

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 26, 2017

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. Feb. 26

Readings: Is 49:14-15; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

8:30 AM Jim Minihan (+)

11:30 AM Viola Depue (+)

2:00 PM For the people

Mon. Feb. 27

Readings: Sir 17:20-24; Mk 10:17-27

8:30 AM For all those studying in seminary and discerning vocations

Tues. Feb. 28

Readings: Sir 35 1-12; Mk 10: 28-31

8:30 AM Nora Lloyd (healing)

Wed. Mar 1 (Ash Wednesday)

Readings: Jl 2: 12-18; 2 Cor 5:20--6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

8:30 AM Turner Goodson (healing of body and soul)

2:00 PM Cheryl Oliver (strength and healing)

5:30 PM H. Settle and family (special intentions)

7:00 PM Carl and Victoria Walbroehl and family

8:30PM Daniel and Morgan Evans and family

Thurs. Mar 2

Readings: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

8:30 AM John Clem (+)

7:00 PM more chaste relationships

Fri. Mar 3

Readings: Is 58:1-9; Mt 9:14-15

8:30 AM Jerene Thomas (comfort, peace, love to surround her)

7:00 PM For all those who have left the faith, may they return

Sat. Mar 4

Readings: Is 58:9-14; Lk: 5:27-32

8:30 AM Tony and Helen Priebe (special intentions)

5:00 PM Cynthia Davies and Josephine Newton

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.



"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (material wealth)." MATTHEW 6:24

For many people, God and money run "neck and neck" as their first priority. When making money and spending money become the center of your life you can actually become a slave to money. The solution – become more generous. Giving money to Church and charity frees us from slavery to money and from making money a "god" before God.

Overcoming Fear

Reading I Isaiah 49:14-15 (restoration of Zion)

Reading II 1 Corinthians 4:1-6 (Christ judges his ministers)

Gospel Matthew Matthew 6:24-34 (dependence on God)

Key Passage Jesus said, "But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?" (Matthew 6:30)

Adult: What things do you worry about most frequently? How do you deal with your worry?

Child: What can help you worry less about something that might happen?

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS



The flowers this weekend are given in loving memory of Jim Minihan by his wife, Sandy Minihan

ALL Bulletin inserts please email: bulletin@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com

Deadline is 3:30pm on Mondays

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday 2/19/17 collections	\$8,903.78
Epiphany	\$ 20.00
Building Fund	\$ 30.00
Catholic Herald to date:	\$2,890.89
Total Parish cost of Herald	\$11,688.00

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

Please note: Adoration on Thursdays end at 7:00 PM now

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



THIS 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. After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge to support the many programs and ministries that serve the people in need and further Jesus' Mission in our diocese.

YOUTH GROUP : THIS SUNDAY (2/26) their meeting is **6pm-8pm** in the parish hall. Those interested in performing the Living Stations in April should come to this planning meeting.

A PILGRIM PEOPLE: THE STORY OF OUR CHURCH : There will **not** be a session on Feb. 26, due to the Mardi Gras. **Next Sunday, March 5**, Dave Watson and Steve Hemler will address the challenges and opportunities faced by the Church after the fall of the Roman Empire, as well as the growth of monasticism. All adults, especially parents of CCD students, are encouraged to attend these multimedia presentations starting at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall.

MONTHLY DINNER & MOVIE NIGHT: On Saturday, March 11, we will be showing the widely acclaimed movie **The Letters**. This inspiring theatrical film of the true story of St. Mother Teresa was shown in over 800 theaters. Told through a series of private letters that Mother Teresa wrote to her spiritual director, this powerful movie reveals her faith, courage, and steadfast determination in overcoming many challenges and obstacles in order to faithfully answer the "call within a call" she felt to help the "poorest of the poor." Please join us for dinner starting at 6:15 pm, on Saturday, March 11, in the Parish Hall (following the 5 pm Mass). Dinner with a (non-spicy) Indian theme will be available with proceeds going to help send our youth to WorkCamp 2017.

ST. JOHN PAUL II LIBRARY : HOURS Sun-11:15-1:00; Wed-9:30-3:00; Thurs-12:00-1:30 and Sat.-2:30-4:30.

