

ST BRIDGET of Ireland

CATHOLIC CHURCH

1024 W. Main St. Berryville, VA 22611

May 10, 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

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).
George Darnell men@stbridgetberryville.org

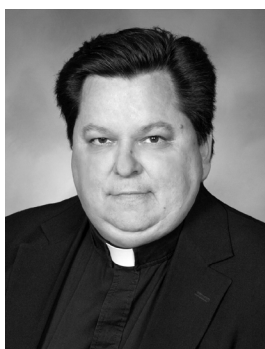
Women's Group:

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

It's hard to believe it has been almost two months since we all gathered for Mass. Many of you have told me how much you miss Mass and the receiving of the Eucharist. Watching it – even when live-streamed – is not the same as being there. This, of course, leads to the question of when we will be able to open again.

I wish I had a definite answer for you. The state governor has mentioned the possibility of opening some businesses next week. I know Bishop Burbidge is hoping churches will be included in that.

While we do not have definite answers yet, I have been giving some thought to how we'll handle things as a parish. One thing I am planning to do is add a 5 p.m. Mass on Sundays. Originally, I was going to stop the noon Mass once religious education classes were over and switch the time to 5 p.m. for the sake of summer vacationers. I am going to keep our three regular Sunday Masses and add the Sunday evening Mass, at least for the summer. My guess is that, even when we can have public Masses, there will still be social distancing requirements and possibly limits on the number of people we can have in the church. The extra Mass should give us a little bit more room to spread out crowds.

Bishop Burbidge is meeting with priests from the diocese as well as local health care experts to put together guidelines for opening churches. Keep an eye out on our parish website for updates.

In the meantime, consider that desire and longing you have for the Eucharist a tremendous grace. On-line Masses are not meant to be the norm, and I think this weekend's Gospel reminds us of that.

Our Lord tells us two things: he is going to prepare a place for us in His Father's house and he is the way we enter that place.

To say Our Lord is preparing a place for us in His Father's house is to say that He is preparing a place for us in His Father's presence. That is the place he himself came from, and the place to which he tells his Apostles he is returning. Jesus's desire is that where he is, his disciples will be as well. His desire is that they will know the Father's love as he knows it and share his joy.

To say that Our Lord is the way to the Father is to say that we cannot share the life of the Trinity if, somehow, we do not begin sharing that life here and now. Jesus is the way to the Father because he took on our human nature in order to be able to communicate his divine life to us. When we receive the Eucharist, the sacrament of Christ's Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, we become, as St. Peter says in one of his letters, partakers of divine nature. As the Father and Son are one, we become one with the Father by becoming one with the Son in the Eucharist.

When we consider what we receive in the Eucharist, it should come as no surprise that so many are hungry for the sacrament, are longing for it. On-line Masses will never compare to the real thing. Through continued acts of spiritual communion, keep that desire and longing alive.

*In Our Lord,
Fr. Paul Grankauskas*

FYI

Happy Mother's Day to all of the Moms of our parish & many blessings!

Church Construction: The church is OPEN while the scaffolding in the choir loft is in place for ceiling mold repair. The scaffolding will be up until May 29th right now. That will give them time to complete the ceiling repair, install new organ and sound system and add fan in choir loft. We are taking advantage of the empty church at this time to get a few needed repairs and installations done. It will all look great when we return, hopefully in the very near future.

Personal Prayer: The church is open from 9 AM - 9 PM for personal prayer, no more than 10 in the church at one time. Confessions are Tuesday 6:30-8 PM and Sat 4-5 PM in the sacristy temporarily.

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 May 11

Noon Mass Mother's Day novena

Tuesday May 12

Noon Mass Mother's Day novena

Wednesday May 13

9 AM Mass Mother's Day novena

Thursday May 14

Noon Mass Mother's Day novena

Friday May 15

Noon Mass Mother's Day novena

Saturday May 16

9 AM Mass Special Intention
Brett and Amy Morris

Sunday May 17

10 AM Mass Mother's Day novena

Prayer List

Remember the following in your prayers:

Bill Dresher, Brian Dixon,
Laurie Custidero, Becky Blair,
Fr. Michael Dobbins, Jim Willis,
Matthew Lewis, David Smith,
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.

Bulletin: We are publishing the bulletin in the office and are placing them on our website, StBridgetberryville.org, a few copies are in the narthex if you cannot get it from our website.

Thank You, And Keep It Coming Please! Collections are still going well and being handled in the parish office. If you want to keep up your weekly donations and mail them to us, we are great 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 for the purpose. If you want to give cash in your envelopes, please DO NOT MAIL, just drop them in the poor box at the back of the church. We are very blessed in our church family with the most generous of parishioners. Please let us help you during this uncertain time.

Faith Direct: Please join the parishioners who are using Faith Direct for automated giving to our parish. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct and the logo will show up like the above. Just follow the directions and use VA605 as the parish/church number. Thank you for continued support of our parish family. Faith Direct remains here to assist you during this difficult time, please call 866-507-8757.

Make It Sew: was such a great success that we have leftovers the Hospital no longer needed. We can now supply anyone who needs one. So if you need masks please let me know in the office by phone or email and I will make up a package for you to pick up. The BLUE BIN is the Mask pick-up on the porch of the rectory. I know more merchants that is requiring you to have a mask when shopping, so you don't need to worry, CALL US. 540 277-2943.

St. Bridget Women's Group: email address is women@stbridgetberryville.org for the latest information The annual Yard sale will NOT take place June 13th this year. Postponing is being considered for later in summer or early fall!

Men's Club Email List: To receive our emails send an email to men@stbridgetberryville.org.

May 10, 2020 Divine Mercy Said: "My daughter, encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given to you. It pleases Me to grant everything they ask of Me by saying the chaplet. When hardened sinners say it, I will fill their souls with peace, and the hour of their death will be a happy one." (St. Faustina Diary, 1541) "Used with permission of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M."

Veritas Young Adults Group: Contact for latest info youngadults@stbridgetberryville.org.

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

Virtual Church Family: We can still add your picture to your place in the pew if you email it to the office@stbridgetberryville.org.

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

Bible School: Still On For Now! 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.

Help Needed

RE Help Needed: Catechists for Fifth Grade, First Year Confirmation (7th Grade). Contact John Sengewalt, DRE dre@stbridgetberryville.org

Saint of the Week

St. Isidore the Farmer:

Isidore was born at Madrid, Spain, in the latter half of the 12th century. When he was barely old enough to wield a hoe, Isidore entered the service of John de Vergas, a wealthy landowner from Madrid, and worked faithfully on his estate outside the city for the rest of his life. He married a young woman as simple and upright as himself who also became a saint—Maria de la Cabeza. They had one son, who died as a child. Isidore had deep religious instincts. He rose early in the morning to go to church and spent many a holiday devoutly visiting the churches of Madrid and surrounding areas. All day long, as he walked behind the plow, he communed with God.

His devotion, one might say, became a problem, for his fellow workers sometimes complained that he often showed up late because of lingering in church too long. Isidore was known for his love of the poor, and there are accounts of Isidore's supplying them miraculously with food. He was favored with celestial visions and, it is said, the angels sometimes helped him in his work in the fields. He had a great concern for the proper treatment of animals. Isidore died May 15, 1130. His Feast Day is May 15th.

Happy Mother's Day

Motherhood:
All love begins and ends there.

-Robert Browning



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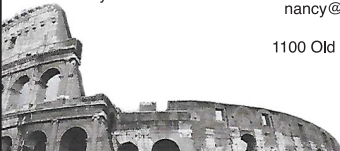


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