

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.....Dir. of Religious Education
Miriam Medina.....Dir. of Liturgy/Hispanic Liaison
Danielle Gambale-Metz.....Office Staff-Notary
Theresa Watson.....Choir Director
John Flemming.....Heritage Choir Director
Julie Dawley.....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.....Business 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 Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 pm and Saturdays 4:00 to 5:30 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 arrangements.

CCD CLASSES

540-825-1339

Sunday: 9:30-10:45 a.m. (K-12)

Epiphany Catholic School 540-825-9017

1211 E. Grandview Ave.

Culpeper, VA 22701

Preschool: 3 & 4 year old

Elementary K-5

Middle School: 6-8

office@epiphanycatholicsschool.org

www.epiphanycatholicsschool.org

November 8, 2015

“Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time.”

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. Nov. 8

8:00 AM + Fr. Leo Zonneveld
11:30 AM For the People
4:00 PM + Gilberto Benavides

Mon. Nov. 9 Julie & Bill Canavan (25th wedding anniversary)

Readings: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1Cor 3-9c-11,16-17

Tues. Nov. 10 18 year anniversary of the Ladies Auxiliary here at PBCC

Readings: Wis: 2:23-3:9; Lk 17:7-10

Wed. Nov. 11 Veteran's Day + Jonathan Davies

Readings: Wis 6:1-11; Lk 17:11-19

Thurs. Nov. 12 Antoinette Stevens

Readings: Wis 7:22b-8:1; Lk 17:20-25

Fri. Nov. 13 + Reagan Flemming

Readings: Wis: 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37

Sat. Nov. 14

Readings: Wis 18:14-16, 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8

8:30 AM Dennis Capezio (healing)
6:00 PM + Loyal Bouchard

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
"Giving from our need"

Reading I 1 Kings 17:10-16 (Elijah and the widow)

Reading II Hebrews 9:24-28 (the sacrifice of Jesus)

Gospel Mark 12:38-44 (hypocrisy of the scribes, and the widow's mite)

Key Passage Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on." (Mark 12:43-44)

Adult What are you willing to give out of love for God that would be a hardship for you?

Child What would you be willing to give up for someone else?

ALL Bulletin inserts please email:

bulletin@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com

Deadline is 3:30pm on Monday before.

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: Janice

Ambrose, Virginia Allen, Brian Alexander, Rita Bain, Ric Barklund, Mike Bosma, Joyce Bosworth, Josephine Borst, Diane Clark, Betty Craven, Stathie Cuccherini, Bill Daley, Cynthia Davies, Pat Deighan, Alex Green, Inez Guneseppi, Richard Hall, Rebecca Helsel, the Holmes family, Alex Hyde, Jim Hyde, Mary Jackson, Brissa LaMatta, Mary Larson, Luciana LaMatta, Jean London, Charlotte Larson, Mary Logan, Clelia Lopez-Garcia, Kriss Cordero Luna, Ana Magana, Frank McPhillips, Phillip Leo Mercer, Jim Minihan, Beth Moreland, Mary Neureither, Barbara Noonan, Sylvia Paditlla, Shawn Peet, Ariel Perez-Young, Irene Perez-Young, Gia Quiroz, Ray Jesus Ramirez, Donald Rediske, Marie Rediske, Max Rosado, Evelyn Sawyer, Suzann Southworth, Mildred Stewart, Lorain Smith, Virginia Smith, Jay Way, Tootie and Ted White, Margaret Williams, Jeremy Wilson, Ariana Moncada Yactoyao 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.**



"I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living." (MARK 12:43-44)

Jesus gets right to the point – we are all called to give money to support the mission of the Church, regardless of our circumstance. No gift is too small or insignificant! Giving money to support the mission of our local parish is a matter of our faith, just like praying and participating in parish ministries. When you make a financial offering, is it from your "first fruits" or from what is "left over"?

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

11/1 Collection:	\$ 10,320.48
Building Fund	\$ 920.00
Epiphany	\$ 812.19

Budget for October	\$ 45,088.79
Actual	\$ 47,000.00

FAITH DIRECT Why not make a change this fall in the way you generously support Precious Blood Parish? Sign up with eGiving through Faith Direct, which is the most convenient and secure way for you to make your weekly offering to Precious Blood Parish. Visit www.faithdirect.net our parish code VA226.

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

MUSIC MINISTRY Our hymn for the presentation and preparation of gifts today is **RAIN DOWN** by **JAIME CORTEZ**, a talented musician, composer and pastoral musician from Mesa, AZ who blessed our parish with a concert of unity and joy last month. Having experienced amazing blessings and guidance in his own life that he couldn't have even imagined, Jaime encouraged us to all "Be open to God's plan for you and your life" with complete faith and trust.



