

# ST. BRIDGET of Ireland

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

1024 W. Main Street, Berryville VA 22611

August 2, 2020



**S**aint 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.  
540-277-2943 540-277-2945 (fax)  
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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## *Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time*

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

### FIRST READING \_\_\_\_\_ ISAIAH 55:1-3

Thus says the LORD: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread; your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David.

### Thanks be to God.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM \_\_\_\_\_ PSALM 145

*The hand of the Lord feeds us;  
he answers all our needs.*

The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.  
The LORD is good to all  
and compassionate toward all his works. **R.**  
The eyes of all look hopefully to you,  
and you give them their food in due season;  
you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every  
living thing. **R.**  
The LORD is just in all his ways  
and holy in all his works.  
The LORD is near to all who call upon him,  
to all who call upon him in truth. **R.**

### SECOND READING \_\_\_\_\_ ROMANS 8:35, 37-39

Brothers and sisters:  
What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### Thanks be to God.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

### GOSPEL \_\_\_\_\_ MATTHEW 14:13-21

When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. The crowds heard of this and followed him on foot from their towns. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples approached him and said, "This is a deserted place and it is already late; dismiss the crowds so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves." But they said to him, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have here." Then he said, "Bring them here to me," and he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over—twelve wicker baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children.

### Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,  
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every  
taste.



## PRAYER LIST

Please remember the following people in your prayers: Fr. Michael Dobbins, Jim Willis, Matthew Lewis, Jack Cameron, John Caroselli, Fred Curtis, Michael Boyd, Tony Tringale, Jim Lewandowski, Connie Guevremont, Victoria White, Maria Yeager, and Gayle Keenan.

What a week in the Liturgical Calendar of the Church! This week we celebrate the Transfiguration of the Lord, the Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major, and the Feast Days of Saint John Vianney, Saint Sixtus, and Saint Dominic.

What importance does the Liturgical Calendar have in our lives and why do we care about these Solemnities and Feast Days? It is important to know and celebrate these special days to know and love our Faith, to learn about and to teach our Faith to our children, and to evangelize and witness to our Faith when we are out in the world.

To build a Catholic culture in your life and your home, look at the Solemnities and Feasts, learn about them, celebrate them in your homes, and use the beautiful Liturgical Calendar as you move through the year.

How many of us would consider going from July 3 to July 5 without celebrating July 4? Today we commemorate so many holidays with our family; Super Bowl Sunday, Memorial Day, Labor Day. All of these celebrations are great as they add to our family traditions and stories, and we honor special events in our history and culture. But there are many other special days throughout the year that can also be added to our family celebrations.

Use the weekly calendar on this page and see the Feasts and Solemnities Mother Church celebrates. Search the internet for more information or meditations about these days and make sure you read from reputable Catholic sources. Then, celebrate, celebrate, celebrate! If we bring our Catholic culture into our lives and into our homes, we can evangelize the world!



The Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Dominic. St. Dominic had a great devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. During his ministry, he preached a great deal to combat the Albigensian heresy. According to tradition, St. Dominic was distressed at his lack of success in his preaching in countering the heresy, and in his desperation turned to the Mother of God for help. She appeared to him (according to the tradition) and told him to use her *Psalter* in conjunction with his preaching of the mysteries of our salvation, as an instrument in combating the great heresy of his day. The Rosary has always been a strong weapon in combating evils of the times.

## Masses for the Week

† For the repose of the soul

### Daily Readings

Jeremiah 28:1-17  
Psalm 119  
Matthew 14:22-36

Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-25,  
18-22  
Psalm 102  
Matthew 14:22-36 or  
Matthew 15:1-2, 10-14

Jeremiah 31:1-7  
Resp. Jeremiah 31  
Matthew 15:21-28

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14  
Psalm 97  
2 Peter 1:16-19  
Matthew 17:1-9

Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7  
Response Deuteronomy 32  
Matthew 16:24-28

Habakkuk 1:12—2:4  
Psalm 9  
Matthew 17:14-20

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a  
Psalm 85  
Romans 9:1-5  
Matthew 14:22-33

