

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, Director of Religious Education
Miriam Medina, Dir. of Liturgy/Hispanic Liaison
Toni-Ann Gambale, Office Assistant
Theresa Watson, Choir Director
John Flemming, Heritage Choir Director
Robert Wiersberg, 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, Office 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 Saturday: 4:30–5:30 p.m. 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 office during office hours before making any other arrangements.

CCD CLASSES

Sunday: 9:30 – 10:45 a.m. (K-12)

EPIPHANY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

1211 E. Grandview Avenue
Culpeper, VA 22701
Preschool: 3 & 4 year old
Elementary: K-5
Middle School: 6-8

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March 29, 2015
“Palm Sunday”

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. March 29

- 8:00 AM + Marie Moran
- 11:30 AM + Barry Tingler
- 4:00 PM – Emily Cornejo (special intention)

Mon. March 30 + Jocin Davies

Readings: Is 42:1-7, Jn 12:1-11

Tues. March 31 + Therese Perez

Readings: Is 49:1-6, Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wed. April 1 + Helen Craven

Readings: Is 50:4-9a, Mt 26:14-25

Thurs. April 2 + Marie Moran

Readings: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14, 1 Cor 11:23-26, Jn 13:1-15

Fri. April 3 – 3pm – Vincent Metz (special intention)

Readings: Is 52:13-53:12, Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9, Jn 18:1-19:42

Sat. April 4

Readings: please see Missal

- 8:30 AM – For the People
- 6:00 PM + Frank Seeber

(If you would like a Mass Intention said please call or stop by the office.)

Palm Sunday

Surrender to God’s Will

- Procession Mark 11:1–10 (entry into Jerusalem)
- Reading I Isaiah 50:4–7 (salvation only through the Lord’s servant)
- Reading II Philippians 2:6–11 (imitating Christ’s humility)
- Gospel Mark 14:1—15:47 (the passion of Jesus)

Key Passage: Jesus said, “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.” (Mark 14:36)

Adult: When have you found it hardest to accept God’s will? What enabled you to accept it?

Child: When is it hardest for you to obey?

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.



LORD HEAR THE PRAYER FOR OUR

SICK Especially: Jan Ambrose, Jorge Alvarado, Ric Barklund, Mike Bosma, Amber Bouchard, Mikey Bradford, Tom Brown, Chris Butler, Dr. Tom Calhoun, Michael Combs, Roger Corum, Katherine Craig, Cynthia Davies, Bill Daley, James Driscoll, Jackie Fancher, Regan Flemming, Ryleigh Flemming, David

Matthew Gendron, Bill Goetz, Tyler Hall, Ann Harrison, Elizabeth Hartwell, Rebecca Helsel, Betty Hescox, Marilyn Hoffmann, Eileen Hunter, Alex Hyde, Jim Hyde, Robert Kocovsky, Harold Lawrence, Kimberly Lemus, Mary Logan, Bryan Lorenz, Chris Cordero Luna, Camilla Lynne, Ana Magana, Frank and Lucille McPhillips, Phillip Leo Mercer, Efen Diaz Miguel, Jim Minihan, Beth Moreland, Mary Neureither, Barbara Noonan, Marcia Peacock, Shawn Peet, Donald Rediske, James Robles, Adelfa Salvador, Ines Sanchez, Cissy Staiger, Ray Tap, Joyce Vosworth, Susan Wynn 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.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Blessed Lord, we are moved to be your faithful disciples. Like the palms laid long ago in honor of your Son, we present these gifts for your reverent design. We proclaim that your sovereign existence will transform the lives of all who believe in your Son, Jesus Christ. Hosanna in the Highest! Amen. *Mark 11:1-11*

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Collection (3/22)	\$ 8,012.02
Building Fund	\$ 50.00
Epiphany School	\$ 50.00

FAITH DIRECT

Collection	\$ 1,922.00
Building Fund	\$ 140.00
Epiphany School	\$ 47.00
Foundation for the Future	\$ 200.00

BLA* \$ 80,841.00
*24% of households participating

FAITH DIRECT With Easter right around the corner, it is a time of rebirth and new beginnings. Why not participate in a new and easier way of giving? Simple, easy and could be automatic. Sign up with FaithDirect today at www.faithdirect.com or pick up a paper enrollment form in the office!

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday (4/2)

– 7pm *Rice Bowls due!

