

ST BRIDGET of Ireland

CATHOLIC CHURCH

1024 W. Main St. Berryville, VA 22611

May 3, 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:

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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

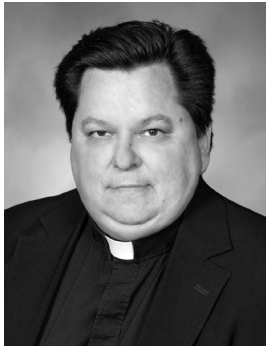
Women's Group:

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

A rerun from last week and just as important. It's hard to believe it has been over a month since we last gathered to celebrate a public Mass at St. Bridget. It seems so long ago. I hope that this finds everybody doing well.

I thought I would take this opportunity to let you know about what has been going on here at the parish during this time.

Many of you are aware that we finally started live-streaming Masses, beginning with the Easter Triduum. Masses are live streamed at 8 AM.

on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday; as well as 10 AM. on Sunday. The Masses are posted on a Youtube Channel, so if you miss it, you can always watch it later in the day. The link to the channel is on our parish website. Going from noon Mass on weekdays to 8 AM. hasn't been easy, but it seems to be working. When the usual Mass schedule resumes, I hope to continue to live-stream the noon Mass for our homebound.

We have had three weddings and a Baptism while things have been shut down. Be sure to congratulate John Sengewalt, our director of religious education, and Maggie May, one of our catechists. They were married at St. Bridget Church on April 18. We also had one funeral. Milton Hinkle was a parishioner here when Masses were still being celebrated in the old theater. As you can see, life goes on here at the parish.

I am continuing to hear confessions on Saturdays from 4 to 5 PM. and Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8 PM. I am using the sacristy, making sure that chairs are at least 6 feet apart. The church remains open from 9 AM. to 9 PM. for private prayer.

I have resumed meetings with the catechumens and candidates participating in the RCIA. God willing, the sacraments of initiation will be celebrated at the end of May or the beginning of June. We are hoping to have First Communions in June, as well. The new organ should be going in mid-May.

As you can see, we have some things to look forward to.

On a personal note, I want to thank you all for the birthday wishes and cards. You don't know how much that meant to me. I was especially surprised and deeply touched when I walked into church and found some photos of parishioners taped to the pews. I still have them hanging up so I can see your smiling faces when I celebrate Masses. In this quiet time, I've been spending more time in the church praying. Know that those prayers are for you.

If I'm not in the church, I'm catching up on some reading. I'm working my way through a fantasy series called *The Wheel of Time* by Robert Jordan. The man never met a long book he didn't like. It's a 14-book series, and every volume is at least 800 pages. I'm currently on book 7, so I have plenty more to keep me occupied for the next few weeks.

I've also been doing a 33-day retreat using Father Michael Gaitley's new book: *33 Days to Greater Glory*. The retreat simply involves reading the Gospel of John as well as reflections by Father Gaitley. I'll leave you with some food for thought from the retreat.

There is a reflection on the raising of Lazarus from the dead. Martha, Lazarus' sister, comes out to Jesus and says, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." Her words seem to echo the question we always ask when faced with the reality of suffering: Why? As we hear the news about the number of deaths attributed to Covid-19, we might be asking where is God in all of this?

That same passage of John's Gospel tells us that Jesus wept. The Son of God weeps as he sees how death wrenches the souls of Martha and Mary, people he loved. He then stands revealed as the one who came to free us from death: "I am the Resurrection and the Life." He says that whoever believes in him will not die but have eternal life.

God does not delight in seeing us suffer, he does not delight in death. He created us so that we might share His life. In the midst of the suffering and death around us, we must not forget that God wants us to think of eternity. If we wonder where God is in this, remember that, through His Son, he has transformed death into life.

*In Our Lord,
Fr. Paul Grankauskas*

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 4

Noon † Florence Krasinski

Tuesday May 5

Noon Mass Special Intention
Dixon Family

Wednesday May 6

9 AM † Rev. Stanley Skaza

Thursday May 7

Noon Special Intention
Becky Jackson

Friday May 8

Noon † Jean Gant

Saturday May 9

9 AM † Helen Pehenati

Sunday May 10

10 AM Parish Family

Prayer List

Remember the following in your prayers:

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

FYI

Church Construction: The church will be CLOSED for construction of the choir loft scaffolding for roof repair, Monday May 4th until Wednesday morning the 6th.

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.

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

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You! Collections have been going well and being handled in the parish office. We have accommodated 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 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. 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, or text 'Enroll' to (Text-to-Give Number). Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

Make It Sew: was such a great success that we have many leftovers that 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. I know of at least one merchant 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 us at women@stbridgetberryville.org for the latest information.

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

May 3, 2020 Divine Mercy Said: "...You should not worry too much about adversities. The world is not as powerful as it seems to be; its strength is strictly limited. Know, My daughter, that if your soul is filled with the fire of My pure love, then all difficulties dissipate like fog before the sun's rays and dare not touch the soul. All adversaries are afraid to start a quarrel with such a soul, because they sense that it is stronger than the whole world..." (St. Faustina Diary, 1643) "Used with permission of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M."

Veritas Young Adults Group: Contact for latest information 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

Catechist for Fifth Grade: Contact John Sengewalt, DRE at dre@stbridgetberryville.org

Saint of the Week

St. Maria Dominic Mazzarello:

Maria was born May 9, 1837 in Mornese, Acqui, Italy to Giuseppe and Maddalena Mazzarello, the eldest of ten children of a farm family in the mountains; seven of the children survived, and Maria learned the lessons typical of a big sister. She and her friend Petronilla began working as dressmakers. They discovered a joint interest in working with children and started a school for girls that soon turned into a boarding school. Each Sunday they offered the local girls, whether students or not, the chance to come to the school for games and prayers. Maria joined the Daughters of Mary, Help of Christians, a branch of nuns affiliated with the Order of Salesians and founded by Saint John Bosco. Her great apostolate was among motherless girls. She became superioress of her Order. She governed it with great wisdom until she died. She looked on John Bosco as the very mouthpiece of God. Maria sought his guidance in all things. Her Order, now known as the Salesian Sisters, is spread all over the world. The great devotions of Mary Dominic Mazzarello were to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and to the Blessed Mother of God. "Trust Our Lady," she said. "She will help you in all things." Mary Dominic died when she was only forty-four years old, the same age as Saint Francis of Assisi. Every time she heard the clock strike, she said, "One hour less here. One hour nearer to eternity." Her Feast Day is May 14th.

Spiritual Thoughts

Let us always meet each other with smile, [even if the smile is under a mask] for the smile is the beginning of love.

- Mother Teresa



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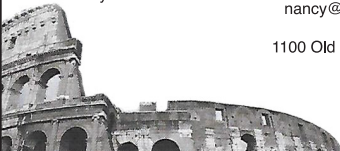
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