HOLY HOUR TOMORROW, Monday, Nov. 9 at 7:00 pm, **FOR THOSE WHO SERVE IN THE MILITARY**. We will be praying not only for their safety and protection but that they turn to the Lord in faith and trust for all of their needs. If you know and love someone who serves in our armed forces, please post their name and/or picture on the poster in the foyer.

PARISH OFFICE will be closed on November 11 for Veteran's Day.

SAINT STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET This week's needs are pasta sauce, single serving microwave meals and tuna. Please do not forget the Food Closet "Buy a Bird" for Thanksgiving campaign. Make checks out to the Culpeper Food Closet. Mail to the Culpeper Food Closet, P.O. Box 343, Culpeper, Va 22701. Please mark "turkeys" in the memo line.

PARISH LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE ~~~come see what an amazing job that they have done to the old rectory. They have turned it into an amazing Library thanks to our parish families and the hard work of the Library Volunteers. Come to the open house on the First Sunday of Advent Sunday, Nov. 29th from 11-2pm.

SECOND COLLECTION Today the second collection is for the Retirement fund for Religious. Elder sisters, brothers, and religious order priests dedicated their lives to service and prayer. Many worked for years for small stipends. As a result, their religious communities now lack adequate retirement savings. You can help. Please give during the annual collection.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION All adults, especially parents of CCD students, are encouraged to view **Peter: Keeper of the Keys** this Sunday (**Nov. 8**) at **9:40-10:40 am** in the Parish Hall. Join popular Catholic author and speaker Steve Ray on a fast-paced and entertaining journey of adventure about Peter, the rugged fisherman that Jesus chose to lead His Church. Follow Peter from the Holy Land to Rome and discover answers about the major role of the Papacy in the saga of salvation. Spanish language subtitles will be provided.

BLOOD DRIVE Start your advent off with a sacrifice of blood in order to save a life. **December 2, 2015** we will have the Red Cross Blood Drive. Please contact **Mykelle at mhlaws@aol.com**



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION NEED: If you can help with this important ministry please call **Joanna at 829-2235**. **REGULAR ADORERS** please remember to get someone to fill in for you if you cannot be there. Thank you!

PARISH MISSION Fr. James Kubicki, S.J., National Director of the Apostleship of Prayer and the author of *Rediscovering Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus: A Heart on Fire*, will lead a parish mission at Precious Blood from **Dec. 5-8**. Plan now to attend.

LADIES RETREAT (Sponsored by the Precious Blood Mom's group) All ladies of the parish are invited for a morning of reflection. This retreat will take place **November 21st**. It will begin with Mass at 8:30am and end around Noon. Please keep an eye in the bulletin for updates on topic and details. We will see you there! **If you are a teen or a Virtus trained adult and would like to volunteer for babysitting during the retreat please contact **Jacqueline Masson at 678-267-6377** or **jacque1114@yahoo.com**.

HOLY SPIRIT INTERACTIVE (HSI) Next meeting will be Wednesday, **Nov. 11**, at 7:00 pm at the new office of Brown Harris Wealth Management (309 N. Main Street, right across Edmondson Street from our church). Topic is "Give Thanks." In this talk, Aneel Aranha speaks about giving thanks with a grateful



OPEN HOUSE!!! On **November 16th** we have an Open House. 9-12. On **November 19th**, we will hold an Open House and kindergarten information tea. I invite you to see what a quality Catholic Education can do for your child. Also, on **November 19th** we will have a showcase at our school for the surrounding parishes. Please come and see our students perform for the Missonhurst priests and have a tour of the building. You can help us spread the word about our great school! Most of our new families join our community because they heard about our school through a friend, coworker, or neighbor. Please invite prospective families to our Fall Open House during Discover Catholic Schools Week, **November 16-20**, or forward their contact information to office@epiphanycatholicsschool.org

ATLAR SERVER TRAINING There will be altar server formation meetings in the church at 4:40 P.M. on Wednesday's **November 11th, and 18th**, with installation on the **22nd**. All parishioners who have **finished 4th grade**, and who feel called to serve our Blessed Lord, His priest, and His community, in this way, please contact the parish office. If you do not contact the office in time, consider yourself welcome anyway. If you want to serve, but cannot make those preparation times, please contact RBBeattie64@gmail.com or 540-987-8315.

CAN (Christians Are Networking) To provide a faith-based ministry that supports people who are in career transition, providing a venue where they can prayerfully share job search ideas, leverage relationship capital (contacts, business referrals), and find opportunities to engage in a broader network for mentoring and identifying employment opportunities. CAN is open to the public – but, targets Christian professionals. These services are free for all session participants.

