

PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASSES

Sunday: 8:30 am, 11:30 am, 2:00 pm (Spanish)

Saturday: 8:30 am* & 5:00 pm (vigil)

Monday - Wednesday: 8:30 am*

Thursday: 8:30 am* (Adoration 9 am-9 pm)

Friday: 8:30 am* & 7:00 pm

Holy Days: 7:00 pm (vigil), 8:30 am*, 7:00 pm

* followed by Morning Prayer (Friday 8:30 am
Mass at Epiphany School during the school
year unless otherwise noted)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Kevin B. Walsh.....Pastor
Rev. Mark Moretti.....Parochial Vicar
Rev. Mr. Ramon Tirado.....Deacon
Kathy Semerling.....Business Manager
Patricia Reed.....Dir. of Religious Education
Miriam Medina.....Dir. of Liturgy/Hispanic Liaison
Hannah Masson.....Director of Music
Julie Canavan.....Office Staff
Julie Dawley.....Director of R.C.I.A.
Rev. Mark Moretti...Coordinator of Youth Ministry
Jim Oliver.....Principal, Epiphany School
Barbara Terry.....Director, Epiphany Pre-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

Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 PM

Saturdays 3:30-4:30 PM, and any 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 for arrangements.

CCD CLASSES

540-825-1339

Sunday: 9:45-11:00 a.m. (K-12)

Epiphany Catholic School 540-825-9017

1211 E. Grandview Ave.

Culpeper, VA 22701

Preschool: 3 & 4 year olds

Elementary K-5

Middle School: 6-8

office@epiphanycatholicsschool.org

www.epiphanycatholicsschool.org

December 25, 2016

“The Nativity of the Lord”

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. Dec 25

10:00 AM Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kennedy(+)

12:00 PM James and Marie Moran (+)

Readings: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5,9-14

Mon. Dec 26

Readings: Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

8:30 AM Kimberly Hockman Roach (+)

Tues. Dec 27

Readings: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

8:30 AM Angela Bannon

Wed. Dec 28

Readings: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18

8:30 AM Richard Dyer (+)

Thurs. Dec 29

Readings: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

8:30 AM Milton Gross (+)

Fri. Dec 30

Readings: Sir 3:2-6,12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17;
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

8:30 AM Wanda Hardy (+)

7:00 PM Jeff and Michele Leary

Sat. Dec 31

Readings: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

8:30 AM Sylvia and R.C. Garcia (50th Anniv.)

5:00 PM Office and staff, Dr. Anita Maybach

LORD HEAR THE PRAYER FOR OUR SICK

Especially: Brian Alexander, Sam Aitken, Janice Ambrose, Maria Auxiliadora Caldera Araya, Trudy Baker, Mike Bosma, Joyce Bosworth, Daniel C. Brown, Barbara Coli, Bill Daley, Cynthia Davies, Adrienne Foshay, Arnold French, Danielle Gambale-Metz, R.C. Garcia, Bill Goetz, April Hair, Alex Hyde, Peg Logan, Ana Magana, Frank Maragos, Beth Moreland, Mary Neureither, John Nirich, Barbara Noonan, Jim Oliver, Shawn Peet, Elizabeth Pycha, Gia Quiroz, Norma Ramos, Gina Rossetti, John Schichl, Luigina Sebastian, David Watson, Jack Zaleski, 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.

"And the Word became flesh" JOHN 1:14

Jesus is God's ultimate gift of love to us. The countless other blessings that God showers upon us are nothing compared to the gift of His only Son. The only appropriate way for us to respond to such generous love is with our own generous love. When we dedicate our lives to sharing all the gifts God has placed in our hands, the peace of Christ truly will control our hearts and we will know Christmas joy every day.



The Nativity of The Lord "Christmas"

Reading I Isaiah 9:3-6 (the Prince of Peace)

Reading II Titus 2:11-14 (transforming of life)

Gospel Luke 2:1-14 (the birth of Jesus)

Key Passage Isaiah 9:5 (a Child: is born)

Adult Why is knowing Jesus important in your life?

