

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

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January 24, 2016

“Third Sunday in Ordinary Time”

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. Jan 24

8:00 AM For The People
11:30 AM Victims of Human Trafficking
4:00 PM (+) Maria Rivera

Mon. Jan 25 For all Catholic Missions

Readings: Acts 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18

Tues. Jan 26 (+) Maryland Harrison

Readings: 2 Tm 1:1-8; Mk 3:31-35

Wed. Jan 27 (+) Maurice Du Castillon

Readings: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20

Thurs. Jan 28 (+) Maria Rivera

Readings: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk 4:21-25

Fri. Jan 29 (+) Loyal Bouchard

Readings: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34

Sat. Jan 30

Readings: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41

8:30 AM Kathleen Rowzie

6:00 PM (+) Louise Magon

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Accepting Responsibility"

Reading I Nehemiah 8:2b-4a, 5-6, 8-10 (Ezra reads the Law)

Reading II 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 (analogy of the body)

Gospel Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 (beginning of Jesus' preaching)

Key Passage Jesus unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor." (Luke 4:17b-18a)

Adult What do you believe that the anointing you received at baptism requires you to do?

Child What could you do this week for someone who has less than you?

ALL Bulletin inserts please email:

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, Michael Baudhuin, Ric Barklund, Mike Bosma, Joyce, Bosworth, Josephine Borst, Maria Auxiliadora Caldera, 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 Minihan, Beth Moreland, Mary Neureither, Barbara Noonan, Shawn Peet, Ariel Perez-Young, Irene Perez-Young, Gia Quiroz, Betty Powers, 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



"Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared..." (NEHEMIAH 8:10)

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life, he wants us to be happy! However, He expects us to generously share our blessings with those who are in need, without expecting anything in return.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

1/17 Collections	\$ 6,926.52
Epiphany	\$ 5.00
Building Fund	\$ 25.00
U. S. Calamities (2nd collection)	\$ 343.10

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 using our church code: **VA226**, or by mailing a paper enrollment form available in the parish office.

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD



MUSIC MINISTRY Today is **ECUMENICAL SUNDAY**, and is found within the week of prayer for Christian Unity which is held annually from **Jan. 18-25th**. Music has long been used to draw together people of different faiths, cultures or nationalities. **AMAZING GRACE** holds the spot for most translated hymn and is estimated to be performed around 10 million times every year and has been translated into everything from German to Cherokee.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION **ADULT FAITH FORMATION** Topic this Sunday (**Jan. 24**) is **"Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven: The Mystery of the Liturgy and the Eucharist."** In this session, Bishop Robert Barron explores the ancient practices of the Church's worship that endure to this very day and the notion that "all value is summed up in the liturgy, the supreme act by which we commune with God." Join Bishop Barron on pilgrimage to *Jerusalem, Rome, Chicago, Orvieto (Italy), and Mexico City* as he describes the parts of the Mass and shows how the Sacred Liturgy embodies the whole of our Catholic Faith. All adults, especially parents of CCD students, are encouraged to attend from **9:40-10:40 am** in the Parish Hall. **There will not be any adult ed sessions on Jan. 31 and Feb. 7.** Sessions will resume on Feb. 14 with "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass."

SAINT STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET This week's needs are canned chicken, chicken helper, pasta, potatoes sides, juice boxes. Thank you!

SECOND COLLECTION: TODAY **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.

THE HEAT SHELTER Precious Blood will be hosting those that are homeless in Culpeper from Jan 24th thru Jan 30th, 2016. Please contact us through heatshelter@gmail.com with your interest or questions. We are in need of Food, Supplies, Chaperones, and Volunteering. Please sign up at www.CareCalendar.org, Calendar ID (logon): 200420, Security Code: 5365. If you have any issue with the calendar or for those without computer connections and who wish to sign-up, please contact Jill Devine at **513-256-5677**.



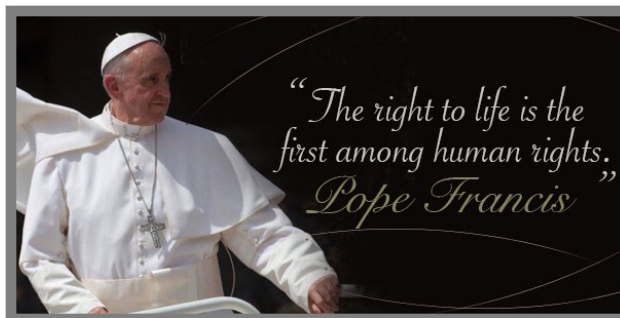
SECOND ANNUAL MARDI GRAS FUND RAISER Sponsored by the Altar Society. Any Confirmation student needing volunteer hours is invited to aid us with our First Annual Mardi Gras fund raiser. We are looking for students to aid with set up, cooking and prep, serving, and clean up after and during the event. Any time given we would be greatly appreciative. Please plan on volunteering an hour or two, or even the whole day. Volunteers will be needed on **February 7th**. For any questions or to set up your volunteer time, please contact: **Charity Karstetter at 540-727-0695 or cabjdk@hotmail.com.**

