Monday December 2

Noon Mass Special Intention
Max & Natalia Godoy
RH 1:30 PM † Jim Shatz

Tuesday December 3

Noon Mass † Morag MacIntyre

Wednesday December 4

9 AM Special Intention
Margaret Frattini

Thursday December 5

Noon Mass Special Intention
Marge Rao

Friday December 6

Noon Mass † Margo Albano

Saturday December 7

9 AM † Telsa Carter
5:30 PM † Richard Kobetz

Sunday December 8

9 AM † Michael Solma
Noon Mass Parish Family

Prayer List

Remember the following in your prayers:

Kavik Katroba, Margie Howard,
Stacy McForland, Matthew Lewis,
Kim Marks, John Cameron,
Maggie O'Connor, Theresa Vesey,
Bob Otey, Phyllis Keene, Lara Schafer,
John Caroselli, Fred Curtis, Bob Lewis,
Michael Boyd, Jim Willis, Tony Tringale,
Eileen Murray and David Smith.

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.

www.faithdirect.net. Our parish code is VA605 or call 866-507-8757 (toll free) for more information.

Knights Of Columbus: Keep Christ in Christmas events!

Thanks to everyone who supported our Keep Christ in Christmas theme by buying Christ centered Christmas cards. See one of our Knights after Mass to pick up any outstanding orders.

Kids Ages 5 -14: The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a poster contest for you! Posters must illustrate the Keep Christ in Christmas theme. Three age groups: 5-7, 8-10 & 11-14. The prize for each group is a \$50 gift card and a chance to compete in the district, state and national contests. We had a district winner last year! Entries must be received by noon on December 15th. Complete rules and entry form at KofCBerryville.org

December 1, 2019 Divine Mercy Said: "It is with great zeal that I have prepared for the celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Mother of God. I have made an extra effort to keep recollected in spirit and have meditated on that unique privilege of Our Lady. And thus, my heart was completely drowned in Her, thanking God for having accorded this great privilege to Mary." (St. Faustina Diary, 1412) "I prepared not only by means of the novena said in common by the whole community, but I also made a personal effort to salute Her a thousand times each day, saying a thousand "Hail Mary's" for nine days in Her praise." (St. Faustina Diary 1413) -Used with permission of the *Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M.*

Backpack Ministry: Thank you so much for your generous support. Together with twelve other Clarke County Churches, we are helping to feed 75 CCPS students each weekend and holiday. You may contribute tuna and Chef Boyardee products in the clear tubs in the Narthex. Any questions, or if you would like to help out, email batkamk@hotmail.com.

Veritas Young Adults Group: The Young Adults of Saint Bridget are sponsoring 2 events in December: Adoration/Holy hour from 6-7 PM on December 6th, and White elephant Christmas party and movie night at 6 PM on December 15th. For more information email us at youngadults@stbridgetberryville.org.

Jolly Potluck Christmas Brunch is Today, after the 9 AM Mass. In addition to brunch, there will be a Kids Crafting Station and Silent Auction. Please bring a dish to share.

St. Bridget Women's Group: Our next business meeting/luncheon will be held on Tuesday, December 3rd after the Noon Mass. All are invited.

Religious Education Program

No Religious Class Today December 1st

Help Needed

We need Ushers at all three of the Saturday & Sunday Masses. Please contact the parish office if interested. This opportunity is open to High School Youth.

Help Needed: Volunteer requested for a wonderful, elderly 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 Giovanni Calabria:

Giovanni was born on October 8, 1873 in Verona, Italy. He was the seventh child of a cobbler and a maid. Poverty was his companion from birth. After his father's death, he had to interrupt his fourth year of elementary school to find a job. The rector of San Lorenzo prepared him privately for the admission examination into the seminary. Having passed his exams, he was admitted to the school, but his studies were interrupted by two years of military service. Having terminated his military service, he resumed his studies. One very cold night in 1897, as he was returning home from a visit to the sick, he found a boy crouching on the doorstep of his house; he had run away from the Gypsies. Fr Calabria picked him up, took him in, kept him in his house and shared his room with him. It was the beginning of his work for orphaned and abandoned boys. A few months later he founded the "Pious Union for Assistance to the Sick". These were only the beginnings of a life marked by charity. After being ordained a priest in 1901, he was appointed confessor of the seminary and curate of St Stephen's Church. He devoted himself to hearing confessions and to charitable works, helping the poor and marginalized. Giovanni founded the Congregation of the Poor Servants of Divine Providence in 1907, which received pontifical approval in 1949. On the eve of his death Giovanni made his last act of charity, offering his life to God for the dying Pope Pius XII. The Lord accepted this offer, for while he was dying, the Pope mysteriously and unexpectedly recovered and lived for another four years. Giovanni's Feast Day is December 4th.

Spiritual Thought

"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."

- St. Mother Teresa - Calcutta



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