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# ANNOUNCING

## 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!

## First Sunday of Advent

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

### FIRST READING \_\_\_\_\_ ISAIAH 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7

You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

### Thanks be to God.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM \_\_\_\_\_ PSALM 80

*Lord, make us turn to you;  
let us see your face and we shall be saved.*

O shepherd of Israel, hearken,  
from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.  
Rouse your power,  
and come to save us. **R.**  
Once again, O LORD of hosts,  
look down from heaven, and see;  
take care of this vine,  
and protect what your right hand has planted  
the son of man whom you yourself made strong. **R.**  
May your help be with the man of your right hand,  
with the son of man whom you yourself made strong.  
Then we will no more withdraw from you;

give us new life, and we will call upon your name.  
**R.**

### SECOND READING \_\_\_\_\_ 1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

Brothers and sisters:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Thanks be to God.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Show us, Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.

### GOSPEL \_\_\_\_\_ MARK 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

### Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

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## Prayer List

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

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



**There will be no Holy Hour and Confessions on Monday, November 30.**

### 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  
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

Romans 10:9-18  
Psalm 19  
Matthew 4:18-22

Isaiah 11:1-10  
Psalm 72  
Luke 10:21-24

Isaiah 25:6-10a  
Psalm 23  
Matthew 15:29-37

Isaiah 26:1-6  
Psalm 118  
Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Isaiah 29:17-24  
Psalm 27  
Matthew 9:27-31

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26  
Psalm 147  
Matthew 9:35-10:1,  
5a, 6-8

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11  
Psalm 85  
2 Peter 3:8-14  
Mark 1:1-8

#### Mass Intentions

**Monday, November 30**  
**Saint Andrew, Apostle**  
12:00 p.m.  
Sharon Gormas

**Tuesday, December 1**  
12:00 p.m.  
† Joseph Massale

**Wednesday, December 2**  
9:00 a.m.  
Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday, December 3**  
**Saint Francis Xavier**  
12:00 p.m.  
† Marjorie Kennedy

**Friday, December 4**  
**Saint John Damascene**  
12:00 p.m.  
† Richard Kobetz

**Saturday, December 5**  
9:00 a.m.  
† Cletus Black  
5:30 p.m.  
† Cory Waite

**Sunday, December 6**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**  
9:00 a.m.  
Parish Family  
12:00 p.m.  
† Joseph Onderko

*The Second Collection for December 6 is for Catholic Charities.*

*On December 13 we will have a Second Collection for Disaster Relief. Please give generously.*



In what we so often think of as a terribly jaded age, there is a deep hunger for something beyond: a hunger to be reminded that this life is only the beginning, that all of the pain and suffering will one day be washed away; a hunger for support in this life so that we can go through this pilgrimage achieving some kind of serenity and peace; a hunger for a spiritual life that is best reflected in prayer, prayer of every type, the prayer of the Rosary, the prayer of singing the Psalms, and so on. This is what Advent is about: the spirit of prayer...

It is the period during which we are reminded of the longing of the entire human race for the potential of salvation after original sin. It is the period during which we are reminded of the longing of the Israelites when they were on pilgrimage in the desert after having escaped from slavery to the Egyptians – wandering, weary, lost, confused, just as we are so often, praying that they would get to the Promised Land, which is the symbol of heaven. Advent is a reminder of those nine months of prayer in which surely Mary engaged, praying to the Father, praying to the Son within her, awaiting his advent, awaiting his birth on Christmas Day. It is appropriate, therefore, that we try during Advent – with all the hustle and bustle, with all of the pseudo-Christmas carols being blasted out on the streets, all of the activities attendant to preparation for Christmas – to enter into a season of recollection, a season of reminder, a season in which we reflect on what today's Gospel reflects on: the second coming of Christ. Glorious as was his coming on Christmas Day, his first advent, the second advent will be of immeasurable glory. It is at that coming when all of us will be judged, each of us personally and individually. That will be the advent we hope will assure us of eternal happiness.

-- John Cardinal O'Connor



**Religious Education:** There is no RE class November 29.



**FAUSTINA OF DIVINE MERCY SAID:** "...I have been living under the virginal cloak of the Mother of God. She has been guarding me and instructing me. I am quite at peace, close to Her Immaculate Heart. Because I am so weak and inexperienced, I nestle like a little child close to Her heart." (St. Faustina Diary, 1097) "Used with permission of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M."



The Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest is back! Kids ages 5-14 are eligible. Fifty dollar prizes in each age category. Completed entry forms must accompany the

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

**2020 Annual Parish Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities is Coming Up!**

2020 has been a challenging year for many of us and our neighbors, so we ask that you consider making a special gift to support the needy and disenfranchised throughout our diocese by supporting Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington's programs. This allows you to play a direct role in spreading the love of Christ for the poor. Look for a special insert in the parish bulletin at Mass next weekend. If donating with check, please note Catholic Charities on the memo line or make a gift online at [www.cdda.net/donate/ChristmasCollection](http://www.cdda.net/donate/ChristmasCollection).



**Christmas Anticipation Prayer**

*Beginning on St. Andrew the Apostle's feast day, November 30, the following beautiful prayer is traditionally recited fifteen times a day until Christmas. This is a very meditative prayer that helps us increase our awareness of the real focus of Christmas and helps us prepare ourselves spiritually for His coming.*

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment In which the Son of God was born Of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires,  
*[here mention your request]*  
 through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.

*Saint of the Week*

**Saint Crispina**

Crispina was a noble lady, very rich, and the mother of several children. When she found herself in danger of losing her children, her possessions, and her life, in the persecution which was then raging, instead of being intimidated, she was filled with a holy joy, not unworthy of the Christian education which she had received from her most tender years. Being arrested in her native city of Thagara by order of the proconsul Anulinus and brought before his tribunal, he inquired of her whether she was aware of the imperial edicts which commanded that all persons should sacrifice to the gods of the empire. Crispina replied: "I have never sacrificed, nor will I sacrifice to any other than to one God, and to our Lord Jesus Christ His Son, who was born and suffered for us." Anulinus then said, "Leave this thy superstition, and adore the gods." "Every day," said Crispina, "I adore my God, and besides Him I know of no others." Anulinus said, "But thou shalt lose thy head, unless thou wilt observe the commands of the emperor, as they are observed throughout Africa." "No one shall oblige me to sacrifice to demons," Crispina answered. "I sacrifice to the Lord only, who made heaven and earth." "Instantly obey," exclaimed the proconsul, "or your head shall at once be struck off!" Crispina meekly answered, "I shall return thanks to my God, for making me worthy of this blessed lot. God is with me, that I may not consent to thy suggestions." Here Anulinus exclaimed, "Why do we any longer bear with this impious woman?" Then, having caused the process of her trial to be read over, pronounced the final sentence, that Crispina should lose her head, for obstinately refusing to sacrifice to the gods, in obedience to the edicts. Crispina, having heard the iniquitous sentence, calmly and with holy joy said, "I return thanks to Jesus Christ, and I bless the Lord who has vouchsafed thus to deliver me from the hands of men." Saint Augustine frequently proposed in his sermons the example of Crispina. Her Feast Day is December 5.

