

# 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](mailto:office@epiphanycatholicsschool.org)

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

March 12, 2017

Second Sunday of Lent

## Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

### Sun. March 12

Readings: Gn 12:1-4; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

**8:30AM For the people**

**11:30AM Joan (Javier) Dickson (+)**

**2:00 PM Miguel Angel Rodriguez (+)**

### Mon. March 13

Readings: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

**8:30 AM Josephine Priebe (+)**

**7:00 PM for the unrepentant**

### Tues. March 14

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

**8:30 AM Delores Wiberg (healing)**

**7:00 PM persecuted Christians**

### Wed. March 15 R

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

**8:30 AM Thomas Christopher Gruenberg (+)**

**7:00 PM James Cozart (healing)**

### Thurs. March 16

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

**8:30 AM Janet Kovach (healing)**

### Fri. March 17

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

**8:30 AM**

**7:00 PM Eleanor Adams (memory)**

### Sat. March 18

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

**8:30 AM Robert Butzko (+)**

**5:00 PM Pat DiiBon (+)**

## Call to faithfulness

Reading I Genesis 12:1-4 (call of Abraham)

Reading II 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Gospel Matthew 17:1-9 (Jesus transfigured)

Key Passage Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. (Matthew 17:1-2)

Adult: How has your faith in Jesus transformed you? What difference does your faith in Jesus Christ make in your life?

Child: How has the example of Jesus helped you become a better person and Christian?

**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, Lara Brooking, 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, Jerene Thomas, 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.

*"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." GENESIS 12:1*



God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live.

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

**Deadline is 3:30pm on Mondays**

### OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Ash Wednesday	\$1,465.13
Central and Eastern Europe	\$1,248.00
Sunday 3/05/17 collections	\$11,339.16
Black and Indian Missions	\$1,721.07
Building fund	\$1,283.00
Epiphany	\$557.00

Catholic Herald to date: \$3,248.89  
(Total Parish cost of Herald \$11,688.00)

BLA to date: 83/1237 family pledges \$28,125.00  
(BLA goal is \$120,000 and 100% participation)

## THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

PLEASE NOTE: Friday morning Masses during March will be at Epiphany School

EVERY FRIDAY EVENING DURING LENT : Join us for dinner, prayer, and Mass

**DINNER:** baked fish, rolls, salad from 5:00 PM-6:15PM,

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS (English)** at 6:30PM, followed by **MASS 7:00 PM**, and

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Spanish)** at 7:30 PM



2017 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL: This is in full swing and PRECIOUS BLOOD is asking every household in our parish to support this appeal to the extent that they are able. We would like to say that we have a 100% participation at the end of this campaign! 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!**

C.A.N. MEETINGS: During Lent Christians are Networking will continue to help prepare job seekers for the job search. Meetings have been **moved to Thursdays 7-8:30pm**. No meeting on Holy Thursday. Please call 540-422-0907 to register.

YOUTH GROUP : **THIS SUNDAY (3/12)** will meet starting at **5PM** for *the Living Stations rehearsal* and carry over until **8pm** in the parish hall. Those youth interested in acting, singing, and props/set help are invited to come. Adult volunteers are also needed for administrative support. Contact Fr. Moretti: [memoretti1958@gmail.com](mailto:memoretti1958@gmail.com). **UPCOMING EVENT:** BASH for middle school students, Saturday, April 29, 3:30-9:00PM, permission slips available at meetings and the office!

A PILGRIM PEOPLE: THE STORY OF OUR CHURCH : **THIS 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 are encouraged to attend these multi media presentations starting at 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall. **NEXT SUNDAY (3/19) begins CATHOLICISM:THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS:** Join in on a journey to discover the truth behind the Catholic Church's most influential people by viewing three episodes from Bishop Robert Barron's new series, Catholicism: The Pivotal Players. We will look at the inspiring life of St. Francis of Assisi on March 19, St. Catherine of Siena on March 26, and Michelangelo on April 2. This multi-part film series illumines a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church, but also changed the course of civilization. All adults are encouraged to attend starting at **9:50 am** in the Parish Hall.

MONTHLY DINNER & MOVIE NIGHT: **The Letters**, a story of Mother Teresa. **TONIGHT (3/11) AFTER THE 5PM MASS;** dinner is an Indian (non-spicy) theme; the proceeds will benefit WorkCamp2017. Thank you for your support!

ST. JOHN PAUL II LIBRARY : **DID YOU KNOW?** —the library has some books on the integration of sound Psychology, Theology and Spirituality for the growth of the whole person? **VISITING 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 2.** In the mid-8<sup>th</sup> century, the Frankish kingdom of Pepin the Short adopted the Roman liturgy. Roman cantors crossed the Alps and spread the chant, resulting in a successful fusion of Roman and Gallican chants. With Charlemagne and the crucial role of monasteries in spreading chant throughout Western Christendom, what was now known as Gregorian chant really took off. During the 10<sup>th</sup> century, this extended repertoire was transcribed onto manuscripts using various musical notations. Lined staves, which were gradually introduced in the 11<sup>th</sup> century, helped achieve more accurate transmission of the melodies. ([www.solesmes.com/history](http://www.solesmes.com/history))

ST. STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET: This week the pantry needs are: rice and pasta side dishes, spaghetti sauce which contains meat, Manwich or similar hamburger helper package. Thanks so much!