Child How do you experience Jesus when you give a gift to someone else?

ALL Bulletin inserts please email:
bulletin@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com
Deadline is 3:30pm on Monday before



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

These numbers are not available due to the early deadline of this bulletin. They will be printed next week.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: If you would like one of the priests to visit someone who is sick, please notify the rectory. Arrangements should also be made with the rectory for an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to bring the Eucharist to shut-ins on a regular basis. Emergency sick calls can be arranged at any time.

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

OFFICE CLOSED: The office will be closed on Monday, 12/26 and 1/2/2017. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

FRIDAY MORNING MASS The 8:30 AM daily Mass this Friday, December 30 will be at Precious Blood.

DAILY MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE : Now that Advent is over, there will no longer be evening Masses at 7pm, other than on Friday; and the normal confession schedule will resume: Wednesdays 6:30-8pm and Saturdays 3:30-4:30pm, and upon request.

CCD HOLIDAY NEWS CCD Christmas break is Christmas Day (12/25) & New Years Day (1/1). CCD will be closed on those dates and re-open on January 8.

PARKING: Please DO NOT park in the Rectory garage area anymore! The priests need to be able to get out if necessary. Thank you!

MUSIC MINISTRY According to the U.S. Copyright Office, the most popular Christmas song is **SILENT NIGHT** with 733 copyrighted recordings since 1978 with **JOY TO THE WORLD** coming in a distant second with 391 recordings. One of the oldest Christmas hymns would be **THE COVENTRY CAROL** from around 1591 while one of the more recent would be **THE LITTLE DRUMMER BOY** from 1941.

OPEN MIC NIGHT for musicians of middle school through college age on Friday, **DECEMBER 30, from 7-9 pm** in the parish hall. Admission is free. There will be food and drinks for sale with the proceeds going to benefit the Freda Kratochvil Scholarship Fund for Young Pastoral Musicians. If you are a singer/musician that would like to participate, please contact Amelia Elias at ameliacelias@yahoo.com or Megan Canavan at snoopy2day@aol.com. Please come out and support our talented music ministers and their efforts to grow in service and music!

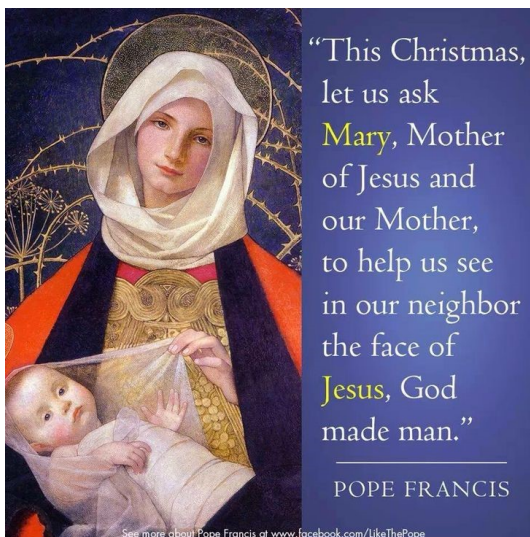
FOOD CLOSET is in need of tuna; canned chicken/chicken helper; chicken noodle & vegetable soup.

CAN JOBS MINISTRY Christians are Networking will be postponing meetings until January 2017. Contact Margie at **540-422-0907** if you have any questions.

ST. JOHN PAUL II LIBRARY The library will be closed now until Jan. 4th; if you would like a book or CD/DVD during that time, call Joan at 540-547-4588. **Beginning Jan. 4th the NEW HOURS will be: Sun-11:15-1:00; Wed-9:30-3:00; Thurs-1:00-2:30 and Sat.-2:30-4:30.** Deepest joy and Christmas Blessings from all the library staff!

CULPEPER HEAT SHELTER NEEDS HELP During the weeks of December 25th and January 1st the shelter is in need of cooks, chaperones, intake, entertainment and servers. Should you have a few hours or night, please signup at www.carecalendar.org Login code **200420** Security Code **5365**. Select anything in red, enter the information requested and go to the bottom of the page and hit signup! Thank you so very much and God bless you.

