

PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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EPIPHANY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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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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June 1, 2014
“Ascension of the Lord”

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week:

Sun. June 1 8:30 AM Raymond Baker (dec)

Sun. June 1 11:00 AM Tom Hertz (dec)

Mon. June 2 Pat DiiBon (dec)

Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

Readings: Acts 19:1-8 Jn 16:29-33

Tues. June 3 Mother's Day Novenas

St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Readings: Acts 20:17-27 Jn 17:1-11a

Wed. June 4 Mother's Day Novenas

Readings: Acts 20:28-38 Jn 17:11b-19

Thurs. June 5 – Mother's Day Novenas

St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

Readings: Acts 22:30,23:6-11 Jn 17:20-26

Fri. June 6 – Mother's Day Novenas

St. Norbert, Bishop

Readings: Acts 25:13b-21 Jn 21:15-19

Sat. June 7- 8:30 AM – Patrick Yorck (dec)

Readings: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Jn 21:20-25

Sat. June 7 6PM – Connie Wiersberg

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

Ascension

Reading I Acts 1:1–11 (Jesus' final instructions and ascension)

Reading II Ephesians 1:17–23 (exaltation of Christ)

Gospel Matthew 28:16–20 (I am with you always)

Key Passage Acts 1:8 (power to proclaim the good news)

Adult: Jesus promises to be with us always. How do you experience his presence most?

Child: What good news about Jesus could you share with someone?



ALTAR FLOWERS Please note!

Altar flowers are available for requests **for many weekends.**

Please call the rectory office, if interested.

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, 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, Billy Hall, Ann Harrison, Betty Hescoc, Kate Dillon Hogan, Eileen Hunter, Alex Hyde, Ann Kroenert, Mary Logan, Bryan Lorenz, Frank McPhillips, Phillip Leo Mercer, Efen Diaz Miguel, Jim Minihan, Beth Moreland, Mary Neureither, Marcia Peacock, Shawn Peet, Rich Rosado, Jerry Roy, Ines Sanchez, Roberto Sanson, Yrene Rey, Cissy Staiger, Ray Tap, 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: Majestic Lord, you unselfishly provide us with the sanctuary of your love. You wisely calm our imagined fears while nurturing our dream-filled hopes. Grant us the ability to serve you faithfully. Joyfully, we honor you with these tithes and offerings. Blessed be your name! Amen. Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Offertory Collection (5/25)	\$6,100.02
Faith Direct	\$975.00
Epiphany (5/25)	\$100.00
Epiphany Faith Direct	\$257.00
Building Fund (5/25)	\$20.00
Building Fund Faith Direct	\$115.00
Work Camp to date	\$1,881.00
Baby Bottle to date	\$723.21

PENTECOST is next weekend and we ask all parishioners to wear red in celebration of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD



CONGRATULATIONS to William Weeks and Rachael Potts who were united together in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, May 31st and Josh Patterson and Stephanie Willett who were also united together on Sat. May 31st.

CONFIRMATION TEACHERS MEETING with Fr. Anselme on Wed. June 4th at 7 PM in the Parish Hall.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING will be this Friday, June 6th at 9:30.

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

BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL from our last report from the diocese: of the 949 households 338 have made pledges or 36% for a total of \$123,420 or **112% of our goal**. A big thank you to all who have participated.

HOLY SPIRIT INTERACTIVE (HSI) Next meeting will be Wednesday, **June 11**, at 7:00 pm in the Annex. Topic is "Christianity and the Art of Motorcycle Riding." All are welcome.

HOLY HOUR for June will be **Mon. June 23rd** at 7 PM. (Note: this is a date change). This will help kick off the Fortnight for Freedom: Freedom to Serve. The Fortnight for Freedom will focus on the freedom to serve the poor and vulnerable in accord with human dignity and the Church's teaching.

SECOND COLLECTION today is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Our lives are affected constantly by the messages communicated through the Internet. Through the CCC, Catholics can use this new public square to "effectively promote the harmony of the human family." (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI)

THANK YOU from the members of the Knights of Columbus and the Ladies' Auxiliary to the parish for donations and purchases made during the Spring Yard Sale and Bake Sale last Saturday. Without your help we would not have realized the outstanding results that we did.

PRO-LIFE "America you are beautiful...and blessed.... The ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless. If you want equal justice for all and true freedom and lasting peace, then America, defend life."
-Pope St. John Paul II

AAA WOMEN FOR CHOICE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN Return to the church by **June 1**. Please make your checks payable to Precious Blood. Thank you for your generosity.

FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE took place at the Amethyst Abortion Clinic in Manassas this spring. During this prayer campaign one of the abortionists, Dr. Akoda, met with a priest and declared himself out of the abortion business. Please give God all praise and glory for this wonderful conversion and remember to keep Dr Akoda in your prayers for spiritual protection as he walks a new path in his life.

WALK FOR LIFE Thank you to the members of our parish who participated in the recent Walk for Life as well as those who sponsored one of the walkers. Pledges from members of Precious Blood amounted to \$2,045. Thank you also to the RADIX for participating in the 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign.

NEWS AND NEEDS

ST.STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET needs saltine crackers, any canned meat especially chicken, individual serving oatmeal packs, and rice and potato side dishes (not mashed).

MUSIC Are you a young parishioner in grades 2 through 7? Do you love to sing? Join our children's choir! We will have a rehearsal next Sunday, June 8, from 12:15-1:15 pm in the parish hall to prepare for serving at the 11:00 am mass on Father's Day (June 15th). Come share your talents for our Lord and our dads! Please contact Mrs. Gina Rossetti at 540-937-2320 or eprossetti@yahoo.com for more information.



