

# 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 for 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 olds

Elementary K-5

Middle School: 6-8

[office@epiphanycatholicsschool.org](mailto:office@epiphanycatholicsschool.org)

[www.epiphanycatholicsschool.org](http://www.epiphanycatholicsschool.org)

April 3, 2016

“Second Sunday of Easter, or Sunday of Divine Mercy”

## Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

### **Sun. Apr 3**

**8:00 AM For our enemies**  
**11:30 AM Vincent Metz (birthday)**  
**4:00 PM For the People**

### **Mon. Apr 4 The Kearney family**

Readings: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

### **Tues. Apr 5**

Readings: Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

### **Wed. Apr 6**

Readings: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

### **Thurs. Apr 7 Jonathan Taylor (+)**

Readings: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

### **Fri. Apr 8 Jeff Metz (birthday)**

Readings: Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

### **Sat. Apr 9**

Readings: Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21  
**8:30 AM For those who have left the Church**  
**6:00 PM Carol Anne Brown (+)**

## **Second Sunday of Easter**

### **“Living without fear”**

**Reading I** Acts 5:12-16 (signs and wonders)

**Reading II** Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 (first vision)

**Gospel** John 20:19-31 (appearance to the disciples; Thomas)

**Key Passage** He placed his right hand on me, saying, “Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever.” (Revelation 1:17b-18a)

**Adult** When has your faith in the living Christ helped you overcome fear?

**Child** What could you do this Easter season to help someone feel less afraid?

**ALL** Bulletin inserts please email:  
[bulletin@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com](mailto: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: Brian Alexander, Janice Ambrose, Trudy Baker, Michael Baudham, Mike Bosma, Joyce Bosworth, Bill Daley, Danielle Gambale-Metz, Sandy Hall, Alex Hyde, Peg Logan, Ana Magana, Joan McPhillips, Donna Mehalek, Beth Moreland, Mary Neureither, Shawn Peet, Gia Quiroz, Donald Rediske, Aaron Reynolds, Max Rosado, Shaw family, Margaret Shaw, Lorain Smith 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 said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’” JOHN 20:21*

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world to share His peace and Good News, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be grateful and generous. We should look for opportunities to share His peace with our brothers and sisters not only within our local parish boundaries, but outside of them as well. In giving, you will receive the peace of Christ.

### ***Bishop’s Lenten Appeal at Precious Blood***

Amount pledged:	<b>\$110,541.00</b>
BLA goal:	<b>\$115,000.00</b>
% BLA goal:	<b>96%</b>
<b>298 pledges out of 1150 families</b>	

### ***OFFERTORY COLLECTION***

Palm Sunday Collection:	\$8,434.89
Holy Land Shrines (Good Friday):	\$2,265.24
Sunday 3/27 offertory:	\$9,818.28
Easter collections to date including Faith Direct:	\$8,019.25
Easter flowers:	\$211.88

## THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

**MUSIC MINISTRY** Handel's famous MESSIAH first premiered in Dublin during the Easter season in April 1742, when "the King (George) ... abruptly stood up, apparently as a way of indicating he recognized that Christ was the King of Kings. Now it was normal protocol that if the King stood at any time, no one in his presence sat, and so the entire audience stood for the performance of the Hallelujah Chorus. This tradition has been maintained even until today. (belief.net)



**ADULT FAITH FORMATION** The final four adult ed. sessions for this school year feature episodes from the DVD series *Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained* in which Dr. Edward Sri and other nationally-known teachers unpack fundamentals of the Catholic faith, as follows:

**April 3 - The Story of Salvation: Creation, Fall, and Redemption**

**April 10 - The Holy Spirit and the Life of Grace: God's Divine Life Within Us**

**April 17 - Mary & the Saints: Our Spiritual Mother and the Communion of Saints**

**April 24 - The Last Things: What Happens After We Die?**

All adults, especially parents of CCD students, are encouraged to attend Sunday s from **9:40-10:40 am** in the Parish Hall.

**HOLY SPIRIT INTERACTIVE (HSI)** Next meeting: **Wednesday, April 13**, at **7:00 pm** at Todd Brown's new office (309 N. Main St.). Come hear Aneel Aranha discuss one of the most important questions that Jesus ever asked: **"Who Do You Say I Am?"** It is not just the answer that is important, but how we let it impact our lives. All are welcome.

**CONFIRMATION MEETING** There will be a parent meeting for first year Confirmation students on **Monday, April 11th at 7 PM** in the Parish Hall. This is for students who are in Ms. Laws, Mr. Garcia and Mr. Saibini's 7th grade classes.

