

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 22, 2015

“ Christ the King.”

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. Nov. 22

8:00 AM Agnes Vavica (healing)

11:30 AM + Diane Gravely

4:00 PM For the People

Mon. Nov. 23 Robert Newton (birthday)

Readings: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4

Tues. Nov. 24 Antoinette Stevens (healing)

Readings: Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11

Wed. Nov. 25 Minihan Family (healing)

Readings: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19

Thurs. Nov. 26 Thanksgiving For the People

Readings: Dn 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28

Fri. Nov. 27 Pat Rose (healing)

Readings: Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33

Sat. Nov. 28

Readings: Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36

8:30 AM The Kratochvil Family (healing)

6:00 PM (+) Gail Wheeler

Christ the King

“Given the kingdom”

Reading I Daniel 7:13-14 (Daniel’s vision of one like the Son of man)

Reading II Revelation 1:5-8 (praise Jesus Christ)

Gospel John 18:33-37 (the blood and water)

Key Passage To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.
(Revelation: 1:5b-6)

Adult In what ways is Jesus the ruler in life?

Child How can you show that you honor Jesus as the king of your life?

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

Landon, 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, 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.



“Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom does not belong to this world.’” (JOHN 18:36)

How often do we put all our time and energy into building a kingdom here on earth, forgetting that life here is short? The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time and energy do we invest in working for that eternal kingdom?

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

11/15 Collection:	\$ 7260.00
Building Fund	\$ 69.00
Epiphany	\$ 76.00

FAITH DIRECT	\$ 11,351.00
Building Fund	\$ 416.00
Epiphany	\$ 126.00
Faith For Future	\$ 318.34

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



Mass will be held only at 9:00am on Thanksgiving day, November 26th.

There will be mass here at Precious Blood at 8:30am on Friday, November 27th.

SECOND COLLECTION A second collection for the Campaign for Human Development will be held today on **November 22, 2015**. Please see inserts.

SAINT STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET This week's needs are canned soups, canned chicken, chicken helper, rice and pasta side dishes. Thank you.



MUSIC MINISTRY Today is the feast of **ST. CECILIA, patron saint of musicians**. We will have a "St. Cecilia Sing" prayer service from **9:30-10:00 am** in the church to pray for God's blessings and guidance during the upcoming liturgical year of serving as pastoral musicians at his altar. Come pray with us and if you see one of our music ministers, please let them know what a blessing they are!

CURSILLO ADVENT ULTREYA Friday, **December 4th**, All are welcome. Join the Cursillo community in our Parish Hall from 7-9pm and become better acquainted with your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Please bring a favorite dish of food and enjoy some fellowship. Make a friend, Be a friend, Bring a friend to Ultreya. contact **Jim Byrne, 540 547-2932**.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION All adults, especially parents of CCD students, are encouraged to view **Paul: Contending For the Faith** today, Sunday (**Nov. 22**) at **9:40-10:40 am** in the Parish Hall. Join the adventure in this edition of the *Footprints of God* DVD series as Steve Ray takes us on the road with St. Paul through Israel, Syria, Turkey, Greece and Italy. Fall from a horse in the desert and dangle over the Damascus Wall in a basket. Cling to driftwood in the sea and stride along ancient Roman roads, all to better understand the life, ministry, and sufferings of St. Paul. 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 There will be **NO Eucharistic adoration** on Thanksgiving Day. We are greatly in need of substitutes who can fill in when needed when the regular adorer is unable to be there on any given Thursday. Call **Joanna 829-2235** if you can help with this need.

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.

PARISH LIBRARY TODAY!!!! OPEN HOUSE ~~~come see what an amazing job that they have done to the old rectory! **11-2pm**. See insert in today's bulletin.

PARISH OFFICE will be closed on **November 26th and 27th** in celebration of Thanksgiving.

ST. PETER JULIAN PRAYER CHAIN: Do you have a prayer intention need? We will pray for you. Call **Joanna 829-2235** with your requests.

HOMEBOUND MASS Father Anselme has mass at *Culpeper Rehab* every 1st Thursday of every month at 10:30 and at the Baptist home every 3rd Thursday of every month at 10:30. All are invited to come and celebrate with those who are homebound at these facilities.





This week during Discover Catholic Schools, I had the opportunity to truly discover the family concept that encases Epiphany Catholic School. I witnessed the wonderful talents of our faculty, staff and students. The encouragement and support of our parents was warmly felt. This week our school had many activities to promote Catholic Education. It began last Sunday at the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Our students represented Epiphany Catholic School in the highest regard with their participation in the music/singing, readings and altar servers. After mass many members of our religious learning community commented on how proud they were of our students at the reception to honor sixty-nine years of Precious Blood Church. On Thursday's Open House Showcase, I was amazed at the precision of our entire school, performing in unison during the Showcase program for the priests of Missionhurst. Congratulations to Mrs. Watson our fabulous music director and the students for such an excellent presentation! The priests had a wonderful time and their smiles and interactions with our students made for a monumental moment for Epiphany Catholic School and Precious Blood religious community. I was so proud of our students this week as I know all of you were. My sincere appreciation for believing in Catholic Education. Please 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 contact us for information at Office@epiphanycatholicschool.org

AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

ATTENTION LEGION OF MARY AUXILIARIES: Thank you for your daily Legion prayers with which the active Legionaries all over the world can **only** continue their work in bringing souls to Our Lord! You are invited to the Annual Reunion--a social event--on **Sunday, Dec. 13th, between 1:30 and 3:30 pm** at St. John the Evangelist Parish (Trinity Hall). Come, bring a dish, enjoy the fun, and meet other Legionaries (active and auxiliaries) from other parishes around the area!