Good Friday, The Lord's Passion (4/3)

– 3pm & 7pm (Spanish Lord's Passion)

Easter Vigil (4/4)

– 8pm

Easter Sunday (4/5)

– 7am, 9am, 11:30am, & 2pm (Spanish)

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO 8:00 Mass on April 2nd (Holy Thursday), April 3rd (Good Friday) or April 4th (Holy Saturday).

GOOD FRIDAY – Celebration of the Lord's Passion will be at 3pm and Spanish Stations of the Cross will be at 7pm.

SECOND COLLECTION on April 3rd, Good Friday will be held for the Holy Land Shrines.

OFFICE CLOSED The Office of Precious Blood Catholic Church will be closed on Good Friday, April 3rd.

NO ADORATION on Holy Thursday!

CCD NEWS There will be **NO CCD CLASSES** held today, March 29th or on Easter Sunday, April 5th.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS If you would like to place an announcement in the bulletin, you **MUST** have it submitted to us in the office or via email by the close of business, **3:30pm on the Monday before**. All blurbs can be hard copy and dropped off in the office or electronic copy and emailed to us at toniann.pbcc@gmail.com Thank you!

BEGINNER BIBLE STUDY Is anyone interested in an 8 week Beginner Bible Study? If so, please contact Mac McPhillips at (540) 547-2123 or email him at MacHimself@gmail.com

ST. IGNATIUS study group will continue meeting on Wednesdays at 9:30am in the lounge. All are welcome!

ST. STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET Needs for this week: single serving oatmeal packs and canned meat (i.e. treet, spam, etc.).

THE WELCOMING COMMITTEE The Precious Blood community welcomes all guests and newly registered parishioners. From January 2014 to February 2015, a total of 90 families registered in our parish! Wow, how we've grown! Recently, those parishioners who had registered were invited to receive recognition from the congregation and a special blessing. After the Masses, they participated in a guided tour of the buildings and grounds, while learning more about our ministries. This is the first official appearance of the Welcoming Committee at work. We need your help. The Committee needs volunteers in leadership, organizational and informative roles. Additionally, if you see someone new, smile and brighten their day! All those interested in volunteering, should contact Cheryl Erickson at [910-578-0293](tel:910-578-0293), and attend the next Welcoming Committee meeting April 14th at 7pm, location TBA.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS Please join our team as we prepare for Palm Sunday and Holy Week: this morning after Mass; Holy Thursday, April 2nd 8:30am and 10pm; Saturday April 4th 9am. We meet in the church and attend to the details of the altar. We always welcome those who can lend a helping hand with an open heart! Questions? Please contact our secretary at mhlaws@aol.com

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM Sessions resume after Easter. At the next two sessions on April 12 and April 19, Doctors Joan and Roger Depue will present "**Human Nature and Spiritual Growth.**" These talks will explore the inner dynamics of human nature that may cause a person to be unable to live the fullness of faith. Come and enjoy a stimulating, enlightening topic and presentations! All adults are encouraged to attend these special sessions from 9:40-10:40 am in the Parish Hall.

HOLY SPIRIT INTERACTIVE (HSI) Next meeting will be WEDNESDAY, April 8, at 7:00 pm at the home of Jill Devine (call [540-812-4576](tel:540-812-4576) for directions). Topic: "Dealing with Depression." All are welcome.

Pope Francis: Wherever there are men and women who have consecrated their lives to God, there you find joy.

CURSILLO: THE BLUE RIDGE ULTREYA will have an ULTREYA on Saturday April 25, at St. Peters parish hall after the 5pm Mass (6/6:15pm). Please bring a covered dish to share. ALL are invited. Cursillo weekend for men is 4/16-19 at Missionhurst. Questions PH 540-547-2932

CURSILLO An alternate group meeting will be held every Saturday at 9:15am in the Annex. All are welcome!

A LENTEN PROGRAM OF PRAYER, FASTING & ALMSGIVING As we continue our ORB journey, let us remember in prayer that as a community of faith, we have the obligation to reach out to those most in need. Through **OPERATION RICE BOWL**, families fast by eating a simple meal one day a week and place the savings of what a usual meal would cost in their "**Rice Bowl**". Boxes are **DUE ON HOLY THURSDAY**, April 2nd.