### Mass Intentions

**Monday, August 3**  
8:00 a.m. Hayden Gormas  
There will be no 12:00 p.m.  
Mass today.

**Tuesday, August 4**  
*Saint John Vianney*  
12:00 p.m. Father Paul

**Wednesday, August 5**  
*Dedication of the Basilica of  
Saint Mary Major*  
9:00 a.m.

**Thursday, August 6**  
*Transfiguration of the Lord*  
12:00 p.m. Peter Clem

**Friday, August 7**  
*Saint Sixtus II and  
Companions, Saint Cajetan*  
12:00 p.m. † Sandy  
Henderson

**Saturday, August 8**  
*Saint Dominic*  
9:00 a.m. † Benny & Felicia  
DiSorbo  
5:30 p.m. † Margaret  
Dorothea Disdier

**Sunday, August 9**  
*Nineteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time*  
9:00 a.m. Parish Family  
12:00 p.m. David Withrow



## PASTOR'S WORDS

This weekend we hear the familiar Gospel account of the feeding of the 5,000.

In times past, people have tried to tone down the miraculous nature of this incident by saying that Jesus' preaching so moved the people that they shared their own food with each other. I suppose, in some ways, that would be something of a miracle in and of itself. Trying to get 10 people to do something is hard enough. If you can get 5,000 to do something, more power to you. However, that is not the way the evangelists – all four of them – depict the event.

All four Gospels make it clear that there is not enough food to go around. The Apostles have nothing to give to the crowd. It is Jesus who takes a few loaves of bread and a few fish, blesses them, and gives them to the crowd. In the end, there is more than enough to satisfy the needs of the crowd.

For those who witnessed this sign, it might have brought up memories of Moses and the manna in the desert. In the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses tells the people of Israel that God will raise up another prophet like himself from among them. Here is the sign that perhaps Jesus is that new Moses, giving them bread. In John's Gospel, this miracle will be the springboard for Jesus' Bread of Life discourse in the synagogue of Capernaum. In that very discourse, he connects what he had done with the manna, but gives hints that it prefigures even something greater: the Eucharist.

In the feeding of the 5,000, Jesus blesses, breaks, and gives the bread to those gathered around them. Those words should sound familiar. On the night before he died, he blessed, broke, and gave bread to his disciples, saying, "This is my body, given up for you."

The Gospels do not recount this story as one of people sharing their goods with each other. It is another example of God generously providing for the needs of His people. He did so in the days of Moses. Now he does so by sending us His only Son, the true bread come down from heaven.

In the movie "Aladdin," (the original animated film), the genie describes what it is like being stuck in the lamp: "Amazing colossal power, itty bitty living space!" Those words could easily fit the Eucharist. "Stupendous salvific power, itty bitty host!" To our senses, it looks like bread, tastes like bread, feels like bread, yet Eucharistic miracles throughout the centuries have verified what we already know by faith: hidden under the appearances of that sacramental sign is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ. Hidden under that sacramental sign is a source of tremendous grace.

As we hear how Our Lord feeds the crowd, I invite you to reflect on the way we are fed in the Eucharist. What are the fruits and graces that come to us through this sacrament?

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us of the following:

*Holy Communion augments our union with Christ* (no. 1391) – Jesus himself said in John's Gospel that whoever eats his flesh and drinks his blood abides in him. The moment of Holy Communion is a communion of persons, we with Our Lord. We have eternal life because he shares his life with us in the sacrament.

*Holy Communion separates us from sin* (no. 1393) – The Eucharist unites us to Christ's death on the cross, a death he freely accepted to free us from sin. Thus, receiving Our Lord in Holy Communion can cleanse us of venial sins and help preserve us from committing mortal sins. Christ's presence with us and in us in the Eucharist is a sharing in the outpouring of his love for us. The closer we are to Him, the more we will reject what separates us from him.

*The Eucharist commits us to the poor* (no. 1397) – On the night Jesus instituted the Eucharist, he washed the feet of the disciples and told them that what he had done for them, they must do for each other. In the Eucharist, Christ gives himself to us. That is a blessing. What we are given is meant to be shared. That is what it means to be broken and given.

*The Eucharist makes the Church* (no. 1396) – The Eucharist is a visible sign of our communion with each other in Christ. How much more does that give power to Jesus' words: what you do to the least of my little one, you do it to me. Charity is the supreme law among the disciples of Christ, for it is Christ who makes us brothers and sisters.

