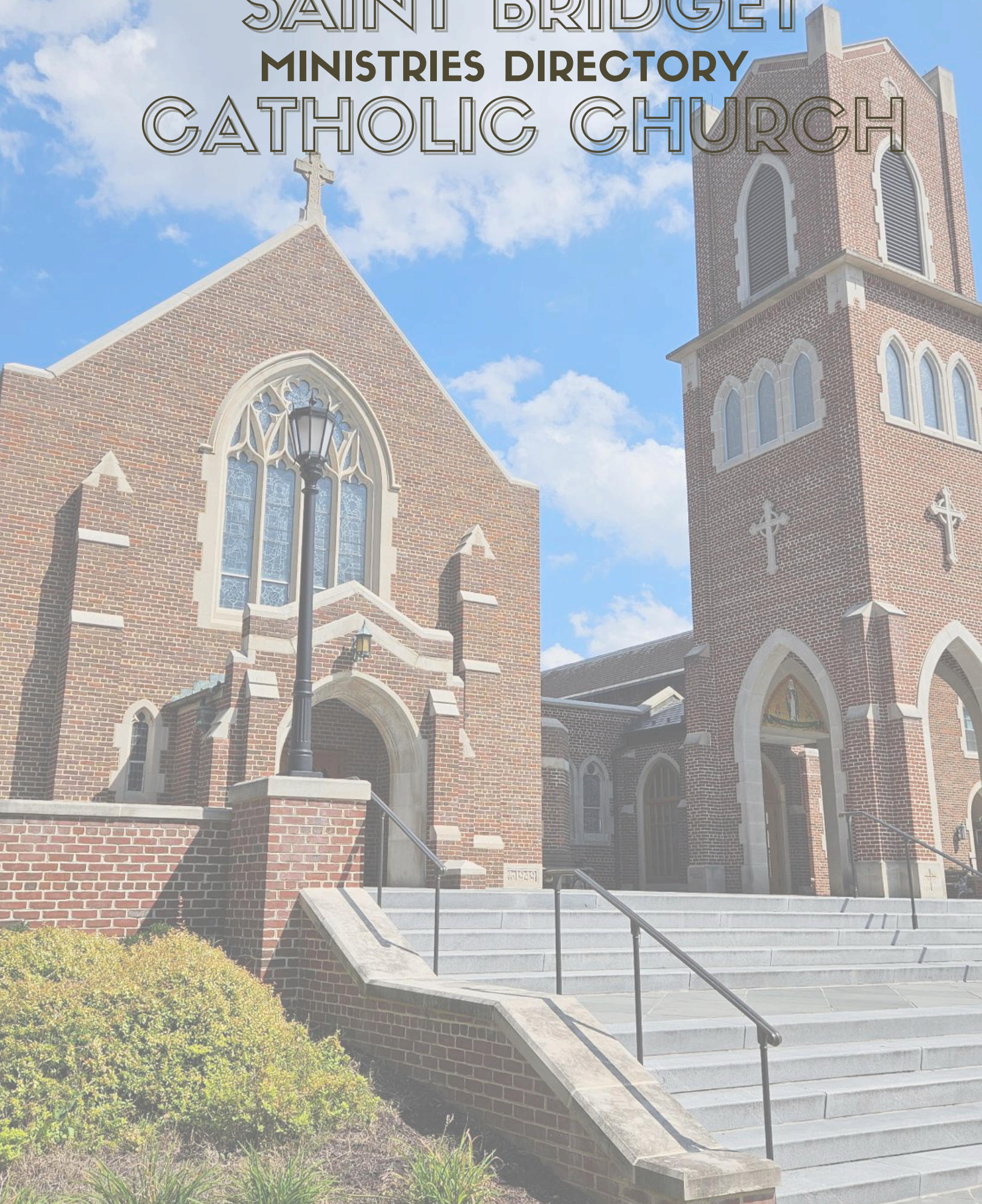


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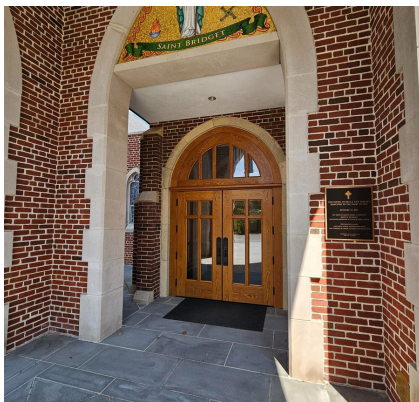
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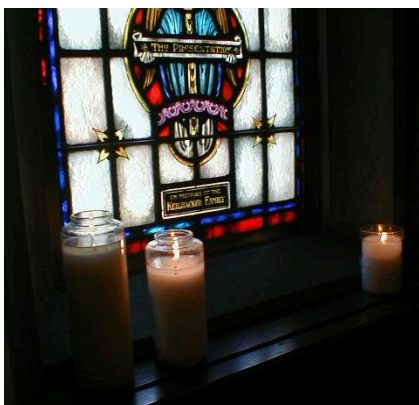
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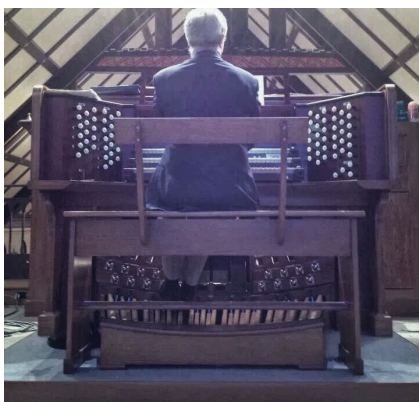
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# A MESSAGE FROM FR. KEN SHUPING

Saint Bridget Parish is a vibrant, faith-filled, and loving community of 2,000 Roman Catholic families. We worship, live, love, and serve together, keeping the Holy Trinity at our center. We know and attest that Jesus Christ is truly present in the Eucharistic. We submit that He graces all that we do and accomplish in His name!

We are a parish of many generations – from the newborn to the very founders of our parish; we offer our loving embrace to our parishioners of all ages. We worship together as one family in liturgies that are reverent and inspiring, glorified by the uplifting song of our choirs and accompanied by a most beautiful pipe organ.

We learn together in Bible studies and faith formation programs; we serve together in aiding others in need throughout our community; we join together in parish events and meals; we gather together as we welcome new parishioners in baptism and Inquiry for adult converts; and we celebrate those that have joined our Lord in their resurrection. Truly, our parish offers something for everyone and provides the one thing we all need: Christ in our life.

Saint Bridget Church has many, many opportunities for every one of our parishioners. There are literally dozens of groups, councils and committees through which parishioners may serve the parish or serve others in the community; learn more about their faith and grow their relationship with God; share fellowship with other parishioners; and more. Please look through this directory of our Parish Groups and learn more about all that is available to you and your family at St. Bridget Church.