MUSIC MINISTRY: Beginning on Ash Wednesday **this week and continuing throughout Lent**, our parish will again use the **Latin sung mass parts for our Sunday liturgies** in keeping with the exhortations of our church that "the faithful be able to sing parts of the Ordinary of the Mass together in Latin." Throughout the liturgical year, we sing in the vernacular "for the sake of a better comprehension of the mystery being celebrated." (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*) and incorporate Latin chants when we can so that our parish is familiar with the basic chants that connect us not only to our fore-bearers in the faith but with those throughout the world today as well.

ST. STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET NEEDS: We are in need of rice & pasta side dishes, condiments and gravy, canned beets, carrots & lima beans. Thank you.

JOIN US TODAY IN THE PARISH HALL: The Altar society is hosting their annual fundraiser Mardi Gras Style! February 25th and 26th. There will be baked goods and King Cakes for sale **THIS 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! 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!

TEEN SERVICE HOURS: Do you need volunteer hours for Confirmation or School? Are you 14 years old or older? Here is an opportunity to help others and learn/improve your own baseball/softball knowledge. Looking for Coed volunteers. March 5, 2017 at 1:00pm (location TBD) -Culpeper County Little League, 2017 Spring Umpire Training Class (Culpeper and surrounding counties). We are in need of energetic people to umpire this season (April through June). No registration fee. Training is provided at no cost. For additional information please contact Kyle Peterson, Umpire in Chief. kyle.peterson.sr@gmail.com.

LENTEN LADIES RETREAT: Beautiful opportunity to prepare for Holy Week and Easter: A ladies retreat, morning of reflection, sponsored by the Precious Blood Mom's group will be held Saturday, March 18. The retreat preached by Fr. Mark will begin with Mass at 8:30am and end around 12:30pm. The retreat will include Mass, light breakfast, two conferences/talks, Rosary, and a sharing session to wrap up. All women are welcome and invited. Please spread the word and bring a friend. Please mark your calendars and RSVP to Jacqueline Masson at jacque1114@yahoo.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: We would like to thank all, who purchased wood raffle tickets. Our goal was met for the scholarship fund. The winner was Mr. Dan Blessinger. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. John Corradi for donating the wood.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Community-Wide Way of the Cross Procession: **On Saturday, April 8** our church will be participating in a special event that will be hosted at churches throughout downtown Culpeper. For more information, visit www.CulpeperCross.info and/or "like" the Culpeper Way of the Cross Facebook page. More details will be provided soon.

AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES: CRS Rice Bowl is encouraging us to use these upcoming 40 days of Lent to reflect on what it means to **encounter ourselves, our neighbors and our God anew. Pope Francis himself has asked Catholics around the world to participate in programs like CRS Rice Bowl to do exactly that: to build a culture of encounter!** "Let us pray for one another so that, by sharing in the victory of Christ, we may open our doors to the weak and poor. Then we will be able to experience and share the full joy of Easter." **You may pick up your rice bowl box in the vestibule beginning on Ash Wednesday. Collections will be on Holy Thursday.**

ON ASH WEDNESDAY-DONATION TO AID THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE:

This is a free will offering to assist Catholics with rebuilding their communities once dominated by the Soviet regime; please put donations in the collection baskets. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE: Next weekend, our parish will take up the 134th annual National Black and Indian Mission collection. Our support of 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!

VOCATIONS "Thus should one regard us, as servants of Christ." Are you being called to serve the Lord and others in the consecrated life or priesthood? Call Father J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514 or write: j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

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 Recollection 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

SPRING OPEN HOUSE AT JOHN PAUL II THE GREAT is primarily hosted for grade school children who would like to preview high school, but all are welcome! Join us Thursday, March 16, 2017 from 4 – 6pm. Presentation begins at 4:15pm. Gift with pre-registration! https://jpthegreat.schooladminonline.com/portal/new_inquiry

LENTEN CHALLENGE: Fast. Pray. Give up your Envelopes! **JOIN FAITH DIRECT:** As Christians we are called to renew our spiritual practices like fasting, praying and almsgiving. Almsgiving encourages us to express gratitude for all that God has given us by charitably giving some away. You are invited to embrace a new practice this Lenten season that will provide Precious Blood Church with consistent support and also simplify your giving. Our parish will also save money by eliminating the wasteful envelopes that go unused by so many. Please contact: <https://www.faithdirect.net/>; Parish code: VA226; they will walk you through the simple process!

