

PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASSES

Saturday: 6:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00 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
Patricia Reed, Director of Religious Education
Miriam Medina, Dir. of Liturgy/Hispanic Liaison
Hannah Masson, Director of Music
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-6)
12:15 – 1:30 p.m. (7-12)

EPIPHANY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Preschool: 3 & 4 year old
Elementary: K-5
Middle School: 6-8

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April 27, 2014
“Divine Mercy Sunday”

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week:

Sun. April 27 8:30 AM Maria Saporito (healing)

Sun. April 27 11:00 AM Ellen Moffet (dec)

Mon. Apr. 28- Deb Schwall (healing)

St. Peter Chanel and St. Louis Grignion, Priests

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

Tues. Apr. 29 Edna McClure (healing)

St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

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

Wed. Apr. 30 – Margherita Peruch (dec)

St. Pius, V, Pope

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

Thurs. May 1 – Mariajose Linares (special intention)

St. Joseph the Worker

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

Fri. May 2 – Sandy Minihan (special intention)

St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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

Sat. May 3- 9:00AM - Dolores Knittle

Sat. May 3- 11:30 AM

Sat. May 3- 2 PM

Sat. May 3- 6 PM- Bill McClure (healing)

Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

Readings: 1 Cor 15:1-8 Jn 14:6-14

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

Second Sunday of Easter

Encouraging others

Reading I Acts 2:42-47 (communal life)

Reading II 1 Peter 1:3-9 (thanksgiving)

Gospel John 20:19-31 (appearance to the disciples; Thomas)

Key Passage Then Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." (John 20:27)

Adult: We show our faith when we demonstrate courage in the face of difficulty. What could you do this week to help strengthen someone?

Child: What could you do this week to encourage someone who is sad or discouraged?

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: Hector Baez, Ric Barklund, Taylor Bartley, Danny Call, Elizabeth Carlton Occhiogrosso, Dr. Tom Calhoun, Michael Combs, Roger Corum, Cynthia Davies, Bill Daley, Diane Denton, Sue Doetzer, Jackie Fancher, John Farrelly, Regan

Flemming, Ryleigh Flemming, Wanda Gearing, Bill Goetz, Charles Hall, Ann Harrison, Joan Helton, Betty Hescocx, Kate Dillon Hogan, Eileen Hunter, Alex Hyde, Jean Johnson, Freda Kratochvil, Ann Kroenert, Bryan Lorenz, Frank McPhillips, Efren Diaz Miguel, Jim Minihan, Marcia Peacock, Shawn Peet, Rich Rosado, Jerry Roy, Ines Sanchez, Roberto Sanson, Yrene Rey, Cissy Staiger, Ray Tap, Trey Sullivan Terry, Tracey Toomey, John Victor 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: O God, you have blessed us. We are grateful . . . for friends, for faith, for freedom. Now, we offer these gifts in thankfulness and in joy. We are giving money and rejoicing about it. We rejoice because we offer this money to be used for good in this world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen. **John 20:19-31**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Offertory Collection (4/13)	\$9,506.12
Faith Direct	\$8,123.00
Easter Collection (4/20)	\$16,669.22
Easter Flowers	\$228.00
Rice Bowl	\$1,986.52
Holy Land	\$1,941.23
Catholic Relief Services	\$2,367.80
Epiphany (4/13)	\$70.00
Epiphany Faith Direct	\$47.00
Building Fund (4/13)	\$105.00
Building Fund Faith Direct	\$295.00

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

RCIA The next session will be **Tuesday, April 29th**. The start of Period IV, called Mystagogia.

BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL from our last report from the diocese: of the 952 households 321 have made pledges or 34% for a total of \$118885 or **108% of our goal**. A big thank you to all who have participated.

SECOND COLLECTION this weekend is for Catholic Home Missions. Catholic Home Missions gives out grants to U.S. dioceses that lack the resources for basic pastoral ministries. One example is Bismarck, ND which has had a sudden oil boom and the Catholic population has grown to almost 62,000.

ST IGNATIUS PRAYER STUDY GROUP meets on **Wed., from 9:30-10:30 AM** in the rectory meeting room.