CONFIRMATION MEETING **February 8th at 7 PM - 9 PM** in the Parish Hall - This meeting is **only** for year 2 Confirmation and being confirmed on May 22, 2016. This is for parents and students of teachers **Bessette, Toner and Epiphany 8th graders ONLY.**

2016 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL BEGINS! This month many of us will receive a mailing from Bishop Loverde regarding the 2016 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). The theme for the 2016 BLA is *"Go forth as heralds of God's mercy."* After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge of support to this important appeal that funds many programs and ministries that serve the people in our diocese. *Every pledge is an expression of God's love and mercy!*

PARKING Parishioners may park in the Brown Harris lot on **Saturday Evenings and Sunday during Mass times only.** Please do not park at any other time. This is a place of business and they are very gracious to allow us to park on the weekends.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION In the event that Culpeper County Schools close because of inclement weather there will be NO adoration that day. If Culpeper County Schools have a delayed opening then adoration that day will begin at 11:00am. If Culpeper County Schools close early because of inclement weather then adoration will end early at Father's discretion.





THE CHALLENGE We have nearly reached our goal for the ***The Challenge***! In December I asked our parish communities along with our Epiphany families to prayerfully consider making a Christmas donation to our school. These donations will be matched by a generous parishioner and parent, up to the amount of \$15,000. I am proud to let you know that, to date, **\$14,160.00** has been donated!

Can we raise that last \$840.00? Please consider making a 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 even a small contribution to Epiphany, a gift of \$30,000 to our school is possible! This would help us tremendously with our operating budget, including unforeseen facility expenses, as we progress through the 2016 school year.

BLUE & GOLD ORGANIZATION FUND RAISER If you weren't at Epiphany last Friday night, you really missed a great event. The Epiphany Blue & Gold Organization held its first fundraiser with basketball games between the faculty/staff and the Epiphany boys and girls basketball teams. The Epiphany faculty/staff ended up winning by a score of 54-30 even with all the shenanigans of the referees, Mr. Michael Thornton and Mr. Larry Ramsey. And we can't forget the scoring table run by current and alumni students, along with the heckling of Mr. David Watson! Thank you for making us all laugh!

Great things are happening at Epiphany during Catholic Schools Week! Join us if you can!

Sunday:	◆ 11:30 Mass at Precious Blood Epiphany students serve the Parish	
Monday:	◆ 8:15 Prayer Service & Flag Ceremony to open CSW	◆ 9:00-3:00 - Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesday:	◆ Open House & Shadow Day 9:00-2:00	◆ Dress Down & Pizza Day
	◆ Fr. Anselme visits classrooms	◆ Planetarium in-school field trip
Wednesday:	◆ Classroom Poetry Bees	◆ 'Who Am I?' Teacher baby picture contest
Thursday:	◆ Sr. Andrea Westkamp, OSB-Vocation Discussion and afternoon prayer	
Friday:	◆ 8:30 Mass-Volunteers Recognized	◆ Faculty/Staff Luncheon (thank you, PTO!)
	◆ Student Poetry Contest (full school)	◆ Teacher Trivia Contest

AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER 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, at 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.

OPEN HOUSE TODAY St. Michael the Archangel High School, located in Fredericksburg, VA is hosting an Open House on Sunday, **January 24th, from 1-4 p.m.** Students and their parents are invited to meet our faculty, tour our campus, and learn about all Saint Michael's has to offer. SMHS is an independent, coeducational high school centered in Catholic values. To learn more visit www.saintmichaelhs.org, or call the school office at **540.548.8748**.

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON IS HIRING! The Catholic Diocese of Arlington is currently hiring for the positions of Website Content Manager, Administrative Assistant and Advertising Account Representative. For more information, please visit: <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/hr/employment.aspx>.

VOCATIONS "There are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit." Is the Holy Spirit leading you to share your gifts as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call **Father J.D. Jaffe (703) 841-2514**, or write: j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

What is the significance of the Holy Door?

Since the year 1300 when Pope Boniface VIII declared the first Holy Year, the Catholic Church has regularly celebrated "Holy Years," usually every twenty-five years (at least since 1470), except for special circumstances, like in 1983 when a Holy Year was declared to mark the 1950th anniversary of the death and resurrection of our Lord. A major aspect of the Holy Year has been that of pilgrimage to Rome to make reparation for sin and to renew the conversion of one's life.

