

# PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## MASSES

Sunday: 8:30 am, 11:30 am, 2:00 pm (Spanish)  
Saturday: 8:30 am\* & 5:00 pm (vigil)  
Monday - Wednesday: 8:30 am\*  
Thursday: 8:30 am\* (Adoration 9 am-9 pm)  
Friday: 8:30 am\* & 7:00 pm  
Holy Days: 7:00 pm (vigil), 8:30 am\*, 7:00 pm

\* followed by Morning Prayer (Friday 8:30 am  
Mass at Epiphany School during the school  
year unless otherwise noted)

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

## PARISH STAFF

Rev. Kevin B. Walsh.....Pastor  
Rev. Mark Moretti.....Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Mr. Ramon Tirado.....Deacon  
Kathy Semerling..... Business Manager  
Patricia Reed.....Dir. of Religious Education  
Miriam Medina.....Dir. of Liturgy/Hispanic Liaison  
Hannah Masson.....Director of Music  
Julie Canavan.....Office Staff/Notary  
Julie Dawley.....Director of R.C.I.A.  
Rev. Mark Moretti...Coordinator of Youth Ministry  
Jim Oliver.....Principal, Epiphany School  
Barbara Terry.....Director, Epiphany Pre-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

Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 PM  
Saturdays 3:30-4:30 PM, and any 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: 9:45-11:00 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](mailto:office@epiphanycatholicsschool.org)  
[www.epiphanycatholicsschool.org](http://www.epiphanycatholicsschool.org)

**January 29, 2017**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

### Sun. Jan. 29

Readings: Zep 2:3, 3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31

**8:30 AM Loyal Bouchard (+)**

**11:30 AM for the people**

**2:00 PM Pedro Y Feliciano Casillas (+)**

### Mon. Jan. 30

Readings: Hb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20

**8:30 AM Sam Aitken (healing)**

### Tues. Jan. 31

Readings: Hb 12:1-4, Mk 5:21-43

**8:30 AM Janet Liberti (healing)**

### Wed. Feb. 1

Readings: Hb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6

**8:30 AM Delores Mildred Shero (+)**

### Thurs. Feb. 2

Readings: Mal 3:1-4/Hb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

**8:30 AM Legal Protection of the unborn**

### Fri. Feb. 3

Readings: Hb 3:1-8; Mk 6:14-29

**8:30 AM Austin Evans (special intentions)**

**7:00 PM Joan Soutter and Trudy Baker (healing and strength)**

### Sat. Feb. 4

Readings: Hb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34

**8:30 AM Reid and Helen Rogers**

**5:00 PM souls in purgatory**

## Blessed Are We

**Reading I** Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 (promise for Jerusalem)

**Reading II** 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 (paradox of God's Choice)

**Gospel** Matthew 5:1-12 (the beatitudes)

**Key Passage** Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. (Matthew 5:11-12)

**Adult** When you heard the Beatitudes announced today, which one struck you most strongly? Who is welcome in the reign of God? Who would you like to tell about the reign of God?

**Child** Who taught the Beatitudes? What are they? Why are they important?

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** If you would like one of the priests to visit someone who is sick, please notify the rectory. Arrangements should also be made with the rectory for an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to bring the Eucharist to shut-ins on a regular basis. Emergency sick calls can be arranged at any time.

## LORD HEAR THE PRAYER FOR OUR SICK

Especially: Sam Aitken, Brian Alexander, Janice Ambrose, Hector Baez, Trudy Baker, Mike Bosma, Joyce Bosworth, Daniel C. Brown, Jim Byrne, Bill Daley, Cynthia Davies, Arnold French, Danielle Gambale-Metz, R.C. Garcia, Bill Goetz, April Hair, Richard Hall, George Healey, Alex Hyde, Peg Logan, Ana Magana, Frank Maragos, Beth Moreland, Mary Neureither, John Nirich, Barbara Noonan, Jim Oliver, Cornelia Slabe Paczkowski, Shawn Peet, Elizabeth Pycha, Gia Quiroz, Norma Ramos, John Schichl, Alice Schorr, Luigina Sebastian, Jack Zaleski, 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.

