

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 26, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. March 26

Readings: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

8:30AM Ariana Granata (+)

11:30AM For the people

2:00 PM Feliciano Casillas (+)

Mon. March 27

Readings: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

8:30 AM John Kayjanian (+)

7:00 PM Robert Royse (birthday)

Tues. March 28

Readings: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

8:30 AM Mae Traversari

7:00 PM Joan O'Neill (healing)

Wed. March 29

Readings: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

8:30 AM Richard J. Priebe

7:00 PM Mary O'Neill

Thurs. March 30

Readings: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

8:30 AM Keith Basset (+)

Fri. March 31

Readings: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

8:30 AM

7:00 PM Joseph Adams (in memory)

Sat. April 1

Readings: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

8:30 AM For all those who have had or have advocated an abortion

5:00 PM Ruth Beck (+)

SOURCE OF LIGHT

Reading I 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a (Samuel anoints David)

Reading II Ephesians 5:8-14 (duty to live in the light)

Gospel John 9:1-41 (the man born blind)

Key Passage For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as Children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. (Ephesians 5:8-9)

Adult: What are you doing in your life right now to move toward light rather than darkness?

Child: How can you let the light of your faith in Jesus shine for others to see?

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, Ann Harrison, Alex Hyde, Freda Kratochvil, Peg Logan, Martin Luna, Ana Magana, Jeff Metz, 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.

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." 1Samuel 16:7



How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talents and treasure here on earth.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday 3/19/17 collections	\$9,347.00
Building fund	\$ 90.00
Epiphany	\$ 25.00
Catholic Herald to date:	\$3,324.89
<i>(Total Parish cost of Herald \$11,688.00)</i>	

BLA to date: 269/1237 family pledges \$115,960.00
(BLA goal is \$120,000, (we are at 97%) and only 28% participation)

FAITH DIRECT

Collections	\$2,723.00
Epiphany	\$43.00
Building fund	\$86.00
Foundation for future	\$200.00

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

PLEASE NOTE: Friday morning Mass (3/31) 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

** **MASS 7:00 PM** ** **STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Spanish)** at 7:30 PM



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION: **This weekend**, we are taking up the Catholic Relief Services Collection to respond to "Jesus in disguise." This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

CATHOLICISM: THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS: **Sunday, March 26**, St. Catherine of Siena, 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.

YOUTH GROUP : **THIS SUNDAY (3/26)** 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. **UPCOMING EVENT: BASH** for middle school students, **Saturday, April 29, 3:30-9:00PM**, permission slips available in the office!

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!**



MONTHLY DINNER & MOVIE NIGHT On **Saturday, April 8**, we will be showing the widely acclaimed movie **Risen**. This movie was shown in nearly 3,000 theaters worldwide and is the epic story of the Resurrection as told through the eyes of a non-believing Roman soldier. In order to disprove rumors of a risen Messiah Calvius, a powerful Roman military tribune, and his aide, Lucius, are tasked with solving the mystery of what happened to the body of Jesus following his crucifixion. This movie is rated PG-13 due to some scenes of Roman violence. Please join us for an Italian themed dinner starting at 6:15 PM in the Parish Hall (following the 5 pm Mass), the proceeds from which go to help send our youth to WorkCamp 2017.

ST. JOHN PAUL II LIBRARY : **DID YOU KNOW?** — that there are books about the saints with information about choosing the names of saints for Baptism and Confirmation, right here in the parish **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 4.** During the 1800s, Dom Guéranger took the initiative to restore Gregorian chant according to the manuscripts. The aim of his research and restoration was to publish liturgical books after the request of the Bishop of Le Mans. Since that time, chant continues to be recognized and valued as a "living connection with our forebears in the faith and a sign of communion with the universal Church and a bond of unity across cultures." (*Sing to the Lord, Music in Divine Worship*)

ST. STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET: This week the pantry needs are: rice and pasta side dishes, canned goods: soups, chili, and pasta. Thanks so much!

