

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

office@epiphanycatholicsschool.org

www.epiphanycatholicsschool.org

February 21, 2016

“Second Sunday of Lent”

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. Feb 21

8:00 AM For the People
11:30 AM (+) Steve Welkie
4:00 PM For the People

Mon. Feb 22 For the People

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

Tues. Feb 23 For the People

Readings: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

Wed. Feb 24 Roger Depue (birthday)

Readings: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

Thurs. Feb 25 For the People

Readings: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

Fri. Feb 26 (+) Viola Depue

Readings: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Sat. Feb 27

Readings: Mt 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

8:30 AM For the People

6:00 PM (+) Robert Kleinworth

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 Miniham, 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.**



"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." (Genesis 15:7)

Second Sunday of Lent "Transformed by Christ"

Reading I Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 (the covenant with Abram)

Reading II Philippians 3:17-4:1 (Christ our goal)

Gospel Luke 9:28b-36 (Jesus transfigured)

Key Passage But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. (Philippians 3:20)

Adult How are your priorities affected by your faith in Jesus Christ?

Child When you have important choices to make, do you and your family pray to make the right choice?

ALL Bulletin inserts please email:
bulletin@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com

Deadline is 3:30pm on Monday before.

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.

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home.

Whether our home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do we show our gratitude to God? Do we make a sacrifice of any kind? Do we return any of our finances to God, investing equally in our eternal home just as we invest in our earthly home?

Bishop's Lenten Appeal at Precious Blood

1,149 Households

52 Pledges

Amount pledged:

\$23,056.00

BLA goal:

\$115,000.00

% BLA goal: **20 %**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Ash Wednesday collection:	\$1404.25
Sunday 2/7 collections:	\$5,254.72
Black and Indian Missions:	\$995.39
Central and Eastern Europe:	\$351.00
Epiphany:	\$115.00
Building Fund:	\$155.00

Faith Direct:

Collections:	\$9,624.00
Epiphany:	\$116.00
Building Fund:	\$318.00
Foundation for the Future:	\$318.34
Central and Eastern Europe:	\$195.00
Black and Indian Missions:	\$210.00

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD



MUSIC MINISTRY The song "SHINE, JESUS, SHINE" is listed on the Top 10 Praise Songs and stayed at the top end of the Church Copyright License charts both in the UK and the USA for a decade. It was written & composed in 1987 by Graham Kendrick who wrote "Sometimes when I'm writing songs I ask the question of God, 'Can you endorse this song? Is there any reason why you can't put your stamp on it? Is there something about it that fails to expound the truth, exalt Jesus or offer an emphasis on something important? ... I'm always painfully conscious of compositional or lyrical shortcomings in a song...but I'm also aware of how gracious God is to take hold of these faulty vessels and use them...the Spirit of God turns up in a special way.'"

ADULT FAITH FORMATION The special series, A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, continues today, **Feb. 21**. In this episode, Dr. Edward Sri takes us on an exciting tour of the Liturgy of the Word, which is when we encounter God's word spoken personally to each of us. By exploring the biblical roots and profound significance of the words and gestures we experience at Mass, this series leads to a richer and more meaningful experience of the Mass. All adults, especially parents of CCD students, are encouraged to attend on **Sundays from 9:40-10:40 am** in the Parish Hall.

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

LEGION OF MARY Those of you who are the prayer warriors (auxiliaries) of the Legion of Mary are invited to the Acies — a prayerful ceremony of consecration to Our Lady on **March 19 at 12:30 pm** at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Warrenton. Afterwards, there will be a reception. Please bring a food item to contribute. Come and meet other legionaries (active and auxiliaries) from around the area!

CHRISTIANS ARE NETWORKING The Christians are Networking job ministry is recruiting volunteers to help our unemployed brothers and sisters in Culpeper find gainful employment. To learn more about the services that we provide and how you can share your talents and experience to assist and encourage job seekers in the community please contact Margie at **540-422-0907** or by email at **culpepercan@gmail.com**.

PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS How can you help the persecuted Christians in Iraq and Syria? Prayers are essential. The Knights of Columbus also have a website, K of C Christians at Risk, where 100% of the proceeds goes to humanitarian assistance and raising awareness. Please consider participating in this work of mercy, especially in this Jubilee Year of Mercy! Please go to **<http://www.kofc.org/en/christianRelief/index.html>**

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**.

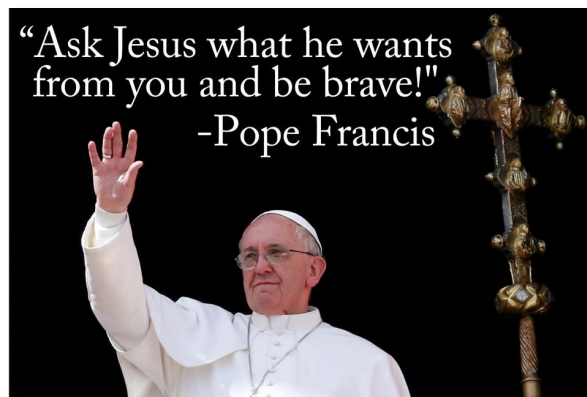
BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL The Bishop's Lenten Appeal is in full swing and we are asking every household in our parish to support this appeal to the extent that they are able. The BLA funds many programs, services and ministries that serve people in need and further Jesus' Mission in our diocese. During 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!

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.

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

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.

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.