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." MATTHEW 5:3*

This one confuses people. Replace the word "humble" for "poor" and it makes more sense. People that are humble recognize their dependence on God and trust that He will provide all that they need. Unfortunately, for many of us, pride and ego enters our lives and we think we can live without God. Remember – **God first** in all circumstances.



### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

<i>Sunday 1/22/17 collections:</i>	\$ 7,628.59
<i>Latin America:</i>	\$ 1,614.65
<i>Epiphany :</i>	\$ 20.00
<i>Building fund:</i>	\$ 45.00

### Faith direct

<i>Collections:</i>	\$ 2,220.00
<i>FFF</i>	\$ 200.00
<i>Epiphany</i>	\$ 42.00
<i>Building fund</i>	\$ 95.00

## THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** The Knights of Columbus are hosting **BREAKFAST TODAY after the 830 AM mass**. The menu will be eggs, sausage and pancakes. Drinks will be coffee, juice, and milk. Cost will be \$5 per person and \$24 max per family. Also, K of C will be raffling one cord of wood to help fund their scholarship programs. \$10/ticket. Drawing will be 2/13/17. Thank you. For more information/tickets: Randy Hyde (540-522-2271), Dennis Mercier (540-522-6642), Bruce Winning (540-5223581) or any K of C member.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of Love: *"In the sacred Host, He is present, the true treasure, always waiting for us. Only by adoring this Presence do we learn how to receive Him properly."* **Additional adorers are requested for the following hours: 10am, 5pm, 6pm, 7pm, 8pm.** Call Joanna **829-2235** if you have an hour a week to spend with Jesus. **Inclement weather:** *\*If schools are closed then there will be no Eucharistic adoration. \*If there is a delayed opening for Culpeper County Schools then adoration will begin at 11:00 am. \*If the schools close early due to inclement weather then adoration will end early at Father's discretion.*

**MUSIC MINISTRY** We welcome parishioners who love to sing or play an instrument to bless our parish with their gifts. Our Heritage choir practices each Tuesday from 7-8:00 pm in the Parish Hall (Contact director Mr. John Flemming at [bigpsyguy@aol.com](mailto:bigpsyguy@aol.com) or 540-221-5402) for singers of middle school age through adult and our Precious Blood Choir practices each Wednesday from 7-8:30 pm in the Parish Hall (Contact director Mrs. Theresa Watson at [theresafowlerwatson@gmail.com](mailto:theresafowlerwatson@gmail.com) or 540-229-5113) for singers and instrumentalists of middle school age through adult. Our teen acoustic group One Voice practices the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each month from 6-7:30 pm in the parish hall (Contact leaders Megan Canavan at [snoopy2day@aol.com](mailto:snoopy2day@aol.com) or Emma Haught at [emmahaught@vabb.com](mailto:emmahaught@vabb.com)) for singers and instrumentalists in middle or high school.

**A PILGRIM PEOPLE: THE STORY OF OUR CHURCH** for our next session on Feb. 5, we will look at the rapid growth and consequences of Constantine's legalization of Christianity in 313 A.D. All adults, especially parents of CCD students, are encouraged to attend these custom-developed PowerPoint and video-based presentations from **10:00-10:45 am** in the **Parish Hall**. Come learn about the triumphs and tragedies of those Christians who have gone before us, so as to better appreciate and understand our Catholic heritage.

**ST. JOHN PAUL II LIBRARY** **NEW HOURS Sun-11:15-1:00; Wed-9:30-3:00; Thurs-12:00-1:30 and Sat.-2:30-4:30**

**FOOD CLOSET NEEDS:** canned chicken/tuna, cream of chicken soup, vegetable soup or Progresso, dental care i.e. toothpaste/brushes; Thank you.

**GABRIEL PROJECT** Gabriel Project needs diapers (size 5) and wipes. A basket will be in the foyer of the hall. Thank you.