CATHOLIC HERITAGE Are you a member of the Catholic Heritage Circle? If you have designated either our parish or the diocese to receive a bequest from your Trust or Will, you qualify to be a member of the Catholic Heritage Circle. So that Bishop Loverde may recognize you for your support and welcome you as a member, call the Diocesan Planned Giving Office at **703-841-3819**. For more information, please visit www.arlingtondiocese.planyourlegacy.org.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Jesus came into the world to testify to the truth. If we belong to the truth we will listen to His voice. Are you listening to His voice and letting Him lead and guide you in all areas of your life? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are on **19-21 Feb** in Herndon or **22-24 Apr** in Fredericksburg. For more information or to apply, visit our website at renewmarriage-vanorth.org or contact us at 703-378-4150.

BISHOP LOVERDE Will Lead Novena for Couples Suffering with Infertility and Infant death From **December 4 through December 12**, Bishop Paul Loverde will lead a novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe for all couples who desire to have a baby but have been struggling with infertility and infant loss. The novena will culminate in Mass On **December 12** at Saint Timothy's Church in Chantilly. Visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/novenawithbishop to sign up.

ADVENT MORNING OF RECOLLECTION: December 5, 2015 Begin Advent with a reflection from Msgr. Panke, titled "Sons and Daughters of the Merciful King", hosted at Saint Luke's in Mclean, VA. The morning will begin with mass at **9 a.m.** followed by refreshments, adoration, and confession. The talk will begin at **10 a.m. and conclude at 12:30 p.m.** There is no fee but please register at www.arlingtondiocese.org/adventmorning

The Catholic Origins of Thanksgiving!

by TAYLOR MARSHALL

*And let everyone remember that
"Thanksgiving" in Greek is Eucharistia.
Thus, the Body and Blood of Christ is
the true "Thanksgiving Meal".*

*This history books will tell you that the first Thanksgiving was celebrated
by the pilgrims in 1621. Not true.*

An interesting bit of trivia is that the first American Thanksgiving was actually celebrated on September 8, 1565 in St. Augustine, Florida. The Native Americans and Spanish settlers held a feast and the Holy Mass was offered.

A second similar "Thanksgiving" celebration occurred on American soil on April 30, 1598 in Texas when Don Juan de Oñate declared a day of Thanksgiving to be commemorated by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

The Catholic origins of Thanksgiving don't stop there. Squanto, the beloved hero of Thanksgiving, was the Native American man who mediated between the Puritan Pilgrims and the Native Americans. Squanto had been enslaved by the English but he was freed by Spanish Franciscans. Squanto thus received baptism and became a Catholic. So it was a baptized Catholic Native American who orchestrated what became known as Thanksgiving.

All that being said, Thanksgiving is traditional Protestant and marks the tradition of religious toleration (something in which the Puritan pilgrims did not actually believe -- they set up a "theocracy").

My wife once taught at a high-church Episcopalian/Anglican classical school in Philadelphia. The school consciously played down the significance of Thanksgiving. Why? The reason is simple. At root, Thanksgiving commemorates the good fortune of political and ecclesiastical rebels against the Church of England and the Anglican tradition as a whole.

It all started with Richard Clyfton who was a Church of England parson in Nottinghamshire in the early 1600s. Clifton sympathized with the Separatists of that era. Separatists were Calvinistic non-conformists to the doctrine and liturgy of the Church of England. The Hampton Court Conference held by King James I (1604) condemned those who would not conform to the more outwardly Catholic usages in the Church of England (e.g. robes, candles, bowing the head at the name of Christ, processions). The result was that Richard Clyfton was "defrocked" and stripped of his clerical status in the Church of England. Shortly thereafter Richard Clyfton went to Amsterdam and was followed by his disciples: the Pilgrims.

These Pilgrims moved around a bit until finally coming to America in 1620. An interesting bit of trivia is that one child was born on board the Mayflower while at sea. The child was given the rather lame name: "Oceanus". Poor child. In 1621, the Pilgrims allegedly celebrated a happy meal with the Native Americans and the rest is history. So why would an Anglican school be against Thanksgiving? It celebrates those who defied the Church of England and the Crown of England.

Now that I'm no longer an Anglican and now a Catholic, things are a bit different. The penal laws of England regarding non-conformists affected not only the rigorous Calvinistic Puritans in England, but also the English Catholic recusants. The Pilgrims shared the same lot as the Catholic faithful of England. Interestingly enough, the Catholics who lived in Nottinghamshire where the Pilgrims originated were persecuted mercilessly.

So while Thanksgiving may celebrate the Calvinists Separatists who fled England, Catholics might remember the same unjust laws that granted the crown of martyrdom to Thomas More, John Fisher, Edmund Campion, et al. are the same injustices that led the Pilgrims to Plymouth. Another bit of trivia is that the truly "First Thanksgiving" celebration occurred on American soil on April 30, 1598 in Texas when Don Juan de Oñate declared a day of Thanksgiving to be commemorated by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

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<http://www.catholiceducation.org/en/controversy/common-misconceptions/the-catholic-origins-of-thanksgiving.html>