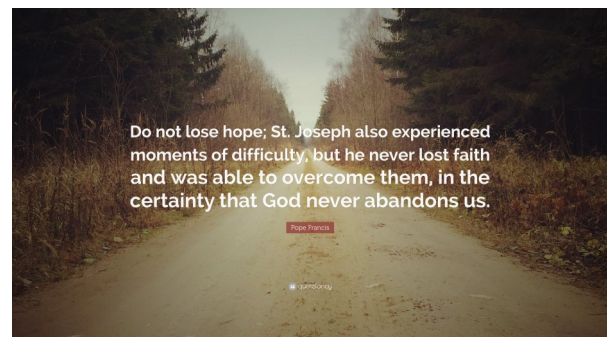
C.A.N. MEETINGS@ PRECIOUS BLOOD:

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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES C.A.N INVITES YOU TO:

St. Veronica Catholic Church, 3460 Centreville Rd, Chantilly, VA 20151

Linked in for a:
Workshop 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., Thursday, March 30th



LENTEN 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. **Precious Blood will be hosting stations 4, 5, and 6 led by several different parish groups.**

AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

♥ **THE BISHOP'S INITIATIVE ON MARRIAGE:** "Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." Let your spouse **see** into your heart better by working through a World-Wide 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-anorth.org; <mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org> or call: 703-646-1521.

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!

EXHIBITION ON SAINT THOMAS MORE: In a new landmark exhibition, God's Servant First: The Life and Legacy of Thomas More, the St. John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C. presents the life, martyrdom and legacy of the 16th century English philosopher-statesman whom Pope John Paul II named the heavenly Patron of Statesmen and Politicians. The exhibition runs through March 31 at the St. John Paul II Shrine in Washington, D.C. Visit www.jp2shrine.org for more information.

BISHOP BURBIDGE'S HOMILIES ONLINE: Want to hear relevant, pastoral inspiration from our Shepherd? He records homilies posted weekly on YouTube : Go and take a look at youtube.com/arlingtondiocese.

ROPES COURSE VOCATIONS EVENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: For any high school students open to the idea of a priestly or religious vocation, don't miss the Quo Vadis Ropes Course & Zipline (for boys) on **Saturday, April 22** or the **FIAT Ropes Course & Zipline (for girls) on Saturday, April 29**. These are great opportunities to challenge yourself, enjoy the great outdoors and get to know men and women who are following God's call as a priest, seminarian or religious sister. For more information and to register, contact the Office of Vocations at vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 852-2514.

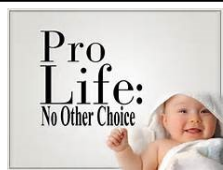
TAIZÉ CONTEMPLATIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Saturday, April 1: All are welcome to join this free prayerful event on Saturday, April 1 at St. Philip Church, 7500 St. Philips Court, Falls Church at 8 p.m. This event is presented by Lightworks Ministry of the Christian Life Community in the USA with Heartsongs: Tâm Tình Ca Music Ministry of ASTM Radio Broadcast Ministry.

VOCATIONS "The Lord looks on the heart." Are you being called to do the deeds of Christ as a priest or in the consecrated life, proclaiming the reign of the loving mercy of God our Father? Call Father J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514 or write: j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS(PTSC): Prime Time Single Catholics (PTSC) is a Washington-area social group of single Catholics 40 and over. Delight in Christian fellowship with us! For more information contact John McBride by email at jfmcbride_526@hotmail.com or by telephone at (703) 820-9196.

DONATE YOUR USED CAR TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES and Help a Family Become Self-Reliant!
If you are thinking of replacing your old car with something new, please consider donating your old car to Catholic Charities. We take used vehicles and give them directly to families in desperate need of transportation. We accept nonworking cars to fund our volunteer programs. We handle all the paperwork. you receive an IRS donation receipt. To donate, email Cars@ccda.net or call (703) 841-3898.

