

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)

Mon, Tues, Wed 8:30 am* and
7:00 pm (during Lent)

Thursday: 8:30 am* (Adoration 9 am-7pm)

Friday: 8:30 am* and 7:00 pm

Holy Days: 8:30 am* and 7:00 pm (vigil),

* 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

March 5, 2017

First Sunday of Lent

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. March 5

Readings: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4: 1-11

8:30 AM Megan Canavan (birthday blessings)

11:30 AM For the people

2:00 PM Franciscan y Porfirio Medtano Román (+)

Mon. March 6

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

8:30 AM For our enemies

7:00 PM Fr. Kevin and Fr. Mark (strength to see and serve God's will)

Tues. March 7

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

8:30 AM Ken Dupue (+)

7:00 PM Matthew Knox (birthday blessings)

Wed. March 8

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

8:30 AM Robert Buettgens (+)

7:00 PM An increase in devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus & the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Thurs. March 9

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

8:30 AM Victoria Baker (for healthy delivery of baby)

Fri. March 10

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

8:30 AM

7:00 PM For increase in chastity

Sat. March 11

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

8:30 AM Geraldine Schneider (special intentions)

5:00 PM For those who are in despair of salvation

Overcoming temptation

Reading I Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 (the fall of humankind)

Reading II Romans 5:12-19 (humanity's sin through Adam)

Gospel Matthew 4:1-11 (the temptation of Jesus)

Key Passage Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. (Matthew 4:1)

Adult: What helpful advice could you offer someone faced with temptation?

Child: What helps you do the right thing when you want to do something wrong?

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.

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, Mae Traversari, 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.

"It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve."

MATTHEW 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from power and riches and put God at the center of our lives.

How is God calling you to serve?



ALL Bulletin inserts please email: bulletin@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com

Deadline is 3:30pm on Mondays

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday 2/26/17 collections	\$8,723.21
Building fund	\$ 36.00
Altar Society	\$1,515.81

FAITH DIRECT

Foundation for the Future	\$200.00
Epiphany	\$ 43.00
Building Fund	\$ 86.00
Catholic Herald to date:	\$3,198.89
(Total Parish cost of Herald)	\$11,688.00)

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

Please note: Adoration on Thursday ends at 7:00 PM

Reminder: Daylight Savings Time will be Sunday, March 12, 2017



2017 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL: This 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. Let us join together to do the Lord's work—works that touch the lives and souls of thousands of people in our diocese. **THANK YOU!**

YOUTH GROUP : THIS SUNDAY (3/5) their meeting is **6pm-8pm** in the parish hall. The Living Stations presentation (April 7th) needs those youth interested in acting, singing, and props/set help to come to meetings on Sundays. Adult volunteers are also needed for administrative support. Contact Fr. Moretti: memoretti1958@gmail.com

A PILGRIM PEOPLE: THE STORY OF OUR CHURCH : **This 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. **Next Sunday, March 12,** the final session in this series on the first 1,000 years of our Church, Fr. Kevin and Steve Hemler will discuss the rise of Christendom and the reasons behind the Great East-West Schism. All adults, especially parents of CCD students, are encouraged to attend these multi media 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 : **DID YOU KNOW?** —the library has great works on marriage, sexuality, family life, the Bible, the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph? **HOURS Sun-11:15-1:00; Wed-9:30-3:00; Thurs-12:00-1:30 and Sat.-2:30-4:30.**

MUSIC MINISTRY: **Gregorian chant: part 1.** Since before the time of Christ, songs and chants were used in the synagogues and then brought into the liturgies of the early Christians. Regional chants developed such as Beneventan in southern Italy, Ambrosian from northern Italy, Hispanic around the Pyrenees and Gallican from region of Gaul. By the 5th and 7th centuries, the repertoire for the liturgical year was collected and organized by Popes Leo the Great, Gelasius and Gregory the Great, who also composed many pieces and started the first singing school or "Schola Cantorum" to train singers and to help promote and develop plainchant singing. Since musical notation had not yet developed, this was limited to oral transmission only.

ST. STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET: This week the pantry needs are: rice and pasta side dishes (in particular need, we have none), canned soup except vegetable and tomato, canned pasta, canned chili, Thanks so much!

A TREMENDOUS THANK YOU FROM THE ALTAR SOCIETY! Thank you parishioners of Precious Blood for your participation in our Mardi Gras fundraiser! Through your generosity we now have \$1,500 towards our Altar supplies and upkeep! Congratulations to Margie Benitez and Richard&Sandy Hall, the raffle drawing winners of the Mother Mary quilt hanging and the picnic "date" basket! A special applause to our Chef Dan and family, especially Charity, for expertly and deliciously cooking up the authentic New Orleans brunch and King Cakes!

