

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 19, 2017

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. Feb. 19

Readings: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

8:30 AM Marie Moran (+)

11:30 AM For the people

2:00 PM Tony and Helen Priebe and family (special intentions)

Mon. Feb. 20

Readings: Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29

8:30 AM Virginia Hedrick (healing)

Tues. Feb. 21

Readings: Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37

8:30 AM Edward and Marcella Royse (+)

Wed. Feb. 22

Readings: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

8:30 AM George Washington (+)

Thurs. Feb. 23

Readings: Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50

8:30 AM Charles and Francis Hedrick (strength)

Fri. Feb. 24

Readings: Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12

8:30 AM Adrienne Foshay (+)

7:00 PM increase in vocations

Sat. Feb. 25

Readings: Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16

8:30 AM Phillip and Lara Shifflett Brooking (strength and healing)

5:00 PM Tony and Helen Priebe and family (special intentions)

LORD HEAR THE PRAYER FOR OUR SICK

Especially: Sam Aitken, Brian Alexander, Janice Ambrose, Hector Baez, Trudy Baker, Mike Bosma, Joyce Bosworth, Jim Byrne, Kriss Cordero, Bill Daley, Cynthia Davies, Arnold French, Danielle Gambale-Metz, R.C. Garcia, Bill Goetz, April Hair, Richard Hall, Alex Hyde, Freda Kratochvil, Peg Logan, Martin Luna, Ana Magana, Beth Moreland, 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.

"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." MATTHEW 5:44



Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for "our enemy". When we pray for others, even "our enemies", maybe it softens their hearts as well.

Love Your Enemies

Reading I Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 (various rules of conduct)

Reading II 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 (the work of God's ministers)

Gospel Matthew 5:38-48 (new law of retaliation; love of enemies)

Key Passage Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." (Matthew 5:43-44a)

Adult: What is the point of "turning the other cheek" in an argument, and why is it so hard to do?

Child: Who are the people you find it most difficult to forgive?

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

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| <i>Sunday 2/12/17 collections</i> | \$11,534.51 |
| <i>Epiphany</i> | \$ 60.00 |
| <i>Building Fund</i> | \$100.00 |
| <i>Catholic Herald to date:</i> | \$2,730.89 |
| <i>Total Parish cost of Herald</i> | \$11,688.00 |
| <i>Faith Direct</i> | |
| <i>Collections</i> | \$11,109.67 |
| <i>Foundation for the Future</i> | \$518.34 |
| <i>Building fund</i> | \$ 398.00 |
| <i>Epiphany</i> | \$ 354.33 |

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

Please note: office will be closed, Monday, 2/20, due to President's day

2017 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL: OFFERING HANDS TO SERVE AND HEARTS TO LOVE

The next weekend, every family in our parish will be asked to complete a Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) pledge form at Mass. If you have already donated through the mail or online or are not able to participate, there will be places to note that on the form. Please read the newsletter being distributed with today's bulletin that contains detailed information about how the BLA funds are distributed throughout our diocese. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge to support the many programs and ministries that serve the people of our diocese. **EVERY GIFT IS AN EXPRESSION OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY!**

YOUTH GROUP THIS SUNDAY (2/19) their meeting is 6pm-8pm in the parish hall.

A PILGRIM PEOPLE: THE STORY OF OUR CHURCH **This Sunday, Feb.19**, we will learn about St. Augustine and the Church Fathers. There will not be a session on Feb.26, due to the Mardi Gras. At the following session on March 5, we will explore the fall of the Roman Empire and the growth of monasticism. All adults, especially parents of CCD students, are encouraged to attend these multi-media presentations starting at 10:00 AM 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.**

MUSIC MINISTRY **What's the difference between a choir, a schola and an ensemble?** A choir is a group of singers that, for us in a Catholic liturgy, serves to enrich our celebrations by adding musical elements beyond the capabilities of the congregation alone while supporting and encouraging the participation of the assembly. A schola or "school of singers", is usually a smaller group of singers. An ensemble is a choir or musical group that is made up of singers and instrumentalists.

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: single serving cold cereal, tuna, side dishes; rice, pasta & potato

GABRIEL PROJECT Thank you to all who graciously donated to this effort.

LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS **THIS month's meeting is on February 21, 2017** at 10 AM in the Parish Hall. Wives, mothers, daughters and sisters of K of C members are encouraged to attend.

IN JUST ONE MORE WEEK: THE ALTAR SOCIETY WILL BE HOSTING THEIR ANNUAL FUND-RAISER, 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.** (If you can help with bake sale donations please see flyer insert) 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! Don your purple, gold, and green and your beads for this family fun event. 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 **TODAY**, Sunday, February 19th.

THANK YOU TO THE CULPEPER HEAT SHELTER VOLUNTEERS We had an incredible season of service to the Culpeper Heat Shelter in 2017. Some of you are even continuing services to the shelter beyond our week! Thanks to the over 100 volunteers who made the Shelter a warm and caring place. We are always so touched by the shear love and outreach of our parish. This year we had support from multiple Precious Blood ministries (Choirs, Families, Confirmation Candidates, Knights etc.) and if we missed someone please forgive us. You all brought smiles to our clients' faces and gave a lift to their spirits! Bingo was a huge success and, as usual, incredible food, and fellowship made such an impact with the guests. The Heat Shelter could not be a success without brothers and sisters that care. **THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL!**



CONGRATULATIONS ON RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: 2/11/2017

Madilyn Grace Ritz, daughter of Christopher and Hannah (Johnston) Ritz

Scarlett Rose Perry, daughter of Christopher Perry, III and Melissa Trotta



Congratulations to all the children on receiving their first
Sacrament of Reconciliation on February 11, 2017

AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

VOCATIONS Jesus Himself commands us, "Ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest" (Matthew 9:38). We can never underestimate the power of prayer, especially when it comes to helping men and women be open and respond to God's call to offer their lives to Him. Call Father J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514 or write: j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

HELP SUPPORT THE BISHOP'S INITIATIVE FOR MARRIAGE: "So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." Encourage the Holy Spirit to perfect 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.