Come join us at the table of our Lord at Saint Bridget Parish, where we praise God together for His gifts to us of faith, family, and children, and give thanks to Him for the many blessings He bestows on us as a people and a parish of faith!

Sincerely,  
Fr. Ken Shuping, Pastor

# A MESSAGE FROM OUR WELCOME COMMITTEE

Welcome to Saint Bridget!!! If you are curious about what we believe or do and why, we'd love to answer your questions. Everyone is welcome to join us and experience our community and liturgical life, regardless of faith background. Our priests, staff, and parishioners are here to help, even if you're not Catholic.

Take advantage of the opportunity to sanctify the day by coming to Daily or Sunday Mass or by slipping into the church to pray and spend time with Jesus. You can contact the parish office with questions, subscribe to our emails, or jump into a bible study or social ministry without being a parishioner. If God is leading you here, we're ready when you are!

You don't have to commit to being a parishioner to attend services and it's a great way to get information and meet new people. A welcome table is available after Mass each month and we are happy to help you get oriented with our parish community through events and social opportunities.

Please call the parish office at 804-282-9511 with any questions about joining our parish or email me at [welcometostbridget@gmail.com](mailto:welcometostbridget@gmail.com).

Sincerely, Tim Kelly, Chair, Welcome Committee



# Ministries: **Liturgical**

We here at Saint Bridget are committed to helping one another encounter the Risen Christ through our worship. Please see the list of opportunities below and the Liturgical Ministries page on the Saint Bridget website for additional information and preparation.

