

ST. BRIDGET of Ireland

CATHOLIC CHURCH

1024 W. Main Street, Berryville VA 22611

July 19, 2020



Saint 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. Saint 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. Saint Bridget laid strong foundations for the Church in Ireland. Her feast day is February 1, the first day of the Celtic Spring.

Parish Office

Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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office@stbridgetberryville.org

Website

Stbridgetberryville.org

Baptism

Contact parish office for information.

Marriage

Contact parish priest at least six (6) months prior to proposed date of the wedding.

Rosary

The Rosary is prayed after the 12:00 p.m. Mass on the First Friday each month.

Hospitalized and Homebound

Contact the parish office so that hospitalized and homebound parishioners may receive pastoral care.

FISH Food Collection

In the narthex on the second Sunday each month.

Faith Direct

Faithdirect.net or 866-507-8757. Please use church code VA605.

Bulletin

The bulletin deadline is 12:00 p.m. Monday.
Email bulletin announcements to
bulletin@stbridgetberryville.org.

Religious Education

Religious Education classes are held from the Sunday following Labor Day until the first Sunday in May. Classes are Sundays from 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Knights of Columbus Council 16938

Michael Murrow, *Grand Knight*
knights@stbridgetberryville.org
Meet the second Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. in Hobert Hall.

Men's Club

George Darnell
men@stbridgetberryville.org
Meet the last Saturday of each month at 8:00 a.m. in Hobert Hall. Breakfast is served at 7:30 a.m.

Women's Group

Ruth Hayes
women@stbridgetberryville.org
Meet the first Tuesday each month following 12:00 p.m. Mass.

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday & Tuesday, 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.
Thursday & Friday, 12:00 p.m.
Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

Holy Days

12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Confessions

Mondays, 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Saturdays, 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

First Friday

Adoration following 12:00 p.m. Mass
Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays during Confessions
from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

FIRST READING _____ WISDOM 12:13, 16-19

There is no god besides you who have the care of all, that you need show you have not unjustly condemned. For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all. For you show your might when the perfection of your power is disbelieved; and in those who know you, you rebuke temerity. But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us; for power, whenever you will, attends you. And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM _____ PSALM 86

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

You, O LORD, are good and forgiving, abounding in kindness to all who call upon you. Hearken, O LORD, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my pleading. **R.**

All the nations you have made shall come and worship you, O LORD, and glorify your name. For you are great, and you do wondrous deeds; you alone are God. **R.**

You, O LORD, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity. Turn toward me, and have pity on me; give your strength to your servant. **R.**

SECOND READING _____ ROMANS 8: 26-27

Brothers and sisters:
The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

GOSPEL _____ MATTHEW 13:24-43

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn."'"

He proposed another parable to them. "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.'"

He spoke to them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened."

All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables. He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: *I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world.*

Then, dismissing the crowds, he went into the house. His disciples approached him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." He said in reply, "He who sows good seed is the Son of Man,

the field is the world, the good seed, the children of the kingdom and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

Prayer List

Please remember the following people in your prayers:
Laurie Custidero, Becky Blair, Fr. Michael Dobbins, Jim Willis, Matthew Lewis, David Smith, Jack Cameron, John Caroselli, Fred Curtis, Michael Boyd, Tony Tringale, Jim Lewandowski, Carl Stohl, Sue Fleming, Connie Guevremont, Douglas Levy, Victoria White and Bonnie

Mass Intentions: Have you ever thought "What does it mean to offer a Mass for someone's intentions or for the repose of a soul?"

Anyone may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

The tradition of offering Masses for others, particularly the dead, originates in the very early Church. When a priest offers Holy Mass, he has three intentions: First, to offer the Mass reverently and validly in accord with the norms of the Church. Second, to offer the Mass in union with the whole Church and for the good of the whole Church. Third, to offer the Mass for a particular intention, such as the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

If you want to offer a Mass for the intentions of someone who is living or for the repose of the soul of someone who has died, contact the parish office. A date when no intention has been offered will be chosen and you can choose a beautiful Mass card to send to someone or to keep as a remembrance. The typical donation is \$10 when a Mass is offered.

Masses for the Week

† For the repose of the soul

Daily Readings

Micah 6:1-4, 6-8
Psalm 50
Matthew 12:38-42

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20
Psalm 85
Matthew 12:46-50

Song of Songs 3:1-4b
Psalm 63
John 20:1-2, 11-18

Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13
Psalm 36
Matthew 13:10-17

Jeremiah 3:14-17
Response Jeremiah 31
Matthew 13:18-23

2 Corinthians 4:7-15
Psalm 126
Matthew 20:20-28

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Psalm 119
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 20
Saint Apollinaris
12:00 p.m. Frank Cefalu

Tuesday, July 21
Saint Lawrence of Brindisi
12:00 p.m. Frank Cefalu

Wednesday, July 22
Saint Mary Magdalene
9 :00 a.m. Roni Mcvicar

Thursday, July 23
Saint Bridget of Sweden
12:00 p.m. Rev. Mr. John Paul Heisler

Friday, July 24
Saint Sharbel Makhoul
12:00 p.m. † Bob Lyles

Saturday, July 25
Saint James, Apostle
9:00 a.m. † Rose Marie Allen
5:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 26
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. Parish Family
12:00 p.m. † Frederick Yosca



PASTOR'S WORDS

I said last week that we can find ourselves in the parables of Our Lord. This week's parable may seem to be a little more challenging in that regard, but I think we can do so nonetheless.

This week's parable speaks of weeds growing among wheat. When harvest time arrives, the two are separated out. The wheat is kept, the weeds are burned.