NEWS AND NEEDS

ALZHEIMER'S All are invited to attend a presentation by Dr. Loretta Veney, author and speaker, from 10:00-11:30 a.m., on Saturday, April 18th, in the Parish Hall. Dr. Veney will talk about Alzheimer's and dementia progression behaviors and how the role of a caregiver changes. She has written a book, Being My Mom's Mom, from her own experience of caring for her mother, who was diagnosed with dementia nine years ago. Dr. Veney recently gave a similar presentation to a packed room at the Culpeper Library, and Father Anselme wants to offer the same opportunity to our parishioners who were unable to attend that presentation.

MUSIC The hymn, **ALL GLORY LAUD & HONOR** was written around 820 A.D. (seriously? 820!) by Theodulph of Orleans while he was imprisoned in Angers, France, having been falsely accused of conspiring with King Bernard of Italy against King Louis I, son of Charlemagne. It was written after meditating upon our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem and legend has it that Theodulph sang this through his prison window as the King was passing by. The king reportedly became so moved that he ordered the bishop's immediate release.



PARISH MINI-RETREAT: "Finding True Happiness: Satisfying Our Restless Hearts"
Mark your calendars for Saturday April 25th as Karlo Broussard, apologist and speaker for the Magis Center, will be conducting a mini-retreat entitled "Finding True Happiness: Satisfying Our Restless Hearts" at Precious Blood Catholic Church from 3 pm to 5:30 pm. Mr. Broussard will be presenting two talks. In the first talk, "**Living Life to the Fullest: The 4 Levels of Happiness**," he will explain Fr. Robert Spitzer's four levels of happiness and highlight the fact that our deepest human desires cannot be satisfied with the things of *this* life but only with the things of the next, namely God Himself. In the second talk, "**Heaven: A Destiny Worth Living For**," Karlo explains Jesus' revelation of Heaven as an experience of perfect love, joy, and excitement through fellowship with God and with every member of the Mystical Body of Christ. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity for fellowship and growth in knowledge of the path for achieving the fullest experience of happiness and purpose in life. Be sure to visit The Magis Center's website at www.magiscenter.com as well as Mr. Broussard's website at www.karlobroussard.com



Have you thought about applying to Epiphany Catholic School, but aren't

sure you can afford it? There is a NEW source of tuition assistance available to students transferring from public school, and who meet certain financial qualifications. In addition, applications for standard financial aid and admissions are still being accepted. Please visit Epiphany Catholic School, or contact our Admissions Director at 540-825-9017. Our first Lacrosse games were held this week. Both boys and girls played hard and represented Epiphany well as athletes with wonderful sportsmanship. Way to go Stars! This is a very exciting and special time as we start this inaugural season!



AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

40 DAYS FOR LIFE For information about the 40 Days for Life Campaign or to volunteer, please go to www.40daysforlife.com

“May Holy Week Help Us Accept God’s Ways”

2015-03-24 Vatican Radio

Pope Francis on Tuesday invited all Christians to accept God’s love without being critical and making objections.

Taking his cue from the Gospel reading of the day that speaks of how the children of Israel complained against God during their journey through the desert and of how they objected to the “wretched food” provided, the Pope pointed out that God offers us salvation in a thousand different ways but too often we are incapable of accepting his “divine ways”.

And describing the attitude of many Christians today as “spiritually whimsical”, Francis said that we often commit the same kind of error, “becoming sullen and grumbly”.

“How many of us Christians find ourselves ‘poisoned’ by the dissatisfactions of life. Yes: God is good but... we are Christians but... This kind of Christian ends up not opening his heart to God’s Salvation, but always posing conditions. ‘Yes, I want to be saved but in this way...’ This attitude poisons the heart”.

Pope Francis said that to not accept God’s gift in the way it is offered is a sin. It poisons our soul, deprives it of joy. And Jesus – he said – solved this problem by climbing Mount Calvary.

“Jesus himself takes that poison upon himself. This ‘tepidness’ of ‘half-way’ Christians who show enthusiasm at the start of Jesus’ journey only to become dissatisfied on the way. The only way to heal is to look at the Cross, to look at God who takes upon himself our sins: my sin is there”.

How many Christians – the Pope concluded – today “die in the desert of their sorrow, grumbling and not accepting God’s way”.

“Let’s look at the serpent, at the poison, there, in the body of Christ. The poison of all the sins in the world and let us ask for the grace to accept difficult moments. To accept the divine way of salvation, to accept this ‘wretched food’ that the children of Israel lamented... Let’s accept the paths that the Lord leads us on. May this Holy Week – that begins on Sunday – help us to turn away from the temptation to become “Christians yes, but...”.