



# SAINT BRIDGET CATHOLIC CHURCH



THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, PETER PAUL RUBENS, 1628

## MASS

Daily, 8 a.m.

Saturday Vigil, 5:30 p.m.

Sundays, 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

## RECONCILIATION

Tuesday, 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Saturday, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

## OFFICE HOURS

M-F, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

Names marked with a "+" are deceased. Names marked with SI indicate Special Intention. Masses are at 8 a.m.

<b>July 2</b>	8:00 a.m. Jay Stegmaier + 5:30 p.m. Deacon Pat White +	<b>July 4</b>	Linda Rhine (SI)	<b>July 9</b>	8:00 a.m. T. Wilson Hotze + 5:30 p.m. Anna M. Combs +
<b>July 3</b>	7:30 a.m. Bill Kastelberg + 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish 11:00 a.m. Matthew O'Gorman + 5:30 p.m. James Calpin +	<b>July 5</b>	Toney Arkesteyn, Sr. +	<b>July 10</b>	7:30 a.m. The People of the Parish 9:00 a.m. Robert Hancock + 11:00 a.m. Donald Franklin Paseucci + 5:30 p.m. Toney Arkesteyn, Jr. +
		<b>July 6</b>	Anne-Marie Conclin (SI)		
		<b>July 7</b>	Margaret Hansen (SI)		
		<b>July 8</b>	Nancy Malone +		

## PRAYER LIST

### Parishioners

Bill Ashey, Joseph Barham, Kathy Belton, Charlotte Conlin, Robert Conlin, Isabella Francesca & Family, Virginia Galli, Doris Hancock, Nick Kuriger, Claire Lewis, Kathleen Maxey, Greg Petrohovich, Susan Reid, Mark Roberts, Barry Simonpietri, Beau & Suki Simpson, John Siewers, Marilyn Smith, Dianne Thompson, Natasha Lebron Torres, Barb Webber, all active duty members of the military, first responders, and those facing long term illness and disability.

### Friends and Relatives of Parishioners

Kevin Beale, Collette Bernard, William Barclay Buchanan, Robert Dorsey Buchanan, Peter Cardullo, Anthony Cardullo, Katie Crawford, Patricia Carr Ferguson, Christy Gibson, Dr Walter Glaser, Albert Grumblatt, Theresa Harvey, Anne Hardrick, Patricia Hudgins, Tom Kazmarek, Dale Edward Lyman, Oliver Manuel, Christian Martin, Suzanne McCreight, Maggie McHugh, Kit Meledin, Kay Meyer, Jay Nichols, Doug Ornoff, Tim Ornoff, John Priddy, Joshua Proffitt, Billy Riddick, Wesley Rogers, Pat Rollins, Joan Sacco, Lynn Selfe, Gregory Trogden, Elizabeth Young.

**Baptisms:** Xayvier Michael Andrus, Emerson Kate Blow, Palmer Lanaux Blow, Charlotte Anna Clark, Addison Leigh Dixon, Graham Thomas Dunne, John August Ley, Frank Anthony Ley, Rocco Joseph Ley, Charlotte Scott Meacham, Atlas Patricia Grell Rocha, Annabelle Frances Strader, Ana Carolina Urdaneta

