

PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASSES

Saturday: 6:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 & 11:30 a.m.
4:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Daily: 8:30 a.m.
Holy Days: 8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Anselme Malonda-Nkuanga, CICM....Pastor
Ramon Tirado.Deacon
Kathy Semerling..... Business Manager
Hannah Masson.....Director of Music
Patricia Reed.....Dir. of Religious Education
Miriam Medina.....Dir. of Liturgy/Hispanic Liaison
Danielle Gambale-Metz.....Office Staff-Notary
Theresa Watson.....Choir Director
John Flemming.....Heritage Choir Director
Julie Dawley.....Director of R.C.I.A.
Mary Flemming.....Coordinator of Youth Ministry
Jim Oliver,.....Principal, Epiphany School
Barbara Terry.....Director, Epiphany Pre-School
Anne Schuyler.....Business Manager, Epiphany School

REGISTRATION

A warm welcome is extended to new parishioners. New members can register with the parish office during office hours. Registration forms are also available in the Church vestibule and can be dropped in the collection basket during Mass. Parish registration is required for reception of the Sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation and Matrimony) and letters of eligibility to serve as Godparent or sponsor.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Is available on Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 pm and Saturdays 4:00 to 5:30 and any other time upon request.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Registered parishioners who are requesting baptism for their child should contact the parish office to sign up for the required pre-baptismal classes.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

is celebrated after a period of preparation of not less than six months. Registered parishioners who wish to marry at Precious Blood should contact the parish for arrangements.

CCD CLASSES

540-825-1339

Sunday: 9:30-10:45 a.m. (K-12)

Epiphany Catholic School 540-825-9017

1211 E. Grandview Ave.

Culpeper, VA 22701

Preschool: 3 & 4 year olds

Elementary K-5

Middle School: 6-8

office@epiphanycatholicsschool.org

www.epiphanycatholicsschool.org

January 3, 2016

“The Epiphany of the Lord”

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. Jan 3

8:00 AM For the People

11:30 AM (+) Hilda Locurcio

4:00 PM For the People

Mon. Jan 4 Rex Gile (healing)

Readings: 1 Jn 3:22-4.6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tues. Jan 5 Norma Ramos (sp. Int.)

Readings: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44

Wed. Jan 6 Pat Ballard (healing)

Readings: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52

Thurs. Jan 7 (+) William Craven

Readings: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22

Fri. Jan 8 (+) Roger D. Staples

Readings: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16

Sat. Jan 9

Readings: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

8:30 AM + Ray Aub

6:00 PM + Leean Sayer

The Epiphany of the Lord "Overcoming Jealousy"

Reading I Isaiah 60 1-6 (glory of the new Zion)

Reading II Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 (commission to preach God's plan)

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12 (the visit of the Magi)

Key Passage Herod sent the Magi to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child: and when you have found him bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." (Matthew 2:8)

Adult When have you been jealous or fearful of another person? When are such feelings hurt?

Child When have you been jealous because something good happened to another person instead of you? What is the problem with feeling that way?

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Fr. Anselme visits Culpeper Hospital twice a week on Tuesday and Friday. Please notify the rectory if you wish to have someone visited. Arrangements should also be made with the rectory for an Extra-ordinary Minister to bring Holy Communion to shut-ins on a regular basis. Emergency sick calls can be arranged at any time.

LORD HEAR THE PRAYER FOR

OUR SICK Especially: Janice

Ambrose, Brian Alexander, Ric Barklund, Mike Bosma, Joyce Bosworth, Josephine Borst, Trudy Butler, Diane Clark, Bill Daley, Cynthia Davies, Isaias Estrada, Danielle Gambale-Metz, Alex Green, Richard Hall, Alex Hyde, Jim Hyde, Brissa LaMatta, Mary Larson, Luciana LaMatta, Jean Landon, Peg Logan, Clelia Lopez-Garcia, Jennifer McCloud, Paola Maartens, Ana Magana, Frank McPhillips, Miriam Medina, Phillip Leo Mercer, Jim Miniham, Mary Neureither, Barbara Noonan, Shawn Peet, Ariel Perez-Young, Irene Perez-Young, Gia Quiroz, Donald Rediske, Max Rosado, Lorain Smith, Ron Therien, Jay Way, Tootie and Ted White and for all those who ask for our prayers and wish to remain anonymous. May they feel God's protective hand and return to good health. **Call the rectory if you want a name to remain after six weeks.**



