

PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Culpeper, Virginia 22701
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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
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-12)

EPIPHANY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

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September 14, 2014
“Exaltation of the Holy Cross”

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week:

Sun. Sept. 14 8:00 AM – Richard Dowsett (dec)

Sun. Sept. 14 11:30 AM- Chris Orlando (dec)

Sun. Sept. 14 4:00 PM- 3rd Wedding Anniv. Of Mauricio and Norma Rosales and 3rd birthday of Kaylie Caballero

Mon. September 15- Our Lady of Sorrows

Readings: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33 Jn 19:25-27

Tues. September 16- Sts. Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

Readings: 1 Cor12:12-14, 27-31a Lk 7:11-17

Wed. September 17- St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Readings: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 Lk 7:31-35

Thurs. September 18 –

Readings: 1 Cor 15:1-11Lk 7:36-50

Fri. September 19- Lisa Ballard (healing) St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

Readings: 1 Cor 15:12-20 Lk 8:1-3

Sat. September 20 8:30 AM –St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

Readings: 1 Cor 15:35-37,42-49 Lk 8:4-15

Sat. September 20 6:00 PM –

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

ALTAR FLOWERS



Altar flowers this weekend are in memory of Nancy Baudhuin from Michael Baudhuin.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS meeting Monday, Sept. 15th at 7 PM in the church.



LORD HEAR THE PRAYER FOR OUR

SICK, Especially: Sam Aitken, Frederic

Althor, Hector Baez, Lisa Ballard, Ric Barklund, Taylor Bartley, Xavier Van Bastelaer, Danny Call, Dr. Tom Calhoun, Michael Combs, Roger Corum, Cynthia Davies, Bill Daley, Sue Doetzer, James Driscoll, Jackie

Fancher, Regan Flemming, Ryleigh Flemming, Bill Goetz, Billy Hall, Elizabeth Hartwell, Linda Hemler, Elizabeth Hartwell, Betty Hescox, Eileen Hunter, Alex Hyde, Mary Logan, Bryan Lorenz, Sherie McAlpine, Frank McPhillips, Phillip Leo Mercer, Efren Diaz Miguel, Jim Minihan, Beth Moreland, Mary Neureither, Marcia Peacock, Shawn Peet, Charlene Poore, Rich Rosado, Jerry Roy, Ines Sanchez, Roberto Sanson, Yrene Rey, Cissy Staiger, Ray Tap, 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: Patient Lord, you amaze us each day with your ability to forgive our many sins. You display merciful acts and answer our prayers in profound ways. Help us to be stewards of your mercy and grace as these monetary gifts are transformed into active ministries. Multiply the span of these ministries to reach people in new ways. We pray in the name of the one who teaches true forgiveness, Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Collection (9/7)	\$ 10,359.51
Second collection for Middle East	\$ 1,423.12
Building fund (9/7)	\$ 1,340.00
Epiphany	\$ 828.00
Foundation for the Future	\$ 50.00

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

FRIDAY DAILY MASS on Sept. 19th will be at Precious Blood at 8:30.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING Will be held in the church at 10:00am today for children in the 5th grade and up. Feel welcome to contact Robert Beattie at

Robert.Brian.Beattie@alum.villanova.edu

THANK YOU A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus, DJ Ian Chini, Chef Blessinger, vocalist/guitarist Mark Farkas, Rocky's Rentals, Epiphany School, and the host of volunteers who contributed their time, talent, delicious dishes and brawn to the annual picnic! Many blessings on the ministry basket winners! We look forward to next year with more of everything!

PRECIOUS BLOOD T-SHIRTS Loved the t-shirts? Didn't have money with you and still want a shirt? They are available in the Rectory office. Stop by and pick yours up today. Only \$10 "In Him we live and move and have our being" Acts 17:28

ST IGNATIUS PRAYER STUDY GROUP If you wish to learn more about the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, please join us on Wednesdays in the rectory meeting room from 9:30-10:30 AM. We use the DVDs by Fr. Timothy Gallagher and follow up with discussion that helps us in our spiritual development. Call Catherine Murphy at 825-7734.

HOLY SPIRIT INTERACTIVE (HSI) Next meeting will be WEDNESDAY, Sept. 24, at 7:00 pm at the home of Steve and Ellie Johnston (857 Fox Den Road, Culpeper). Topic is "Trial By Fire." All are welcome.

SECOND COLLECTION this weekend is for our Religious Education program. It helps to cover the costs and materials of the program.

FAITH DIRECT: With the arrival of autumn, I'd like to invite you to join *Faith Direct*, our parish's electronic eGiving program. Our to-do lists can get lengthy this back-to-school season, but *Faith Direct's* eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week - no more envelopes to find and checks to write before you go to Mass. Enroll today by visiting www.faithdirect.net and use our church code, VA226 or pick up an enrollment form from the parish office to get started!

LEGION OF MARY "The system of the Legion of Mary is a most excellent one." (Pope St. John Paul II). Is the Blessed Mother calling YOU to our meetings on Wednesdays at 7 pm.

PRO-LIFE "The right to life is the first human right. Abortion is killing someone that cannot defend him or herself." Cardinal Bergoglio with Rabbi Abraham Skorka.

PREGNANCY CENTER DESSERT RECEPTION Make your reservation now to attend the 17th Candlelight Fundraising Dessert Reception on Oct. 18th. Benefiting the Pregnancy Center in Culpeper. It will held at the Daniel Technology Center at 7 PM. For more information contact Dave Craven at 825-2265.