BUSY COUPLES RETREAT WITH BISHOP EMERITUS LOVERDE:

Thank you for joining Bishop Emeritus Loverde for the Busy Couples' Retreat. Each day the Bishop offers reflections and practical steps for growing closer to Jesus & to your spouse. Visit daily this website:

<http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Marriage-and-Family/Couples-Retreat-with-Bishop/>.



PROLIFE Nothing is more dreaded than the national government meddling with religion. Now is the time to petition our government to reaffirm our God-given, Constitutionally granted, right of freedom of religion



Dear Parishioners,

This Wednesday, March 1, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent for us in the Latin Rite. The ashes that we receive are a sign of our penitence, as well as a reminder of our fragility and the fleetingness of our life. The Church provides two options of what can be said when the ashes are given, both allusions to Scripture. We can say, either, "Remember, you are dust and to dust you will return" or "Repent and believe in the Gospel." It is a day of universal fast and abstinence (from meat) in the Church.

We observe 40 days of prayer and penance from the First Sunday of Lent till Holy Thursday. This was originally a time for the Catechumens (those preparing for Baptism) to intensify their preparation to receive the gift of new life from the waters of Baptism. As time went on, it became a period for all of the baptized also to pray for those Catechumens preparing for this most important day of their lives, as well as an opportunity for the already baptized to deepen in their own conversion through prayer and penance.

I would like to encourage all of you to attend Mass daily, if possible, during this time. We will be adding an additional Mass in the evening to make this possible, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 7 PM, in addition to our 7 PM Mass on Fridays. If you cannot attend daily Mass, I would encourage you to read the daily Scripture readings assigned to each Mass. They are especially rich and can be found in our Sunday bulletin or also online.

Please also pray for those of our parish who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil, the most important Liturgy of the entire year. Pray also for some of our brothers and sisters who are already baptized, but who are preparing to be received in to full Communion with the Church through the reception of Confirmation and the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 15, at 8:30 PM.

I would like to thank the parishioner who donated \$150 to help defray the cost of the bus that we used to go to the March for Life and also another parishioner who donated \$500 to help defray the cost of the renovation of the Cry Room. We are still in the process of looking at possibilities to see how we can renovate it.

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

God bless,

Fr. Kevin



Have you been thinking about the gift of a Catholic school education, but were concerned about the financial aspect of private school? Would you complete grant and aid application to see if you qualify for tuition assistance? Would you complete an Application for Admission to Epiphany to allow us to consider your financial need as we award assistance? If you have answered 'yes' to these three questions, please contact our school office right away!

We are nearing the deadline for tuition assistance application submissions. The Diocese requires any family that will request a reduction in tuition to complete this online application. **Please visit <https://online.factsmgmt.com> as soon as possible. The deadline for your completed application, including supporting documentation, is Monday, March 6th.** Please note that families will need to complete an Application for Admission, along with a request for records, in order to complete this process, so please call our school office at 825-9017 as soon as possible to mail out an information package to you. We also

would like to invite you to visit Epiphany so that you will experience for yourself our nurturing family environment. The Diocese of Arlington has certainly blessed our region by not only providing a school building on 20 acres here in Culpeper, but by also providing aid through three Diocesan tuition assistance programs. One of these funds is the Diocesan Scholarship Foundation that provides assistance to low income, new students enrolling at Diocesan Catholic Schools. Families remain eligible as long as they do not exceed the income level mandated by the program guidelines.

Are you interested in making a donation? The Scholarship Fund, in addition to providing a life-changing education for new students, will award you with a 65% tax credit when you make a monetary donation to one of the Diocesan approved foundations.

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Scholarship-Foundation/>.

We look forward to serving your educational needs.



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