"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 JOHN 3:1)

During this season of giving, let us remember the most important gift we have received – being children of God. As God's children, it's important that we express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children and other family members and friends that you love them, frequently.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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| 12/20 Collections | \$ 8,328.08 |
| Epiphany | \$ 120.00 |
| Building Fund | \$ 80.00 |
| FAITH DIRECT | \$ 1,180.00 |
| Epiphany | \$ 120.00 |
| Building Fund | \$ 80.00 |
| Foundation For Future | \$ 42.00 |

FAITH DIRECT It's a new year and new offerings. By supporting Precious Blood Parish through Faith Direct, both you and our parish can more easily project your future contributions. You can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net using our church code: **VA226**, or by mailing a paper enrollment form available in the parish

ALL Bulletin inserts please email:
bulletin@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com

Deadline is 3:30pm on Monday before.

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

BREAKFAST AFTER MASS by the Knights of Columbus **January 31st!!** You don't have to go far, the Knights Of Columbus will be offering breakfast after the **8am** mass. Eggs, sausage, biscuits, coffee and juice will be available for \$5 per person or \$20 per immediate family. Please come and share breakfast with the Knights and your fellow parishioners!

THE ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE will be on **Friday, January 22, 2016**. A bus has been reserved and will leave our parking lot at 10:30 AM. We will return at approximately **6 PM**. A sign-up sheet for a seat on the bus is located in the church vestibule. A free will offering will be collected to pay for the cost of the bus. Contact Scott Klose @ 540-718-7574 with any questions.

MOM'S GROUP Come join our Mom's group. We will be meeting in room 29 on the **2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month**. Come join the fun.

MUSIC MINISTRY "Auld Lang Syne", a song recalling the love and kindness of days gone by and traditionally sung to celebrate the turning of the old year into the new one, was an old folk song from the lowlands of Scotland collected and fashioned by Robert Burns around 1788, who wrote "... *light be the turf on the breast of the heaven inspired poet who composed this glorious fragment.*"



CULPEPER LITERACY COUNCIL will be holding Literacy Tutor Training Workshop on Saturday, **January 9th from 8:45 am – 3pm**. There is no charge for the workshop and lunch is provided. You can register online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/new-adult-literacy-tutor-training-workshop-tickets-19603867696> or call 540-825-5804

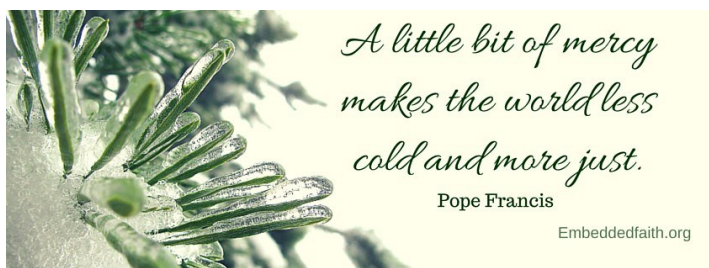
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION resumes this week on **Thursday, January 7th**. We look forward to seeing you.

ST. PETER JULIAN PRAYER CHAIN: Do you have a prayer intention need? We will pray for you. Call **Joanna 829-2235** with your requests.

DIRECTORY BOOKS are due at the end of January.

HOLY SPIRIT INTERACTIVE (HSI) Next meeting will be Wednesday, **Jan. 13, at 7:00 pm** at Todd Brown's new office (309 N. Main Street, right across Edmondson Street from our church). Aneel Aranha speaks about "*On Wings of Eagles*" in one of his most powerful talks in recent times. All are welcome.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION Topic next Sunday (**Jan. 10**) is "**Why Do I Need the Church?**" Though Jesus saves us as individuals, he calls us to live out our faith as members of a community of believers. But that can be hard if we and those we love don't understand what the Church is and what it is meant to be. For example, why does the Church assume to have authority over what Catholics believe and how we are to act? And, how can the Church be holy when it is filled with imperfect people? Come learn why is the Church is essential to the life of every believer, and how being "spiritual but not religious" is not enough. All adults, especially parents of CCD students, are encouraged to attend from **9:40-10:40 am** in the Parish Hall.



