

# 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@epiphanycatholicschool.org](mailto:office@epiphanycatholicschool.org)

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January 10, 2016

“The Baptism of the Lord”

## Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

**Sun. Jan 10**

**8:00 AM Britney Kearney (sp. int.)**  
**11:30 AM Laurie Kayajnian family (healing)**  
**4:00 PM For the People**

**Mon. Jan 11 (+) Suzanne Hyde**

Readings: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20

**Tues. Jan 12 (+) Gerald Felski**

Readings: 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

**Wed. Jan 13 (+) Charlotte Malonda**

Readings: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 9-20; Mk 1:29-39

**Thurs. Jan 14 Antoinette Stevens (healing)**

Readings: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

**Fri. Jan 15 Gia Quiroz (healing)**

Readings: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

**Sat. Jan 16**

Readings: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17

**8:30 AM (+) Larry Case Family**

**6:00 PM (+) Ray Aub**

## **The Baptism of the Lord**

### **“Pleasing to God”**

**Reading I** Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 (the servant of the Lord)

**Reading II** Acts 10:34-38 (Peter's discourse; the good news of peace)

**Gospel** Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 (baptism of Jesus)

**Key Passage** And a voice came from heaven. “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” (Luke 3:2)

**Adult** Do you think that God was “well pleased” by your actions in recent weeks?

**Child** What good thing could you do this week that would be pleasing to God?

**ALL** Bulletin inserts please email:

[bulletin@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com](mailto:bulletin@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com)

**Deadline is 3:30pm on Monday before.**

**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, Trudy Baker, Ric Barklund, Mike Bosma, Joyce Bosworth, Josephine Borst, Maria Auxiliadora Caldera, Diane Clark, Bill Daley, Cynthia Davies, Isaias Estrada, 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.**



*“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...’” (Luke 3:16)*

*The Catholic Catechism states that “Jesus’ Immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.” In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Once we surrender ourselves to God, we will know in our hearts what God calls us to do.*

## **OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Solemnity of Mary	\$ 2,911.80
1/4 Collections	\$ 15,642.55
Epiphany	\$ 747.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,834.00
First Offering Envelopes	\$ 760.00

December Actual	\$ 49,470.32
Budget	\$ 47,000.00

**FAITH DIRECT** Start off the year by signing up with Faith Direct to support Precious Blood Parish both you and our parish can more easily project your future contributions more accurately. You can sign up online at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) using our church code: **VA226**, or by mailing a paper enrollment form available in the parish office.

## THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

Mass will be held here at Precious Blood January 15th.

Office will be closed January 18th for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

HOLY HOUR TOMORROW NIGHT, Jan 11th at 7:00 pm in honor of the **HOLY NAME OF JESUS**. Let us reflect and renew ourselves before our Lord on His divine revelation of the name of Jesus Christ not only to Joseph and to Mary but to us all "for this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (*Phil 2:10*).

ENVELOPE OFFERINGS "for those who are envelope users, there is an envelope entitled First Offering. This is to help offset the costs of envelopes. Please be as generous as you can to help the church with these related costs."

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.



MUSIC MINISTRY Our hymn **I HAVE LOVED YOU** was written by Michael Joncas, a priest, liturgical theologian and composer who also wrote "On Eagle's Wings" and "Blest Be the Lord". Utilizing scripture in many of his compositions, Father Joncas writes that "Scripture grounds my life as a Christian, a preacher and a priest" and "We pastoral musicians do not sing to entertain bored worshipers or to seduce them into brainless ecstasy, we may sing in the Spirit, but we also sing with our minds."

FLUTE SHOP *All musicians welcome!!!* Start your year off on the right note, with a new workshop on **January 16th from 9:30-11 am** in the parish hall. All ages and levels welcome, bring your music that you are working on and wanted to play or share. If you have any questions, contact Jay Laws at 540-729-4910 or [jclaws@layno.edu](mailto:jclaws@layno.edu)

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 **TODAY (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 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 on Sundays from **9:40-10:40 am** in the Parish Hall.

SAINT STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET This week's needs are oatmeal in single' serve packets, single' serve microwave meals, rice and pasta side dishes. Thank you!

CULPEPER HEAT SHELTER Precious Blood will be hosting the homeless shelter (Culpeper Heat Shelter) from **Jan 24<sup>th</sup> thru Jan 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016**. Please contact us through [heatshelter@gmail.com](mailto:heatshelter@gmail.com) with your interest. Our shelter volunteers will then be reaching out to you for assistance (Food, Supplies, Chaperones, and Volunteering).

SECOND COLLECTION: On **January 24th** we will be having a second collection for the Church in Latin America. The generosity of your parish supports many pastoral projects in Latin America and Caribbean.

