

ST BRIDGET of Ireland

CATHOLIC CHURCH

1024 W. Main St. Berryville, VA 22611

May 24, 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

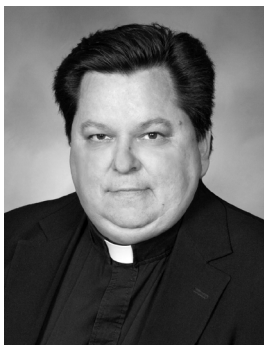
Women's Group:

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

Dear St. Bridget Parishioners,

I hope this letter finds you healthy and well, even if we may be going a little stir crazy after staying at home for so long. As you may know, Governor Northam has allowed certain parts of Virginia to begin opening again. As a result, Bishop Burbidge is allowing parishes in those areas to once again celebrate public Masses. I am, therefore, planning to resume the Sunday Mass schedule (5:30 PM vigil; 9 AM, noon) beginning the weekend of May 30-31 (Pentecost). The daily noon Mass will resume June 1st.

I know that some of you are anxious to get back to Mass and to receive the Eucharist. I know that other parishes may already be offering Masses. I am delaying a few weeks for several reasons. First, there is scaffolding in the church. We have been doing some work on the church roof, and the new organ is being installed. The scaffolding will be in the church through next week. I want to wait until everything is clear before having people in the church.

Second, to resume Masses, we must have the means of cleaning and sanitizing the church following each Mass. We have a cleaning crew that can take care of daily Masses and is willing to come in on weekends. However, if you can help us in any way, please call the parish office. Cleaning and sanitizing are requirements. If we cannot make that happen, I will have to re-consider opening. We will try to make hand sanitizer available, but it is strongly encouraged that you bring your own.

Before I get into specifics about numbers in the church, I just want to remind everybody that the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass given by Bishop Burbidge at the start of all of this will remain in effect indefinitely. If you are in the categories of people who are most vulnerable to the Coronavirus (over 65, pre-existing health conditions, weakened immune system), or if you are anxious about going out just yet, you may stay home. I will continue to live-stream Masses. You can access the Mass through our parish website (stbridgetberryville.org). While we are going to do our best to make sure we follow best practices, we cannot completely remove all risk. If you are sneezing or coughing, if you are sick, we ask that you please stay home. Even as I write this, the number of Covid cases in Clarke County is rising. (19 with 2 hospitalizations and no deaths)

Please keep in mind that when Masses do resume, state and diocesan guidelines state that we can only operate at 50 percent of our usual seating capacity. For us, that would be about 150 people per Mass. However, to maintain proper safe distancing, I am limiting attendance to 90 people per Mass. It will be first come/first served. If an usher says that we are full, please be co-operative. I know that many of you are hungry for the Eucharist and that there is going to be some disappointment and frustration, but I am also responsible for making sure we follow state and diocesan guidelines for best and safe practices. Please be patient and understanding. These are not decisions I am making lightly. I mentioned that we will maintain social distancing in the church. Family members will be able to sit together. Individuals or couples may be seated in pews with others, but there should be adequate space in between. Ushers may have to direct you to your seats, which means you may not be able to sit in your usual places. Again, please be cooperative.

Masks should be worn. I know they are not comfortable, but then being nailed to a cross was not comfortable either. Unite this to Christ's sacrifice on the cross, remembering that we do this for the safety of others. We will not have the sign of peace, an offertory procession, or singing. I will be distributing Holy Communion and will wear a mask while doing so. While it is not mandated, I strongly encourage receiving Communion in the hand. We know that the virus is spread through droplets. I am asking that you consider the safety of the priest. Finally, no collection basket will be passed. Baskets will be set up in the church. (You know I just had to get that in there.)

I know that is a lot. Now you can see why I am waiting a little while before rushing into resuming Masses. If you can help us with any part of this (making and providing masks for parishioners who may not have them, helping clean and sanitize the church after Masses, ushering), it would be greatly appreciated. Just call the office.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding as we take these steps to restore our parish Masses. Again, know that you are always in my thoughts and prayers.

*Sincerely in Christ,
Father Paul*

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 25

Noon Mass † Charles McKinney

Tuesday May 26

Noon Mass † Bob Lyle

Wednesday May 27

9 AM Mass † Bob Lyle

Thursday May 28

Noon Mass † Bob Lyle

Friday May 29

Noon Mass † Carol Latz

Saturday May 30

9 AM Mass

Sunday May 31

10 AM Mass Parish Family

Prayer List

Remember the following in your prayers:

Bill Drescher, 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.

FYI

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 on May 31st.

Still in place for another week, the church is open from 9 AM - 9 PM for personal prayer. Confessions are Tue.630-8PM and Sat 4-5PM in the sacristy temporarily.

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

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.

Masks: We have only a few masks in the office for you if you still need one. Maybe our sewing group can get a few more made!!! Please let us know 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. We will be encouraging all to wear a mask during the mass that start back weekend of May 33-31st. 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. There are No plans to postpone this annual event.

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

May 24, 2020 Divine Mercy Said: : "...Souls that make an appeal to My mercy delight Me. To such souls I grant even more graces than they ask. I cannot punish even the greatest sinner if he makes an appeal to My compassion, but on the contrary, I justify him in My unfathomable and inscrutable mercy. Write: before I come as a just Judge, I first open wide the door of My mercy. He who refuses to pass through the door of My mercy must pass through the door of My justice..."(St. Faustina Diary, 1146) "Used with permission of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M.

Veritas Young Adults Group: For information email us at 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.

Education Program

Chelsea Academy: A private, Catholic school for grades 4-12 in Front Royal is accepting applications for the 2020-21 academic year. 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: CANCELED! St. Bridget Church's second annual Vacation Bible School July 13-17 is now canceled.

Help Needed

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

Saint of the Week

Bl. Maria Karłowska:

Maria Karłowska was born the youngest of 11 children on September 4, 1865, in the village of Słopow, Poland. At seventeen, she lost both her parents. In order to support herself, Maria took a tailoring course and then worked at her sister's tailor shop as an instructor in cutting, sewing, and embroidery. It was during this time she met a prostitute and put her soul into helping them all. Her social work among the poor, the sick, and broken families of Poznan resulted in the foundation of educational establishments for girls and women and hospitals for patients with venereal diseases, called Houses of the Good Shepherd in 1894. Maria established a congregation to run the houses. In the same year, Maria founded a monastery, Congregation of the Sisters of the Divine Shepherd, for the "shepherd sisters", who had the Good Shepherd as her role model. As the founding Abbess, Maria developed the Congregation's Constitution, and the ascetic books, educational and practical, containing an exhaustive indication of the sisters use to this day. The monastery's motto was "to look for and save those who have gone astray".

Her Feast Day is June 6th.

Spiritual Thought

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it. Life is beauty, admire it. Life is a dream, realize it. Life is a challenge, meet it. Life is a duty, complete it. Life is a game, play it. Life is a promise, fulfill it. Life is sorrow, overcome it. Life is a song, sing it. Life is a struggle, accept it. Life is a tragedy, confront it. Life is an adventure, dare it. Life is luck, make it. Life is too precious, do not destroy it. Life is life, fight for it.

- Mother Teresa



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