The parable is a reminder that in the world, good and evil exist. They will do so until the end of time. We may often wonder why God does not just step in and zap the evil right out of existence. The parable reminds us that tampering with one may very well affect the other. Times of crisis like those we are passing through can bring out the worst in us, but they can also bring out the best. These are the days that can make us great saints or sinners.

We seem to live in a culture that automatically assumes the worst about others. If someone allegedly commits a crime, they are guilty until proven innocent rather than the other way around. We demand justice. When we hear about the sins and offenses of others, especially if it is something big, it is easy to think, "Thank God I am not like that. I'm a pretty good person."

The parable invites us to think for a moment. If we want God to punish others for their sins, what do we expect Him to do about us? Who of us can say we have not sinned? The parable seems to say something about the patience of God, who would rather give us a chance to repent and be saved. The parable reminds us that there will come a time when justice will be rendered: at the moment of Christ's second coming or at the hour of our death. Then, as St. Paul says in his second letter to the Corinthians, we will stand before the judgement seat of Christ, offering an account of what we did in the body, whether good or evil.

I end with the words of St. Ignatius of Antioch from his letter to the Magnesians: "All things have an end, and two things, life and death, are side by side set before us, and each will go to his own place. Just as there are two coinages, one of God and the other of the world, each with its own image, so unbelievers bear the image of this world, and those who have faith with love bear the image of God the Father through Jesus Christ. Unless we are ready through his power to die in the likeness of his Passion, his is not in us."

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Paul Grankauskas

On July 25, the Catholic Church will be celebrating the Feast day of St. James the Greater. St. James was a fisherman and the brother of John. Peter was his partner. When they were called to become Apostles of Jesus, they left everything to do so. St. James the Greater is the patron saint of laborers and Spain.

There were two Apostles named James. James the Greater is the older of the two. He was also called "The Son of Thunder." James, John and Peter were honored to be the only Apostles present at the Transfiguration. They were also present in the Garden of Gethsemane while Jesus prayed before His death.

Tradition tells us he evangelized in Spain after the crucifixion for nine years. St. James the Greater was the first Apostle to be martyred. In the year 44, King Herod Agrippa killed him with a sword during the early persecutions of the Church. ~Saint James, pray for us.

Living Nazareth High School celebrates Saint Ignatius: On Friday July 31, the Feast of St. Ignatius Loyola, we will host Fr. Kevin Stolt, IVE (one of the spiritual directors for Living Nazareth High School) speaking on Ignatian Spirituality in Hobert Hall at 6:00 p.m. This joyful evening will feature light refreshments, door prizes, and opportunities for Q&A on both the topic of the evening and the new high school. Admission is free of charge, but donations toward our student scholarship fund would be gratefully accepted. For more details and to RSVP please call the school at 540-686-1057 or see Living Nazareth High School's Facebook events. We look forward to celebrating with you!



DIVINE MERCY SAID: "When you reflect upon what I tell you in the depths of your heart, you profit more than if you had read many books. Oh, if souls would only want to listen to My voice when I am speaking in the depths of their hearts, they would reach the peak of holiness in a short time." (St. Faustina Diary, 584) "Used with permission of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M."

Religious Education: 2020 – 2021 Registration forms have been emailed. Additional forms are available in the narthex, in the parish office, and on the parish website. Registration is open July 1 – July 31.

Below are the Online VIRTUS Sessions currently scheduled:

Monday, July 27 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom in English
 Wednesday, July 29 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom in English
 Saturday, August 8 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom in Spanish

Individuals may now register: https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theOrgID=18408

Registrants are provided the zoom information the evening prior to their session.



From July 27-31, the Sacred Heart of Jesus Gift Shop will sponsor an unprecedented sale with 20% on just about everything in stock. The Gift Shop is open for appointments and Manager Valerie Rocha, can help you fill your sacred art, reading, or devotional needs. Valerie will open the shop just for you. Browse our entire inventory at your leisure. Would you prefer not to come in but need a gift? Valerie is ready to conduct a sale over the phone. All major credit cards are honored. Don't miss Christmas in July at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Gift Shop. Call 540-686-1339.

Saint of the Week

Saint Barhadbesciabas

Barhadbesciabas was a zealous deacon in the city of Arbela in Persia. During the fifteenth year of the great persecution (circa 355 A.D.) and raised in Persia by King Sapor II, by the command of Sapor Tamsapor governor of Adiabene, Barhadbesciabas was apprehended and put on the rack. Whilst he was tormented, the officers continually cried out to him, "Worship water and fire, and eat the blood of beasts, and you shall be immediately set at liberty." But the blessed Deacon Barhadbesciabas showed, by the cheerfulness of his countenance, that the interior joy of his happy soul overcame the torments he felt in his body. He often said to the judge, "Neither you nor your king, nor any manner of torments shall ever be able to separate me from the love of Jesus: Him alone have I served from my infancy to this old age." The tyrant at length condemned him to be beheaded, and commanded Aghæus, an apostate Christian nobleman, to be his executioner. The holy deacon stood bound waiting with joy for the happy moment which was to associate him to the angels; but Aghæus trembled so as not to be able to give the blow. He struck, however, seven times at the martyr's neck, and not being able to sever his head from his body, ran his sword into his bowels. This, at last killed Barhadbesciabas. The judge set guards to watch the blessed corpse; but two clerks carried it off in the night, and buried it after the Roman fashion. His Feast day is July 20.

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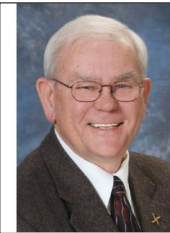
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