

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
www.epiphanycatholicsschool.org

February 12, 2017

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. Feb. 12

Readings: Sir 15:15-20; 1Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

8:30 AM Patricia Minihan (+)

11:30 AM for the people

2:00 PM Mary Lou and Jerry Gustin (+)

Mon. Feb. 13

Readings: Gn 4:1-15,25; Mk 8:11-13

8:30 AM for all lukewarm Christians

Tues. Feb. 14

Readings: Gn 6:5-8,7:1-5,10; Mk 8:14-21

8:30 AM Nora Lloyd (healing)

Wed. Feb. 15

Readings: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26

8:30 AM afflicted and marginalized be more welcomed and served

Thurs. Feb. 16

Readings: Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33

8:30 AM Josephine S. Priebe (+)

Fri. Feb. 17

Readings: Gn 11:1-9; Mk 8:34,—9:1

8:30 AM

7:00 PM Maybach family (special intentions)

Sat. Feb. 18

Readings: Hb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13

8:30 AM return to the Sacrament of reconciliation

5:00 PM Priscilla Jones (healing)

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 Mo-

reland, Mary Neureither, Barbara Noonan, Jim

Oliver, Cornelia Slabe Paczkowski, Shawn Peet,

Elizabeth Pycha, Gia Quiroz, Alice Schorr, Cheryl

Weagle, 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.

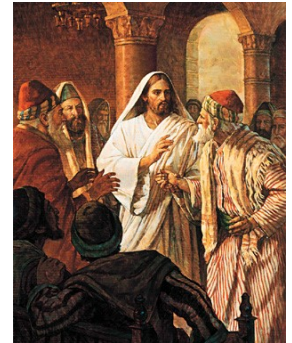
Call the rectory if you want a name to remain after six weeks.



"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." MATTHEW 5:20

The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. **Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart that will get you to**

heaven. Simply following church rules out of obligation, not love, does not put you on the path to heaven. Attending Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner in the parking lot is an example of a modern day Pharisee.



Implications of the new law

Reading I Sirach 15:15-20 (our free will)

Reading II 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 (true wisdom)

Gospel Matthew 5:17-37 (the old Law and the new)

Key Passage Jesus said, "So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift." (Matthew 5:23-24)

Adult How do you reconcile with those who have offended or hurt you ?

Child When have you taken the first step to make up with someone who has hurt you or whom you have offended?

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.

ALL Bulletin inserts please email:

bulletin@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com

Deadline is 3:30pm on Mondays



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON

Check out the new website! Stay connected!

Visit: <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/>

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD



YOUTH GROUP will be hosting their Valentine's Day dinner and dance for the senior citizens ages 55 and older **SATURDAY, February 18th** in the Parish Hall starting at 6:30 pm. **THIS SUNDAY (2/19) their meeting is 6pm-8pm in the parish hall.**

A PILGRIM PEOPLE: THE STORY OF OUR CHURCH At this very important session, **Sunday, Feb. 12**, Fr. Kevin and Steve Hemler will discuss several critical events in the life of our Church that are still relevant today; namely, the major theological controversies and Great Ecumenical Councils of the 4th and 5th centuries, including Arianism and the Council of Nicaea. The presentation **next Sunday, Feb. 19**, will look at St. Augustine and the Church Fathers. All adults, especially parents of CCD students, are encouraged to attend these multimedia presentations starting 10:00 am in the Parish Hall.

MUSIC MINISTRY **What's the difference between a soloist, a psalmist and a cantor?** A soloist sings a portion or all of a hymn or song during the liturgy. A psalmist proclaims the psalm and/or Gospel Acclamation verse during the Liturgy of the Word and leads the assembly in singing the refrain. A cantor is both a singer and a leader of congregational singing, encouraging the assembly's voice to full, conscious and active participation. Sometimes, such as here at Precious Blood, a music minister may serve in all three roles.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION *"When the bee has gathered the dew of heaven and the earth's sweetest nectar from the flowers, it turns it into honey, then hastens to its hive. In the same way, the priest, having taken from the altar the Son of God (who is as the dew from heaven, and true son of Mary, flower of our humanity), gives him to you as delicious food."* -St. Francis de Sales

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.*

ST. STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET NEEDS: This week side dishes; rice, pasta & potato, canned fruit & juice boxes, misc. canned vegetables ; carrots, beets, greens would be greatly appreciated.