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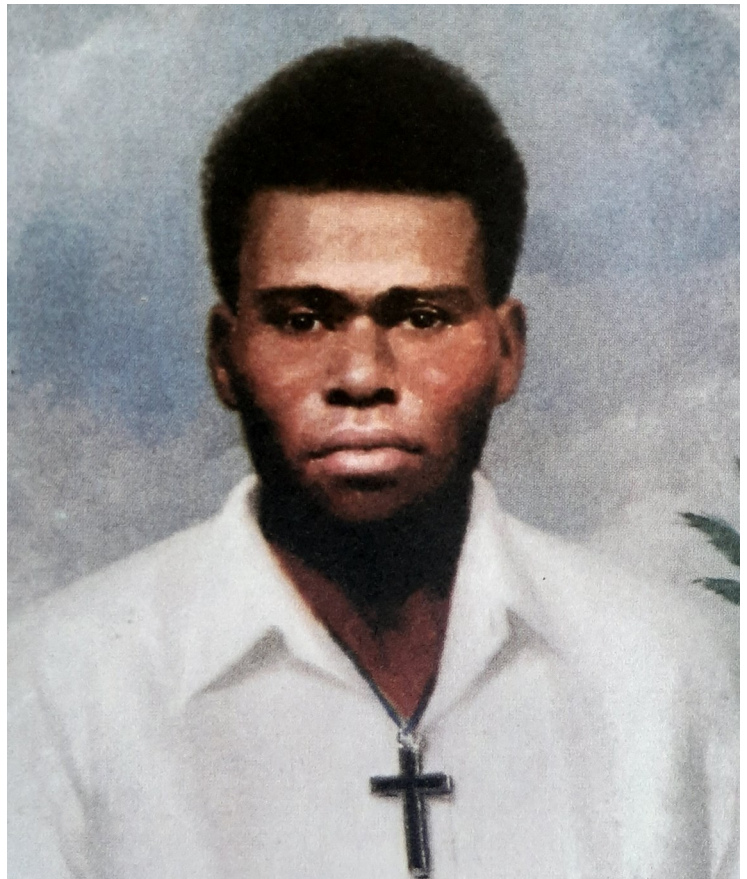
## FEAST DAYS by Franciscan Media

- 3rd, St. Thomas the Apostle (1st Century)
- 4th, St. Elizabeth of Portugal (d. 1336)
- 5th, St. Anthony Zaccaria (d. 1539)
- 6th, St. Maria Goretti (d. 1902)
- 7th, Blessed Peter To Rot (d. 1945)
- 8th, St. Kilian (d. 689)
- 9th, St. Veronica Giuliani (d. 1727)

### Blessed Peter To Rote

Blessed Peter To Rote (pronounced "toe rote") was born in 1912 in Papua New Guinea to a chieftain and his wife who were converts to Catholicism. His father taught him the faith and sent him to the mission school. Refusing to allow Peter to become a priest, Peter's father encouraged him to study to become a catechist. After three years of study, Peter began his ministry at the age of 21. He went on to marry and had three children. When the Japanese occupied the Pacific islands during WWII, Peter continued teaching in secret but was caught, beaten, and imprisoned. His wife begged him to give up being a catechist, but Peter refused. His leadership and teaching strengthened the people to remain true to their faith despite intense pressure from the occupying forces. Peter was eventually executed via lethal injection and given a chief's burial in the new cemetery next to the church where he had ministered. Even though many people came, the funeral was held in silence out of fear of the soldiers.

Blessed Peter was beatified by St. John Paul II on January 17th, 1995.



FATHER AND CATECHIST, BLESSED PETER TO ROTE WAS MARTYRED DURING WWII



## CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK *by Dan Harms*

### "So, we're becoming Catholic!"

I walked into the Saint Bridget Middle School Performing Arts Center last Sunday to set up the stage for a week of Vacation Bible School and ran into a couple I didn't recognize. They were crafting beautiful seven and a half foot palm trees out of wood, paper, and chicken wire - the set looked incredible. They had been building all weekend and were clearly having fun doing it. I introduced myself and told them I worked at Saint Bridget, to which they responded: "Oh, we're not Catholic. But we've just started the process to become Catholic!"

Since moving to Richmond over 20 years ago, they had been members of a Baptist congrega-

tion. Their children are grown and the wife, now working as a nanny, intersected with a parish family who was baptizing one of their children. **The couple attended the baptism together and seemed to know that God was calling them home to the Catholic Church.**

"Once we made that decision we wanted to get involved at the church as soon as we could - volunteers were needed for VBS, so here we are!"