**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.



Happy New Year to all of our Epiphany Families! Our school celebrated the Feast of Epiphany with a luncheon served by our PTO on Wednesday, January 6th. It was a wonderful event and our students looked fantastic in their dress up attire. The Wise Men visited the classrooms and handed out small gifts to the students. *A BIG THANK YOU* to our PTO and parent volunteers that prepared meals for 170 plus, and to our Wise Men Roger Depue, Steve Lee and Frank Walusek.

### **The Challenge**

We continue to ask parish and school families to participate in **The Challenge** as announced in December. In the challenge to parishioners and Epiphany families there is a generous benefactor that will match donations up to \$15,000 to Epiphany Catholic School! We are grateful that Precious Blood, Our Lady of the Blue Ridge and St. Peter parishes are also actively joining in this challenge!

We are grateful to all that have participated so far. To date, a total of over \$6,900.00 has been raised! **Please consider making a New Year donation to your school** to support Catholic Education in our region of the Diocese. If each family in the school and all of our parishes made a contribution to Epiphany, a gift of \$30,000.00 to our school is possible! This wonderful gift would help us tremendously with our operating budget and unforeseen facility expenses as we progress through the school year.

### **AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA**

**EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR** The Arlington Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima (the Blue Army) will sponsor a diocesan-wide Eucharistic Holy Hour on Sunday, **January 24, from 3:00 – 4:00 pm** at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 271 Winchester Street, Warrenton. We hope you can join us in prayer.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** In today's gospel it says, "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Bring the Holy Spirit into your marriage. 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 [www.renewmarriage-vanorth.org](http://www.renewmarriage-vanorth.org)

**GABRIEL PROJECT** Please give a *Gift for Life* to help Gabriel Project fund a mother's maternity care. One grateful mother wrote: "Your services are perhaps the most comprehensive, empathetic and genuine that I have received in a very long time. I thank you for your sincere time and attention." For more information and/or to donate: [www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife).



## ***10 NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR CATHOLICS.***

Are you conflicted on your New Year's resolutions for 2016. People usually make resolutions to loose weight, quit smoking, save money, eat healthy, talk to people rather than text and don't work so much. How often do people really stay with their resolution? We found something for everyone, for all ages and you can fit into any lifestyle. We are sure that these will help you to have a great 2016.

### ***A Catholic smartphone?***

Surprisingly, you'll find plenty of smartphone apps to help you become a better Catholic. Simply type "Catholic" in your phone's app store search index, and you'll find a long list of apps including prayers, Catholic radio stations, Confession guides, Bibles, etc. Instead of texting or checking email during idle time, make use of those apps to learn more about your faith.

### ***Find a patron saint***

If you don't have a patron saint, it's time to find one! Saints are our heroes in faith and are powerful intercessors for us in heaven. You might want to learn more about the saint you were named after, your Confirmation saint, the patron saint of your profession or hobby or any saint who interests you.

### ***Attend daily Mass***

Most parishes offer daily mass during the week in the morning, evening or during lunch. Since the group attending is usually small and there is often no singing, most daily masses will only take about 30 minutes of your day. In return, you'll receive extra graces and blessings for the small sacrifice.

### ***Go to Confession every month***

Yes, it's difficult to face your sins and say them out loud, but frequent reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation gives you the grace to fight those sins and perhaps finally defeat them. If your parish's allotted time for the sacrament conflicts with your schedule, call the parish office to make an appointment.

### ***Read the Bible***

If you don't own a Catholic Bible, invest in one and keep it out where you will see it every day. Attend a Bible study if your parish offers one or ask your priest to start one if it's not available. You'll also find helpful guides online or in a Catholic bookstore.

### ***Get involved with your parish***

Volunteering as a lector, Eucharistic Minister, choir member or usher requires a very small time commitment but will pay off by helping you to feel like an important part of your parish. For other ideas, call your parish office and ask for volunteer opportunities that will fit your schedule.

### ***Pray the Rosary***

The Rosary has been hailed by saints and popes alike as a powerful weapon to defeat evil and a beautiful way to meditate on the gospels. There are many powerful blessings and promises granted to those devoted to the Rosary.

### ***Check out Catholic radio***

Catholic radio stations are popping up all over America and you need not live near one to listen in. Most stations broadcast online or offer smartphone apps. Try a few different stations and programs to find one that interests you.

### ***Read about your faith***

If all you do is go to mass every Sunday, you're missing out on many wonderful resources for your faith. This year, resolve to read at least five books on Catholic topics. Pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance.

### ***Spend some time in front of the blessed Sacrament***

Many parishes offer Eucharistic Adoration, but you can stop by a Catholic church any time the doors are open and spend a little quality time with Christ. Even just 10-15 minutes on a regular basis will deeply improve your spiritual life.

<http://www.beliefnet.com/Faiths/Catholic/Ten-New-Years-Resolutions-for-Catholics.aspx?b=1&p=1>