PRO-LIFE "The Catholic community must offer support to those women who may find it difficult to accept a child, above all when they are isolated from their family and friends. Likewise, the community should be open to welcome back all who repent of having participated in the grave sin of abortion, and should guide them with pastoral charity to accept the grace of forgiveness, the need for penance, and the joy of entering once more into the new life of Christ." *Pope Benedict XVI*.

ST.STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET needs pork and beans, crackers, personal care items, Ramen noodles, rice and pasta dishes, and beef stew.

NEWS AND NEEDS



MUSIC April 29th is the feast of St. Catherine of Siena who wrote that "If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world ablaze!" To those who were confirmed yesterday and are musicians, either by voice or instrument...let the Holy Spirit continue His work in you by serving in the music ministry. Help set the whole world (at least here at Precious Blood) ablaze by the gift of your talents. Please contact Mrs. Hannah Masson at 540-825-9650 or hannahmasson@yahoo.com and be a musician for God!



SPRING YARD SALE is scheduled for Sat. May 24 from 8 AM- 2 PM in the Parish Garage. Members of the Knights will be available Mon. May 19-Fri. May 23rd from 6-8:30PM to accept your SALEABLE donations. To arrange for pick-up of large bulky items contact Joe Kratochvil 825-7273; Mario Calvano, 829-0690; or John Brown, 825-1681. Also delicious home baked goods will be available from the Ladies Auxiliary. Shop early for the best selections.

KOVAR: The Knights of Columbus will be conducting their 39th Annual KOVAR Fundraising Drive for Virginians with ID (Intellectual Disabilities). We will be collecting outside of church after all the Masses on Sat. May 3 and Sun. May 4. We were successful in making our goal of \$13,000 last year and hope to raise \$13,200 this year.

FAITH DIRECT: With spring here and summer approaching, now is a great time to enroll in the automatic electronic giving program with Faith Direct. Electronic giving, in place of envelopes, is simply the easiest way for you to make your weekly offering. **Faith Direct has two dates, the 4th or 15th of the month, for you to make your weekly offertory support.** Please consider enrolling by visiting www.faithdirect.net and use our church code, **VA226**, or pick up an enrollment form from the church rectory office or in the church foyer.

HOLY SPIRIT INTERACTIVE (HSI) Next meeting will be Wed. April 30th at 7 PM in the Annex. The Topic will be "Growing Faith." All are welcome.



Dear Families,
I am pleased to announce that

Mrs. Jeri Beverstock has accepted the position of Physical Education Teacher and coach at Epiphany Catholic School for the school year 2014-15. Mrs. Beverstock's familiar face in the coaching field of Epiphany/ Saint Luke's will also now include Physical Education instruction two days a week. Her expertise with forming competitive teams and scheduling these teams to play in competitive leagues will continue in her new role. The added plus that Mrs. Beverstock is a registered nurse is an assurance that our students will be well cared for during physical activities that she will supervise.

LADIES AUXILIARY will meet **Mon. May 12th** at 3:30 PM in the Old Rectory.

LEGION OF MARY "(The Legion) bases its method of spirituality and apostolate on the dynamic principle of union with Mary, on the truth of the intimate participation of the Virgin Mary in the plan of salvation. . .Where the Mother is, there too is the Son. When one moves away from the Mother, sooner or later he ends up keeping distant from the Son as well." (Pope John Paul II).

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES If you are graduating High School this year, we would like you to contact the office and let us know. office@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com.

MOTHER'S DAY is May 11th. You may want to remember your mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, sister, aunt (living or deceased) with a **Mother's Day Remembrance Mass Card**. They can be found in the church foyer. They will be remembered in a Novena of Masses during the month of May. Envelopes can also be found in the pews.

AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

NEW POST-ABORTION WEBSITE An invitation for help, healing and hope is waiting for you at www.helpafterabortion.org. It's a safe place to take the first step to learn about healing after abortion. All inquiries for assistance are completely confidential. Talk to someone who understands. For more information visit the website or call 888-456-HOPE (4673).