They have joined our OCIA program (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) and are in the phase of inquiry into the Catholic faith.

God is constantly calling us closer to him and nowhere is God more intimately close to us

than in the Eucharist and the sacraments God gives us through the Catholic Church.

"Our hearts are restless until they rest in You" -St. Augustine

We never know where, when, or how God will lead us closer to himself, but the willingness and openness of this couple to say "yes" was absolutely inspiring.

**Your challenge this week—be open to how God is leading you to himself and be bold enough to invite others along for the journey.**

*Please pray for this couple and all those who are discerning communion with the Catholic Church.*

## DAILY READINGS

Mon: Hos 2:17, 17c-18, 21-22; Mt 9:18-26  
 Tues: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Mt 9:32-38  
 Wed: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Mt 10:1-7  
 Thurs: Hos 11:1-4, 8E-9; Mt 10:7-15  
 Fri: Hos 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23  
 Sat: Is 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33

## SUNDAY READINGS

### First Reading

*Isaiah 66:10-14c*

I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 123:1-4*

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord.

### Second Reading

*Galatians 6:14-18*

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Gospel Reading

*Luke 10:1-12, 17-20*

Today's Gospel begins immediately after the final verse in last Sunday's Gospel. After strong language about the difficulties of discipleship, Jesus immediately appoints 72 people to go ahead of him to every town and place he plans to visit, proclaiming that the Kingdom of God is at hand. He sends them in pairs. In the Law of Moses two witnesses were needed for a testimony to be credible. It was probably also a safer way to travel. Jesus admits it will be difficult, that he is sending them out like lambs among wolves. Yet they are to bring nothing with them, not even a money bag or sandals. They are to greet no one on the

way so as not to be distracted from their mission. When they enter a house, their message is simply "peace." The response they will receive may be positive or negative. Either way, they are to know that the Kingdom of God is at hand. They are not to demand special treatment but eat and drink whatever is given them. They are to stay in one house and are not to look around for one that provides better accommodations. They are to heal the sick as a sign that the Kingdom of God is at hand for them. Like Jesus' miracles, healing is a sign of the coming of the kingdom. If the town will not receive them, they are to shake the dust

from their feet and move on. Even in the case of such rejection they should know that the Kingdom of God is at hand. When they return from their journeys, they are rejoicing because their mission has been successful. Demons were under their power because of Jesus' name. Jesus may have sent them out as lambs among wolves, but at the conclusion of this passage he assures them that they have been given power over the enemy and nothing will harm them, not even serpents and scorpions.

### Cover Art The Immaculate Conception Peter Paul Rubens, 1628

#### About the Work

The Virgin Mary, crowned with stars, stands above the world in the glory of heaven while crushing the serpent carrying the bitten fruit of original sin. Peter Paul Rubens, a German, painted this while spending a year in Spain. The work hangs in Madrid's Prado Museum.

#### Today's Gospel

*The seventy-two returned rejoicing, and said, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us because of your name." Jesus said, "I have observed Satan fall like lightning from the sky. Behold, I have given you the power to tread upon serpents' and scorpions and upon the full force of the enemy and nothing will harm you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven."*  
 Luke 10:17-20



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**PARISH NEWS**

**Second Collections**

July 3 - Poor and Needy  
*Support our Social Ministry initiatives including Liberation Veterans Services who provide housing and care to Veterans.*

July 10 - Saint Francis Home  
*This long time partner of Saint Bridget offers care and housing for adult and senior residents of limited means.*

June 19 for Peter's Pence: \$1,375

**Annual Diocesan Appeal**

With the recent one new Priest, three new transitional Deacons, and two seminarians reaching Candidacy, we encourage you to continue to support vocations through the Diocesan Appeal.  
RichmondCatholicFoundation.org.

**High School Men's Day Retreat**

July 14 - Saint Benedict Catholic Church, *A Man For Others* is a retreat focused on Prayer and the Life of Virtue Through the Example of Saint Maximillian Kolbe.