ALTAR SOCIETY Thank you to all for your lovely contributions to our Christmas decorations!



A PILGRIM PEOPLE: THE STORY OF OUR CHURCH Our Pastor Fr. Kevin Walsh, Deacon Candidate Dr. Michael Watts, Steve Hemler, and Bob Wiersberg will be co-presenting an informative and interesting PowerPoint and video-based series on the remarkable story of the first 1,000 years of our Church on **Sundays from 10:00-10:45 am** in the Parish Hall, **starting on Jan. 15**. For more info on this unique series of live presentations, please see the flyer inserted in this weekend's bulletins. All adults, especially parents of CCD students, are encouraged to join us and learn about the triumphs and tragedies of those Christians who have gone before us and upon whose shoulders our faith stands.

SENIOR SUPPERS At Culpeper Medical Center Cafeteria, 501 Sunset Lane, each Thursday from 4 to 6pm, ages 55 and over get in for only \$5. Dec. 29: grilled chicken or baked cod, steamed rice, steamed vegetables Includes salad, coffee/tea/water, and dessert. No reservation needed. Simply walk in! One dinner per person, dine in or carry out.

AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

DEANERY MASSES WITH BISHOP BURBIDGE All Masses begin at 7:00 PM; followed by a reception till 9 PM.

January 9 - Deanery IV – Sacred Heart of Jesus, Winchester

January 10 - Deanery I – St. Thomas More Cathedral, Arlington

January 11 - Deanery V – All Saints, Manassas

January 13 - Deanery III – St. Theresa, Ashburn

January 17 - Deanery VII – St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Fredericksburg

January 18 - Deanery VI – Our Lady of Good Counsel, Vienna

January 19 - Deanery II – St. Bernadette, Springfield



JOHN PAUL THE GREAT HIGH SCHOOL John Paul is hosting a number of events in the new year for middle school students. Sign up today for the soccer and basketball tournaments, band & choir music festival, and baseball clinic! And, applications are being accepted for Fall 2017 enrollment. Please visit jpthegreat.org for more information, or email: Admissions@jpthegreat.org.

HOMESCHOOL FUN! Will you be new to homeschooling this spring semester, or are you a homeschool veteran? Would you like your kids/teens (and you?) to build lasting friendships? Well then, look no further! Mayflower Homeschoolers is a Roman Catholic homeschool support group whose mission is to build friendships while building on our Catholic Faith. We are independent (not affiliated with any parish) and meet primarily (although not exclusively) in the Warrenton area. Our membership currently includes parishioners from 8 parishes! We have a full schedule for ALL age groups of weekly prayer, plus monthly field trips, clubs, social sports, works of mercy, even mom's night outs! We have feast day parties and teen dances throughout the year, and achievement fairs twice a year. To top off all the fun, at the end of the year we even offer graduation, woohoo! So, delay no further! Check us out at www.mayflowerhomeschoolers.org or at "Mayflower Homeschoolers" on Facebook, and join in on all the fun and fellowship!

VOCATIONS "He gave power to become children of God." If you think you may be called to share the Father's love as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, call Father J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514 or write: j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

PROLIFE God told Jeremiah, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." God has a plan for every baby He sends into the world. From the moment of conception a preborn child is a human being with a distinct purpose. Abortion stops God's plan for that child and the future of America.

LOOKING FOR THE LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE IN 2017

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is searching for the longest married couple. One national winner and winners from each of the 50 states are recognized each year. This project is held to honor the commitment of married couples and to give hope and inspiration to younger couples that they too can have long and lasting marriages. Nominations must be received by **January 10th, 2017**. To nominate a couple you know, please visit us at <http://wwwme.org> or contact us directly at **321-804-2310**.