CULPEPER LITERACY COUNCIL will be holding a Literacy Tutor Training Workshop on Sat. May 3rd from 9 AM to 4 PM. Please call 825-5804.

YOUNG @ HEART My name is Mary Guyant at 540-347-5443, we have a Young @ Heart Group here at St. John's in Warrenton. We are 55 and over, who attend, participate, and keep active. We want to invite you to join us. We meet the 1st Friday of each month after 8:30 Mass for coffee, snacks, and fellowship, guest speakers, entertainment, etc.

YOUNG ADULT COUNTRYSIDE CANOE & KAYAK TRIP – MAY 10 All young adults are invited on an 11-mile trip on the Shenandoah River. The cost is \$35/canoe or \$40/person/single kayak. For more info contact Erin Kisley at 703-841-2549 or yam@arlingtondiocese.org.

GO FORTH WITH HEARTS ON FIRE WORKSHOP is a diocesan workshop based on the pastoral letter by Bishop Loverde. This workshop is designed to bring a hands-on engagement with the contents of the letter, and how to apply them directly to your spiritual, personal, family and professional life. **Sat. May 31st** at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Vienna, VA. Morning Session Option (8:30-11:30 AM cost is \$25 and does not include lunch) Full Day Option (8:30 AM-2:00 PM cost is \$40 does include lunch) Register at www.arlingtondiocese.org/heartsonfire/workshop.

Our Virginia Bishops have filed an Amicus Brief: <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/newsdetails.aspx?Pageid=422&id=6704> and the USCCB has asked us all to stand up: <http://www.marriageuniqueforareason.org/2014/04/08/march-marriage-june-19-2014/>

Pope Francis: Each encounter with Jesus fills us with joy, with that deep joy which only God can give.

How to Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet

Begin with the Sign of the Cross: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Our Father ..Hail Mary ... The Apostles' Creed

On the Our Father beads: "*Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.*"

On the Hail Mary beads: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

(Repeat step 2 and 3 for all five decades).

Conclude with (three times): Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

Among all of the elements of devotion to The Image of Divine Mercy requested by Our Lord through St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, the Feast of Mercy holds first place. The Lord's will with regard to its establishment was already made known in His first revelation to the saint, as recorded in her *Diary*. In all, there were 14 revelations concerning the desired feast.

Our Lord's explicit desire is that this feast be celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. This Sunday is designated in "The Liturgy of the Hours and the Celebration of the Eucharist" as the "Octave Day of Easter." Now, by the Decree of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, the name of this liturgical day has been changed to: "Second Sunday of Easter, or Divine Mercy Sunday."

Pope John Paul II said, "It is important then that we accept the whole message." By the words "the whole message," 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."

The Image of The Divine Mercy that St. Faustina saw, which is to be venerated on Divine Mercy Sunday, represents the Risen Christ bringing mercy to the world (see *Diary* 49, 88, 299, 341, 570, 742). "Jesus shows His hands and His side [to the Apostles]. He points, that is, to the wounds of the Passion, especially the wound in His Heart, the source from which flows the great wave of mercy poured out on humanity.

"From that Heart, will see two rays of light shining from that Heart and illuminating the world: **'The two rays,'** Jesus Himself explained to her one day, **'represent blood and water'** (*Diary*, 299). "*Blood and water!* We immediately think of the testimony

given by the Evangelist John, who, when a soldier on Calvary pierced Christ's side with his spear, sees blood and water flowing from it (see Jn 19:34). Moreover, if the blood recalls the sacrifice of the cross and the gift of the Eucharist, the water, in Johannine symbolism, represents not only Baptism but also the gift of the Holy Spirit" (see Jn 3:5; 4:14; 7:37-39).

Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when **"all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened"**. (*Diary* 699) Our Lord made a great promise to all those souls who would go to Confession and then receive Him in Holy Communion on the Feast of Mercy.

Jesus promised that **"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."**(*Diary* 699) He went on to say **"I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy."** (*Diary* 1109)

Jesus said **"...tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon the souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.... Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy"**. (*Diary* 699)

The Church allows for one to go to Confession for up to about 20 days, before or after Divine Mercy Sunday.

