

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

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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). George Darnell 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



Pastor's Words

I know there are a lot of questions about the Mass schedule for Easter. Here is what we will be doing at St. Bridget Church:

I will record Mass on Palm Sunday at 10 AM. and post it on Youtube. It should be up in the afternoon. The link is https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6tww9dCHXuNp^p1MPAhGoQ. Due to the state law mandating no groups larger than 10, the church will be locked during the celebration of the Mass. It

will reopen at noon and remain open until 9 PM. Blessed palms will be available in the back of the church.

Holy Thursday – Mass will be live-streamed at 7 PM. Due to state law mandating no groups larger than 10, the church will be locked during the celebration of the Mass. It will be open again at 8:30 PM. for people to come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament until 11 PM. Again, no more than 10 people may be in the church at a time, maintaining proper distancing.

Good Friday – Celebration of the Lord's Passion will be live-streamed at 3 PM. The church will be locked during that time to maintain proper group size. Have a crucifix with you at home for veneration of the cross.

Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil will be celebrated/live-streamed at 8:30 PM.

Easter Sunday - Mass will be live-streamed at 10 AM.

Again, the goal is to live stream those liturgies. If that is not possible, the liturgies will still take place. However, only those who are assisting with the Mass (organist/cantors/lectors) will be allowed in the church.

If you have difficulties accessing these liturgies, Bishop Burbidge will be live streaming Masses from the cathedral. The schedule is accessible through our parish website https://stbridgetberryville.org.

Bishop Michael Burbidge Easter Schedule

Will be the Celebrant at the following services *via live stream*Sunday, April 5, at 11:15 AM Palm Sunday Mass at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More Holy Thursday, April 9, 10:30 AM Annual Chrism Mass at the Cathedral Thursday, April 9, at 7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper at the Cathedral Saturday, April 11, at 8:30 PM Easter Vigil at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More.

Sunday, April 12, at 9:30 AM. Easter Sunday Mass at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More.

May God bless you always. Fr. Paul Grankaukas

FYI

Bulletin: We are publishing the bulletins in the office and are placing them on our website weekly. There are a few copies in the narthex if you cannot get it on our website. https://stbridgetberryville.org.

St. Bridget Women's Group: Is sponsoring collection of baby items for the ABBA Center in Winchester and Baby Shower has been moved to May 3rd at 10 AM. Please add items to the Pack and Play in the Narthex. We will collect items throughout March. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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 6 Noon † Richard Kobetz

Tuesday April 7Noon Mass † Veronica Ferris

Wednesday April 8 9 AM † Florence Krasinski

> **Thursday April 9** 7 PM Parish Priests

Friday April 103 PM Celebration of Holy Passion

Saturday April 11 9 AM 8:30 PM Special Intention Hayes Family

> **Sunday April 12** 10 AM Parish Family 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 pray for the repose of the soul of Milton Hinkle, Vera Willingham and for their families.

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

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 can handle that. If you want to make a payment for the whole month, just send us one regular envelope with the 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.

Men's Club Email List: Send an email to men@stbridgetberryville.org to be placed on the Men's Club email list.

St. Ann Pilgrimage to Shrines of Quebec Is August 3-13, 2020 with Fr. Paul is still on, now with registration date in May, and may be air or train!

Faith Direct is easy to use and directions can be found by visiting this website www. faithdirect.net. Our parish code is VA605 or call 866-507-8757 (toll free) for more information. **Now would be a great time to start.**

April 5, 2020 Divine Mercy Said: "I desire that during these nine days [April 10th - April 19th] you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that they may draw therefrom strength and refreshment and whatever grace they need in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death.

On each day you will bring to My Heart a different group of souls, and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy, and I will bring all these souls into the house of My Father. You will do this in this life and in the next. I will deny nothing to any soul whom you will bring to the fount of My mercy. On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My bitter Passion, for graces for these souls." (St. Faustina Diary, 1209)

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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.

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.

Едисатион Ркодкам

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 or call 540 635-0622 for more information, or email admissions director Nora Mulhern at nmulhern@chelseaacademy.org. Preparation for College, Preparation for Life.

Religious Education Classes will be virtual for the rest of the 2019-20 school year.

Saint of the Week

Aibert was born in Espain, Belgium in 1060. From his infancy he so earnestly applied himself to prayer, that he prayed the greatest part of his time, being always careful in it to shun, as much as possible, the eyes of men. He was discovered to watch a great part of the night upon his knees, and when he was no longer able to support himself upright, to pray prostrate on the ground. When he could not pray in his chamber, without danger of being surprised by others, he retired into the stable or sheepcote for many hours. Happening one day to hear a poor man at his father's door sing a hymn on the virtues and death of St. Theobald, a hermit, lately dead, Aibert found himself vehemently inflamed with a desire of imitating his solitary penitential life, and without delay addressed himself to a priest of the monastery of Crepin, named John, who lived a recluse in a separate cell, with the leave of his abbot. Being admitted by John as a companion, Aibert soon surpassed his

master in the exercise and spirit of virtue. They seldom tasted bread; wild herbs were their ordinary food. The church of Crepin, in the eleventh century passed into the hands of monks of the order of St. Benedict: and under the first abbot, Rainer, Aibert took the monastic habit. He still practiced his former austerities, slept on the ground, and in the night recited the whole psalter privately before matins. He was chosen provost and cellarer. After twenty-five years spent in this community, with a fervor which was always uniform and constant, he obtained leave of Lambert, the second abbot, to return to an eremitical life, in 1115. Aibert then built himself a cell in the midst of a barren wilderness, contenting himself for his food with bread and herbs, and after the first three years with herbs alone. With many flocking to him for spiritual advice, Burchard, bishop of Cambray, ordained him to the priesthood, and erected for him a chapel in his cell. Aibert said two Masses every day, one for the living, and a second for the dead. God crowned his long penance with a happy death about the year 1140. His Feast Day is April 7th.

Lenten Thoughts

"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song."

- Pope St. John Paul II



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