

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
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
office@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com
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April 12, 2015
“Second Sunday of Easter- Divine Mercy Sunday”

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. April 12

- 8:00 AM – Jocin & Jocinta Davies
- 11:30 AM + Marie Moran
- 4:00 PM + Sonia Elizabeth Martinez

Mon. April 13 – For the People – St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr

Readings: Acts 4:23-31, Jn 3:1-8

Tues. April 14 – Joseph Stanley (healing)

Readings: Acts 4:32-37, Jn 3:7b-15

Wed. April 15 + Elizabeth Fynberg

Readings: Acts 5:17-26, Jn 3:16-21

Thurs. April 16 – Anon Banabana (special intention)

Readings: Acts 5:27-33, Jn 3:31-36

Fri. April 17 + Carol Anne Brown

Readings: Acts 5:34-42, Jn 6:1-15

Sat. April 18

Readings: Acts 6:1-7, Jn 6:16-21

- 8:30 AM + Reagan Flemming
- 6:00 PM + Mary Sheehan

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

Second Sunday of Easter

Following the example of Jesus

- Reading I Acts 4:32–35 (life of the Christians)
- Reading II 1 John 5:1–6 (belief in Jesus Christ)
- Gospel John 20:19–31 (appearance to the disciples)

Key Passage Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul; no one claimed private ownership of any possessions; everything they owned was held in common. (Acts 4:32)

Adult What could you do this week to inspire your family to resemble the early Christians more closely?

Child What could you and your family do to help others who are in need?

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, Barbara Crosby, Cynthia Davies, Bill Daley, James Driscoll, Jackie

Fancher, Ryleigh Flemming, David Matthew Gendron, Bill Goetz, Tyler Hall, Ann Harrison, Elizabeth Hartwell, Rebecca Helsel, Linda Hemler, Betty Hescoc, 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, Efren 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: Holy One, we do not doubt that Jesus, the Messiah, lives again. Yet, only one short week from Easter, our thoughts are cluttered with insignificant activities and agendas. Refocus our attention on the joy of Easter, so that we may recognize all that we have received and be led to give cheerfully. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen. *John 20:19-31*

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Collection (4/5)	\$ 9,726.93
Building Fund	\$ 927.00
Epiphany School	\$ 529.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 805.97
Rice Bowls	\$1,242.60
Holy Land Shrines	\$ 1,963.26
Easter	\$ 6,393.26

BLA* \$ 90,099.00 or 27% of households. Our goal is \$115,000.00

MARCH TOTAL

Offering	\$ 58,120.42
Goal	\$ 57,500.00

FAITH DIRECT Now is the time to switch! Your monthly gift to the church will no longer be a string on your finger, it's as easy as 1-2-3! Stop by the office for a paper enrollment form or faithdirect.com

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

FRIDAY MASS on April 17th will be at Epiphany Catholic School.

SECOND COLLECTION on April 26th will be for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal

ADORATION continues on Thursday from 9am-9pm

CCD NEWS Classes resume today.

SPECIAL THANK YOU to the Altar Society for all of your hard work during Holy Week! And if you see **JULIE CANAVAN**, please give her an extra special thank you for everything she did behind the scenes to make Holy Week so beautiful.

HOLY HOUR Tomorrow night, Monday, from 7-8pm "Looking at the Eucharistic Lord for an hour transforms the heart in a mysterious way as the face of Moses was transformed after his companionship with God on the mountain." (Archbishop Fulton J Sheen)

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 kathypbcc@yahoo.com or office@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com Thank you!

LADIES AUXILIARY The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus will meet on Tuesday, April 14th at 10am in the Parish Hall.

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

THE WELCOMING COMMITTEE We need your help. The Committee needs volunteers in leadership, organizational and informative roles. 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 Parish Hall.

ST.STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET Needs for this week: canned chicken & chicken helper, side dishes (please, no mac & cheese or mashed potatoes), fruit (pears & fruit cocktail) and condiments (ketchup, mustard or mayo).

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

HOLY SPIRIT INTERACTIVE (HSI) Next meeting will be WEDNESDAY, **April 22**, 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.

ADULT EDUCATION This Sunday's (April 12) session features Drs. Joan and Roger Depue discussing "***Human Nature and Spiritual Growth.***" In this talk, they explore the inner dynamics of human nature that may cause a person to be unable to live the fullness of faith. The second part of their talk will be next Sunday, April 19. Come at 9:40 am in the Parish Hall and enjoy a stimulating, enlightening topic and presentation!