**PLEASE NOTE:** the first Sunday in February (2/5) there will be a second collection for the Diocesan Newspaper, The Arlington Catholic Herald; please let the office know if you are not receiving issues or if you wish to discontinue the subscription.

### **SPECIAL NOTE FROM THE FOOD CLOSET MINISTRY OF ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH:**

We thank you for all the donations of food you collected and delivered to us during 2016. Your faithful support is much appreciated. With your help, we provided over 140,000 nutritious meals to people in need! Please continue to sign the notebook pages when you bring food collected by your church and include the mailing address. May God Bless you! With sincere thanks from all who work at the Culpeper Food Closet and all the individuals and families who have received the food you brought.  
-Richard and Barbara Rosica, Directors.



A special thanksgiving to Jean Landon for the gracious and generous gift of the two new candle holders for the St. Blaise blessings (February 3<sup>rd</sup>); given in memory of her daughter, Mary Elizabeth Landon.



**ALL Bulletin inserts please email:**  
[bulletin@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com](mailto:bulletin@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com)  
**Deadline is 3:30pm on Monday**

**MONTHLY DINNER & MOVIE NIGHT:** In honor of the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on **Saturday, Feb. 11**, we will be showing the widely acclaimed movie **Bernadette**. This is the same film shown at the shrine in Lourdes, France. St. Bernadette had a tough life. Asthma and later cholera stopped her from attending school. When she was 13, her family sent her to babysit for another family. That family made her an unpaid shepherdess. She worked so many hours that she still could not attend school. She returned to Lourdes so she could learn the catechism and receive her First Communion. Her family of 6 lived in "The Dungeon", a single 13' x 13' room that was formerly a prison cell. From that room, in 1858, Bernadette went to gather fire wood and first saw the Virgin Mary. **Please join us** for the rest of her inspiring yet difficult story--beginning at **6:15 pm**, in the Parish Hall (following the 5 pm Mass). Dinner with a French flair will be served with proceeds going to help send our youth to WorkCamp 2017. Menu: quiche/salad/beef bourguignon/crepes with fruit. Movie running time: 90 minutes.

## **AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA**

**PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY** Including Rome, Florence, Assisi & San Giovanni Rotondo. Hosted by Father Jerry A. Wooton with NAWAS International. Travel dates-July 31<sup>st</sup> through August 10 2017. Leaving from Dulles International Airport. For more information or to get a brochure please contact Fr.Wooton @ 202-277-2883 or frwooton69@gmail.com.

**VOCATIONS** "God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong." God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called. Could He be calling you? Contact Father J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514 or j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

**2017 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL BEGINS!** This month many of us will receive a mailing from Bishop Burbidge regarding the 2016 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). The theme for the 2016 BLA is "*Offering hands to serve and hearts to love.*" 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!***

**JOHN PAUL THE GREAT HIGH SCHOOL** applications are being accepted for Fall 2017 enrollment. Please visit [jpthegreat.org](http://jpthegreat.org) for more information, or email: [Admissions@jpthegreat.org](mailto:Admissions@jpthegreat.org).

**HOMESCHOOL FUN!** Will you be new to homeschooling this spring semester, or, are you a homeschool veteran? Would you like your kids/teens (and you?) to build lasting friendships? Well then, look no further! Mayflower Homeschoolers is a Roman Catholic homeschool support group whose mission is to build friendships while building on our Catholic Faith. We are independent (not affiliated with any parish) and meet primarily (although not exclusively) in the Warrenton area. Our membership currently includes parishioners from 8 parishes! We have a full schedule for ALL age groups of weekly prayer, plus monthly field trips, clubs, social sports, works of mercy, even mom's night outs! We have feast day parties and teen dances throughout the year, and, achievement fairs twice a year. To top off all the fun, at the end of the year we even offer graduation, woohoo! So, delay no further! Check us out at [www.mayflowerhomeschoolers.org](http://www.mayflowerhomeschoolers.org) or at "Mayflower Homeschoolers" on Facebook, and join in on all the fun and fellowship!