NEWS AND NEEDS

ST.STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET August finished serving the largest number of families (409) and the largest number of meals (11,865) for the year. Unfortunately, August had the lowest food donations and money donations of the year. We are just plain out of several items. This week: canned chicken/chicken helper, gravy, pancake mix/syrup, individual oatmeal packs.

CCD STARTS SEPTEMBER 21ST. Last chance to register your child for CCD will be after all Masses this weekend. Or register online at: www.showmyevent.com. A link is on our homepage of our website. Registration closes Oct. 31st. Confirmation preparation is a two-year program. The first year of Confirmation is for 8th graders. Classes will meet from 9:30-10:45 at the church.

RCIA ORIENTATION Those needing sacraments or wishing to join the Church are invited to the RCIA Session 2 on Tues., Sept 16, at 6:45 PM in the rectory meeting room. Topic: "Our desire and capacity for God." Please contact Bob Wiersberg 937-6143 H or 222-8672 C.

THE DANIEL PLAN The Bible teaches us that our bodies are very important to God and he wants us to take care of them. The Daniel Plan is 40 days to healthier life by Rick Warren. Come and see what it is all about. Today Sept. 14th 6:30-8:00pm in the annex. For more info contact Loretta Schlosser 727-2070.



MUSIC 5 MORE GREAT REASONS FOR JOINING ONE OF OUR CHOIRS: 1) We need you. 2) You'll always have a seat at mass 3) You

want to be part of the solution and not just complain about our music program □ 4) You need involvement, Charlie Brown! 5) Music makes your whole heart want to sing--*Clifford the dog*. Please contact Mr. John Flemming to join our Heritage Choir at 540-222-5402 bigpsyguy@aol.com, Mrs. Theresa Watson to join our Precious Blood Choir at 540-229-5113 usswatson6@yahoo.com, Ms. Megan Canavan to join our teen acoustic group One Voice at 540-727-1112 onevoicepbcc@aol.com, or Mrs. Gina Rosetti to join our Children's Choir at 937-2320 eprosetti@yahoo.com.



Last Sunday September 7th, was a wonderful opportunity

for parishioners to see first-hand the beautiful facility of Epiphany Catholic School at the annual church picnic. It was a beautiful day of good food, fun and fellowship. I look forward to seeing this religious community come together at future functions at our school such as the consignment sale in October and the Gala in November. On Tuesday, we had our Back to School Night. It was very well attended by our parents and many parents commended on how well the school looked, upgrades in technology, and security system that has been installed. We still have room in our lower school classes except kindergarten and fifth grade which are closed due to enrollment. Please come by for a tour. It's not too late. Our preschool also still has a few openings in our three year old program.

AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

C.A.N. JOB MINISTRY Appointments are available from 6:30-8:30pm every second and fourth Tuesday. Please call 703-944-8515 to reserve your appointment.

Pope Francis: Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He seeks us out and he stays near us even though we are sinners, indeed because we are sinners.

THREE POWERFUL DEBATES: COME JOIN THE DEVIL'S ADVOCATE SERIES on September 8th, 15th, and 22nd at **Bishop O'Connell High School** auditorium in Arlington. This series is designed as a dialogue between an antagonist and a defender of the teachings of the Catholic Church. See the website for more details -

www.arlingtondiocese.org/devilsadvocate.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING

Please join us for the International Day of Prayer on Saturday, September 20, 2014 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC, from 9am-4pm. Registration is FREE, but please register online at www.iwopf.org to receive a free prayer packet at the Basilica event. This day is part of the 22nd International Week of Prayer and Fasting, September 20-28, 2014. Speakers include Dr. Scott Hahn, Johnnette Benkovic and Fr. Dermot Roache. For more information visit www.iwopf.org.

CELEBRATING A SILVER OR GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR?

Were you married in 1964 or 1989? Then join Bishop Loverde for the 2014 Marriage Jubilee Mass to be celebrated on October 19 at 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More. Contact the parish office to register no later than September 19. For more information, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/familylife/MJM.aspx.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Would you like to relive the excitement, romance and passion from your honeymoon? Rekindle that spark on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend is Nov 14-16 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.



The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrates three historical events: the finding of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the emperor Constantine; the dedication of churches built by Constantine on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and Mount Calvary; and the restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem by the emperor Heraclius II. But in a deeper sense, the feast also celebrates the Holy Cross as the instrument of our salvation. This instrument of torture, designed to degrade the worst of criminals, became the life-giving tree that reversed Adam's Original Sin when he ate from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the Garden of Eden.

Early in the fourth century St. Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher over the tomb. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

To this day the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.

The cross is today the universal image of Christian belief. Countless generations of artists have turned it into a thing of beauty to be carried in procession or worn as jewelry. To the eyes of the first Christians, it had no beauty. It stood outside too many city walls, decorated only with decaying corpses, as a threat to anyone who defied Rome's authority—including Christians who refused sacrifice to Roman gods. Although believers spoke of the cross as the instrument of salvation, it seldom appeared in Christian art unless disguised as an anchor or the Chi-Rho until after Constantine's edict of toleration.

"How splendid the cross of Christ! It brings life, not death; light, not darkness; Paradise, not its loss. It is the wood on which the Lord, like a great warrior, was wounded in hands and feet and side, but healed thereby our wounds. A tree has destroyed us, a tree now brought us life" (Theodore of Studios).

<http://www.americancatholic.org/features/saints/saint.aspx?id=1138>