Pray. Fast. Give up your Envelopes! We invite you to help your parish save money by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent! Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide Precious Blood Parish with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes. Join us in giving up envelopes this Lenten season! Follow the link below to quickly enroll in eGiving to Precious Blood Parish.

<https://membership.faithdirect.net/enroll/VA226/61>

AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

JOHN MICHAEL TALBOT CONCERTS John Michael Talbot will be giving two performances at St. Timothy Catholic Church located at 13807 Poplar Tree Road, Chantilly, VA on **April 14th and 15th**. They will be evenings of sacred music and inspired preaching. Start Time each evening is **7:30 PM**. No tickets are required to attend! A love offering will be received each evening to support the ministries of John Michael Talbot and The Brothers and Sisters of Charity. A \$15.00 donation is recommended per-person, per-evening. No one will be turned away for lack of funds!

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR You are invited to a diocesan-wide Eucharistic Holy Hour sponsored by the Arlington Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima (the Blue Army) on **Sunday, February 28**, from **3:00 – 4:00 P.M.** at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 271 Winchester St., Warrenton. At Fatima, Our Lady asked for prayer and sacrifice for the conversion of sinners, peace in the world, and an increase in vocations; we hope you will join us in prayer.

SAINT FAUSTINA—MESSENGER OF MERCY Saint Faustina – Messenger of Mercy, the one-woman drama on the life of St. Faustina, comes to Holy Family Catholic Church on **Sunday, March 13** at **5:30 - 7:00 PM**. Canonized by St. John Paul II, she is the saint associated with Divine Mercy Sunday which the Church celebrates on the Sunday after Easter. The drama is based on the saint's published Diary and gives greater understanding of God's Divine Mercy. Catholic performing artist Nancy Scimone portrays St. Faustina in this inspiring presentation for all ages. Tickets not required. A free-will offering will be collected. Ample parking, wheelchair accessible. 14160 Ferndale Rd., Dale City, VA 22193. **703-670-8161**.

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.

JOHN PAUL THE GREAT HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

Upcoming Events for Middle School Students John Paul the Great High School is hosting a 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.

FAITHBOOKING RETREAT Would you like to leave behind a testimony of your faith for your loved ones? Come experience a weekend of quiet reflection on how God has worked in your life and create a keepsake preserving those moments. The retreat will take place **April 1-3, 2016** San Damiano Spiritual Retreat Center, White Post, Virginia. For more information and registration details, please contact: kiko.colleen@gmail.com.

YEAR OF MERCY

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

5. The Paschal Mystery

The mystery of the Redemption "is the ultimate and definitive revelation of the holiness of God, who is the absolute fullness of perfection: fullness of justice and of love. ... In the Passion and death of Christ ... absolute justice is expressed, for Christ undergoes the Passion and Cross because of the sins of humanity. ... The sins of man are 'compensated for' by the sacrifice of the Man-God. Nevertheless, this justice ... springs completely from love: from the love of the Father and of the Son, and completely bears fruit in love ... producing fruits of salvation" and "restoring to love that creative power in man."

"Believing in the crucified Son means ... believing that love is present in the world and that this love is more powerful than any kind of evil in which individuals, humanity or the world are involved. Believing in this love means believing in mercy." In effect, "the Cross is the most profound condescension of God to man ... like a touch of eternal love upon the most painful wounds of man's earthly existence."

The events of Good Friday and, even before that, in prayer in Gethsemane, introduce a fundamental change into the whole course of the revelation of love and mercy in the messianic mission of Christ. The one who "went about doing good and healing" and "curing every sickness and disease" now Himself seems to merit the greatest mercy and to appeal for mercy, when He is arrested, abused, condemned, scourged, crowned with thorns, when He is nailed to the cross and dies amidst agonizing torments. It is then that He particularly deserves mercy from the people to whom He has done good, and He does not receive it. Even those who are closest to Him cannot protect Him and snatch Him from the hands of His oppressors. At this final stage of His messianic activity the words which the prophets, especially Isaiah, uttered concerning the Servant of Yahweh are fulfilled in Christ: "Through his stripes we are healed."

In this way the cross of Christ, on which the Son, consubstantial with the Father, renders full justice to God, is also a radical revelation of mercy, or rather of the love that goes against what constitutes the very root of evil in the history of man: against sin and death.

Christ, precisely as the crucified one, is the Word that does not pass away, and He is the one who stands at the door and knocks at the heart of every man, without restricting his freedom, but instead seeking to draw from this very freedom love, which is not only an act of solidarity with the suffering Son of man, but also a kind of "mercy" shown by each one of us to the Son of the eternal Father. In the whole of this messianic program of Christ, in the whole revelation of mercy through the cross, could man's dignity be more highly respected and ennobled, for, in obtaining mercy, He is in a sense the one who at the same time "shows mercy"? In a word, is not this the position of Christ with regard to man when He says: "As you did it to one of the least of these...you did it to me"? Do not the words of the Sermon on the Mount: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy," constitute, in a certain sense, a synthesis of the whole of the Good News, of the whole of the "wonderful exchange" contained therein? This exchange is a law of the very plan of salvation, a law which is simple, strong and at the same time "easy." Demonstrating from the very start what the "human heart" is capable of ("to be merciful"), do not these words from the Sermon on the Mount reveal in the same perspective the deep mystery of God: that inscrutable unity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in which love, containing justice, sets in motion mercy, which in its turn reveals the perfection of justice?

- From *Dives Misericordia* (The Mercy of God) by St. Pope John Paul II