COUPLE TO COUPLE LEAGUE "Provides Natural Family Planning (NFP) instruction that is both thorough and engaging. You'll learn the Sympto-Thermal Method, a modern, scientific and highly effective way to postpone or achieve pregnancy. With the guidance of a certified teaching couple, you and your fiancé or spouse will benefit from both their knowledge of the method and experience of using NFP in their own marriage. No matter which form of our class you select, you will receive our first-rate program and ongoing support while learning and beyond." - from ccli.org; Learn NFP from CCL. To register for classes, visit : www.ccli.org and click on "Search/Register for Classes." You may contact the Chapter Coordinator, Len Rice at (703) 222-5121 or info@nfpvirginia.com

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 the parish office or pick yours up in the vestibule.**

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.

ENRICH YOUR FAITH: 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/](http://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!**

LENTEN RECOLLECTION The Sisters of Our Lady of LaSalette (SNDS) and Our Lady of LaSalette Lay Community (LSLC) invite you to a Day of Reflection Saturday, March 4, 2017 after the 9:15 AM Mass. Meet in the Upper Room of Saint Mary of Sorrows Church, 5222 Sideburn Road, Fairfax, VA 22032 from 10 am–12noon, lunch follows until 1 pm. Speaker: Father Richardson; Topic: Message of La Salette and Lenten Reflection. Info: LSLC-Coord@cox.net

**PRO-
LIFE**

"To sin by silence when they should protest, makes cowards of men."
Pres. Abraham Lincoln





Thinking about what God is calling you to do in our parish community?

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh, rather serve one another humbly in love. – Galatians 5:13

We have something for everyone! Join in by giving us a call!

| MINISTRIES | CONTACT | PHONE |
|---|---------------------|--------------|
| Adult Faith Formation | Steve Hemler | 540-825-4705 |
| Altar Society | Julie Canavan | 540-727-1022 |
| Christians Are Networking (CAN) | Margie Benitez | 703-944-8515 |
| Cursillo | Darren Caprarese | 540-547-3695 |
| Epiphany Catholic School | Jim Oliver | 540-8259017 |
| Gabriel Project | Frank Walusek | 540-341-3467 |
| Healing Ministry | Loretta Schlosser | 540-727-2070 |
| Heat Shelter | Jill Devine | 540-812-4576 |
| Holy Spirit Interactive (H.S.I.) | Steve Hemler | 540-825-4705 |
| Homebound Ministry | parish office | 540-825-8945 |
| Knights of Columbus | Steve Johnston | 540-829-8125 |
| Ladies Aux of the Knights of Columbus | Sylvia Garcia | 540-987-3121 |
| Literacy classes for ESL | Sylvia Garcia | 540-987-3121 |
| Music Ministry | Hannah Masson | 540-825-8945 |
| Mom's group | Jacqueline Masson | 540-738-2780 |
| Prison Ministry | Jim Byrne | 540-547-2932 |
| Religious ED: CCD | Pat Reed | 540-825-1339 |
| Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) English | Julie Dawley | 540-825-5122 |
| Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) Spanish | Deacon Tirado | 540-829-7949 |
| Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group | Santa Inez Calderon | 571-830-7556 |
| Prayer Study Group | Sheila Bertrand | 540-219-3099 |
| St. Peter Julian Prayer Chain | Joanna Madorma | 540-829-2235 |
| Thursday Morning Bible Study | Joanna Madorma | 540-829-2235 |
| Youth Ministry | Fr. Mark Moretti | 540-825-8945 |

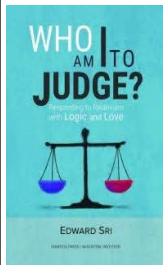
There is a lot of excitement in the Culpeper community about everything that Epiphany Catholic School has to offer. Many families that I spoke with during our Open House commented they have heard great things about Epiphany Catholic School. These parents wanted to see first-hand what our students are experiencing by touring our facility. Currently we have several new families applying for the 2017-18 school year!

At my principal's meeting last Monday, our 2016-17 school year enrollment review showed an increase of 37% in three years. Since the 2013/2014 year, our K-8 enrollment has nearly doubled, from 84 students to 152! Currently 70% of our enrollment comes from the 22701 zip code. However, this year we have seen increases in zip codes 22735, 22712, and 22727 of 2.5%. We are excited that families outside the

Culpeper area are now enrolling at our school for next year.

I am proud to say that, according to the Office of Catholic Schools' data, out of the 21 schools that increased enrollment, Epiphany has the highest percentage in added student population for the second year! **Great things really are happening here!** Please call our school office for registration information and to tour our facility. We look forward to seeing you!

James Oliver,
Principal



CATHOLIC ENCOUNTER: What is "right" and "wrong"? Is what's right for you right for me? Is there a right and wrong for everyone, all the time? These are difficult questions to discuss in our culture. We live in a society that supports the opinion that each person should make up his or her own morality—that there is no moral truth that applies to everyone. Many of us have been affected by the relativistic outlook that pervades the modern world. Maybe some of us wonder whether there really is an absolute right and wrong for everyone. Or maybe we accept that there is a moral standard for all, but we don't know how to explain our moral convictions in a convincing way. Maybe some of us are afraid of saying something that is immoral because we're afraid of offending others or of being labeled intolerant. **How do we talk about morality in a relativistic world?** This will explore the classical view of morality and find that it's not merely a set of guiding principles for theoretical situations—it is an entire way of life.

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