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES** Please let the office know if you are graduating from high school in Spring 2016. The High School Graduation Mass will be **Sunday, June 5th** and we would like to recognize our graduating seniors!

**PARENT/CHILD TEAM BUILDING RETREAT** Members of the Precious Blood Catholic Church community are invited to participate in a Parent/Child Team Building Retreat **April 16, 2016**. The retreat will be held locally at the Verdun Adventure Bound facility in Rixeyville, Virginia. The retreat is specifically intended for a combination of parent and child teams to engage in a day of indoor/outdoor team building activities and group challenges. For additional information please contact Ronald Vaillant at **(540) 543-2526**.

**SECOND COLLECTION** The next second collection will be taken on **April 24th** for the Catholic Home Missions.

**"A CHOCOLATE AFFAIR"** On **April 14th FROM 6-9 PM**, "A Chocolate Affair" will be held at the Culpeper Center, with proceeds to benefit Culpeper Housing and Shelter Services & Culpeper Literacy Council.

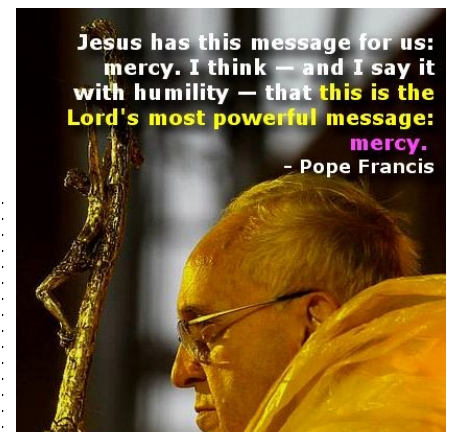
**SAINT STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET** This week's needs are: pancake mix and syrup, single serving cereals, and canned pineapple.

**WALK FOR LIFE** Join the Walk for Life on **Saturday, April 16th at 8:30 AM!** Help women choose life for their babies! Don't miss this fun family event benefiting The Pregnancy Centers of Central VA. The money you raise as a fundraising walker directly supports pre-born babies and their mothers. YOU can make the difference of life by raising funds and getting your friends and family involved. Details for the event can be found on the sponsor forms in the back of the church or at **iWalk4LifeVA.org**. The easy, 1.5 mile walk will start and end at Culpeper Baptist Church, 318 South West St. beginning with registration at 8:30 AM. Questions? Call The Pregnancy Center at **540-727-0800** or speak to your church representative, Dave Craven, at **540-825-2265**.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL BASH** The Diocesan Middle School Bash will take place on **Saturday, April 16th**. The Bash includes music, games, inspirational speakers, confessions, and Sunday Vigil Mass. To register, please contact Mary Flemming at **MaryPBCCYouthMinistry@yahoo.com**.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

The Precious Blood community is still seeking people to help with various parish ministries: money counting, hospitality, and ushers. Please contact the office with your interest!



**CARING FOR SOMEONE WITH DEMENTIA** Teepa Snow is one of the leading experts in the field of dementia care education. On **Tuesday May 3rd**, Teepa is the featured presenter at an all-day conference - *Caring for Someone with Dementia*, designed for family caregivers, professionals, and anyone interested in learning more about dementia or Alzheimer's disease. The conference will be held at Germanna Community College, Culpeper campus. Tickets and registration are available at [www.agingtogether.org](http://www.agingtogether.org).



Dear Families,

We had a wonderful day for our Saint Patrick's/Open House celebration. Even though the weather did not cooperate having our wonderful facility allowed all to have a great time inside the school building. A huge thank you to Monica Parson and the PTO board for the fabulous job organizing the event! A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus for assisting and volunteering their talents during the entire day. It was wonderful to see all of you at our school. This was a great day of fun and games and a nice reminder of the wonderful community in which our children attend school. I was very pleased with the turnout and especially happy to see so many parishioners present. What a delightful way to spend the afternoon in fellowship.

We celebrate with great joy the Resurrection of Jesus. During Lent the students have been reminded of Christ's sacrifice for us. They have given of themselves to others and have really grasped the true meaning of Easter. We extend our very best wishes to all families for a happy and Holy Easter season. May the peace of the risen Christ bless your homes, your hearts, and your families.

