



**V.** Behold  
the handmaid  
of the Lord.

**R.** Be it done  
unto me according  
to Thy word.

*Hail Mary, full of grace.  
The Lord is with thee.*

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## ST. BRIDGET OF IRELAND CATHOLIC CHURCH

1024 West Main Street • Berryville VA 22611

### Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass  
Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 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. & 7:00 p.m.

### Confessions

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

### First Friday

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

### Eucharistic Adoration

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

### Father Paul Grankauskas

*Pastor*

### John Sengewalt

*Religious Education*

### Stacy Sefton

*Music Program*

### Jenny Sorenson

*Organist*

### JoAn Drake

*EMHC & Lectors*

### Becky Jackson

*Prayer List, Sacristan*

### Parish Office

Monday - Friday  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
540-277-2943  
office@stbridgetberryville.org  
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 First Friday  
each month.

### Hospitalized & Homebound

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

### FISH of Clarke County

Food donations may be left  
in the narthex on the second  
Sunday each month.

### E-Giving

Our e-giving partner is Faith  
Direct. Our church code  
VA605.



### Bulletin

The bulletin deadline is  
12:00 p.m. Friday one week  
before publication.

### Religious Education

540-277-2948  
dre@stbridgetberryville.org  
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  
For more information please  
visit KofCberryville.org.

### Men's Club

George Darnell  
men@stbridgetberryville.org  
Meetings are the first Saturday  
of each month at 10:00 a.m. in  
Hobert Hall. Breakfast is served  
following 9:00 a.m. Mass.

### Women's Group

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

### Veritas Young Adults Group

Laurel Morris  
youngadults@stbridgetberryville.org  
For adults in their 20s and 30s.  
Join us for faith, service and  
fellowship!

## *Second Sunday of Advent*

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

### **FIRST READING** \_\_\_\_\_ ISAIAH 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

### **Thanks be to God.**

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** \_\_\_\_\_ PSALM 85

*Lord, let us see your kindness,  
and grant us your salvation.*

I will hear what God proclaims;  
the LORD—for he proclaims peace to his people.  
Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him,  
glory dwelling in our land. **R.**  
Kindness and truth shall meet;  
justice and peace shall kiss.  
Truth shall spring out of the earth,  
and justice shall look down from heaven. **R.**  
The LORD himself will give his benefits;  
our land shall yield its increase.  
Justice shall walk before him,  
and prepare the way of his steps. **R.**

### **SECOND READING** \_\_\_\_\_ 2 PETER 3:8-14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard “delay,” but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.

Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

### **Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Prepare a way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

### **GOSPEL** \_\_\_\_\_ MARK 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

### **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

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**Prayer List**

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

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|-------------------|----------------|
| Jim Willis        | Victoria White |
| Matthew Lewis     | Pat Fales      |
| Jack Cameron      | Carmela Rao    |
| John Caroselli    | Pat O'Boyle    |
| Fred Curtis       | Gwen Hales     |
| Tony Tringale     | Dianne Seaver  |
| David Smith       | Doris Layden   |
| Jim Lewandowski   | Betty Price    |
| Connie Guevremont |                |

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2020**

**CONFESSIONS**

- Saturday, December 19 • 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday, December 20 • 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
 Monday, December 21 • 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**MASSES**

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

December 24

- 5:00 p.m. Family Vigil Mass  
 5:30 p.m. Mass in Hobert Hall  
 8:00 p.m. Solemn Mass of Christmas

December 25

- 9:00 a.m. Mass  
 11:00 a.m. Mass

**THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

December 31

11:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

January 1

10:00 a.m. Mass

**Masses for the Week**

† For the repose of the soul

**Daily Readings**

Isaiah 35:1-10  
 Psalm 85  
 Luke 5:17-26

Genesis 3:9-15, 20  
 Psalm 98  
 Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12  
 Luke 1:26-38

Isaiah 40:25-31  
 Psalm 103  
 Matthew 11:28-30

Isaiah 41:13-20  
 Psalm 145  
 Matthew 11:11-15

Isaiah 48:17-19  
 Psalm 1  
 Matthew 11:16-19

Zechariah 2:14-17  
 Response: Judith 13  
 Luke 1:26-38

Isaiah 61:1-2A, 10-11  
 Response: Luke 1  
 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
 John 1:6-8, 19-28

