

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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www.epiphanycatholicsschool.org

February 14, 2016

“First Sunday of Lent”

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. Feb 14

8:00 AM Antoinette Stevens (healing)

11:30 AM (+) Michael John Kohler II

4:00 PM For the People

Mon. Feb 15 (+) Betty Stewart

Readings: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

Tues. Feb 16 (+) Mary Ellen Cain

Readings: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

Wed. Feb 17 Danielle Gambale-Metz (healing)

Readings: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

Thurs. Feb 18 (+) Anne Ridick

Readings: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

Fri. Feb 19 (+) Marie Moran

Readings: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

Sat. Feb 20

Readings: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

8:30 AM For the People

6:00 PM (+) Sheila Kearney

LORD HEAR THE PRAYER FOR

OUR SICK

Especially: Janice Ambrose, Brian Alexander, Hector Baez, Trudy Baker, Michael Baudham, Ric Barklund, Mike Bosma, Joyce Bosworth, Josephine Borst, Maria Auxiliadora Caldera, Diane Clark, Bill Daley, Cynthia Davies, Isaias Estrada, Janice Esswein, Tina Franks, Danielle Gambale-Metz, Alex Green, Sandy Hall, Alex Hyde, Jim Hyde, Brissa LaMatta, Mary Larson, Luciana LaMatta, Jean Landon, Peg Logan, Clelia Lopez-Garcia, Vita McCall, Jennifer McCloud, Paola Maartens, Ana Magana, Miriam Medina, Phillip Leo Mercer, Jim Minihan, Beth Moreland, Mary Neureither, 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 good health. **Call the rectory if you want a name to remain after six weeks.**



First Sunday of Lent "Salvation through Faith"

Reading I Deuteronomy 26:4-10 (thanksgiving for the Lord's goodness)

Reading II Romans 10:8-13 (the faith of the Christian)

Gospel Luke 4:1-13 (temptation in the desert)

Key Passage For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:13)

Adult How willing are you to profess your faith in Jesus Christ openly to others?

Child Would you still be able to say that you believe in Jesus if others made fun of you for it?

ALL Bulletin inserts please email:
bulletin@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com

Deadline is 3:30pm on Monday before.

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." (Deuteronomy 26:10)

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits", the best that you have to offer, or do you give from what is leftover? Second, do you remember that everything you have has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 2/7 collection:	\$10,411.89
Herald	\$1,520.51
Epiphany	\$594.00
Building fund	\$939.00

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.

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

The office will be closed on Monday, February 15.

MUSIC MINISTRY Today is Valentine's Day. What hymn(s) do you LOVE? Check out our music bulletin board to see what hymns our music ministers love. Add yours! Our music ministry strives to have our liturgies include a mixture of people's "loves" which can sometimes challenge us to think of and allow for the tastes and preferences of others that we worship with. It's the foundation of living, praying and serving together musically as a parish family.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION The special 4-part series, A Biblical Walk Through the Mass begins today, Feb. 14. In this video-based series, Dr. Edward Sri takes participants on an exciting tour of the Liturgy as he explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. Learn, perhaps for the first time, why we say what we say and do what we do at Mass. Our words and gestures will be seen in a new light, leading to a richer, more fruitful worship experience. All adults, especially parents of CCD students, are encouraged to attend on Sundays from 9:40-10:40 am in the Parish Hall.

ST. POPE JOHN PAUL II LIBRARY For this Lent Season, how about giving up some TV time and instead pick up one of the wonderful books from our Parish Library? The Library is open on **Wednesdays from 9:30am to 3:30pm** and **Sundays from 12:30pm to 2:00pm**. Also, there will be a display of some of the choices in the library **today** and **every 2nd Sunday after the 11:30 Mass** in the parish hall foyer.

SAINT STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET This week's needs are canned fruit, chili, and pasta side dishes.

SECOND COLLECTION: Today, our parish will take up the 131st annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. This collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today. Thank you for your support.

ALTAR SOCIETY And the winners are: Benjamin Choc and Jill Devine! They won the Altar Society raffle drawing for the Super Mardi Gras gift coolers filled with all things for a great football party and Mardi Gras celebration! The Altar Society would also like to say THANK YOU to everyone who generously contributed to our annual Mardi Gras Brunch and Bake Sale: we raised \$1400 for altar supplies: candles, linens, flowers, sacramental supplies and other necessary sanctuary items. A special prayer of thanks for our coordinator, Charity Karstetter, and her family—especially Mr. and Mrs. Dan Blessinger, and for all the kids helping out in the kitchen! God's blessings to all!