2017 MEN'S CONFERENCE All men of the Diocese are invited to the sixth annual diocesan Men's Conference on March 4, 2017. This year's conference is titled "*Girding for Battle*." It will feature Dr. Scott Hahn, Dr. Ralph Martin and Fr. James Searby. Breakfast, lunch and Mass with Bishop Michael Burbidge will be included. Confessions will be offered from 7:30 – 8:45 am. **Registration begins Jan. 1.** No registration at the door. Parking is limited. Go to www.arlingtondiocese.org/men to register.

2017 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE All women of the Diocese are encouraged to attend the annual Women's Conference at St. Joseph in Herndon on March 11 with Immaculee Ilibagiza, author and survivor of the Rwandan Holocaust. The conference title is "*Breaking Free through Forgiveness*." It will include Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael Burbidge. **Online registration starts Jan. 1.** No registration at the door. Please visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/women for more details.

WOMEN'S SILENT RETREAT Ladies, please join us for a weekend retreat **March 30 – April 1** titled "Finding Jesus in the Passion Narratives: Embracing Lent in the Scriptures." The retreat will be held at San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post and will be led by Fr. John Riley, serving the Diocese of Las Cruces as Assistant to the Vicar of the New Evangelization. **Online registration starts Jan. 1.** To register, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreatforwomen.



Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of Fr. Mark Moretti and Deacon Ramon Tirado, I would like to wish all of you a blessed Christmas season. You know, throughout the Advent season, you probably heard the greeting "Happy Holidays" a lot. I'm always a bit ambivalent about that, because Christmas doesn't start for us till sunset on December 24 and continues till the feast of the Baptism of the Lord (this year it falls on January 9). Also I think that many people use the phrase to avoid saying the word "Christmas". (I never understand why we are so hesitant to acknowledge our faith in Jesus Christ and our love for him, when he is the one person who loves us more than anyone else.) But I also sometimes reflect that the word "holiday" comes from the old English which means "holy day."

If we understand that correctly, there are many holy days that we have celebrated and are celebrating during this time of the year. We celebrated the feast of St. Nicholas on December 6; the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8; the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12; we celebrate Christmas Eve and the feast of the Nativity of Our Lord ("Christ's Mass") this weekend; the feast of the Holy Innocents on December 28; the feast of the Holy Family on December 30; the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God on January 1; the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord on January 8 (moved to the Sunday after January 6); and we finish with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 9. Yes, there are a lot of holy days we celebrate now. That might not be what most people mean when they say it, but we can definitely wish each other "Happy Holy Days" and specifically "Merry Christmas" to people this time of the year.

I pray that you can spend some of this Christmas season with people you love and people who love you, and that you can find some of those people in our very own parish.

Thank you to all of those who have shown your kindness to us during this Advent and Christmas season, and in a particular way to those who have brought food by the rectory; your kindness is greatly appreciated.

God bless,
Fr. Kevin

FORMED.org The story of the birth of Jesus is often misunderstood. But this fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity clears away widespread misunderstandings of Jesus' origin. Join top scholars, inspirational speakers, and popular authors as they explain the story behind the story of the birth of Jesus. *The Story of the Nativity* also includes stunning works of art depicting the biblical story, from Fra Angelico to Rembrandt, and footage from the Holy Land showing the places where the Christmas story actually took place. Explore the true story of Mary and Joseph, Jesus's miraculous conception, the birth of John the Baptist, the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, the Star of Bethlehem, and the birth of Jesus. This is an invaluable tool for believer and unbeliever alike to learn more about Jesus of Nazareth and about the truth of Christmas. This audio and more free through **FORMED.org** Use Parish Code **V2XJNR**. Check our website and Facebook for other FORMED resources for the liturgical season.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION There will be no adoration on December 29. Adorers are still needed between the hours of 4:00 and 8:00 Call Joanna **829-2235** if you have an hour a week to spend with Jesus. If schools are closed due to inclement weather then there will be no Eucharistic adoration. If there is a delayed opening for Culpeper County Schools then adoration will begin at 11:00 am. If the schools close early due to inclement weather then adoration will end early at Father's discretion.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THOSE WHO RECEIVED FIRST RECONCILIATION ON DEC. 17TH!