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, December 7**  
**Saint Ambrose**  
 12:00 p.m.  
 Maria & Chuck Cunningham

**Tuesday, December 8**  
**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 12:00 p.m.  
 † Eugenia Rao  
 7:00 p.m.  
 † Frank Giorandino

**Wednesday, December 9**  
**Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatatzin**  
 9:00 a.m.  
 There is no Mass today

**Thursday, December 10**  
 12:00 p.m.  
 † Steve Raynor

**Friday, December 11**  
 12:00 p.m.  
 † Rao Family

**Saturday, December 12**  
**Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
 9:00 a.m.  
 † Kristin Jacobs  
 5:30 p.m.  
 † David W. Odiorne, Jr.

**Sunday, December 13**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**  
 9:00 a.m.  
 Becky Jackson  
 12:00 p.m.  
 Parish Family

*Tuesday, December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a Holy Day of Obligation.*

*The Second Collection for December 13 is for Disaster Relief.*





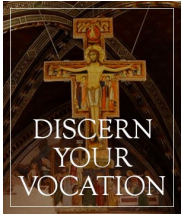
## *From a sermon by Saint Augustine, Bishop*

Let us sing alleluia here on earth, while we still live in anxiety, so that we may sing it one day in heaven in full security. Why do we now live in anxiety? Can you expect me not to feel anxious when I read: *Is not man's life on earth a time of trial?* Can you expect me not to feel anxious when the words still ring in my ears: *Watch and pray that you will not be put to the test?* Can you expect me not to feel anxious when there are so many temptations here below that prayer itself reminds us of them, when we say: *Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us?* Every day we make our petitions, every day we sin. Do you want me to feel secure when I am daily asking pardon for my sins, and requesting help in time of trial? Because of my past sins I pray: *Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us,* and then, because of the perils still before me, I immediately go on to add: *Lead us not into temptation.* How can all be well with people who are crying out with me: *Deliver us from evil?* And yet, brothers, while we are still in the midst of this evil, let us sing alleluia to the good God who delivers us from evil.

Even here amidst trials and temptations let us, let all men, sing alleluia. *God is faithful,* says holy Scripture, *and he will not allow you to be tried beyond your strength.* So let us sing alleluia, even here on earth. Man is still a debtor, but God is faithful. Scripture does not say that he will not allow you to be tried, but that *he will not allow you to be tried beyond your strength. Whatever the trial, he will see you through it safely, and so enable you to endure.* You have entered upon a time of trial but you will come to no harm—God's help will bring you through it safely. You are like a piece of pottery, shaped by instruction, fired by tribulation. When you are put into the oven therefore, keep your thoughts on the time when you will be taken out again; for God is faithful, and *he will guard both your going in and your coming out.*

But in the next life, when this body of ours has become immortal and incorruptible, then all trials will be over. *Your body is indeed dead, and why? Because of sin.* Nevertheless, *your spirit lives, because you have been justified.* Are we to leave our dead bodies behind then? By no means. Listen to the words of holy Scripture: *If the Spirit of him who raised Christ from the dead dwells within you, then he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your own mortal bodies.* At present your body receives its life from the soul, but then it will receive it from the Spirit.

O the happiness of the heavenly alleluia, sung in security, in fear of no adversity! We shall have no enemies in heaven, we shall never lose a friend. God's praises are sung both there and here, but here they are sung by those destined to die, there, by those destined to live for ever; here they are sung in hope, there, in hope's fulfillment; here they are sung by wayfarers, there, by those living in their own country.



“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his path.” Could God be calling you to be a herald of the Gospel like John the Baptist? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

**Religious Education:** No RE class December 27 or January 3.



**ST. FAUSTINA OF DIVINE MERCY SAID:** The Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Before Holy Communion, I saw the Blessed Mother inconceivably beautiful. Smiling at me, She said to me, *"My daughter at God's command I am to be, in a special and exclusive way your Mother; but I desire that you, too, in a special way, be My child."* (St. Faustina Diary,

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest is back! Kids ages 5-14 are eligible. \$50 prizes in each age category. Completed

entrance forms must accompany the posters. Entrance forms and complete rules are available on the Knights' website. Entries must be received by noon on December 20.