A very important symbolic act performed by each pilgrim has been to pass through the Holy Door. Christ identified Himself as "the door." In his bull *Incarnationis Misterium* proclaiming this Holy Year, Pope John Paul II stated that the Holy Door "...evokes the passage from sin to grace which every Christian is called to accomplish. Jesus said, 'I am the door' (John 10:7) in order to make it clear that no one can come to the Father except through Him. This designation which Jesus applies to Himself testifies to the fact that He alone is the Savior sent by the Father. There is only one way that opens wide the entrance into this life of communion with God: This is Jesus, the one and absolute way to salvation. To Him alone can the words of the psalmist be applied in full truth: 'This is the door of the Lord where the just may enter' (Psalm 118:20)."

Therefore to pass through the door from the outside of St. Peter's into the basilica is to pass from this world into the presence of God, just as in the old Temple of Jerusalem, the High Priest on the Feast of Yom Kippur passed through the veil covering the doorway of the Holy of Holies to enter into the presence of God to offer the sacrifice of atonement. Moreover, to pass through the door is to confess with firm conviction that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the Lord, and the Savior who suffered, died, and rose for our salvation. With great courage, a person freely decides to cross the threshold leaving behind the kingdom of this world so as to enter the new life of grace of the Kingdom of God.

In opening the door, the Holy Father has traditionally struck the door three times with a silver hammer (although this year Pope John Paul II pushed three times on the door). The striking of the door also has symbolic meaning: Moses struck the rock so that water would pour out miraculously to quench the thirst of the people (Numbers 20:6ff); the Holy Year is a time when God pours forth abundant graces to quench the thirst of our souls. God struck the earth to free St. Paul and Silas from prison, which resulted in the jailer and his family asking for baptism (Acts 16:25ff); God has struck our hearts opening them to His graces, beginning with the saving grace of Baptism. As our Lord hung upon the cross, the soldier struck His most Sacred Heart, and out flowed blood and water, symbols of the Holy Eucharist and Baptism (John 19:31f) which nourish each of our souls. In all, the striking of the door symbolizes the release of graces, flowing abundantly to the faithful.

Moreover, when the door opens, the obstacles of passage to our Lord are removed. During the Holy Year, we hope and pray that the obstacles of personal weakness, temptation, and sin will be removed so that we will have a holy union with our Lord.

The construction of the door itself reminds us of the history of salvation. The door consists of sixteen panels, four panels grouped into four rows; the "door" itself is divided into two with two columns of panels for each door. The very top row has two panels showing the exile of Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden after the Fall with the sword wielding angel guarding the entrance with the fiery sword. The opposite two panels depict the Annunciation with the Archangel Gabriel asking Mary to be the Mother of Jesus. The inscription covering both panels reads, "What sad Eve took away [paradise], you [Mary] give back with life-giving child" (*"Quod Heva tristis abstulit, Tu reddis almo germine"*).

The next row of four panels highlight gospel stories of the mercy and forgiveness of God: First, the baptism of our Lord by St. John at the Jordan with the inscription, "You come to me?" (*"Tu venis ad me?"*). The second, the good shepherd finding of the lost sheep: "To save what had been lost" (*"Salvare quod perierat"*). Third, the prodigal son asking forgiveness from his father: "Father I have sinned against Heaven and also you" (*"Pater, peccavi in coelum et coram te"*). Fourth, Jesus curing the paralytic, but first saying, "Your sins are forgiven": "Take your mat and walk" (*"Tolle grabatum tuum et ambula"*).

The third row continues the same theme: First, the penitent woman washing the feet of Jesus in the home of Simon the Pharisee: "Her many sins are forgiven her" (*"Remittuntur ei peccata multa"*). Second, St. Peter asking our Lord how many times must a person forgive and our Lord replying, "Seventy times seven" (*"Septuagies septies"*). Third, Peter weeping after he had just denied our Lord three times outside the home of Caiphaz the High Priest on Holy Thursday evening: "The Lord turned and looked at Peter" (*"Conversus Dominus respexit Petram"*). Fourth, the crucifixion, with our Lord between the two thieves, and saying to the "good thief," "Today you will be with me in paradise" (*"Hodie mecum eris in paradiso"*).

The final row proclaims the Easter mystery and the birth of the Church: First, St. Thomas inspecting the wound marks of Jesus: "Happy are those who have believed" (*"Beati qui crediderunt."*). Second, Jesus appearing to the apostles on Holy Thursday night, saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit" (*"Accipite Spirituum Sanctum"*). Third, Jesus appearing to Saul (St. Paul) on the road to Damascus: "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting" (*"Sum Jesus quem tu persequeris"*). Finally, a picture of the Holy Father striking the Holy Door, "I stand at the door and knock" (*"Sto ad ostium et pulso"*). In all, these scenes remind us of our call as pilgrims to enter the mystery of salvation and to pass from sin to grace, from separation to union with God, and from death to eternal life. As we consider the holy door and particularly the recent Holy Year, our Lord stands at the door of our hearts knocking. We must open our hearts to Him and cross the threshold of hope, striving for holiness.

<http://catholicstraightanswers.com/what-is-the-significance-of-the-holy-door/>