Our Lord performed a great sign on that day he fed the 5,000, generously providing food for the hungry who were following him. In the Eucharist, the same Lord who fed his people in the desert and on a Judean mountainside feeds us once again with the ultimate gift: the gift of himself, the true bread from heaven that gives us eternal life.

*Sincerely in Christ,*

*Fr. Paul Grankauskas*

**Please note** Mass on Monday, August 3 will be at 8:00 a.m. and not 12:00 p.m. All are invited to attend the 8:00 a.m. Mass. The RE students who will be confirmed in the fall are going on retreat and Father Paul will join them.

**Living Nazareth High School**, located here at St. Bridget, is currently accepting student applications for the 2020-2021 academic year. Please visit our website, [www.LivingNazareth.org](http://www.LivingNazareth.org), to learn more. To receive an application or request more information please email [LivingNazareth@gmail.com](mailto:LivingNazareth@gmail.com).

*"The contemplative model employed by Living Nazareth High School places necessary emphasis on the interior life of the young person as a keystone of the formation process. Without such life, nurtured and sustained by dedicated times of prayer, spiritual direction, and the Sacraments, any other efforts on behalf of human life are impossible."*

- Fr. Shenan Boquet, President of Human Life International

**Mass for Marriage Jubilarians:** Mass Celebrating Golden & Silver Jubilarians (Married in 1970 and 1995) will be held at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington on Sunday, October 4, at 2:30 p.m. Bishop Michael Burbidge will be the principal celebrant and homilist. A light reception of cake and punch with an opportunity for a photograph with Bishop Burbidge will follow in Burke Hall. Please call the parish office to register no later than September 18. Register even if you cannot attend and the Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life will send you a certificate commemorating your 25 or 50 years of marriage.



**DIVINE MERCY SAID:** "...My great delight is to unite Myself with souls. Know, My daughter, that when I come to a human heart in Holy Communion, My hands are full of all kinds of graces which I want to give to the soul. But souls do not even pay any attention to Me; they leave Me to Myself and busy themselves with other things, Oh, how sad I am that souls do not recognize Love! They treat Me as a dead object." (St. Faustina Diary, 1385) "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 available in the narthex, in the parish office, and on the website. Registration has been extended to August 14.

Below are the currently scheduled VIRTUS sessions:

Tuesday August 4 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom in English  
 Thursday August 6 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom in English  
 Tuesday August 11 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom in English  
 Thursday August 13 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom in English  
 Monday August 17 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom in English  
 Wednesday August 19 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom in English  
 Wednesday August 26 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom in English  
 Thursday September 10 at 6:00 p.m. @ St. Ambrose Parish (Annandale)-  
 LIVE IN PERSON SESSION  
 Tuesday September 22 at 5:30 p.m. @ Paul VI High School (Chantilly)-  
 LIVE IN PERSON SESSION

If you are a new volunteer, please visit the website below to register for a VIRTUS session!

[https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg\\_list2.cfm?theOrgID=18408](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theOrgID=18408)



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## Saint of the Week

### Saint Peter Julian Eymard

Peter Julian was born February 4, 1811 in La Mure d'Isère in southeastern France. He worked at his father's trade as cutler until eighteen when he went to the seminary, despite his father's opposition. Peter Julian was ordained a diocesan priest in the Diocese of Grenoble in 1834. The Jansenistic overemphasis on sin throughout the diocese led Peter Julian to join the Marist order in 1839. His years as a Marist, including service as a provincial leader, saw the deepening of his Eucharistic devotion, especially through his preaching of Forty Hours in many parishes. Inspired at first by the idea of reparation for indifference to the Eucharist, Peter Julian was eventually attracted to a more positive spirituality of Christ-centered love. All his life, he searched for an answer to the deep spiritual hungers of his day, and he discovered it in the Eucharist. Inspired by this sacrament, he inaugurated a new way of life in the church, one completely shaped by the Eucharist celebrated, contemplated, and lived in communion. Members of the men's community which Peter founded in 1856 (Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament) alternated between an active apostolic life and contemplating Jesus in the Eucharist. He and Marguerite Guillot founded the women's Congregation of the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament in 1859. His Feast Day is August 2.



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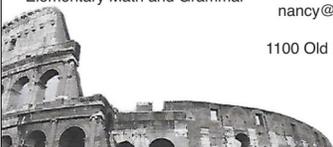
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