**Parish Pupusa Fundraiser**



Saturday, December 12 enjoy a delicious dinner~2 pupusas with salsa and cole slaw for only \$5. All proceeds will go to offset parish COVID expenses. Order forms are in the narthex. You pre-order your food and pick it up at Hobert Hall December 12 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



**Saint Bridget of Ireland Catholic Church Library Grand Opening**  
**Come browse over 1,100**

**Incredible Books, CD's, DVD's, & Studies!**

Check out the huge selection including: Adoration ✦ Apologetics (Defend Your Faith!) ✦ Bibles ✦ Catechism ✦ Children's ✦ Faithful Guidance ✦ History ✦ Liturgy ✦ Blessed Mary Rosary ✦ Philosophy ✦ Theology ✦ Poetry & Art ✦ Popes ✦ Saints (Biographies and Authors) ✦ Prayer ✦ Sermons & Homilies ✦ Vocations ✦ Study Guides & Courses ✦ PLUS DVD's & CD's!!

The library is located in Hobert Hall adjacent to Anthony's office and will be open between Sunday Masses and any time the Hall is open.

**Guidelines (THE RULES):**

- Please protect our books. No food, drink, or sticky fingers allowed!
- Use the Check Out Notebook located on the small cart to sign out books. No quantity limits!!
- There is NO time limit, but if you lend this book to someone else PLEASE be sure it is returned.
- Use the PLACE CARDS to mark the location(s) of the books you pull from the shelves in case you want to put them back;
- If you don't remember where you got a book, place it in the RESTACK basket so it can be put back correctly.
- Place all returned books in the RETURN basket to be recorded and placed on the shelf.
- Use the catalog located in the Check Out Notebook if you're looking for something in particular. The books are arranged by Shelf tags, by Title, By Author.
- If you enjoy a book, please leave a post-it note inside the front cover with your comments so someone else will know it's a gem!

*Saint of the Week*

**Saint Abraham of Kratia**

Abraham was born in Emesa, Syria, in 474. After becoming a monk, he was forced to flee to Constantinople because of raids on his monastery. In Constantinople, Abraham became procurator of another monastery, and at the age of twenty-six, he was made abbot of a house at Kratia in Bithynia. After ten years as abbot, he went to Palestine to seek out solitude and a life of contemplation. Forced to return by his bishop shortly thereafter, Abraham was made Bishop of Kratia. After thirteen years as bishop, he once more fled to Palestine looking for solitude. His remaining days were spent in a Palestinian Monastery, and he died around 558. His Feast Day is December 6.

**CHRISTMAS GIFT CARD COLLECTION**

ST. BRIDGET OF IRELAND WOMEN'S GROUP IS SPONSORING A COLLECTION OF GIFT CARDS TO BE USED FOR PARISH FAMILY NEEDS THIS YEAR FROM NOVEMBER 29 UNTIL DECEMBER 13. THE NEEDS IDENTIFIED ARE FOR FOOD, CLOTHING AND TO PAY BILLS. AND YES, THERE WILL BE CHRISTMAS JOY FOR THOSE GIVING AND RECEIVING. SUGGESTED CARDS ARE FROM MARTINS, WALMART AND VISA CARDS FOR PAYING BILLS. PLEASE PURCHASE A GIFT CARD OF YOUR CHOICE WITH THE AMOUNT STATED ON IT AND PLACE IT IN A CHRISTMAS CARD ADDRESSED TO "CHRISTMAS GIFT CARD COLLECTION." PLACE CHRISTMAS GIFTS IN THE COLLECTION BASKET OR DELIVER TO RECTORY OFFICE. MAY YOU BE BLESSED WITH A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS.

**Christmas Decorating**

Please come to help us decorate the church for Christmas on Sunday, December 20 at 1:30 p.m. Decorating the church for Christmas is a wonderful tradition here at St. Bridget of Ireland parish and all are invited.