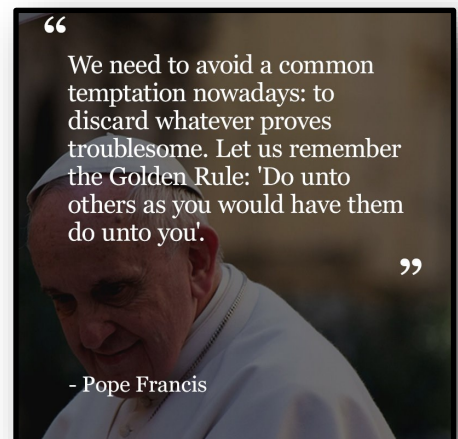
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CATHOLIC CHARITIES the **Priest Connection** line when parishioners are in urgent need and need a quick response or consult. Our Priest Connection number is 703 841 3835. We also discuss our **Car Ministry**. Unlike other organizations that ask for used cars, we give our cars to people in need, and don't just sell them for the cash. As the article indicates, many families can avoid job loss with proper transportation. So please keep us in mind when you want to help a family out by making a car donation. Our Car Ministry number is 703 841 3898. See our insert.

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Jesus tells us of the widow who gave to God from her livelihood. Do we put our trust in God and allow him to be Lord in every area of our life like the widow did? Allow God to transform your marriage relationship. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on 13-15 Nov in Herndon or 19-21 Feb in Herndon. For more information 703-378-4150.

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR You are invited to a diocesan-wide Eucharistic Holy Hour sponsored by the Arlington Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima (the Blue Army) on Sunday, November 22, from 3:00 – 4:00 P.M. at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 271 Winchester St., Warrenton. At Fatima, Our Lady asked for prayer and sacrifice for the conversion of sinners, peace in the world, and an increase in vocations; we hope you will join us in prayer.

St. Raymond of Penafort Roman Catholic Church welcomes the Archbishop of San Francisco Salvatore Cordileone on November 19, 2015 at 7:30 pm. He is speaking on "Marriage and Religious Liberty in America." This event is Free to the public. For more information contact St. Raymond's at 703-440-0535



Flawed Applause?

We've all been to a Mass where the celebrant, just before the faithful stand to receive the final blessing, takes the time to thank those who have contributed to the liturgical celebration.

The celebrant may applaud the organist, choir or altar servers. If it's Mother's Day, Father's Day or Veteran's Day, the celebrant may ask these members to stand and ask the congregation to applaud. First, let's be clear that the intention of the celebrant IS pastorally sound. To make everyone feel welcomed and appreciated—including the ministers—is commendable and should be one of the goals of all pastors! However, should it take place during Mass?

Some say, "why not?" Don't the Psalms demand:

"All you peoples, clap your hands; shout to God with joyful cries."—Psalm 41:7

Here's where a distinction must be made between "clapping" and "applauding."

I believe it is proper (if it is the custom of the assembly) to clap during the Entrance/Recessional chant—a common occurrence in Hispanic parishes or at Charismatic Masses. In the scriptural passage above, the clapping is directed to God. This type of clapping is an expression of worship and the hands are simply being used as percussion instruments. The intended purpose of clapping at this time is praising God, and I believe it to be in line with Sacrosanctum Concilium.

But does this provision include applauding the soloist who knocked the *Ave Maria* out of the park, the celebrant who gave a rousing homily or all the ministers who rehearsed tirelessly? Mass is worship offered up to God. It is praise from us creatures to our Creator. Some describe it as a vertical movement—from us on earth towards heaven. The Mass is not entertainment for the assembly. When we applaud the soloist, choir or acolytes, the vertical movement is replaced with a horizontal one. The wrong axis is emphasized—applause focuses attention on us rather than God.

Applauding is an expression of approval

Applauding is a way of positively critiquing a performance. According to Wikipedia, clapping indicates "the average relative opinion of the entire group; the louder and longer the noise, the stronger the sign of approval." What if the opposite were true? What if the assembly disapproved of the celebrant's homily or of the soloists singing? Could they boo? Hiss? How about heckling?

As we have said, the Mass is not a show and the ministers are not performers to be critiqued (favorably or unfavorably) by the assembly. This is not to say that we do not appreciate the choir, soloist, acolytes, lectors, celebrant, etc. We most definitely do. The question is if the Mass is the right time to express that gratitude From two Popes:

"It is not fitting to applaud the servant in the house of his Master."—Pope St. Pius X

"Wherever applause breaks out in the liturgy because of some human achievement, it is a sure sign that the essence of liturgy has totally disappeared and been replaced by a kind of religious entertainment."—Cardinal Ratzinger, before becoming Pope Benedict XVI

<http://www.massexplained.com/flawed-applause/>