

# ST BRIDGET of Ireland

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

1024 W. Main St. Berryville, VA 22611

April 12, 2020



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:

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#### Knights of Columbus:

[knights@stbridgetberryville.org](mailto:knights@stbridgetberryville.org)  
Bus. meeting 2nd Tue 7 PM Hobert Hall

#### Office of Youth Ministry:

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#### Music Ministry:

Stacy Sefton [Music@stbridgetberryville.org](mailto:Music@stbridgetberryville.org)

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Jenny Sorenson [jtsorenson@comcast.net](mailto:jtsorenson@comcast.net)

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Chet Lewandowski 540-722-7231

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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).  
George Darnell [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

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Ruth Hayes 540-277-2943

## PASTOR'S WORDS

Dear St. Bridget Parishioners,

Holy Week is underway. As I mentioned in my last post, we will be live-streaming the liturgies of Holy Week on Youtube. The link is on the parish website. None of this would be possible if not for the efforts of the following people: Connor Kleb (a member of Holy Trinity Parish in Gainesville and long-time friend), Peter and Patrick Russman, Michael Murrow, and Anthony Coviello. I am totally technologically illiterate and could never have pulled this off. A thousand thanks to all of you.

As we recall the events of Our Lord's Passion, several things come to mind.

I've heard several people point out that, on the first Easter, the apostles were gathered in the Upper Room with doors locked. They were afraid of what was going to happen to them now that their Master was gone. Sounds familiar doesn't it? This Easter, we will be staying at home. We will be anxious about what may come next.

On that first Easter Sunday, the Risen Lord appeared to the Apostles and said, "Peace be with you." He appeared to them despite the locked doors of the Upper Room. Today, we may not be able to be in a church to celebrate together, but that does not stop the Risen Lord from coming into our homes and saying, once again, "Peace be with you." To participate in the Mass, even when watching on television or on a computer, is to hear the Good News proclaimed once again: He is risen!!! To hear the word proclaimed is to be reminded once more of the reality: Christ has been raised from the dead. He has passed from death to life and, in doing so, has given us the hope of everlasting life: "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die" (Jn 11:25-26).

This new Passover was foreshadowed by the first Passover, celebrated centuries before the time of Christ and recalled in a special way on Holy Thursday. On that night, the Israelites enslaved in Egypt were huddled in their homes, forbidden from going outdoors, as the angel of death passed over the Land of Egypt. It was the blood of a lamb that brought them life and salvation.

St. John Chrysostom, 7th century bishop of Constantinople, speaks about the power of that blood and how it foreshadows the power of Christ's blood: "In those days, when the destroying angel saw the blood on the doors he did not dare to enter, so how much less will the devil approach now when he sees, not that figurative blood on the doors, but the true blood on the lips of believers, the doors of the temple of Christ."

On another occasion, the great saint reminded his people that in the Eucharist they do see, touch, and receive the Risen Lord. He said that those Israelites celebrated the first Passover with loins girt and sandals on their feet because they were preparing to go to the Promised Land. We are meant to prepare ourselves for heaven.

There are two things we can reflect on as we recall these events:

First:

Both the old and new Passovers remind us of how God protects His people. The blood of the lamb literally brought salvation and freedom to the Israelites. The next day, they would leave Egypt, no longer slaves. The blood of Christ, the Lamb of God brings us salvation and freedom from sin. We may not always like to think about the reality of the Devil or of Hell, but that would be the sad lot of our souls if we did not have Christ, who died to obtain for us the forgiveness of sins. We use the words salvation and redemption all the time, but what do those words mean? It means that God loves us and saved us from something terrible, something we would not have without Him. As St. Paul says: If God is for us, who can be against us?

Second:

Throughout this season of Lent, the Church has been emphasizing the importance of making a spiritual communion. That is, we pour out in prayer our deepest longing and desire to receive Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament even when we are not physically capable of doing so. We express our deepest love for the Lord, even when we cannot be there to receive him. I remind everyone that such a desire is itself a source of grace for us. We should never feel as if watching a Mass on television or computer is no avail to us. Participating the liturgies which make present to us once again the saving Passion of the Lord enables us to share in the fruits of his redemptive work.

I suppose I could summarize this as follows: The Grinch though he could prevent Christmas from com-

## Mass Times & Intentions

Mass Intentions made at the Parish office  
GF-Green Field RH-Rose Hill

All intentions will be said at  
private Mass

### Monday April 13

Noon † Margie Dillon Peterson

### Tuesday April 14

Noon Mass Special Intention  
Ellen Kravetz

### Wednesday April 15

9 AM † Frederick Yosca

### Thursday April 16

Noon † Norman Ball

### Friday April 17

Noon Special Intention  
Traci Guynap

### Saturday April 18

9 AM  
5:30 PM

### Sunday April 19

10 AM Special Intention  
John & Maggie Sengewalt  
Noon Mass

## PRAYER LIST

*Remember the following in your prayers:*

Laurie Custidero, John Blair, Fr. Michael Dobbins, Jim Willis, Matthew Lewis, David Smith, Michael Gessner (Military Service, Iraq), Tricia & Courtney Dabney, Phillip Wilcox, Jack Cameron, Maggie O'Connor, John Caroselli, Fred Curtis, Michael Boyd, Tony Tringale, Jim Lewandowski and Ryan Otey.