God bless,  
James Oliver

### **AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA**

**SUPPORTING FAMILIES AT LIFE'S END** Managing Conflict/Finding Meaning: Supporting Families at Life's End will be presented on **Thursday, April 21** from **5:30-8:30 PM** at the UVA Health System Jordan Hall Conference Center Auditorium. See full program details at [www.hospicefoundation.com](http://www.hospicefoundation.com).

**CATHOLIC DISTANCE UNIVERSITY** Learn More about the Faith! Join the inspiring instructors at Catholic Distance University for a faith-filled journey of discovery. Enroll in an online independent study course of your choice and study anytime, anywhere! Visit [www.cdu.edu](http://www.cdu.edu) and click the Continuing Ed tab to enroll! Parishioners in the Diocese of Arlington pay just \$30. When registering, use Promo Code: CDU15ARLINGTON. Courses Include "The Catholic School: Identity and Leadership"; "The Way Catholics Use Scripture"; "Modern American Catholic History (1908 - Present)"; and "Vatican II: Lay Spirituality".



**"AS BY A NEW PENTECOST" SERIES** Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said: "Let us rediscover the beauty of being baptized in the Holy Spirit." "As by a New Pentecost" is a seven week series to be held at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Fredericksburg, VA on **Tuesday evenings** beginning **April 12 through May 24** in the Church **7:15- 9 pm** to prepare for a renewed life in the Holy Spirit, and establish or deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ. The series features DVD talks by noted EWTN personalities Ralph Martin, Peter Herbeck, Sr. Ann Shields and others. Local team will assist. Come to awaken the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit received in Baptism and Confirmation. To register call St. Mary's Parish Office at **540-373-6491**. Voluntary donations of \$10 to cover the cost of materials will be accepted.

**CAMP ST. CHARLES** Camp St. Charles is a Boys and Girls Catholic Over-night Summer Camp. Attend our open house on **April 10th, 11 AM to 3 PM** to learn more. Join us for lunch, a tour, a ride on the giant swing and an opportunity to meet the staff of Camp St. Charles. For over 60 years, thousands of children have been making friends, learning to work together and developing an appreciation for Creation while camping out, riding horses, working their way through a challenge course, trying archery, paddling on the river, making art projects, and lots of other activities in beautiful Southern Maryland. Fully accredited with the American Camp Association and certified by the State of Maryland, Camp St. Charles has been run by the Salvatorian Fathers and Brothers and Lay Salvatorians for over 60 years. New families may save on tuition by registering at our open house. For more information, directions and to sign up for an open house, see our web site: [www.campstcharles.org](http://www.campstcharles.org) or call us at **301-934-8799** or email [director@campstcharles.org](mailto:director@campstcharles.org).

**VOCATIONS** "As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." Do you have a growing interest in sharing the Lord's saving mission as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father J.D. Jaffe **(703) 841-2514**, or write: [j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org).



From Pope St. John Paul II's Homily on the first universal celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday:

*...Today the Lord also shows us His glorious wounds and His Heart, an inexhaustible source of light and truth, of love and forgiveness.*

### ***The Heart of Christ!***

*His "Sacred Heart" has given men everything: redemption, salvation, sanctification. Saint Faustina Kowalska saw coming from this Heart that was overflowing with generous love, two rays of light which illuminated the world.*

*The two rays, [according to what Jesus Himself told her], denote blood and water (Diary, 299). The blood recalls the sacrifice of Golgotha and the mystery of the Eucharist; the water, according to the rich symbolism of the Evangelist John, makes us think of Baptism and the Gift of the Holy Spirit (See Jn 3:5; 4:14).*

*Through the mystery of this wounded Heart, the restorative tide of God's merciful love continues to spread over the men and women of our time. Here alone can those who long for true and lasting happiness find its secret.*

### ***"Jesus, I trust in You!"***

*This prayer, dear to so many of the devout, clearly expresses the attitude with which we too would like to abandon ourselves trustfully in Your hands, O Lord, our only Savior.*

*You are burning with the desire to be loved and those in tune with the sentiments of Your Heart learn how to build the new civilization of love. A simple act of abandonment is enough to overcome the barriers of darkness and sorrow, of doubt and desperation. The rays of Your Divine Mercy restore hope, in a special way, to those who feel overwhelmed by the burden of sin.*

*Mary, Mother of Mercy, help us always to have this trust in your Son, our Redeemer. Help us too, St. Faustina, whom we remember today with special affection. Fixing our weak gaze on the divine Savior's face, we would like to repeat with you: "Jesus, I trust in You!" Now and for ever. Amen.*