THE CATHOLIC HERALD TURNS 40 February is Catholic Press Month! Start or renew your subscription for \$24 a year to the only inspiring, relevant and reliable source of Catholic news in our diverse diocese. In its 40th year, the Catholic Herald weekly newspaper goes to nearly 70,000 homes, and catholicerald.com has been online for 20 years. If you are not getting the Herald and would like to receive it, or if you are receiving it and don't want it, please contact the office.

BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL The Bishop's Lenten Appeal is in full swing and we are asking every household in our parish to support this appeal to the extent that they are able. The BLA funds many programs, services and ministries that serve people in need and further Jesus' Mission in our diocese. During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, let's join together to do the Lord's work—works that touch the lives and souls of thousands of people in our diocese Thank you!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION If Culpeper County Schools close because of inclement weather there will be NO adoration that day. If schools are delayed Adoration will start on time or at Father's discretion. If schools close early, Adoration will end early at Father's discretion.

PARISH DIRECTORIES Due to snow, printing was delayed, and we now expect directories by the end of February.

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.

"Holiness doesn't
mean doing
extraordinary
things, but doing
ordinary things with
love and faith."
Pope Francis



Thank You!

HEAT SHELTER We had an incredible year of service to the Culpeper Heat Shelter. Thanks to over 160 volunteers we made it through the snow storm of 2016 and 9 days service with 5 days of being open for 24 hours... Wow!!!! We are always so touched by the sheer love and outreach of our parish. This year we had support from multiple Precious Blood ministries (Choir, One Voice, Knights etc...) and if we missed someone please forgive us. The music filled the air. You all brought smiles to our clients' faces and gave a lifting hand! Bingo was a huge success and filled us all with laughter for the evening. The food was outstanding as usual and our guests raved over it! Our guests are thankful and everyone's heart was ministered to by God. The Heat Shelter could not be a success without brothers and sisters that care. **THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL!**

RESPECT LIFE POSTER AND ESSAY CONTEST Contest deadline is **today, Sunday, February 14.**

CHRISTIANS ARE NETWORKING Christians are Networking is inviting all who are interested in the health care field as a career to join us on **Tuesday, February 16** from **7-8:30pm**. The Featured Speaker will be Addel Washington of Home Instead Senior Care. You CAN Find Employment Culpeper CAN: Christians Are Networking meets **Tuesdays 7 – 8:30pm** at Precious Blood Catholic Church Parish Hall. To register please contact Margie **540-422-0907**. These free services are open to everyone.

AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

PROJECT RACHEL During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, The Office for Family Life is looking for parish groups willing to "adopt" and make a pilgrimage to attend ONE Intercessory Prayer Holy Hour in 2016 to pray for the healing of our culture and for those who still live in darkness and don't know the healing power of God and His infinite mercy. The Holy Hours are on the **2nd Tuesday of each month** from **7:30 to 8:30 p.m.** at St. Mary of Sorrows Historic Church in Fairfax Station. For more Information or to sign up your group, please call Project Rachel at **(703) 841-2504** or email info@helpafterabortion.org. You can also visit our website: www.helpafterabortion.org.

REBUILDING PROGRAM Separated? Divorced? Widowed??? The Rebuilding Program sponsored by the Arlington Diocese Office for Family Life helps people of all faiths who are separated, divorced, or widowed and want to move on with their lives. The nine week program starts **Sunday, February 21st** and meets Sunday evenings 5:30 - 8:00 PM at the St. Martin De Porres Center in Alexandria. Topics include adaptation, grief, anger, self-worth, openness, love, and relatedness. For more information email facilitator@copingrebuilding.com, visit us on the web at <http://www.copingrebuilding.com> or call us at **703-596-2673**.