PRO-LIFE CORNER: "For a Christian to speak or act publicly in a *pro-choice manner* is a scandal to the Gospel and Name of Jesus Christ." Fr. Frank Pavone, Director, Priests for Life



Dear Parishioners,

During the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent, we are observing the First, Second and Third Scrutinies at the 11:30 AM Mass for the catechumens of our parish who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil. Since I am celebrating the Scrutinies with them, I will not be at the 8:30 AM Masses during those weeks. We will also be adding a 10 AM Mass (in English) and a 4 PM Mass (in Spanish) on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday to accommodate all those who want to attend, so we will also have a different schedule for the priests those days. I look forward to getting back to our normal rotation after Easter.

For Lent I'd like to encourage you to attend daily Mass and to pray the Stations of the Cross (Via Crucis) with us. We have the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM in English (before the 7 PM Mass) and at 7:30 PM in Spanish (right after the Mass). There is also a baked-fish dinner in the parish hall from 5:00 PM to 6:15 PM. 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 \$115,960, so far, or 97% of our goal. Thank you for having helped us almost reach our goal.

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

God bless,

Fr. Kevin

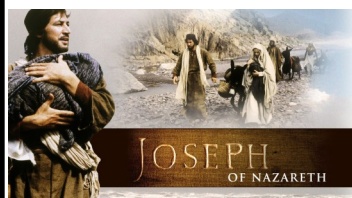


Epiphany Catholic School: Our middle school students led the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 17, and also served as altar servers and greeters. Our students and families are proud to participate in our parish activities. This week we were able to make a donation to the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society as one of our Lenten service projects. For a small donation, students were able to have a dress down day. We were happy that nearly everyone participated. On Thursday, March 23, many of our students will attend the Richmond Symphony. Afterward, they will go to the American Civil War Museum before returning to Culpeper. This annual trip is a favorite for our students! - On Saturday, March 18, our boys lacrosse team attended the UVA lacrosse game and on Saturday, March 25, our girls team will travel to Charlottesville and scrimmage during half time! They are looking forward to showing their skills, and spending a great day together. Registration is going very well, and many classes are close to capacity. We want to make parents aware that preschool and kindergarten space is still available, but these classes fill up quickly as we get into April and May. If you are interested in your child attending Epiphany, we urge you to contact the school office for information about a tour and registration. All classes are now being filled on a first come, first serve basis.



Light the World! is a Summer Institute that takes place at The Catholic University of America. Rising Juniors and Seniors are invited to join us either June 25-July 1 OR July 9-15 as we explore how our faith is lived within the fields and careers of Art, Science, Sport, Business, and Politics. Visit lighttheworldcua.org for more information and application materials.

Camp Veritas is faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Catechism and to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church. Every person involved with Camp Veritas is entirely volunteer. They give of their time, talents, energy and knowledge with the common goal of bringing our teens to the foot of the Cross in the Eucharist. Camp Veritas is a one week sleep away pilgrimage experience for teens going into 7th grade through 12th grade. The recipe is play-and-pray with a full immersion in the Catholic Faith through sacraments and activities. **July 23-29** at Summit Lake Camp, Emmitsburg, MD \$400 early bird (paid in full by April 1, 2017), \$450 regular price <https://www.campveritas.org/>



Joseph of Nazareth: The first feature film ever on the story of St. Joseph—carpenter, husband of Mary, and the foster father of Jesus Christ. Scripture tells us that St. Joseph was a "just man" and that God gave him the most daunting task ever asked of a man—to be the husband of the woman who would give birth to the Messiah and the father and protector of this Holy Family, the man closest to Christ.

Register and use PARISH CODE: **V2XJNR**; create a personal account and enjoy the BEST CATHOLIC MOVIES, BOOKS, PROGRAMS,

FORMED.org