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION MASS

Congratulations to all our High School Graduates: Elvis Badilla, Elizabeth Berger, Amber Bouchard, Rachel Brakowiecki, Sean Brown, Deidre Burket, Stephanie Canavan, Emily Dietz, Amberleigh Dix, Liam Kearney, Samantha Koberlein, Bea Laybourne, John Minihan, Nicole Murphy, Brian Quetsch, Nicole Scalzo, Christina Shaw, Anna Stackhouse, Cody Vick, and Nick Watson. The best to you in your future plans.

LEGION OF MARY "Its members thus grown into living copies of Mary, the Legion sees itself in truth a Legion of Mary, united to her mission and guaranteed her victory. It will bring Mary to the world, and she will give light to the world and presently set it all ablaze." (Frank Duff, Founder of the Legion)



The Pigs' Side of the Story

Our end of the year school play,

The Pigs' Side of the Story, was quite a production! Every Epiphany student was involved in the production in one way or another: actors, music, props, cues, technology-you name it, the kids did it! Our thanks to Mrs. Watson for her dedication, creativity, organization and commitment to this project. It was a lot of work! Thanks also to our fantastic parents for all of their help and support on many levels, and to our teachers for their flexibility during practices. The students had a great time, are so proud of the work they did and proud that they were able to present it to you!

There will be a lot of work to do over the next few months in order to be ready for the 2014-15 school year. I am asking all parishioners from our regional community to find time this summer to participate in your regional school's future site. I know what

TEAM EPIPHANY can do, I am confident that we will be ready to open 2014-15 with a beautiful state of the art school! Below are some of the items to consider. Please call the office (540-825-9017) to put your name on our Clean Out, Clean Up, or Move In lists:

- Planning of the Mary Courtyard
- Trash removal 2 dumpster pulls
- General finish, repairs and upgrades
- Athletic fields repair
- Moving

SUMMER JUICE BOX DRIVE Thank you for your continued support of the Power Pack Program! As of May 26th we've collected 300 juice boxes. **Our parish's goal is 2500 100% juice boxes by Aug 1.** Please place your juice boxes in the bright green box in the church foyer. Monetary donations can be dropped off at the church office. Contact Kelly Wilton for more information (wilton3knr@yahoo.com or 825-4795). Thank you for your support and for helping to feed Culpeper's hungry children!

FATHER'S DAY is June 15th. You may want to remember your father, father-in-law, grandfather, brother, uncle (living or deceased) with a **Father'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 June.

AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

2014 MARCH FOR MARRIAGE will be June 19th in Washington DC on the Capitol Grounds. Visit www.MarriageMarch.org. Stand Up. Protect Freedom. Defend Marriage.

DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN will be Friday, June 13 to June 15. This annual retreat is an ideal opportunity for any discerning women (ages 18-50) Those interested should contact the Office of Vocations.

PROJECT RACHEL has a new website for post-abortive clients is www.helpafterabortion.org. For more information call 888-456-HOPE (4673).

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER As Jesus prayed to his Father, He said, "I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do." Do we glorify God on earth by living out our marriage vows faithfully? Restore, renew and rekindle your marriage on an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. See www.renewmarriage-vanorth.org.

Pope Francis: To live by faith means to put our lives in the hands of God, especially in our most difficult moments.

ENLIGHTENED TO OUR CALLING AND DESTINY

At the end of school what do you want to do?

- I want to go to college.

After college what do you want to do?

- I want to get a job.

Then what do you want to do?

- I want to make big money.

What do you want to do after making money?

- I want to build a big house.

After that what do you intend to do?

- I want to get married.

What will you do after getting married?

- I will have a family.

What will you do after having a family?

- I will retire.

What do you want to do after you retire?

- I want to take a rest.

What will you do after taking a rest?

- I don't know.

Will you die?

- Oh yes, I will die too.

We are so busy doing things, achieving, making progress that we can forget what life is all about, preparing to meet God in heaven. The Ascension of Jesus reminds us that during our lives we are “only passing through” on this earth, as we say. We are pilgrims on a journey. Just as Jesus’ earthly life was temporary, and he ascended to sit at the right hand of the Father, so also our lives here are temporary, will come to an end, and we will meet God in the next life. The Ascension of Jesus reminds us in all of our busyness not to forget what life is all about. The student had an answer for everything but never thought about dying and what would happen then.

May God our Father...enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. (Eph 1:17-19)

It is a most beautiful prayer and description of living life preparing for eternal life. The Ascension

of Jesus reminds us that God has great plans for us that are out of this world.

You can look at yourself in three ways: what *you* think of yourself, what *others* think of you, and what *God* thinks of you. The most important is what God thinks of you. What does God think of you? The second reading gives us the answer. God looks on you as his son or daughter since you were baptized.

As we listen to so many reports about corruption it seems that people use all sorts of ways of exerting power and influence over others. Does God exert any power or influence over our lives? Jesus rose from the dead, and therefore God the Father “has put all things under his [Christ’s] feet”. (Eph 1:22) This is the power and influence of God exerts over you. So the prayer continues,

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Before Jesus ascended, he entrusted his mission to the Apostles saying, “Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations...” (Matt 28:19;) While that mission was entrusted to the Apostles, and to the bishops who are the successors of the Apostles, and their assistants, the priests, you can assist them in their mission to evangelize by praying for them and assisting them in their work for the Lord in so many ways, especially by giving witness that you follow Christ. This is another way in which you live the prayer of the second reading seeing what hope his call holds for you.

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