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

LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS All members of the parish are invited to attend **THIS 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.

SEPARATED? DIVORCED? WIDOWED?

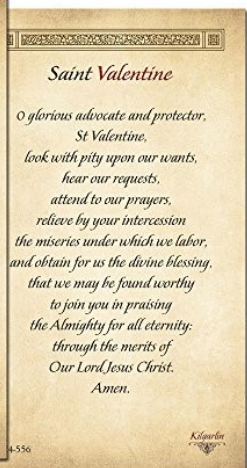
The Rebuilding Program, sponsored by the Office of Family Life, helps people who are separated, divorced, or widowed and want to move on with their lives. The nine week program starts Sunday, February 26 and meets Sunday evenings 5:30-8:00 at St. Marin De Porres Center in Alexandria, VA. Important issues 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

COMING SOON: THE ALTAR SOCIETY WILL BE HOSTING THEIR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER, MARDI

GRAS STYLE, February 25th and 26th. There will be baked goods and King Cakes for sale on **Saturday, 2/25, after the 5pm mass.** On **Sunday, 2/26**, we will be serving up breakfast and brunch with a New Orleans flare after 8:30am and 11:30 am masses! There will be games, crafts for purchase and making, and King cakes and other items for purchase. Don your Purple, Gold, and Green as well as your beads for this family fun event. Beads come with your ticket purchase. For more information, please contact Charity Karstetter, 540-727-0695, or cabjdk@hotmail.com. We welcome Confirmation candidates to volunteer for service hours!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

will be collecting aluminum for recycling on Sunday, February 19th.



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.

VOCATIONS "It is loyalty to do His will." Are you considering following the will of God in the consecrated life or priesthood? 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!***

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.

HELP SUPPORT THE BISHOP'S INITIATIVE FOR MARRIAGE: "For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God." Let the Holy Spirit scrutinize and strengthen your marriage. The next *Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend* is *March 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 <mailto:wmandbethnickles@hotmail.com> or 703-646-1521.

CATHOLIC ADVANCE MEDICAL DIRECTIVE Do you have a Catholic Advance Medical Directive (AMD)? The Diocese of Arlington has a simple two-part document which allows you legally to declare your medical healthcare advocate or agent and includes an optional organ donation authorization, which can be used by all adults. Avoid being caught unprepared for you and your loved ones to make those tough medical decisions. **To obtain a copy of the Catholic Advance Medical Directive in English or Spanish, contact your parish office,** or contact the Arlington Respect Life Office at respectlife@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-3817.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES BALL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Help make Catholic Charities' premier event, the Gala Ball, the best ever by volunteering for the evening. Proceeds from the Ball are used to support the many programs operated by Catholic Charities to serve those in need throughout the Diocese. The Ball will be held on Friday, Feb. 24 at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Tysons Corner. For more information, please contact Sally O'Dwyer at sodwyer@ccda.net.

DISCOUNT COURSES AVAILABLE THROUGH CATHOLIC DISTANCE UNIVERSITY Join the inspiring instructors at Catholic Distance University for a faith-filled journey of discovery. Enroll in an online independent study course of your choice and study anytime, anywhere! For a full list of courses, browse our catalog at www.cdu.catalog.instructure.com/. Use Promo Code CDU15ARLINGTON when registering to qualify for the \$30 rate.