## Altar Servers

Altar servers help lead the assembly in the worship of God. The Real Presence of Christ in the liturgy is revealed to the congregation, in part, through those who commit to altar serving. As they lead the processional, altar servers guide the people of God into His presence. By their demeanor, appearance, and reverence in handling the sacred vessels, candles, and holy books, altar servers demonstrate to the people their love and devotion for what they do. As they go about their tasks in a careful and reverent way, they help those who watch them to pray more deeply. To become an altar server you must be a registered member of Saint Bridget Parish. Both boys and girls who are in the second semester of fifth grade or older are eligible. **Contact Brooke Bell at [brkbll@gmail.com](mailto:brkbll@gmail.com) or 804- 513-2736 for additional information.**

## Eucharistic Ministers

Lay Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (LEMHC) is the proper title given to the men, women and young adults/teens who assist in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ during a celebration of the Mass. In addition to the "ordinary" ministers of Holy Communion, who are the priests and the deacons, the laity are called "extra-ordinary", meaning "in addition to the ordinary."

To become a Eucharistic Minister, you must:

- be a registered and active member of the parish,
- have received the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation,
- receive initial and ongoing formation and training in accordance with the published schedule.

**Contact the following for information:**

Jackie Dwyer-[jhdwyer422@gmail.com](mailto:jhdwyer422@gmail.com)  
or Laurie Shepherd [shepherdmi@aol.com](mailto:shepherdmi@aol.com)

## Lectors

Lectors are the men, women and young adults/teens who proclaim the real presence of Christ in the First and Second Bible Readings, at the ambo, in front of the assembly. Lectors also lead the assembly in the General Intercessions (except when a deacon is present). To become a Lector, you must: be a registered and active member of the parish; have received the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation; receive initial and ongoing formation and training in accordance with the published schedules. **Contact Elizabeth Spach-[ems7ka@virginia.edu](mailto:ems7ka@virginia.edu) for more information.**



## Baptism

Our parish is overjoyed to welcome new members to the Body of Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism. We have a wonderful Team of parishioners who support families as they prepare to have their children baptized, receive formation on the Sacrament, and learn what life looks like raising a Catholic child. Those interested in having their child(ren) baptized can reach out to Marisa Cupps and she will be happy to get the process started!

Adults seeking baptism are welcome and should see the information under the Adult Faith Formation, Inquiry section.

\*If you are interested in volunteering for the Baptism Team, please **contact Marisa Cupps at [mcupps@saintbridgetchurch.org](mailto:mcupps@saintbridgetchurch.org).**

## Ushers

Those serving as Usher should possess the gift of warmly receiving the assembly into God's house. The Usher recognizes that, as the first person encountered by those entering for worship, he/she shares a sense of care and concern for the safety and comfort of those assembled.

- A warm welcome for parishioners
- Concern for elements of safety such as fire and weather related events
- Concern for elements of first aid and initial medical intervention
- Assistance with the orderly and reverent celebration of the Eucharist, especially by providing worship aids and seating assistance
- Assistance with the movements of the Liturgy: entrance, offertory, communion and recession
- Assistance to those in special need; e.g., young families, the elderly, unaccompanied children and those who become ill
- Concern for a clean and orderly worship and gathering space

Requirements: To become an Usher, you must:

- be a registered and active member of Saint Bridget parish
- have received the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation
- receive initial and ongoing formation and training in accordance with the published norms

**Contact Paul Kastelberg for more information.**  
**[Paul.Kastleberg@JoynerFP.com](mailto:Paul.Kastleberg@JoynerFP.com)**

## Pastoral Care

In addition to our Lay Extraordinary Ministers, if you are interested in helping serve on this committee to spiritually care and visit the homebound members of our parish, please contact **Fr. Ken Shuping at [kshuping@saintbridgetchurch.org](mailto:kshuping@saintbridgetchurch.org)**



# Ministries: **Formation**

## Children's Liturgy of the Word\*

Children are welcome forward at weekend Masses to go learn about Scripture on their level during the readings and homily. During the school year, CLOW typically is offered at the 9 am Mass. **Contact John Rogers, [Johnhunter.rogers@gmail.com](mailto:Johnhunter.rogers@gmail.com)**

## Elementary Faith Formation Classes\*

Elementary Faith Formation classes are offered for Kindergarten through Fifth Grades and take place on Sundays, 10:30-11:30am in the St. Bridget Elementary School. We are using the Loyola Press Finding God curriculum for the 2024-25 year. **Contact the Director of Religious Education, Marisa Cupps, [mcupps@saintbridgetchurch.org](mailto:mcupps@saintbridgetchurch.org)**

## Sacramental Preparation\*

Please continue praying for our children as they learn and grow with the sacraments. The greatest gift we can give our children is their faith in Christ. Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is open to all St. Bridget children who are in the 2nd grade. All baptized children must prepare for First Reconciliation before preparation for First Holy Communion.