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](mailto:jacque1114@yahoo.com)

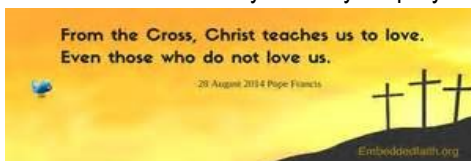


**ECUMENICAL GATHERING:** A Community-Wide Way of the Cross Procession: **On Saturday, April 8** our church will be participating in a special event that will be hosted at churches throughout downtown Culpeper. For more information, visit [www.CulpeperCross.info](http://www.CulpeperCross.info) and/or "like" the Culpeper Way of the Cross Facebook page. Precious Blood will be hosting stations 4, 5, and 6 led by several different parish groups.

**THE LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 14 at 11:00 AM in the Parish Hall. Wives of Knights are invited to attend.



**UPDATE FROM SISTER CHRISTINE MARIE:** All is well at Carmel JMJ in Elysburg, PA. You are invited to visit their website and become a "friend": (<http://www.friendsofcarmeljmj.org/>) to make a donation, send a prayer request, or shop in their religious store; they are currently entering phase II of a new monastery project so your help would be very appreciated; you are also invited to **visit** <https://whycloisteredlife.wordpress.com/> for monthly news updates from her letters. Sister Christine thanks everyone for your prayers and says, "Keep them coming!"



## 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!

**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](mailto: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!

**"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](http://RenewMarriage-VANorth.org) or contact us at [applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org)

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES RESOURCES:** Catholic Charities Office of Volunteers contact: [sodwyer@ccda.net](mailto:sodwyer@ccda.net); pregnancy and adoption support program contact: Kimberly Harrell, Program Director [kharrell@ccda.net](mailto:kharrell@ccda.net). Visit their website: [www.ccda.net](http://www.ccda.net). Mark your calendars for the BRAVE 5K (5/7/2017 at 9:30 AM) in support of women who have placed children for adoption and their immense courage. Questions: email-[CCBrave5K@gmail.com](mailto:CCBrave5K@gmail.com).

**IF YOU ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH ENDOW** you will want to get to know this marvelous women's apostolate which has active groups at Our Lady of Hope in Potomac Falls. Founded in 2003 by three Catholic lay women in Denver who were set on fire by the teachings of St. John Paul II about women, Endow offers a variety of solid and compelling study programs designed to educate women about their nature and dignity. They have just announced an expansion of their digital outreach and Spanish-language resources, the goal being to reach more Spanish-speaking and millennial women. Visit: [www.endowgroups.org/](http://www.endowgroups.org/)



**PRO-LIFE CORNER:** Each child is sent into this world by God with a "Unique Message" to deliver, a new personal act of love to bestow. Allowing abortion is saying no to God's will for that child.



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Dear Parishioners,

Bishop Burbidge's office sent us this notice:

*As a general rule, the obligation of abstinence from meat on Fridays of Lent is an important element of the Church's observance of the penitential nature of this holy season.*

*This year, however, Friday of the second week of Lent corresponds with Saint Patrick's Day (March 17), which has traditionally been an occasion for joy-filled celebrations in this diocese. Having taken into consideration both past practice and present circumstances, and having judged that it would serve the spiritual good of the faithful, Bishop Burbidge has granted to the faithful of the Diocese of Arlington, as well as to any visitors or travelers who may be physically present within the territory of this diocese, a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence from meat on March 17, 2017.*

*Those taking advantage of the dispensation, however, are exhorted to undertake a work of charity, an exercise of piety, or an act of comparable penance on some other occasion during the Second Week of Lent.*

For Lent I'd like to encourage you 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 continue to pray 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.)

I would like to 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.

I'd like to thank those who have pledged to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal. Our assigned goal is \$120,000, and parishioners have pledged \$28,125, so far, or 23% of our goal. I would like to encourage anyone who has not given or made a pledge yet to consider doing so.

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

God Bless, Fr. Kevin

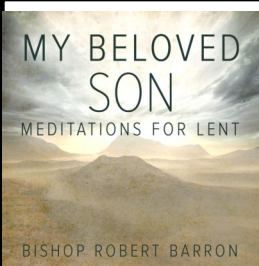


We began our Lenten journey on Tuesday, February 28, prior to dismissal with the burning of Lenten promises. A beautiful ceremony was provided for the transition from Mardi Gras and wearing of the beads to following our Catholic faith in preparing for Lent. At the conclusion of the ceremony, we reminded ourselves of the value of repentance. On Ash Wednesday, Mass was celebrated with the theme that through abstinence, almsgiving, and prayer, we hope to grow in our relationship with God. This is a special time of spiritual growth for our students. In religion classes, they will be learning the true aspects of our Lord's journey in preparation for the resurrection on Easter Sunday. It is our hope that as a family you are able to spend time together in prayer with a focus

on deepening your own faith.

**\*REGISTRATION 2017/2018\*** We are blessed at Epiphany Catholic School to have such wonderful families committed to an education rich in the teachings of the Catholic church. At the end of last week, our school was almost at capacity in several classes. We are currently at 75% total capacity. We set an overall capacity to ensure that we are able to provide a high-quality education to each student. We invite all those interested in a tour to visit soon!

Epiphany is looking for substitute teachers and also a long term substitute for the end of April and the month of May. Teacher resumes are also being accepted for the 2017/2018 school year. Please call or stop by the school office for more



Bishop Robert Barron offers five sermons on the spiritual discipline we must cultivate in the Lenten season, a discipline centered in Christ. These meditations cover topics such as finding our identity in God, prayer as the key to mission, our thirst for God, how to end our alienation from God, and how to joyfully embrace the way of happiness.

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

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