The Commemoration of 1 the Faithful Departed St. Bridget of Ireland

The Solemnity of All Saints

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!

resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." *John 11:25-26*

"I am the



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honor of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

First Reading______Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

I, John, saw another angel come up from the East, holding the seal of the living God. He cried out in a loud voice to the four angels who were given power to damage the land and the sea, "Do not damage the land or the sea or the trees until we put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." I heard the number of those who had been marked with the seal, one hundred and forty-four thousand marked from every tribe of the children of Israel.

After this I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice:

"Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb."

All the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They prostrated themselves before the throne, worshiped God, and exclaimed:

"Amen. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, power, and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

Then one of the elders spoke up and said to me, "Who are these wearing white robes, and where did they come from?" I said to him, "My lord, you are the one who knows." He said to me, "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb."

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

PSALM 24

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

The LORD's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it.

For he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. R. Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD? or who may stand in his holy place? One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean, who desires not what is vain. **R**. He shall receive a blessing from the LORD, a reward from God his savior. Such is the race that seeks him. that seeks the face of the God of Jacob. R.

SECOND READING 1 JOHN 3:1-3

Beloved:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12a

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

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Prayer List

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Fr. Dobbins Jim Willis Matthew Lewis Jack Cameron John Caroselli Fred Curtis Tony Tringale David Smith John Kochler Dianne Seaver John Lewandowski Connie Guevremont Victoria White Alan Lummannick Tricia & Courtney Dabney Mary Leps Pat Fales

Also pray for the repose of the soul of Linda Nolon, may her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Decree extends indulgence for the faithful departed throughout November

On Friday, October 23, the Vatican released a notice that extends the dates Plenary Indulgences for the faithful departed may be obtained from November 1-8 to the entire month of November. The decree also states, "for anyone who cannot leave their home for various reasons, including anti-Covid restrictions, they too can obtain the Plenary Indulgence by "uniting themselves spiritually to other members of the faithful." In this case, the condition of being "completely detached from sin" and the intention of completing the other requirements for obtaining a Plenary Indulgence remain. These conditions are Sacramental Confession, reception of Holy Communion and a prayer for the Holy Father's intentions."

Masses for the Week

† For the repose of the soul

Daily Readings

Wisdom 3:1-9 Psalm 23 Romans 6:3-9 John 6:37-40

Philippians 2:5-11 Psalm 22 Luke 14:15-24

Philippians 2:12-18 Psalm 27 Luke 14:25-33

Philippians 3:3-8a Psalm 105 Luke 15:1-10

Philippians 3:17-4:1 Psalm 122 Luke 16:1-8

Philippians 4:10-19 Psalm 112 Luke 16:9-15

Wisdom 6:12-16 Psalm 63 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 2 Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) 12:00 p.m. All Souls Novena

Tuesday, November 3 Saint Martin de Porres 12:00 p.m. All Souls Novena

Wednesday, November 4 Saint Charles Borromeo 9:00 a.m. All Souls Novena

Thursday, November 5

12:00 p.m. All Souls Novena

Friday, November 6

12:00 p.m. All Souls Novena

Saturday, November 7

9:00 a.m. All Souls Novena 5:30 p.m. † Norman Ball

Sunday, November 8 Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 a.m. All Souls Novena 12:00 p.m. Parish Family



"Come, brothers, let us spur ourselves on. We must rise again with Christ; we must seek the world which is above and set our minds on the things of heaven. Let us long for those who are longing for us, hasten to meet those are waiting for us, and ask those who look for our coming to intercede for us. We should not only want to be with the saints, we should hope to possess their happiness. While we desire to be in their company, we must also earnestly seek to share their glory. Do not imagine that there is anything harmful in such an ambition as this; there is no danger in setting our hearts on such glory."

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

All Saints Day is one of my favorite feast days. I am sure you have learned by now from my homilies that I enjoy reading about saints and blesseds and sharing those stories.

Those stories are vivid reminders that the saints, whose images and statues adorn our churches, are real people. I say "are" because we can not speak of them in the past tense. Not if we really believe in eternal life. Once they were pilgrims on earth like us. Once they knew the temptations and struggles that we do. Once they knew the joys and sorrows that we all experience in this life. They would be the first ones to acknowledge they were not perfect. That should be a great consolation and comfort to us. We can relate to them.