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

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

NEWS AND NEEDS

YARD SALE The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual yard sale on May 23rd. You may drop off items at the garage from May 18th to May 22nd from 6pm-8:30pm.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES Please let the office know if you are a high school graduate this year. The High School Graduation Mass will be May 31st and we would like to recognize you and your achievements.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS for the Father Maurice duCastillon, Father Leo Zonneveld and the Ladies Auxiliary scholarships will soon be available in the vestibule. Current graduating high school seniors who are active members of the parish are welcome to apply!

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.

SONGS FROM MY HOMELAND The Precious Blood Music Ministry will be hosting a brunch on May 24th from 9:30-10:30 am in the parish hall to celebrate that there is **One Lord, One Faith, One Parish, Many Tongues**. If you would like to share a song from you or your family's homeland please contact our Director of Music Hannah Masson at hannahmasson@yahoo.com or 540-229-5329. A freewill donation will be taken up for the Freda Kratochvil Pastoral Musician Fund that helps young musicians in our parish attend workshops or conventions to foster their growth as liturgical musicians.

DIVINE MERCY Please join us immediately following mass as we pray the **DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET** in atonement for our sins and for God's mercy to pour out upon us and on the whole world.



School resumes tomorrow, Monday, April 13th.

Pope Francis: Lord, help us to live the virtue of generosity, to love without limits.

AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Like in the gospel today, sometimes our minds need to be opened to know what God has done for us, and what he wants for us in our marriage. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend 18-20 September in Herndon or 6-8 November in Herndon. For more information or to apply, visit our website at renewmarriage-vanorth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or [703-378-4150](tel:703-378-4150).

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. 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

"POPE FRANCIS AND THE MISSION OF THE LAITY" – presentation by papal adviser Come hear Honduran Cardinal Oscar Andres Rodriguez Maradiaga, SDB, head of the council of cardinals and president of Caritas Internationalis, at 7 p.m. on May 1 at St. Francis Hall (1349 Quincy Street NE, Washington, DC). This keynote is part of the World Care Benefit and Celebration commemorating the 25th anniversary of DC-based Catholic nonprofit Franciscan Mission Service. Come enjoy wine, hors d'oeuvres, dessert, and a silent auction while supporting lay mission at home and abroad. For more information, visit <http://franciscanmissionservice.org/worldcare2015>.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Pope John Paul II made the surprise announcement of this change in his homily at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000. There, he declared: "It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church, will be called '*Divine Mercy Sunday*.'" "

By the words "the whole message," Pope John Paul II was referring to the connection between the "Easter Mystery of the Redemption" — in other words, the suffering, death, burial, resurrection, and ascension of Christ, followed by the sending of the Holy Spirit — and this Feast of Divine Mercy, the Octave Day of Easter, which fulfills the grace of atonement as lived through by Christ Jesus and offered to all who come to Him with trust.

This connection is evident from the scripture readings appointed for this Sunday. As John Paul said, citing the Responsorial Psalm of the Liturgy, "The Church sings ... as if receiving from Christ's lips these words of the Psalm." "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His steadfast love (= mercy) endures forever" (Ps 118:1). And then, Pope John Paul II developed the connection further: "[This comes] from the lips of the risen Christ, who bears the great message of Divine Mercy and entrusts its ministry to the Apostles in the Upper Room 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I send you. ... Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained'" (Jn 20:21-23).

The Meaning of the Day

Clearly, Divine Mercy Sunday is not a new feast established to celebrate St. Faustina's revelations. Indeed, it is not *primarily* about St. Faustina at all — nor is it altogether a *new* feast! As many commentators have pointed out, The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter; nevertheless, the title "Divine Mercy Sunday" does highlight and amplify the meaning of the day. In this way, it recovers an ancient liturgical tradition, reflected in a teaching attributed to St. Augustine about the Easter Octave, which he called "the days of mercy and pardon," and the Octave Day itself "the compendium of the days of mercy."

Liturgically the Easter Octave has *always* been centered on the theme of Divine Mercy and forgiveness. Divine Mercy Sunday, therefore, points us to the merciful love of God that lies behind the whole Paschal Mystery — the whole mystery of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ — made present for us in the Eucharist. In this way, it also sums up the whole Easter Octave. As Pope John Paul II pointed out in his *Regina Caeli* address on Divine Mercy Sunday, 1995: "the whole octave of Easter is like a single day," and the Octave Sunday is meant to be the day of "thanksgiving for the goodness God has shown to man in the whole Easter mystery."

Clearly, the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday does not compete with, nor endanger the integrity of, the Easter Season. After all, Divine Mercy Sunday is the Octave Day of Easter, a day that celebrates the merciful love of God shining through the whole Easter Triduum and the whole Easter mystery. It is a day of declaration of reparation for all sin, thus the Day of Atonement.