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 led 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

THINKING ABOUT SUMMER FUN? : Check out CAMP St. Charles in Rock Point, MD; attend the open house on March 12, 11 AM to 3 PM; FMI, directions and to sign up visit: www.campstcharles.org.

ECUMENICAL GATHERING: A 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.



AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE: *40Days40Ways* offers all of us the opportunity to **seek a more intimate experience of God's love this Lent by exploring the love we share** with our families and those who are dearest to us. Simply **text "Ways" to 84576** to receive these daily reflections from Pope Francis (drawn from chapter 4 of *Amoris Laetitia*) and daily challenges which also offer a "way" to keep our hearts and minds focused on the joy of Easter. Feel free to share **#40Days40Ways** with your friends and family members on social media!

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.**

PLEASE NOTE: THIS WEEKEND there is a 2ND COLLECTION: 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 Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the state in life God has prepared for you? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life Call Father J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514 or write: j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

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/>.

PROJECT RACHEL: Post Abortion Healing Retreat for Women: An Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2017. Come begin your healing journey and experience God's hope and mercy. You are not alone. There is hope. There is healing. For further information and confidential. registration, please contact Project Rachel at 888-456-HOPE (4673) or info@helpafterabortion.org

"RISE, AND DO NOT BE AFRAID" Let us comfort our spouses and ourselves by celebrating the love of God in our marriages by experiencing a WorldWide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is Mar 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 applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org

It is not how much we do, but how much love we put in the doing. It is not how much we give, but how much love we put in the giving." St. Teresa of Calcutta



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we begin the First Sunday of Lent. For the next 40 days the Church invites us to focus more on our relationship with Jesus Christ, especially by being open to some kind of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We are asked to abstain from meat during all the Fridays of Lent, and also to fast on Good Friday.

One way to dedicate more time to prayer that I would like to recommend to you is to try to attend daily Mass. In addition to our usual Mass at 8:30 AM, seven days a week, we are adding a 7 PM Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, as well as our usual 7 PM Mass on Friday.

We also will be praying the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM in English (before the Mass) and at 7:30 PM in Spanish (right after the Mass). There will be a baked-fish dinner in the parish hall from 5 PM to 6:15 PM. (Please try to finish eating by 6:25 PM if you would like to receive Communion at the 7 PM Mass, in order to observe the one-hour fast before receiving Communion.)

The word "*Lent*" comes from an old English word for "lengthen". It referred to the time of the year -- spring -- when the daylight time would lengthen. 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.

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 also ask you to offer your prayer, fasting and almsgiving this Lent for those who have fallen away from the practice of the faith, so that they will return some day.

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

God bless,
Fr. Kevin



We are teaching our students that Lent is an opportunity to see all of life more clearly through the lens of our faith and to become spiritually renewed through the message of being more soulful, compassionate and loving toward ourselves and others. Our students will continue their Lenten journey throughout the month of March. Their relationship with God is strengthened during this solemn season through prayer, participating in the Stations of the Cross, and sacrifice. It is my hope that as a family you are able to spend time together in prayer with a focus on deepening your own faith.

Registration and Tuition Assistance Reminders

We urge all families that are considering Epiphany to contact the school office as soon as possible. Please be aware that the deadline to complete an application for tuition assistance is Monday, March 6. Please visit: <https://online.factsmgmt.com>

We continue with our Special Challenge here at Epiphany! We are half way to our goal of \$15,000 that will be matched dollar for dollar by a very generous Epiphany family and parishioner.

Even three hundred years ago, believers found it difficult to sustain for forty days the proper Lenten spirit. That's why even then, countless Christians turned to the writings of Bishop Jacques-Bénigne Bossuet (1627-1704), whose great piety and simple eloquence won him renown as one of the greatest preachers of his time. From Bishop Bossuet's sermons and spiritual writings, believers drew ever greater Lenten wisdom and strength. If you read and meditate briefly on just one of them each day in Lent, you will be guaranteed that this good French bishop's eloquence will soon have you not merely remembering the events of Christ's journey to His Crucifixion; it will have you spiritually walking with Him on that journey . . . which is precisely what we are called to do in Lent!

MEDITATIONS FOR
LENT
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JACQUES-BÉNIGNE BOSSUET