What may make the saints different from us is their desire to love God above all things and do only those things that were pleasing to Him. In the many things written by saints, this singular purpose and devotion to God, this utter need for dependence on Christ, shines through. They would be the first ones to tell us that holiness of life is not simply about our own efforts. It is not about trusting ourselves. It is about trusting completely in God's goodness and mercy. They would be the first ones to say, echoing the words of St. Paul, that it is by the grace of God that they are what they are: dwellers in Christ's heavenly kingdom.

This should be an inspiration for us. So many saints prayed for the desire to love God completely in this life so as to see Him face to face in the life to come. So many of the saints longed for Him. We could hardly do worse than to pray for that same longing.

> Sincerely In Christ, Father Paul

All Souls Novena begins on Tuesday, November 2, All Souls' Day. Nine Masses will be offered for our beloved deceased. If you would like your beloved deceased remembered in our All Souls Novena, Novena envelopes are available on the small tables behind the last pews. Simply write their names on the envelope and return it to the poor box or place it in the Sunday collection basket. The typical offering for this Novena is \$10. Envelopes with names will be placed in the sanctuary during the Novena of Masses.

Religious Education: There will be no religious education class on November 1.

Please pray for the students being confirmed on November 14.



FAUSTINA OF DIVINE MERCY SAID: "Jesus, I beg You, by the inconceivable power of Your mercy, that all the souls who will die today escape the fire of hell, even if they have been the greatest sinners. Today is Friday, the memorial of Your bitter agony on the Cross; because Your mercy is inconceivable, the Angels will not be surprised at this. Jesus pressed me to His Heart and said, My beloved daughter, you have come to know well the depths of My

mercy. I will do what you ask, but unite vourself continually with My agonizing Heart and make reparation to My justice. Know that you have asked Me for a great thing, but I see that this was dictated by your pure love for Me; that is why I am complying with your requests." (St. Faustina Diary, 873) "Used with permission of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M."



Parish fall clean-up is this Saturday, November 7 at 10:00 a.m. following 9:00 a.m. Mass. Twenty volunteers are needed for projects such as trash pick-up, tree work, shed painting, and painting parking lot stripes. Please contact our Facilities Manager, Anthony Coviello, facilities@stbridgetberryville.org.

The Women's Group zoom meeting is postponed until Tuesday, November 10.



The Keep Christ in Christmas card sales are November 1 through November 22. Please see the catalog in this week's bulletin or view the catalog on our website.

Your Knights of Columbus St. Bridget of Ireland Council wants you to know that you are not alone. Now, more than ever, we are committed to our duty to serve you, our parish family. We can help with simple household repairs and chores, grocery shopping, and more. If you are in need of help or know someone who is, please contact our Grand Knight, SK Michael Murrow, at Knights@StBridgetBerryville.org or via the parish office at 540-277-2943.

Saint of the Week

Saint Mary the Slave

Mary was a slave of Tertullus, a Roman official. She was brought up as a Christian, and was the only Catholic in the house. When she was older, she prayed much and fasted often, especially on festivals when the pagan idols were given greater honor. Her mistress did not like this type of behavior, but she liked Mary because the girl was a good worker who always kept herself busy. When persecution against the Christians broke out, Tertullus tried to cause Mary to give up her Catholic Faith, but Mary remained firm and constant in the Faith. The Prefect eventually charged Tertullus with hiding a Christian in his house. The young girl was then handed over to the Prefect. When the crowd of people heard Mary confess the Holy Name of Christ, they cried out, "Burn her alive! Burn her alive!" Mary was calm. She stood there praying, "Dear God, please make me strong in the Faith and help me to persevere as a good Christian, until my death." Then she said to the Judge, "The God whom I serve is with me. I do not fear your torments, which can only take away a life that I am ready to lay down for Christ." The Judge then commanded that Mary be tortured. But she was tortured with such cruelty, that the people standing nearby cried out, "We cannot bear to see this poor girl treated with such cruelty! Release the girl! Release the poor girl!" The Judge then handed Mary over to a soldier. The good soldier saw that the poor girl was helpless and allowed her to escape. St. Mary lived the rest of her life doing everything for God, and she died a natural death, possibly in the 4th Century. She is called a Martyr, in the Roman Martyrology, because of the sufferings she bore for the sake of Christ. Her Feast Day is November 1.

Prayer for All Souls' Day - Merciful Father, hear our prayer and console us. As we renew our faith in Your Son, whom You raised from the dead, strengthen our hope that all our departed brothers and sisters will share in His resurrection, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever, Amen.