PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASSES

Sunday: 8:30 am, 11:30 am, 2:00 pm (Spanish) 8:30 am* & 5:00 pm (vigil) Saturday: 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 vear unless otherwise noted)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

PARISH STAFF

Pastor
.Parochial Vicar
Deacon
siness Manager
ious Education
lispanic Liaison
rector of Music
ce Staff/Notary
ector of R.C.I.A.
Youth Ministry
piphany School
any 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.

<u>CCD CLASSES</u> 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

3 & 4 year olds Preschool:

Elementary K-5 Middle School: 6-8

office@epiphanycatholicschool.org www.epiphanycatholicschool.org

February 5, 2017

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. Feb. 5

Readings: Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16 8:30 AM Bill Canavan (birthday)

11:30 AM for the people

2:00 PM

Mon. Feb. 6

Readings: Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56 **8:30 AM Harold T. Hawkins, Jr. (+)**

Tues. Feb. 7

Readings: Gn 1:20-2; Mk 7:1-13 8:30 AM Anne E. Ridick (+)

Wed. Feb. 8

Readings: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23 8:30 AM Roger Depue (special intentions)

Thurs. Feb. 9

Readings: Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30 8:30 AM Senator Charles Colgan (+)

Fri. Feb. 10

Readings: Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37

8:30 ĂM

7:00 PM Beverly Ward (healing)

Sat. Feb. 11

Readings: Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10
8:30 AM Lucy Walbroehl (special intentions)

5:00 PM For all refugees

Spreading the Light of Christ

Reading I Isaiah 58:7-10 (true fasting)

Reading II 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5 (preaching on Christ crucified)

Gospel Matthew 5: 13-16 (the smilies of salt and light)

Key Passage Jesus said, "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

Adult In what might you be hiding the light of Christ from others? What could you do to improve this?

Child How can you let the light of Christ in you shine for others this week?

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.

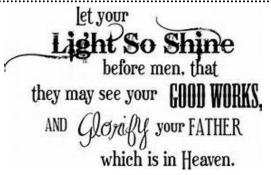
LORD HEAR THE PRAYER FOR

OUR SICK Especially: Sam Aitken, Brian Alexander, Janice Ambrose, Hector Baez, Trudy Baker, Mike Bosma, Joyce Bosworth, Daniel C. Brown, Jim Byrne, Kriss Corderon, Bill Daley, Cynthia Davies, Arnold French, Danielle Gambale-Metz, R.C.



Garcia, Bill Goetz, April Hair, Richard Hall, George Healey, Alex Hyde, Freda Kratochvil, Peg Logan, Martin Lopez, Ana Magana, Beth Moreland, Mary Neureither, Barbara Noonan, Jim Oliver, Cornelia Slabe Paczkowski, Shawn Peet, Elizabeth Pycha, Gia Quiroz, Alice Schorr, 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.



MATTHEW 5:16

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Let your light shine! Be careful to recognize that God is working through you and don't put yourself above the people you have been called to help.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 1/29/17 collections: \$ 11,485.00 Epiphany: 40.00 Building fund: 350.00

ALL Bulletin inserts please email:

bulletin@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com

Deadline is 3:30pm on Mondays

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

MUSIC MINISTRY Calling all singers in grades 2-6 to join our children's choir! Practices are each Sunday from 12:45-1:30 pm in CCD classroom #5 and we would love to have you join us as we prepare for our upcoming liturgies of Easter, First Communion, Mother's & Father's Day! Contact Mrs. Gina Rossetti at eprossetti@yahoo.com or 540-937-2320 for more information.

A PILGRIM PEOPLE: THE STORY OF OUR CHURCH THIS Sunday, Feb. 5, and next Sunday, Feb. 12, Fr. Kevin, Dr. Michael Watts, and Steve Hemler will discuss several extremely important events in the life of our Church that are still relevant today; namely, Constantine, Arianism, and the Council of Nicaea. All adults, especially parents of CCD students, are encouraged to attend these multimedia presentations from 10:00-10:45am in the Parish Hall.

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

<u>EUCHARISTIC ADORATION</u> 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. <u>Inclement weather:</u> *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.

<u>FOOD CLOSET NEEDS:</u> bar hand soap canned chicken any canned meat any canned fruit; thank you.

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

<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> THIS SUNDAY (2/5) there will be a <u>second collection</u> for the Diocesan Newspaper, The Arlington Catholic Herald (\$25/yr); please let the office know if you are not receiving issues or if you wish to discontinue the subscription.

SEPARATED?DIVORCED? WIDOWED?

The Rebuilding Program, sponsored by the Office of Family Life, helps people who are separated, divorced, or widowed and want to move on with their lives. The nine week program starts Sunday, February 26 and meets Sunday evenings 5:30-8:00 at St. Marin De Porres Center in Alexandria, VA. Important issues related to moving on after the loss of your spouse are discussed each week. There are presentations, guest speakers, and participant interaction. A \$50 registration fee covers book and other expenses. Please contact Joe Walker (540-628-0601), email facilitator@copingrebuilding.com

YOUTH GROUP will be hosting their Valentines Day dinner and dance for the senior citizens ages 55 and older on February 18th in the Parish Hall starting at 6:30 pm. Please sign up to donate and/or attend at the table in the foyer by the water fountain. THIS SUNDAY (2/5) our meeting is 4pm-6pm in the parish hall.



CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

José Benjamin Cruz and Sophia Cruz, children of José and Maria Cruz Meghan Yanaina Hernandez, daughter of Felicita Hernandez Carlos Alexis Mejía, son of José Carlos Mejía and Norma Maritza Molina ~received on Saturday, January 28, 2017

<u>ALTAR SOCIETY:</u> You are invited to our Friday, February 10th, meeting in the parish hall following the Mass at Epiphany School; all are welcome; join us as we finalize details for our Mardi Gras fundraiser and our Lenten, Holy Week & Easter plans. Contact Julie: canavan22701@comcast.net to join in on fun!

<u>LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS</u> All members of the parish are invited to attend next month's meeting on February 21, 2017 at 10 o'clock in the Parish Hall. This is the third Tuesday of the month. Wives of K of C members are encouraged to join us.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO PRECIOUS BLOOD: for participating in the 9th Annual Coverings of Love Blanket Drive. This community-wide effort collected 813 Blankets to be given away to those in need in Culpeper and a school in Appalachia.



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. <u>Please join us</u> 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

MASS ON 2/12 TO CELEBRATE WORLD MARRIAGE SUNDAY Join Vicar General, Fr. Thomas Ferguson, and couples from throughout the Diocese for a special Mass and reception to celebrate Marriage. The Mass will be held at St. Agnes in Arlington, VA on February 12, 2017 at 5 p.m. Reception courtesy of Families in Christ Jesus. For more information, contact the Office for Family Life at 703-841-2550. Please RSVP

at www.worldmarriagesunday.eventbrite.com.



<u>VOCATIONS</u> "Let your light shine before others" perhaps as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. Call Father J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514 or write: 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!**

<u>HOMESCHOOL FUN!</u> Check us out at <u>www.mayflowerhomeschoolers.org</u> or at "Mayflower Homeschoolers" on Facebook, and join in on all the fun and fellowship!

<u>THE BISHOP'S INITIATIVE ON MARRIAGE!</u> 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 <u>applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org</u> or 703-646-1521.

HOLY FAMILY CELEBRATION: A DOMESTIC CHURCH DAY EVENT: Join fellow Catholic couples and families for a Holy Family Celebration on Saturday, February 18 from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine. This half-day celebration will feature inspired talks, opportunities for Confession and Eucharistic Adoration, and Holy Mass celebrated by Cardinal Donald Wuerl. The day will conclude with a family style meal. The \$10 per couple and \$20 for a family of three or more. to register please visit: www.holyfamilycelebration.eventbrite.com. The event is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington, the DC State Council of the Knights of Columbus, and the Saint John Paul II National Shrine.

<u>PROLIFE</u>: Lord, send forth your Holy Spirit to guide this new administration in America. May they lead with love and compassion for all citizens. Through your guidance may they return to the founding principles of this country. May they defend life at all stages, may they rule once again that all have a right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

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Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners:

On January 27, 54 of us from the parish went on a bus to the March for Life in Washington, DC. I am told that this was the largest group we ever had from our parish. (We even had a waiting list of about 20 people, so maybe we can take two buses next year.) There was a change to the plans the day before when we found out that the Vice President was going to be addressing the marchers (the first time this has happened in the 44-year history of the March). A security perimeter was set up around the area which ultimately made it harder for us to attend the talks. Though we ended up not being able to hear any of the talks, we were still able to march (in front of the official banner) along the March's path.

It was a peaceful and joyful statement of our belief that all human life has dignity and should be respected from its beginning -- conception -- to natural death. I have been marching since the 1970s when I was a teenager, and it was great to see so many young people; the majority of those there were easily under the age of 30. Though most of the media largely has ignored this march over the years, it gets harder to do so with so many young people who come each year, and with the Vice President voicing his support.

The bus cost us \$1175, and \$520 was collected from those who attended, leaving a balance of \$655. If there is anyone who was not able to attend the March for whatever reason who would like to help defray this expense, please contact the rectory office.

I will be leaving on Sunday evening to do my annual retreat; please pray that it will be a fruitful time for me. Remember also in your prayers the 60-some children who will be receiving their First Reconciliation on Saturday, February 11. (We have re-scheduled this from December when we had an ice storm, so pray that we have good weather, in addition a beautiful experience of God's mercy for the children and their parents.)

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

God Bless,

Kevin Walsh



Epiphany is currently accepting applications for the upcoming 2017/2018 school year. Currently enrolled families and members of Precious Blood, St. Isidore, Our Lady of the Blue Ridge and St. Peter Church have acceptance priority over the general public during this time. We currently have classes that are at or very close capacity, so we urge you to contact us at your earliest convenience. Registration will open to the general public on March 1, and all unfilled space will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Please be sure to call the school office (825-9017) for registration documents and to schedule a tour of the school. We look forward to meeting you and showing you our wonderful school!

We understand that for many families, the cost of tuition may be difficult financially. The Diocese of Arlington, through multiple resources, is able to offer assistance for qualifying families. To be considered, families must first submit an application to Epiphany and complete a tuition aid application with FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. You may complete the application on-line at: https://online.factmgt.com. Families will create an account and proceed to the application. Applications and supporting documentation must be completed by **Monday, March 6.** We urge families to apply sooner than later, as processing will take longer the closer it gets to the deadline date. Schools will be notified on or about April 17.

FOR LOVE AND MARRIAGE, BY JOHNNETTE BENKOVIC shares her conversion back to Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church and the struggles that came when her husband didn't share her faith. She explains how the Lord blessed her in unexpected ways and, through the promptings of the Holy Spirit, showed her how she could better love her spouse through it all.



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