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MASS
Daily at 8 a.m.
Saturday Vigil at 5:30 p.m.
Sundays 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.
University of Richmond, Sundays at 5 p.m.

RECONCILIATION
Tuesday 5:30-6:30 p.m.
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M-F 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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LIVESTREAM

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MASS INTENTIONS

Oct 30
8:00 am Stephanie Gemmell +
5:30 pm Lucette Witty +

Oct 31
8:00 am The People of the Parish
11:00 am Stanely Liput +
5:00 pm Tony Keller +

Nov 1
8:00 am Mac Wellford, Jr. +
5:30 p.m. All Saints

Nov 2
8:00 am The Faithful Departed of Saint Bridget

Another Mass will be said at U of R for Jack Binns +

Nov 3
8:00 am Greg Hice

Nov 4
8:00 am Geraldine Landry +

Nov 5
8:00 am Roberta Plzzini+

Nov 6
8:00 am Jennifer Stivers +
5:30 pm John D'Costa +

Nov 7
8:00 am The People of the Parish
11:00 am John W. Anderson +
5:00 pm Patrick Casey +

PRAYER LIST

Names in bold are new to the list. Those with the + are deceased.
To add a name to the list email parishmail@saintbridgetchurch.org

Our Parishioners

Bunny Addison, Joe Barham, Jasper Bowman+, Mary Borzelleca, Charlotte Conlin, Robert Conlin, Kate P. Crawford, Jane Cutchins, Dom D'Adamo, Baby Boy Duhaime, Virginia Galli, Nancy Glotz, Joyce Melvin, Mary Nestor, Chris Ramos, Mark Roberts, John Scarpa, Virginia Schraudt, Barry Simonpietri, John Siewers, Charles Stephan, Deacon Pat White, all active duty members of the military, first responders, and those facing long term illness and disability.

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FEAST DAYS

Nov 1 - Solemnity of All Saints A solemnity to recognize the Holy men and women who have gone before us and enjoy their heavenly reward with God. We ask for their prayers and intercession as we model our lives after their example.

Nov 2 - Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed We remember all faithful who have completed their journey on earth. We pray for the repose of their souls, for all the souls in purgatory, and for the intercession of those who are enjoying the fullness of heaven.

Nov 3 - St. Martin de Porres (1579-1639) This poor, miraculous, Peruvian Saint, served the poor and enslaved. Member of the Dominican Order, he was good friends with St. Rose of Lima.

Nov 4 - St. Charles Borromeo (1538-1584) A Cardinal before priestly ordination (which is still possible today), he was critical in keeping the Council of Trent on track and navigating the protestant reformation. Was eventually ordained a priest.

Nov 5 - St. Peter Chrysologus (406-450) Successfully battled against paganism with short, powerful sermons.

Nov 6 - Saint Nicholas Tavelic and Companions (1340-1391) Franciscan, cared for holy sites in the Holy Land, was martyred.

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

by Dan Harms

Although we now conclude October's focus on prayer and pro-life efforts, we certainly continue to pursue both aims.

The prayer challenge
Strive to be in deeper conversation with God. Remember, you can pray while you work, run, study, cook, drink wine, or search for parking (please don't drink wine while searching for parking). The more we avail ourselves of the grace of the sacraments, the more God leads us into prayer.

The pro-life challenge
Let that prayerful relationship with God lead us to show greater respect for the dignity of others. When we are loved by the father, we should be moved to love others like the father loves us… and the love of God is lifegiving.

If our aim is heaven, let us love like saints.

As we read in Mark 12 this week:
Love God. Love your Neighbor. There is no commandment greater than these.

MASS READINGS & SYNOPSIS

First Reading
Deuteronomy 6:2-6
Moses teaches the people to love and worship God alone.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 18:2-3,3-4,47,51
A prayer of praise to God our strength

Second Reading
Hebrews 7:23-28
Jesus intercedes for us as our eternal high priest.

Gospel Reading
Mark 12:28b-34

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Rv 7: 2-4, 9-14, Jn 3: 1-3, Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday:	Wis 3: 1-9, Rom 6:3-9, Jn 6:37-40
Wednesday:	Rom 13: 8-10, Lk 14: 25-33
Thursday:	Rom 14:7-12, Lk 15:1-10
Friday:	Rom 15:14-21, Lk 16:1-8
Saturday:	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27, Lk 16:9-15

Background on the Gospel Reading

As we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, our Lectionary skips a chapter that helps set the context for today's reading. If we were to read the sections skipped (chapter 11 and part of chapter 12), we would hear about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, his cleansing of the Temple, and the questioning of Jesus' authority by the chief priests, scribes, and elders. The context, therefore, for this Gospel is Jesus' growing exposure before the Jewish authorities. Jesus is being questioned and tested by the Jewish authorities, yet the scribe who addresses Jesus in today's Gospel seems to be an admirer; he is not testing Jesus.

The question posed in today's Gospel requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional commandments, numbering into the hundreds. For a devout Jew, adherence to the Mosaic Law is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of these commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus was not the only Jewish religious teacher to connect these two commandments, love of God and love of neighbor. Both of these commandments were central elements of the religious tradition that Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed, these commandments continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbor. Many believe, however, that this connection was heard in a new and fresh way when spoken by Jesus.

The scribe who questions Jesus in today's Gospel engages in a positive dialogue with Jesus. He agrees with Jesus' teaching that the commandments to love God and love neighbor stand above the commandment to offer worship and sacrifice in the Temple. With this dialogue, Jesus appears to close the debate with the Jewish authorities. Mark reports that no one dared to question Jesus further.

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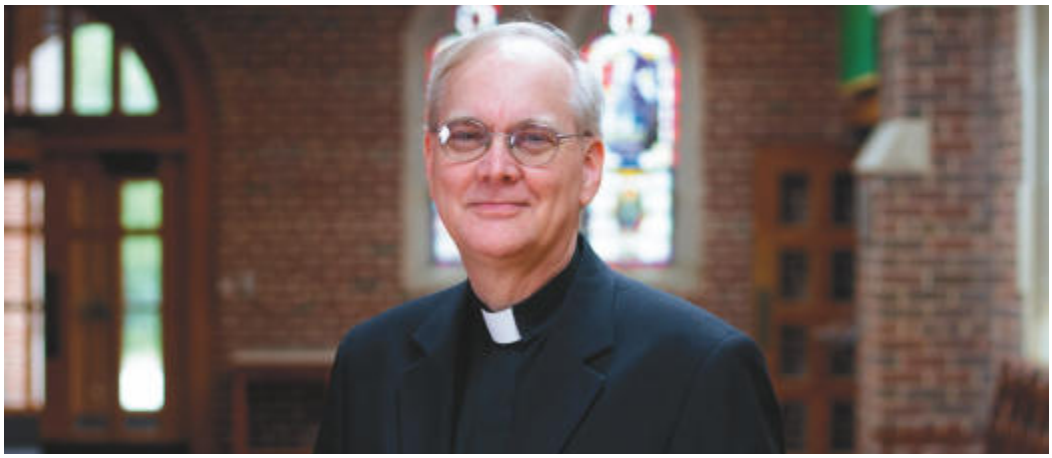

Pastor Installation Mass of Fr. Shuping

October 31st at 11 a.m.

We welcome Bishop Knestout, Monsignor Carr, other clergy, family members of Fr. Shuping, and the whole community to the installation Mass of Fr. Ken as the ninth pastor of Saint Bridget Catholic Church. After Mass, please join us in Mother Presentation Hall for a reception. Thank you for your prayers for Fr, Ken, Fr. O'Reilly, and all our clergy past and present.

PARISH NEWS

Covid Safety at Saint Bridget
Due to the high rates of transmission in our area all people should wear masks while indoors regardless of vaccination status. We appreciate this act of charity.
The following Masses are fully masked
5 p.m. Sunday at UofR Campus
All Saint Bridget School Masses

Posting in the Commons
In order to advertise or distribute literature or other items, please contact communications@saintbridgetchurch.org

Saint Bridget is Hiring
Custodian and/or Janitorial Housekeeper (full or part). Visit saintbridgetchurch.org

September Collections Report
Budgeted: $519,890
Collected: $421,351
Difference: $ 98,533

SECOND COLLECTIONS

October 3: For the Needy $2,184.72
October 9: Haiti $2,334.00
October 31: No 2nd Collection
November 7: For the Needy of the Area.
November 14: Saint Francis Home

SCHOOL NEWS

Admissions Portal
Now Open. Preferred admissions status will be given to parishioners, so if you are considering applying, don't delay!
Contact Allyson McTaggart, amctaggart@saintbridget.org.

Kindergarten Dad/Granddad Mass and Reception
Friday, November 5 at 8am. This is such an exciting event for our Kindergarten students!

November: Month of Remembrance

Table of Remembrance -
A table featuring photos of loved ones who have died this year is on display in the commons. See the website for more information.

All Souls Evening Prayer -
Tuesday, November 2, 7:30 p.m.
Our "*All Souls Evening Prayer*" liturgy remembers all parishioners who have died.

Stew & Brew Thank You!

The Knights of Columbus wish to extend a huge thank you to all who supported the Stew and Brew. The event was a tremendous success thanks to everyone who attended and volunteered! Special thanks to Fr. Ken, Dr. Laura Clift, our committee members, the parish staff, the school staff who helped promote the event, and especially Dan Harms! Your support will allow the Knights of Columbus to make donations to St. Francis Home, Mary's Choice RVA, and the Pregnancy Resource Center. Thank you everyone - we hope to see you and more friends next year!

Stewardship

Quarterly Statements Mailed
Thank you! We thank all the parish families for their generous donations to support God's work here at Saint Bridget Catholic Church! Quarterly Contribution Statements itemizing your donations from January 1 through September 30, 2021 have been mailed. Thank you for your volunteer efforts that continue to fuel our many church ministries. We are forever grateful for your faithfulness, kindness and generosity! Blessings, Kimberly Lapkin, Director of Stewardship, 804-525-7888.