HEAT SHELTER will be here at our Parish January 24th through 30th.

Information to follow!!



The Epiphany celebration by Epiphany school will be held today, Jan. 3 at the 8 AM Mass.

A reception will follow. All are invited.

WOW!!! Epiphany students donated over 5,000 cans to the Community Christmas Basket program.



AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

VOCATIONS "*The Epiphany* - Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts." Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Call Father J.D. Jaffe (703) 841-2514, or write: j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER It's a new year, let us strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are on 19-21 Feb in Herndon or 22-24 Apr in Fredericksburg. For more information or to apply, visit our website at renewmarriage-vanorth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org

INVITING ALL MEN OF THE DIOCESE TO THE 2016 MEN'S CONFERENCE

All men of the Diocese are invited to the sixth annual diocesan Men's Conference on March 5. This year's conference is titled, "God the Father of Extravagant Mercy." It will feature Damon Owens, Executive Director of the Theology of the Body Institute, Fr. David Pignato, Theology Professor at St. John Seminary in Boston, and Dr. Michael Horne, Director of Clinical Services for Catholic Charities. Breakfast, lunch, and Mass with Bishop Loverde will be included. Registration begins Jan. 1. Please note the new conference location: All Saints Catholic Church, Manassas. Go to www.arlingtondiocese.org/men for more details or to register.

INVITING ALL WOMEN OF THE DIOCESE TO THE 2016 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

All women of the Diocese are encouraged to attend the annual Women's Conference at St. Joseph in Herndon on March 12 with Kathleen Beckman, Co-founder and President of the Foundation of Prayer for Priests and Sister Clare Hunter, Respect Life Director for the Diocese of Arlington. The conference title is "God the Father of Extravagant Mercy." It will begin with Mass celebrated by Bishop Loverde at 8:45 a.m. Confessions will be offered from 7 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. Online registration starts Jan. 1. No registration at the door. Please visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/women for more details.

Epiphany

The Epiphany is indeed a great Feast, and the joy caused us by the Birth of our Jesus must be renewed on it, for as though it were a second Christmas Day, it shows us our Incarnate God in a new light. It leaves us all the sweetness of the dear Babe of Bethlehem, who hath appeared to us already in love; but to this it adds its own grand *manifestation* of the divinity of our Jesus. At Christmas it was a few Shepherds that were invited by the Angels to go and recognize THE WORD MADE FLESH; but now, at the Epiphany, the voice of God himself calls the whole world to adore this Jesus, and hear him.

The mystery of the Epiphany brings upon us three magnificent rays of the Sun of Justice, our Savior. In the calendar of pagan Rome, this Sixth day of January was devoted to the celebration of a triple triumph of Augustus, the founder of the Roman Empire: but when Jesus, our *Prince of peace*, whose empire knows no limits, had secured victory to his Church by the blood of the Martyrs, then did this his Church decree that a triple triumph of the *Immortal King* should be substituted, in the Christian Calendar, for those other three triumphs which had been won by the adopted son of Caesar.

The Sixth of January, therefore, restored the celebration of our Lord's Birth to the Twenty-Fifth of December; but in return, there were united in the one same *Epiphany* three manifestations of Jesus' glory: the mystery of the Magi coming from the East, under the guidance of a star, and adoring the Infant of Bethlehem as the divine King; the mystery of the Baptism of Christ, who, whilst standing in the waters of the Jordan, was proclaimed by the Eternal Father as Son of God; and thirdly, the mystery of the divine power of this same Jesus, when he changed the water into wine at the marriage feast of Cana.

Excerpted from *The Liturgical Year* by Abbot Gueranger O.S.B.

