

# ST BRIDGET of Ireland

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

1024 W. Main St. Berryville, VA 22611

November 10, 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  
Closed Monday for Veteran's Day

#### 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)

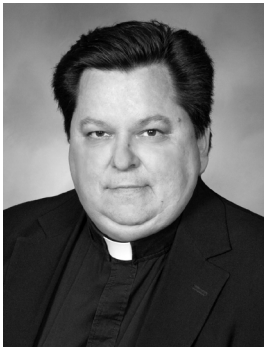
#### Women's Group:

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



## PASTOR'S WORDS

Imagine you are on a two-lane country road at night (Considering where we live, I know this can be difficult). There is no one around, and you go to make a turn or change lanes. Do you use your turn signal? If you come to a stop sign or stop light, do you actually stop?

Silly questions, right? Or are they?

This Sunday's first reading comes from the Book of Maccabees and tells the dramatic story of a family being arrested and tortured for practicing their Jewish faith. The story is set during the Greek occupation of Palestine. The Greeks were forcing the Jewish people to abandon their religious practices. This family refuses and finds itself facing torture and death as a result.

I often find myself wondering what I would do if faced with a similar situation. Would I be strong? Would I be afraid? We like to think that such things could never happen to us, but when we think about threats to religious freedom – churches losing tax exempt status or being accused of hate crimes because of adherence to moral teachings – one wonders.

It is a firm faith and trust in the hope of everlasting life that sustains this family in their sufferings, a hope that gives them courage. Weak creature that I am, I pray that should a time of testing ever come in my life that I may have that same divine assistance. But, is there anything we can do before that?

Always using a turn signal, even when we don't have to, is a good way of ensuring we use them in more critical moments. Always stopping, even when it seems silly or useless, is a good way of ensuring we do so in more critical moments. Good habits develop through constant practice.

This family's faith was probably nurtured in more peaceful days by practices of prayer and daily living of the commandments. Perhaps how we live our day-to-day lives in relationship to God will have an impact on how we face times of trial.

It's hard to tell what we might do in times of trial. We might be weak in living our faith in our day to day and yet find a spiritual courage in a time of testing. We might seem strong in our day to day faith and yet find ourselves weak in times of testing.

In the end, what we do in difficult times may not completely depend on us, but on strength that comes from the Holy Spirit working in us. Still, perhaps, it is how we live our day-to-day lives ... lives of prayer, lives nurtured in the sacramental life of the Church -- that will give us some idea of whether God has anything with which to work.

– In Our Lord

Fr. Paul Grankauskas

## FYI

**Veteran's Day:** The parish office will be closed on Monday in observance of Veteran's Day.

**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 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. There is a \$20 fee for book materials, drop-in registration. 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. Oct 27, Nov 3, Nov 10, Nov 17, Nov 24, from 4:00 to 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

## Mass Times & Intentions

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

RH - Rose Hill

### Monday November 11

Noon Mass † Mary Elizabeth Mc Andrews

### Tuesday November 12

Noon Mass Special Intention  
John Haneklau

### Wednesday November 13

9 AM Special Intention  
Piescik Family

### Thursday November 14

Noon Mass † Joseph Derby

### Friday November 15

Noon Mass † Richard Kobetz

### Saturday November 16

9 AM Special Intention  
Bryan Correa  
5:30 PM † Cory Waite

### Sunday November 17

9 AM Parish Family  
Noon Mass † Michael Solma

## PRAYER LIST

Remember the following in your prayers:

Kim Marks, John Cameron, Maggie O'Connor, Theresa Vesey, 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 Daniel Ried, 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.

**Hostess with the Mostest Dinner:** Trivia with a Twist. Come support New Eve Maternity Home Saturday, November 16, 2019 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at Sacred Heart, Muldowney Hall. Complimentary pasta dinner & coffee will be provided. Opportunities to make a financial gift will be given. Commit to Host a Table of 8 by November 8th. Host or hostess provides a decorated table with dessert and beverages. Bring cash for 50-50. If you don't feel like you can host a table, you're still welcome to come! Seating is available. Contact Jo Ann Blaker at jblaker16@outlook.com or 304-839-8890.

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

**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).

**Men's Group Chili Cook-Off Dinner** - Have some dinner and pick the winner! On Saturday, November 16th the Men's Group is hosting their inaugural Chili Cook-Off in Hobert Hall after the 5:30 Mass. Eight chefs are signed up in competition to provide a unique meal for you and your family. Help decide whose chili is the winning recipe! Dinner tickets at the door; \$5 individual / \$10 couple / \$15 for the whole family. All proceeds will go to improvements in Hobert Hall. The contest is open to all parishioners; come show off your cooking skills or enjoy a fun dinner with us. If interested in competing as chili chef, please contact Steve at [Bookkeeper@stbridgetberryville.org](mailto:Bookkeeper@stbridgetberryville.org).

**November 10, 2019 Divine Mercy Said:** "I want to give Myself to souls and to fill them with My love, but few there are who want to accept all the graces My love has intended for them. My grace is not lost; if the soul for whom it was intended does not accept it, another soul takes it." (St. Faustina Diary 519) *-Used with permission of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M.*

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

**Veritas Young Adults Group:** Walter Reed Service Trip has been cancelled. Instead, please join us in participating in a fundraiser dinner for New Eve Maternity Home on November 16th. This event will be held at Sacred Heart of Jesus, Winchester. Come join us for a fun evening of food, friendship, and service. We are in the process of planning for the Winter season, events will be posted soon. Please contact Ms. Laurel Morris at 681 242-9177.

**St. Bridget Women's Group:** Thank you to everyone who participated in our Bake Sale! Because of your generosity, our sale was a tremendous success! Our next Bake Sale will be on Sunday, November 24th. Get ready for some delicious Thanksgiving pies, along with the usual fare. Or come to our evening "Taco Tuesday" event being held on Tuesday, November 12th at Camino Real from 6:00-7:30 PM All women of the parish are invited! For more information on upcoming events, please see our agenda and calendar in the Narthex!

**St. Bridget "Tai Chi For Health"** class has been cancelled at this time due to lack of participation. Future hopes are still alive!

## 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

**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 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. Gertrude:

Gertrude was born at Eisleben, Germany on January 6, 1232. Note that she was born on the Feast of the Epiphany, destined as she was to be one of the Communion of Saints.

When Gertrude was five years old, she was placed in the care of the Benedictine nuns at Helfta in Saxony, where she became the pupil and close friend of St. Mechtilde.

Gertrude was elected Abbess of her monastery when she was but thirty.

And for forty more years she continued to guide her spiritual children, many of whom attained a high degree of sanctity. As superior she was known for her zeal, and for her charity. One year, before the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, St. Gertrude, addressing Our Lord's Five Wounds, repeated the following salutation five thousand four hundred and sixty-six times: "Glory be to Thee, most sweet, most gentle, most benign, most noble, most excellent, effulgent, and ever-peaceful Trinity, for the roseate wounds of my only Love!" As she repeated this salutation, our Lord Jesus appeared to her, bearing golden flowers on each Wound, and saluted her thus: "Behold in what glory I now appear to you. I will appear in the same manner to you at your death, and will cover all the stains of your sins, and of those also who salute My Wounds with the same devotion."

Her Feast Day is November 16th.

## Spiritual Thought

"People favor underdogs but follow only top dogs. Fight for a few underdogs anyway."

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



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