A LIFE-CHANGING SUMMER AWAITS YOU: Each year, Christendom College offers summer programs for students. The programs are geared towards those who will be entering their senior year of high school in the fall of 2017. Current high school sophomores are also welcome to register, but they will be placed on a waiting list. As the sessions draw closer, if room is still available, these sophomore students will be notified in the order in which they registered. **Registration for the 2017 Experience Christendom Summer Program is now open. VISIT: <http://www.christendom.edu/admissions/ecsp/>** to check the tentative weekly schedule and choose 1 of the 6 Session dates to visit!

PROLIFE : You are one of a kind, designed to glorify God as only you can. Actions prove who someone is. Words just prove who they want to be. Apply your actions to bring about an end to abortion and euthanasia.



Parochial Vicar's Message

Dear Parishioners:

2017 is very special because it's the 100th anniversary of the appearance of the Blessed Virgin Mary to the three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. A great spiritual practice this year would be to celebrate five consecutive First Saturdays at Church: first...going to the sacrament of Confession (has it been awhile?), second...receiving Holy Communion, third...praying a Rosary, and finally...15 minutes of silent prayer and meditation. All of these are to be done to make reparation for the sins of the world and to console the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I am sure that an amazing spiritual peace will come to the soul of anyone who does this special devotion.

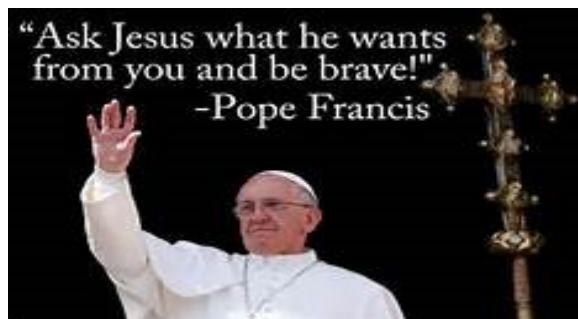
God Bless,
Father Mark

National Catholic Schools Week is a reminder to me of how blessed I am to be the principal of Epiphany Catholic School. I am grateful for the dedication and commitment of our teachers, staff, PTO board members, parents and volunteers who make our school a success. They help keep our star shining brightly! **This year's National Catholic Schools Week theme was based on community: "Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service."** The theme highlighted the fact that not only is our school a community; it is also part of many other communities, including families, parishes, and the town of Culpeper.

We had a wonderful week of celebration despite a few weather hiccups. The main focus this week was faith development, academic excellence and dedication to service. These elements set Catholic schools apart from other educational options. They are why families make sacrifices to provide a Catholic education to their children.

As mentioned in last Sunday's mass, now is the time to strongly think of placing your child in a school rich in Catholic formation. Enrollment information below can begin the process. Slots are filling up quickly. Epiphany is accepting applications for admission in classes preschool through 8th grade. This is a 'closed' registration for all currently enrolled students and parish families, with an application deadline of Monday, February 27. After that date, available space is filled on a first come, first served basis. Tuition Assistance is available for qualifying families. If applying for Tuition Assistance, please be aware that Facts Tuition Aid is now providing that service for the Diocese. Visit our school website (www.epiphanycatholicsschool.org) for a link to Facts and for application information. **The deadline for applying for assistance is Friday, March 3.** Don't forget to refer family and friends to Epiphany! Contact the school office @ 825-9017 to schedule a tour and/or to receive application information.

In Christ's service,
James F. Oliver, principal



EXPLORE YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH ! **The Wild Goose** is a work of the Holy Spirit, which is awakening in the hearts of all those participating God's love and transforming power. This is a love that has been revealed to us by Jesus Christ and that leads us to our heavenly Father. As you walk through this series we will continually be praying that you will encounter the Holy Spirit and that the Spirit will breathe life into your very being.

Register and use PARISH CODE: **V2XJNR**; create a personal account and enjoy the BEST CATHOLIC MOVIES, BOOKS, PROGRAMS, &AUDIO! Español materials available too!

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