Sacramental preparation is a combination of at-home reading & activities and in-person parish sessions. We are using the Pflaum *Together in Jesus First Reconciliation* and *First Eucharist* series in our preparation this year.

Children must also be enrolled in Faith Formation classes or attend a Catholic school during their preparation. In addition, families should be registered members of the St. Bridget Parish.

**Contact the Director of Religious Education Marisa Cupps, [mcupps@saintbridgetchurch.org](mailto:mcupps@saintbridgetchurch.org)**

## Middle School Youth Ministry\*

Middle School Youth Ministry covers topics such as Prayer, Church, Sacraments and Social Justice. This year we will discuss the "Person of Christ" and Catholic Moral Teaching. Curricula is based on Life Teen and Edge source material, with Scripture + Church Tradition being the bedrock foundation.

We meet in the St. Bridget Middle School building (6112 Three Chopt Rd, Richmond, VA 23226) from 10:30 am – 12:00 pm. We begin in Café (from the front doors, down the stairs and to the left down the hall). We start with snacks, social time and games, followed by teachings and prayer/catechesis activities in the Performing Arts Center.

**Contact Patrick Stearman, Youth Minister at [pstearman@saintbridgetchurch.org](mailto:pstearman@saintbridgetchurch.org)**

Catholic-Formation is about "Life-Long Formation." It is an understanding that Catholic formation is more than religious education. Catholic formation is how a person lives and grows in Faith. Catholic formation happens from birth and doesn't end until our death (in this world). Good Catholic formation can help an individual become the person that God envisioned. If you would like to volunteer to assist any of these activities with a **star\***, you will need to be VIRTUS Trained.



## High School Youth Ministry\*

Youth Ministry accompanies high school and middle school students in their journeys with Jesus Christ and His Church. Teens are invited to participate in faith formation, retreats, and other opportunities. We seek to create a welcoming, inclusive environment where all are invited to ask questions, encounter God, and share the Good News. Please see the full schedule of activities on the Saint Bridget website or contact the Youth Minister, **Patrick Stearman at [pstearman@saintbridgetchurch.org](mailto:pstearman@saintbridgetchurch.org)**

## High School Confirmation Preparation\*

In Baptism we are claimed as sons and daughters of God, we die to original sin and are born to new life in Him, and we are challenged to proclaim the gospel in word and in deed.

Confirmation equips us with what we need to complete that challenge given to us in baptism. In the Eucharist we finally complete our initiation into the Catholic Church by coming into full Communion with the Church and making a public declaration of an inward belief that Christ is fully present in the Eucharist: body, blood, soul, and divinity. Confirmation preparation includes youth ministry and activities, a confirmation retreat and training sessions in addition to an interview. **Please contact the Youth Minister, Patrick Stearman for additional information.**

## University of Richmond Campus Ministry

Our Catholic faith is vibrantly alive at the University of Richmond through Catholic Campus Ministry.

All are welcome at Mass in Cannon Memorial Chapel at 5 p.m. on Sunday during the academic year. Email **Deacon Tom Mullen**, the university's Catholic chaplain, at [tmullen@richmond.edu](mailto:tmullen@richmond.edu) for more information.



# Ministries: **Formation**

## Adult Faith Formation

**INQUIRY- Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)**  
The Inquiry or OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) Program supports adults who are seeking to know Christ more deeply through the Sacraments of the Catholic Church. Through classes, prayer opportunities, service, and community involvement, participants focus on hearing God's call in their lives and whether He is calling them to the Catholic Faith.

If you are a baptized Catholic seeking to complete your Sacraments, a baptized protestant seeking to enter Full Communion with the Catholic Church, or an unbaptized adult seeking Full Initiation into the Catholic Church through Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion, we are here to support you on your faith journey! Please **contact Mary Rebecca Pugsley at [mpugsley@saintbridgetchurch.org](mailto:mpugsley@saintbridgetchurch.org)**.

\*If you are interested in volunteering for the Inquiry Team, **please contact Mary Rebecca Pugsley at the email above.**

## Cenacle for the Marian Movement for Priests

Every Thursday following morning Mass, the Cenacle for the Marian Movement for Priests meets in the Murphy Conference room. We pray a rosary that entails rotating Marian contemplations for her son priests. We pray for all priests as a whole and those in particular, the priests of our diocese by name. Following the rosary, we read an excerpt from the work of Fr. Gobi who promoted a devotion to Mary's plan for her priest sons. We invite anyone interested in praying for priestly vocations and the protection of our Catholic priests to join us in this ministry. **Contact Amanda Keller, [clonmel14@comcast.net](mailto:clonmel14@comcast.net).**

## Lifelong Adult Formation

This series of workshops take place in the Church Hall on the first Saturday of the month from 9:00-10:30 am. The series covers topics such as the Sacraments, Marian Devotion, Prayer, and Catholic Social Teaching. Breakfast is included. **Contact Marisa Cupps, [mcupps@saintbridgetchurch.org](mailto:mcupps@saintbridgetchurch.org)**

## Families on a Journey (FOAJ)

Meets on the third Saturday of every month from 3:00-5:00 PM at St. Bridget's parish hall. These meetings alternate between a presentation and discussion for adults and a social gathering for the whole family. The presentations cover topics that pertain to the domestic church (e.g. attachment in marriage, cultivating a family prayer life, etc) during which childcare and a meal are provided. The social gatherings foster authentic Catholic community among families with young children and include visits to breweries, parks, etc. **Contact Connie Krause, [connie.d.krause@gmail.com](mailto:connie.d.krause@gmail.com) or Sarah Davis [sarahidavis19@gmail.com](mailto:sarahidavis19@gmail.com) for information.**

Saint Bridget offers many opportunities for learning, sharing, and community. Please join us for a small group gathering or Bible study.



## Scripture Study and Book Study Groups

**Tuesday Morning Book Group:** This is a small faith sharing group open to all parishioners who are interested in reading and discussing the group's choice of Catholic-Christian books. Join us in the church hall on Tuesdays from 10-11:30am. Contact Liz Esparolini [beachliz@bellsouth.net](mailto:beachliz@bellsouth.net) for more information.

**Habitues Group Study:** Tuesday Mornings 7-8am, Church Hall. We are a non-denominational bible study of men who gather to discuss Scripture and how we can apply it to our daily faith walk to grow in faith and fraternity. Please contact Frank de Venoge at [fxdevenoge@gmail.com](mailto:fxdevenoge@gmail.com)

**Wednesday Women's Scripture Study:** Meets in the Church Hall from 9-11:00AM. Open to women of the parish. Contact Sue Feeser [sue.feeser@gmail.com](mailto:sue.feeser@gmail.com) or Amanda Bibb [amandabibb84@gmail.com](mailto:amandabibb84@gmail.com) for more information.

**Thursday Morning Bible Study:** Meets each Thursday at 9am in the Church Hall. Contact Ann Holzgrefe [aholzgrefe39@verizon.net](mailto:aholzgrefe39@verizon.net) or David Whitehead [d3whitehead@gmail.com](mailto:d3whitehead@gmail.com) for more information.

## Divine Mercy Cenacle

The Divine Mercy Cenacle seeks to spread the message of God's Divine Mercy and new forms of devotion set out in the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, a 20th century Polish nun. Her Diary records remarkable promises of extraordinary graces, including "complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" for those who go to confession and receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday. In addition to praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet after the 8:00 Mass on Friday mornings, the Cenacle has an ongoing intercessory and educational ministry imploring and celebrating God's Divine Mercy in the Murphy Conference Room, Friday mornings 8:45-9:45 am. The group is informal, and everyone is welcome to come whenever they wish. Join us for 7 minutes of powerful prayer! Then stay for more programming as you desire. **Contact Kathleen Redmond, [koredmond@gmail.com](mailto:koredmond@gmail.com)**



# Ministries: **Music**

## Adult Choir

This is an all-volunteer, non-auditioned choir for adults and high school students. The choir season begins with a rehearsal on the third Wednesday in August and lasts through the Solemnity of Corpus Christi in June. Rehearsals are Wednesdays 5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. The choir sings most Sundays at the 9:00 A.M. Mass, for a special Liturgy on All Souls', Advent Lessons & Carols, Christmas Eve at Midnight Mass, and for Triduum.

## Parish Boy Choir

This Choir is for Boys in at least 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade. Rehearsals are most Thursdays, 4:00 – 4:50 P.M., from the third Thursday in August through Mother's Day weekend in May. The choir sings about once a month, for Lessons & Carols in December and on Christmas Eve.

## Parish Girl Choir

This Choir is for Girls in at least 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade. Rehearsals are most Thursdays, 3:00 – 3:50 P.M., from the third Thursday in August through Mother's Day weekend in May. The choir sings about once a month, for Lessons & Carols in December and on Christmas Eve.

## Gentlemen of Saint Bridget

The Gentlemen of Saint Bridget is a non-auditioned, all-volunteer ensemble for adult men who desire to sing, regardless of experience or ability. The group normally sings on Christmas Eve at the 8:00 P.M. Mass, and for the Saints and Singers end-of-year dinner in late May or early June. Before each performance, there are two rehearsals on Saturday morning, or after work hours on a weekday.

## Cantor

Cantors lead the Psalm during the Liturgy of the Word, in dialogue with the congregation, both at Mass and during prayer services. They also assist the congregation as they sing other parts of the liturgy.

The Saint Bridget Cantor Ministry provides musical and liturgical leadership in parish liturgies. It is an all-volunteer ministry. However, a good voice and an ability to read music are essential to participate. An audition, participation in the Adult Choir for 6 months, and training for this specific ministry are pre-requisites.



All aspects of our Music Ministry aim to keep Christ's Real Presence a reality for musicians and parishioners alike.

Consequently, the love and joy of Christ is part of the experience, but so is a profound sense of service to the parish through her liturgies. The Saint Bridget Music Ministry is comprised of paid and volunteer musicians who sing, play instruments and offer support to its many ensembles.

Cantors provide leadership at all weekend Masses, assisted by organists, pianists, other instrumentalists, and choirs.

Saint Bridget choirs provide opportunities for ministry for children, teens, and adults, from middle-aged to seniors. Those who participate in the Music Ministry find the experience to be spiritually, emotionally, intellectually satisfying.

If you desire to be part of our Music Ministry, please look at its various opportunities and consider which role you are called to.

Contact the Music Minister, Allen Bean for more information (804) 282-9511 ext. 328 or [abean@saintbridgetchurch.org](mailto:abean@saintbridgetchurch.org)

## Friends of Music

Saint Bridget shares its many gifts, from its great musical instruments to its own talented musicians with the greater Richmond community. The patronage of parishioners and non-parishioners provide financial support for concerts which draw the community to our church. We are pleased to share the musical talents of organists from all over the world, choirs and soloists that presents "the best of the best." Contact Allen Bean for more information.



# Ministries: **Social**

## Young Adult Ministry

Join other young adults (18-35) to pray, explore spiritual topics, and build fellowship. We have a variety of events that run throughout the year.

**Theology on Tap:** First Tuesdays

Strangeways Brewing, Dabney Rd. Limited food options but outside food is allowed at the venue.

Doors open at 6 p.m. food & beverages need to be purchased by guests by 6:55 p.m. Talks run 7 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. and finish with a Q&A.

**Ice Cream & Adoration:** After Third Sunday

Adoration 7-8pm. After adoration, we walk over to Gelati Celesti for a sweet treat.

**RVA YA Lunch:** Last Sunday of the month at Amigo's Authentic Mexican Restaurant (Staples Mill)

**Please contact Paolo De Urquidi for more information, [paolodeurquidi@gmail.com](mailto:paolodeurquidi@gmail.com)**

## St. Bridget Knights of Columbus, Msgr. Francis J. Byrne Council 5476

The Knights Council at St. Bridget is named in honor of Monsignor Francis J. Byrne, the first pastor of St. Bridget Church. Alan Serafim is our current Grand Knight, the leader of our Council. We have about 150 registered members. Each month we meet for a Members Meeting on the second Monday of the month. We offer dinner at 6:15 pm as a time for socializing with other Knights. The Member Meeting begins at 7:00 at which we discuss what our Knights do at the parish and the activities in which we are currently involved.

Being a Knight in the Knights of Columbus is a great way to serve the parish and also the needy in our community. We hold monthly Food Drives that help provide food and financial donations for Commonwealth Catholic Charities, St. Peter Parish, and the Sacred Heart Center. We also host events at the parish for fellowship and fundraising for good causes, including the Stew and Brew in the Fall and the Fish Fry in the Spring. Both benefit the scholarships that the Knights provide to children graduating from St. Bridget School and are going on to Catholic High Schools, and other great causes like the local pregnancy resource centers and Special Olympics.

Being a Knight will introduce you to other men in the parish that wish to build their faith, practice charity, and enjoy the fellowship of like-minded men. It is also family-centered with activities that involve the family in service and fellowship. An important note - each Knight is involved to the extent he wishes and is able. Some men help at specific activities during the year, others are more involved. It is very much up to each of us. Come visit and consider being a Knight of Columbus!

**Contact:**

**Alan Serafim, Grand Knight, [71vetter@gmail.com](mailto:71vetter@gmail.com)**

**John McCulla, Deputy Grand Knight-  
[jkmcculla@comcast.net](mailto:jkmcculla@comcast.net)**

Saint Bridget offers many opportunities for individuals looking for groups that offer a social connection to the parish that does so in a meaningful, faithful way.



## Men's Ministry

The Mission of the St. Bridget Men's Ministry of Faith and Fellowship is to build a stronger relationship with Christ, and a deeper love for family and friends through spiritual growth and Christian fellowship. The group meets on the first Saturday of each month at 6:45 am in the Murphy Room and concludes just ahead of the 8 am Mass. Other special events are also scheduled throughout the year.

**Please contact Leon Shadowen [Ishadowen@aol.com](mailto:Ishadowen@aol.com) for more information.**

## Mom's Ministry

Our Mom's Ministry meets every Third Thursdays from 7:30-9:00pm in the parish hall for an evening of fellowship, speakers, prayer, and discussion.

All adult women are welcome! We have other events a few times a year including social nights, book discussions and service opportunities. Please **contact Liz Waring at [elnappi@gmail.com](mailto:elnappi@gmail.com) for more information.**

## Saints and Sinners

The Saints and Sinners is a vibrant group of parishioners and friends of the parish, ranging in age from 50 years and up. The mission of the Saints and Sinners is to provide its members with interesting social and spiritual programs. The Saints and Sinners group meets monthly and typically includes a theme with a presentation and fellowship. Past meetings have focused on art, history, poetry, safety, health, and other special topics.

The Saints and Sinners also enjoy several annual events, including day excursions both around Richmond and beyond, including in the past trips to Washington, Norfolk, Charlottesville, Lexington, and more.

Meetings are usually held the fourth Thursday of each month, unless otherwise arranged. To learn more about upcoming events, visit our bulletin board in the Parish Commons and regularly check the website and parish emails. For more information, **contact John McCulla [jkmcculla@comcast.net](mailto:jkmcculla@comcast.net) , or Yvonne Smith, [yvonesmith2@verizon.net](mailto:yvonesmith2@verizon.net) for more information.**

## Welcome Committee

The Welcome Committee meets & greets new parishioners and helps them feel at home in our church family. Committee members rotate serving after weekend Masses providing guidance for those unfamiliar with our parish and helping connect new members with ministries and opportunities that fit their gifts. Training and support are provided— but what matters most is a willingness to share your time, your kindness, and your faith. **Contact Tim Kelly at [welcometostbridget@gmail.com](mailto:welcometostbridget@gmail.com) to help with this ministry.**



# Ministries: **Outreach**

## Saint Bridget Serves

### Tutor and Mentor Opportunities\*

We work to provide the school with tutors and volunteers to help the staff with providing aid to students that the teachers indicate can use more help. We try to support the faculty and provide encouragement in various ways. Volunteers are required to complete the VIRTUS program, be vetted by Communities in Schools in Richmond, and have a background check completed by the Diocese and Communities In Schools (this done annually again by CIS). **Contact Judy Holzgreffe, [j.holzgreffe1@gmail.com](mailto:j.holzgreffe1@gmail.com) or Gail Rilee [gailrilee@gmail.com](mailto:gailrilee@gmail.com)** for more information.

### Feeding Ministries

#### Salvation Army and Liberation Veterans Services

St. Bridget volunteers provide meals once a month for Salvation Army (first Tuesday) and Liberation Veteran Service (second Thursday). Volunteers are needed to make baked ziti, provide side dishes, rolls, desserts and drinks, and to deliver the food to the organizations. Cooks make the baked ziti at home (recipe and pans provided). We set up a table and cooler on Snowball Lane the day the meals are provided, and volunteers can drop off the ziti, other food and drinks at their convenience during the drop-off window. **Contact Diane Murray to get involved: [diamurray1@gmail.com](mailto:diamurray1@gmail.com)**

#### St. Peter's Door Ministry

On the fourth Tuesday of every month a team of 5-10 volunteers from St. Bridget's parish gather at St. Peter's on Grace Street to prepare and serve a meal to about 140 guests, most of them unhoused. We arrive around 9:20am to cook and serve from 11:30-12:30pm. **Contact Nicole Bridge: [nicole.bridge@gmail.com](mailto:nicole.bridge@gmail.com)**

### Haiti Ministry

Part of a Diocesan Twinning relationship with a rural parish in Carrisade, Haiti, we seek to stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers there as we build relationships. We serve in three main areas: Education, Medical/Dental Needs, and Humanitarian needs, such as providing potable running water. Commitment: Monthly committee meeting, plus activities. **Contact John Dyer at [jodyer@vt.edu](mailto:jodyer@vt.edu) for more information.**

### Saint Bridget Builds

If you enjoy working on a project using your hands and skills, this group is for you! Working as a team each month, we will participate in projects through some of our partners, such as Habitat for Humanity, Housing Families First and more doing painting, gardening and other needs. We will also help with the Saint Bridget Day of Service event. If you would like to get involved, **contact Jo Ellen Schneider at [jschneider@saintbridgetchurch.org](mailto:jschneider@saintbridgetchurch.org)**

Saint Bridget sponsors and partners with numerous Richmond area organizations, giving our parishioners many opportunities to serve. If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering, please email Jo Ellen Schneider, Director of Social Ministries: [jschneider@saintbridgetchurch.org](mailto:jschneider@saintbridgetchurch.org)  
Groups that require VIRTUS training have a STAR \*



### Saint Vincent de Paul- St. Teresa of Calcutta Conference\*

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul USA is a 180-year-old Catholic lay organization inspired by Gospel values and part of the 192-year-old international society. We join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to neighbors in need. We cherish our encounters with our friends in need, mainly by visiting them in their own homes where they feel most comfortable. In addition to our prayers, we help them financially mainly with rent (to prevent evictions) and utilities (to prevent disconnections or restore connections), and when we notice they lack things like furniture or food, we try to help with those, also.

Our particular conference is comprised of parishioners from Saint Bridget, Holy Rosary and Saint Elizabeth Catholic churches. We meet twice a month, usually on the first and third Monday evenings at 6:30pm. Some of our members volunteer at the SVdP Thrift Stores. If you would like to get involved, email **Jackie Dwyer at [jhdwyer422@gmail.com](mailto:jhdwyer422@gmail.com)**

### Walking with Moms\*

Formerly known as our Respect Life Committee, Walking with Moms in Need provides parishes with a framework to inventory local resources, identify gaps in services, and implement a parish response based on their findings. It gathers all parishioners who are invested in supporting Respect Life activities and works together to participate in activities, visit and support local programs for pregnant mothers and more! Volunteers who participate in events may need VIRTUS, but meetings are open to all!

The group meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 5 pm in the Murphy room. Other events and activities are also available. If you are interested in getting involved, please email **Jo Ellen Schneider at [jschneider@saintbridgetchurch.org](mailto:jschneider@saintbridgetchurch.org)**.

### Christmas Sharing

Each Christmas season, we assist local organizations and schools who refer families to this program. Wishlists for children are available to select and return to share the joy of the season with them. Look for information in November to be a part of this activity.