**Sacred Heart/St. Augustine School**

**Reunion August 27.** If you attended either of these schools you are invited to a reunion! Mass at Sacred Heart Church followed by a potluck in the Old School Building. Contact Sharon (Craig) Pierce  
spierce742@gmail.com

**Epic Middle School Rally**

Registration closes July 5th for rising 6 -8th grade students to attend a rally with Catholic middle school teens from around the Diocese.

**Summer Travel Tips**

Find local Catholic Churches wherever you roam using Masstimes.org and continue to support Saint Bridget's ministry at home using online giving on our website. Thank you and God Bless!



**Vacation Bible School**

A huge success! A big thank you to all of our volunteers (many who did not have children participating) for making Vacation Bible School happen this year.

**Israelite Camp Craft Team**

*Sue Van Tassel, Kela Campbell, Susan Slough*

**The Moses Tent**

*Ron Campbell, Andrew Waring, David Urtwin*

**Recreation, Games, & Snacks**

*Meghan Nguyen, Lindsay Rogers, Mary Margaret Jenkins*

**Tribe Leaders**

*Katie Ellington, Holly Fahed, Ashley Morgan, Ashley Bradley, Julie Stribling, Julia Barrafato, Lori Sturtevant, Annie Redmond, Claire Gill, Kendyl Wright, Elizabeth Miller, Katie Noland.*

**Decorating Crew**

*Laura Musick, Mike and Roben Rice.*

**Nursery Team**

*Adrienne Webb, Cameron Hackett.*

**Breakdown Crew**

*Jessica Smith, Lee Ann Johnston, Melissa Hatcher.*

The VBS Team also greatly appreciates Dan Harms for all he did in the PAC each day and Mona Bausone for her support. Thank you to Maria Brown for organizing volunteer snacks and to our AWESOME youth helpers! Lastly, thank you to the **VBS Task Force** of Liz Waring, Amy Noland, Kim Lunardi, Meghan Nguyen, and Shannon Jones.

Be on the lookout in January/February for a Save the Date for VBS 2023!

**Visit [saintbridgetchurch.org](http://saintbridgetchurch.org) for more information on any of these topics.**





## A Priest Forever We are overjoyed to announce the ordination of Fr. Dillon Bruce!

Fr. Dillon Bruce served at Saint Bridget as a seminarian in 2020 and will serve at Saint Bridget until September when he returns to Rome to finish his studies. Fr. Dillon will celebrate the 11 a.m. Mass this weekend at Saint Bridget, and since this will be his first Mass at one of his home parishes the Holy Father has extended a plenary indulgence to all those who attend this Mass, make a sacramental confession, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.



Top: Fr. Dillon offering a blessing by laying hands on Bishop Knestout. Interestingly, the moment Fr. Dillon became a priest was the moment Bishop Knestout laid hands on his head. The physical imposition of hands is a critical part of Apostolic Succession, the means by which authority has been handed down from Jesus to the Apostles to the Bishops, Priests, and Deacons of today. A diocesan priests' ministry is an extension of the ministry of the Bishop.

Above Left: Fr. Dillon sitting in the congregation with his family before ordination to the priesthood (notice he is still wearing the diagonal stole of a deacon). Above Right: Fr. Dillon laying prostrate on the marble during the Litany of Saints. At this moment, the church joins with all saints in heaven to pray for him and his ministry—Fr. Dillon remarked that at this moment his aim was to clear his mind of any thoughts and to simply receive the outpouring of prayers.





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Saint Bridget, pray for us!

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# SUMMER

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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,  
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**INFANT BAPTISM**  
Parents attend a preparation session prior to scheduling a baptism. Contact Julie Koury, Pastoral Assistant,  
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**MARRIAGE**  
Couples should contact the office, (804) 282-9511, at least six months prior to scheduling a wedding.