**THE BISHOP'S INITIATIVE ON MARRIAGE!** Couples who attend Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends not only rediscover the joy, intimacy & romance in their relationships, but also become more active in their parish. Together, we are making marriages, families and our Church stronger & healthier. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." As we reflect upon the beatitudes, let us explore how to understand our spouse better. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend is Mar 31-Apr 2, 2017 in Herndon, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: **RenewMarriage-VANorth.org** or contact us at [applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org) or 703-646-1521.

**PROLIFE** From the earliest days, the development, research, and promotion of the pill were built on lies-lies which continue today. Women are irreparably harmed by those lies. Children are killed by those lies. And society hangs in the balance because America has not been told the truth. Learn more at [ThePillKills.org](http://ThePillKills.org)

**ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL HIGH SCHOOL** located in Fredericksburg, VA is hosting an Open House on Sunday, January 29th, from 1-4 p.m. Students and their parents are invited to meet our faculty, tour our campus, and learn about our wide variety of academic courses, electives, athletic programs, and extracurricular activities. SMHS is an accredited, independent, coeducational high school centered in Catholic values. To learn more visit [www.saintmichaelhs.org](http://www.saintmichaelhs.org), or call the school office at [540.548.8748](tel:540.548.8748).

## Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

We are still looking for anyone who would like to form a committee to look at the renovation of the “cry room”, and perhaps replace the doors in to the church sanctuary with glass doors and maybe transform some of the walls between the vestibule and the church in to glass as well.

If you would like to help out by looking in to the feasibility of a project like this, including prices, or if you would like to contribute to this enhancement, please contact me at the rectory.

And thank you also to all of those who have brought food by the rectory; your kindness is greatly appreciated.

God bless, Fr. Kevin



Last week I had the pleasure of meeting our new bishop, The Most Reverend Bishop Michael Burbidge. He spoke to principals and pastors about his commitment to Catholic education. In his address, he shared his passion for Catholic schools, saying they are an essential part of the life of the Diocese of Arlington, and will continue to be, because they are at the heart of the mission of the Church. Bishop Burbidge expressed the importance of celebrating Catholic Schools Week, which begins this weekend. Epiphany will kick off the week by participating at the 11:30 a.m. Mass. ***Please join us TODAY for a light dessert reception that follows in the Parish Hall.***

Catholic schools provide an excellent education and academic foundation. They also form the student's mind, heart and spirit for a solid base as they journey into the adult world. This year marks the 20th year that Epiphany Catholic School has provided a quality Catholic education and service to the families of Precious Blood, Our Lady of Blue Ridge, Saint Peters and Saint Isidore the Farmer. This a true reason to celebrate all of our accomplishment and our contribution to the community.

Our teachers and staff have planned some great activities for the week, so please mark your calendar and check out the website for all the happenings. Please invite any friends, neighbors, and coworkers to our Open House events that will be on January 31 and February 2, from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. We hope to see you there!

May God bless you-

Jim Oliver, Principal

This week's suggestion: **MY PATH TO HEAVEN: A Young Person's Guide to the Faith** by Geoffrey Bliss, S.J.: An old-fashioned “retreat-in-a-book” to help them ponder the truths of the Faith and live lives of holiness in accordance with those truths. Based on the traditional St. Ignatius retreat and adapted for children, this clear, simple, thoughtful presentation of the Faith is invaluable for parents seeking to form children in holiness. This unique book is **practical**: it focuses on proper devotional and right action, not feelings; **serious**: it acknowledges and speaks to the deep seriousness that attentive parents know lies in the hearts of even the very youngest children; **substantial**: it considers central points of the Faith and addresses the issues that face every Christian, even the youngest; **prayerful**: by speaking reverently of holy things, it inspires children to develop in devotion to Jesus, Mary, and the saints; **scriptural**: chapters include numerous Scripture references.

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**MASSES COMING UP WITH SPECIAL BLESSINGS:** Join parishioners on Thursday, February 2nd, just before the morning Mass for a Candlemas celebration: bring your own candles that you use at home, or pick up one from the church, to be blessed. Also, there will be a blessing of the throats following the Friday, February 3rd, Mass at Epiphany in honor of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr.