

# 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@epiphanycatholicschool.org](mailto:office@epiphanycatholicschool.org)

[www.epiphanycatholicschool.org](http://www.epiphanycatholicschool.org)

February 28, 2016

“Third Sunday of Lent”

## Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

**Sun. Feb 28**

**8:00 AM Kelli Robertson (healing)**

**11:30 AM For the People**

**4:00 PM For the People**

**Mon. Feb 29 (+) Jim Minihan**

Readings: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30

**Tues. Mar 1 (+) Jim Fegan**

Readings: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

**Wed. Mar 2 (+) Bruce Glass**

Readings: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

**Thurs. Mar 3 (+) Norma Dietrich**

Readings: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

**Fri. Mar 4 For the People**

Readings: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

**Sat. Mar 5**

Readings: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

**8:30 AM For the People**

**6:00 PM Megan Canavan (birthday)**

## 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, 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.**



## **Third Sunday of Lent “Tempered with humility”**

**Reading I** Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15 (the call of Moses)

**Reading II** 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 (against overconfidence)

**Gospel** Luke 13:1-9 (calls to penance; parables of the reign of God)

**Key Passage** For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil? (Luke 13:7)

**Adult** What important work could bear fruit in your life right now if you have more confidence in God's loving care?

**Child** What great work would you like to do as you grow older? What can you do to begin now?

**ALL** Bulletin inserts please email:  
[bulletin@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com](mailto: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.

*“He said to the gardener, ‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.’” (Luke 13:7)*

Are you like the barren fig tree? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts and return with increase.

### ***Bishop's Lenten Appeal at Precious Blood***

Amount pledged: **\$89,269**

BLA goal: **\$115,000.00**

% BLA goal: **78%**

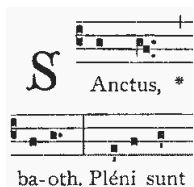
### ***OFFERTORY COLLECTION***

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| Sunday 2/21 collection: | \$5,254.72 |
| Epiphany:               | \$75.00    |
| Building Fund:          | \$50.00    |
| Herald to date:         | \$2,653.00 |

#### ***Faith Direct:***

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| Collections:               | \$2,540.00 |
| Epiphany:                  | \$42.00    |
| Building Fund:             | \$90.00    |
| Foundation for the Future: | \$450.00   |

## THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD



**MUSIC MINISTRY: WHY LATIN? WHY NOW?** In 2010, the translations for many texts of the mass were revised to greater match the wording & intent of the original texts. Music directors asked if there was going to be a mass setting that most parishes would be learning so we could have some continuity throughout our parishes. The response given to us by the bishops was that "everyone should be at least familiar with the basic Latin mass parts". Instead of choosing one composer and/or style, they pointed us to the greater universal option. Since that time, we've gradually been learning the chants first in English and now during this Lent have incorporated singing them in Latin. It's a process that our parish has been slowly undergoing for almost five years now. The chants that we have been learning are the same ones that are being prayed all over the globe and have been for many centuries. "The Church--precisely because it embraces all nations and is destined to endure until the end of time--of its very nature requires a language which is universal, immutable, and non-vernacular." (Pope Pius IX)

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION** The special series, *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, continues **today, Feb. 28**. In this episode, Dr. Edward Sri takes us on an interesting and informative tour of the **Liturgy of the Eucharist**, including the "mountain peak" of the **Eucharistic Prayer**. 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.

**HOLY SPIRIT INTERACTIVE (HSI)** Next meeting will be **Wednesday, March 9**, at **7:00 pm** at Todd Brown's new office (309 N. Main Street, right across Edmondson Street from our church). In this talk on Jesus, Aneel Aranha puts into perspective the many things that Jesus said over the course of three years and the huge implication these things have for our lives. All are welcome.

**PARENT/CHILD TEAM BUILDING RETREAT** Members of the Precious Blood Catholic Church community are invited to participate in a Parent/Child Team Building Retreat **April 16, 2016**. The retreat will be held locally at the Verdun Adventure Bound facility in Rixeyville, Virginia. The retreat is specifically intended for a combination of parent and child teams to engage in a day of indoor/outdoor team building activities and group challenges. For additional information please contact Ronald Vaillant at **(540) 543-2526**.

**CULPEPER CAN** Mark your calendar!!! On **March 22**, at **7:00pm**, our very own fellow parishioner, Darren Caprarese, will share his experience on how to grow and leverage your network using LinkedIn. Culpeper CAN assists job seekers with resumes, job search, interview skills, etc. Join us **Tuesday evenings at 7pm** in the Parish Hall. For more information contact Margie **540-422-0907** or email **culpepercan@gmail.com**. Culpeper Christians are Networking is a Jobs Ministry of Catholic Charities.

**SECOND COLLECTION** Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people. Next week, please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection and help Jesus in disguise.

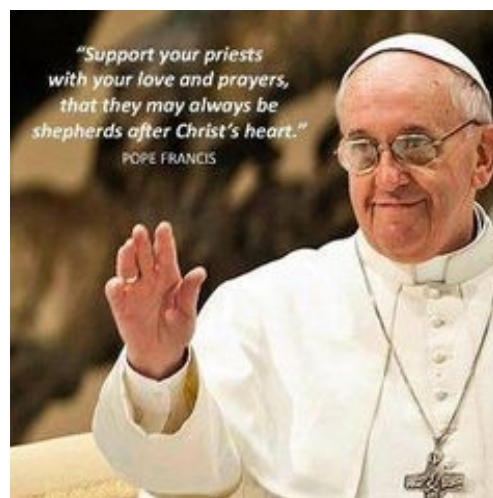
**SAINT STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET** This week's needs are canned fruit, chili, and pasta side dishes.

**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.

**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.



**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.

**THE CATHOLIC HERALD TURNS 40** February is Catholic Press Month! Start or renew your subscription for \$24 a year! 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.

**SAVE THE DATE** "A Chocolate Affair" will be held **April 14th 6-9 PM** with proceeds to benefit Culpeper Housing and Shelter Services & Culpeper Literacy Council

**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. Our code is VA226. For questions with enrolling call **1-866-507-8757** toll-free.

<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!

**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](mailto:info@helpafterabortion.org). You can also visit our website: [www.helpafterabortion.org](http://www.helpafterabortion.org).

**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](http://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](http://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](mailto:kiko.colleen@gmail.com).

**VOCATIONS** "I AM has sent me to you." Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father J.D. Jaffe **(703) 841-2514**, or write: [j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org).



# Year of Mercy

In continuance of the *Dives in Misericordia* we continue with sections VI and VII.

## VI. "Mercy...From Generation to Generation"

In the Magnificat, Mary "glorified that mercy shared in 'from generation to generation' by those who allow themselves be guided by the fear of God."

The present generation lives in a world "in which there is so much evil both physical and moral, so as to make of it a world entangled in contradictions and tensions, and at the same time full of threats to human freedom, conscience and religion." This situation produces in man great uncertainty about the future, and "demands decisive solutions, which now seem to be forcing themselves upon the human race."

One might ask whether justice can be an effective remedy for the evil and the threats which populate the planet. "In the modern world, the sense of justice has been reawakening on a vast scale. ... And yet it would be difficult not to notice that very often programs which start from the idea of justice ... in practice suffer from distortions. ... It is obvious, in fact, that in the name of an alleged justice (for example, historical justice or class justice) the neighbor is sometimes destroyed, killed, deprived of liberty or stripped of fundamental human rights."

"The experience of the past and of our own time demonstrates that justice alone is not enough, that it can even lead to the negation and destruction of itself, if that deeper power, which is love, is not allowed to shape human life in its various dimensions."

## VII. The Mercy of God in the Mission of the Church

The Church "professes and proclaims mercy - the most stupendous attribute of the Creator and of the Redeemer - when she brings people close to the sources of the Savior's mercy." Particularly important in this area is "conscious and mature participation in the Eucharist and in the sacrament of penance or reconciliation. The Eucharist brings us ever nearer to that love which is more powerful than death."

Penance "prepares the way for each individual, even those weighed down with great faults. In this sacrament each person can experience mercy in a unique way ... the love which is more powerful than sin." The Church also tries to practice mercy by following the teachings of Jesus Christ. It must be noted that "in reciprocal relationships between persons merciful love is never a unilateral act or process," since "the one who gives is always also a beneficiary."

The forgetting of this bilateral quality of mercy is the reason that attempts are made to remove it from human relations, in order to base them solely on justice. Thus there is a failure to see that "true mercy is, so to speak, the most profound source of justice. ... The equality brought by justice is limited to the realm of objective and extrinsic goods, while love and mercy bring it about that people meet one another in that value which is man himself, with the dignity that is proper to him."

The world will only become more human if, along with justice, we introduce into relations among men merciful love and forgiveness, the fundamental condition for reconciliation.