Please contact Becky Jackson at  
540-955-1715 to be added  
or taken off prayer list.

ing by stealing all the trees and presents belonging to the Whos of Whoville. It didn't work. We could never stop the coming of Christmas by having no decorations or presents, because it's not about those things. It's about an event, a person: the birth of Jesus, true God and true man. Just so, Easter will come this year because it's about an event, a person: the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. That's the reality no matter how we will celebrate it.

**Bishop Michael Burbidge Easter Schedule** – Celebrant at the following services **via live stream**  
 Saturday, April 11, at 8:30 pm Easter Vigil at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More.  
 Sunday, April 12, at 9:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More.

*May God bless you always.  
 Fr. Paul Grankaukas*

## FYI

**Confessions** will resume regular schedule on Saturdays April 18th from 4-5 PM in the sacristy under temporary arrangements for now.

**Bulletin:** Is available on our website <https://stbridgetberryville.org>. There are a few copies in the narthex if you cannot get it on our website.

**Live Stream for Triduum Service:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6tw9dCHXuNp6p1MPAhGoQ>

**Parish office** will be **closed** Friday April 10th thru Sunday April 19th for staff to observe Holy Day and time away from office.

**Collections** during this temporary period is being handled in the parish office. We really want to accommodate your generous offertory and requests a few favors, please. If you want to keep up your weekly donations and mail them to us, we are good with that. If you want to make a monthly payment, just send us one regular envelope with that month's payment. You may also include the second collection offerings in the appropriate envelope, as we always count and deposit it for the purpose it was meant to be used for. If you want to give cash in your envelopes, please DO NOT MAIL. You may drop them off in the poor box at the back of the church. We are doing regular pick-ups of both the candles and poor box. We are very blessed in our church family with the most generous of parishioners. Please let us help you during this uncertain time. The church is open from 9 AM - 9 PM for personal prayer, not more than 10 in the church at one time and let us help.

**Faith Direct: St. Bridget of Ireland needs your support now more than ever!** Join the parishioners who are using Faith Direct for automated giving to our parish. Faith Direct offers a safe and secure way to donate to our parish in this time of uncertainty. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish. Sign up today by visiting [faith.direct/VA605](https://faith.direct/VA605), or text 'Enroll' to (Text-to-Give Number). Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

**St. Bridget Women's Group:** We are still collection baby items in the narthex for the ABBA Center in Winchester. The Baby Shower has been canceled. Please add items to the Pack and Play in the Narthex and it will be delivered to Abba at a later date. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**April 12, 2020 Divine Mercy Said:** "My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy [April 19th] be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy..." (St. Faustina Diary, 699)

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**Veritas Young Adults Group:** Following the guidance/example of Bishop Burbidge and civic leaders, we will be adopting the preventative measure of canceling ALL Young Adult events until further notice. [youngadults@stbridgetberryville.org](mailto:youngadults@stbridgetberryville.org).

**Pilgrimage to the Quebec Shrines of St. Ann** has been postponed until August 2021. If you are registered, stay registered if you want to go.

## Saint of the Week

### St. Hunna:

Not much is known about Saint Hunna. In fact, some say that her name is Huva. She was born in the seventh century in Alsace, France. As the daughter of a duke, Hunna was an aristocratic woman by birth and breeding. She married a nobleman, Huno, of Hunnaweyer, a small village in the Diocese of Strasbourg. It can be assumed that they were not poor. She was known to be so caring of the poor around her that she even lent a hand in doing the washing for her neighbors in need. Because of this she was known as "the holy washerwoman". Hunna also donated properties to monasteries and financed the construction of churches. Hunna and Huno had a son who was baptized by the holy bishop of Nevers, St. Deodatus, and was given his name in Baptism. This son later entered a monastery founded by the same St. Deodatus at Ebersheim. Hunna died in 679. Her Feast Day is April 15th.

## Education Program

**Chelsea Academy:** A private, Catholic school for grades 4-12 in Front Royal is accepting applications for the 2020-21 academic year. Please go to [www.chelseaacademy.org](http://www.chelseaacademy.org) or call 540 635-0622 for more information, or email admissions director Nora Mulhern at [nmulhern@chelseaacademy.org](mailto:nmulhern@chelseaacademy.org). Preparation for College, Preparation for Life.

**Save the Date:** St. Bridget Church will be conducting its second annual Vacation Bible School June 22-26. All students age 5-12 are welcome. More details to come.

**RE Classes** will be virtual for the rest of the 2019-20 school year.

### The RE Catechists & Staff

Want to wish all of our parishioners, and especially our students, a very Happy and Blessed Easter! He Is Risen!

## Happy Easter

*"Jesus said: I am the Way; I am Truth and Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him."*

- John 14:6-7



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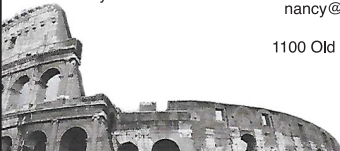
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