Year End Giving
As we close the year, please consider an end of the year gift to enable our ministries to thrive in the new year. Thank you.

Community Events & Service

Saints & Sinners
November 17th at Noon. Enjoy "Priests and Pies" lunch and presentation from Fr. Ken !

Blood Drive in MPH
November 14th in the Morning. See our website to reserve a spot.

Coat Drive
Gently Used Coats for Kids and Adults will be collected and cleaned by Puritan Cleaners. Drop Off on Snowball Lane Nov. 7th-13th.

Food Drive at Bell Tower
Fill St. Peters Food Pantry and provide Thanksgivng meals to Blackwell Families. Nov. 13, 8:45 – 11 a.m. See web for details.

Christmas Sharing
Adoptions will begin in mid-November. Drop off day is Dec. 18th. Volunteer or Donate now at saintbrdigetchurch.org.

Peanut Sales
Holiday Virginia Peanuts are being sold through November 8th to support Youth Mission Trips. Visit the website to order!

Advent Wreaths
October 31st is the final day to order Advent wreaths to benefit Faith Formation and the School PTA. See the website to order.

Blackwell Oops Kits
Accidents happen and we're filling kits to help teachers and students respond. Website for info.

MASS IN MEMORY OF ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

November 6th at 9:30 a.m.

The annual memorial Mass in memory of All Saints and Souls will be celebrated in back of the Mount Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum Chapel on Saturday November 6th, 2021 at 9:30 a.m., Most Rev. Barry C. Knestout, Celebrant.

Please join us in remembrance of past loved ones. Masks will be required.

The service this year will be outside so please dress accordingly. Call Jim Glass at 355-5271 for more information.

Need More Information?

Details, links, and more for almost anything you see in the bulletin can be found online at saintbridgetchurch.org It's also a great place to catch our livestream Masses, update your parish contact info, or submit a prayer request.

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Sustain our ministry by giving automatically each week.
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RCIA AND SACRAMENTS FOR ADULTS

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Catholic faith inquiries and those seeking to join the Catholic Church are welcome! Contact Mary Rebecca Pugsley, mpugsley@saintbridgetchurch.org

INFANT BAPTISM

Parents attend a preparation session prior to scheduling a baptism. Contact Julie Koury, Pastoral Assistant, jkoury@saintbridgetchurch.org (804) 525-7890.

MARRIAGE

Couples should contact Vicki Gazzola, (804) 282-9511, at least six months prior to scheduling a wedding.

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"She Saved My Life"

Glen Allen resident Joan S. had been suffering from Peripheral Neuropathy. "My feet and legs were so painful and my doctor told me there was nothing they could do. That I would have to take Gabapentin for the rest of my life." Then she met Richmond's very own Vicky Lee, L.Ac.

Peripheral Neuropathy is the pain, discomfort and numbness caused by nerve damage of the peripheral nervous system. Joan explained that daily tasks like opening doors and using the bathroom were overwhelmingly painful. "How can you live for the next 20 years when you don't even want to get out of bed to do simple things?"

She was experiencing the burning, numbness, tingling and sharp pains that those suffering with neuropathy often describe. "The way that I would describe it, it's equivalent to walking on glass." Joan hadn't worn socks in five years and was wearing shoes two sizes too big so that nothing would 'touch' her feet.

Unfortunately Joan's story is all too familiar for the over 3 million people in the U.S. suffering from Peripheral Neuropathy

If you're unfortunate enough to be facing the same disheartening prognosis you're not sleeping at night because of the burning in your feet. You have difficulty walking, shopping or doing any activity for more than 30 minutes because of the pain. You're struggling with balance and living in fear that you might fall. Your doctor told you to "just live with the pain" and you're taking medications that aren't working or have uncomfortable side effects.

Fortunately, six months ago Joan heard about Ms. Lee and the work she was doing to treat those suffering from Peripheral Neuropathy – without invasive surgeries or medications

Vicky Lee, L.Ac., founder of RVA Acupuncture, is using the time tested science of Acupuncture and a technology originally developed by NASA that assists in increasing blood flow and expediting recovery and healing to treat this debilitating disease.

"Now when I go to bed at night I don't have those shooting pains. I don't have that burning sensation." Joan enthusiastically describes life after receiving Ms. Lee's treatments, "I'm wearing socks and real shoes again! I'm back to walking 3, 4 miles!"

"It's life changing. As far as I'm concerned Dr. Lee saved my life!"

Ms. Lee has been helping the senior community for over 7 years using cutting edge, innovative integrative medicine. Specializing in chronic pain cases, specifically those that have been deemed "hopeless" or "untreatable", she consistently generates unparalleled results.

Acupuncturist Vicky is only accepting 15 new neuropathy patients until the end of the year (limited for everyone's safety). To determine whether or not you are a good candidate for her personalized and comprehensive treatments an initial consultation is required. Call (804) 200-4054 today to schedule yours!

Let your golden years BE GOLDEN!

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