JOHN PAUL THE GREAT HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS John Paul the Great High School invites all those who parent teens to participate in their upcoming PED talk on **Saturday, February 20**. A take-off on the popular TED talks that provide inspiration on a variety of topics, the JP PED event focuses on Parenting, Education, and Discussion. The keynote talk will be by Matthew Warner ("How to help your Catholic teen make a mess, be a fool and Evangelize the World"). For more information please contact JP Family Association president, Mark Randall: jpfamilyassociation@jpthegreat.org, or call **703.445.0300**.

Upcoming Events for Middle School Students John Paul the Great High School is hosting a number of events for middle-school-aged students: 3v3 Soccer Tournament (**Feb 20**); Music Festival (**Feb 27**); and, Baseball Clinic (**March 5**). For more information on each event, including how to register, please visit www.jpthegreat.org or call **703.445.0314**.

2016 DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE Join us for the Diocesan Men's & Women's Conferences! All men of the parish are invited to the Diocese's annual Men's Conference on **March 5** at All Saints in Manassas. This year's conference will feature Damon Owens, Executive Director of the Theology of the Body Institute, Fr. David Pignato, Theology Professor at St. John Seminary in Boston and Dr. Michael Horne, Director of Clinical Services for Catholic Charities. For more details go to www.arlingtondiocese.org/men.

2016 DIOCESAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE All women are encouraged to attend the annual Women's Conference on **Mar. 12** with Kathleen Beckman, author of "God's Healing Mercy" and Sr. Clare Hunter, Respect Life Director for the Diocese of Arlington. Please visit the Diocese of Arlington's Office for Family Life's webpage: www.arlingtondiocese.org/women for more details.

YEAR OF MERCY

As we celebrate the Year of Mercy we will continue to spend some time reflecting on two very important encyclicals; *Dives in Misericordia* (The Mercy of God) by St. Pope John Paul II and *Misericordiae Vultus* (The Face of Mercy) by Pope Francis.

3. The Old Testament

Christ addressed himself to men and women who belonged to the People of the Old Covenant, which, "in the course of its history ... continually entrusted itself, both when stricken with misfortune and when it became aware of its sin, to the God of mercies."

It is significant that in their preaching the prophets link mercy, which they often refer to because of the people's sins, with the incisive image of love on God's part. The Lord loves Israel with the love of a special choosing, much like the love of a spouse, and for this reason He pardons its sins and even its infidelities and betrayals. When He finds repentance and true conversion, He brings His people back to grace. In the preaching of the prophets, mercy signifies a special power of love, which prevails over the sin and infidelity of the chosen people.

"The Old Testament teaches that, although justice is an authentic virtue in man, and in God signifies transcendent perfection, nevertheless love is 'greater' than justice: greater in the sense that it is primary and fundamental. ... The primacy and superiority of love vis-a-vis justice ... are revealed precisely through mercy." The foundation of this relationship between justice and mercy in God dates back to "the very mystery of creation": God, as Creator, "has linked himself to his creature with a particular love." Thus it is easy to understand why the psalmists, when they desire to sing the highest praises of the Lord, break forth into hymns to the God of love, tenderness, mercy and fidelity.

4. The Parable of the Prodigal Son

The essence of divine mercy is expressed in a special way in the parable of the prodigal son. "That son, who receives from the father the portion of his inheritance that is due to him ... and squanders it," is "the man of every period, beginning with the one who was the first to lose the inheritance of grace and original justice. ... The parable indirectly touches upon every breach of the covenant of love, every loss of grace, every sin." What took place in the relationship between the father and the son in Christ's parable is not to be evaluated "from the outside." Our prejudices about mercy are mostly the result of appraising them only from the outside. At times it happens that by following this method of evaluation we see in mercy above all a relationship of inequality between the one offering it and the one receiving it. And, in consequence, we are quick to deduce that mercy belittles the receiver, that it offends the dignity of man. The parable of the prodigal son shows that the reality is different: the relationship of mercy is based on the common experience of that good which is man, on the common experience of the dignity that is proper to him. This common experience makes the prodigal son begin to see himself and his actions in their full truth (this vision in truth is a genuine form of humility). In this parable, Christ shows us mercy as a love that is "able to reach down to every prodigal son, to every human misery, and above all to every form of moral misery, to sin. When this happens, the person who is the object of mercy does not feel humiliated, but rather found again and 'restored to value'." Thus, divine mercy "promotes and draws good from all the forms of evil existing in the world and in man."

- from *Dives in Misericordia* by Pope John Paul II