

### Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. April 16 Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37-43;Col 3:1-4 or 1Cor 5:6b-8;Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 8:30AM Barbara Hock Statter (+) 10:00AM Carol Landon (successful surgery) 11:30AM Robert Heinzman (+) 2:00 PM for the people 4:00PM

Mon. April 17 Readings: Acts: 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15 8:30 AM Frances Surniak (healing)

Tues. April 18 Readings: Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18 8:30 AM Mary Parker Sheehan (+)

Wed. April 19 Readings: Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-25 8:30 AM William DiiBon (+)

Thurs. April 20 Readings: Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48 8:30 AM Julie Canavan (birthday blessings)

Fri. April 21 Readings: Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14 8:30 AM Carl and Cindi Priebe family (anniversary) 7:00PM Thomas Moran (healing)

Sat. April 22 Readings: Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15 8:30 AM Helen Craven (+) 5:00 PM Helen Mayer (+)

## WITNESS TO FAITH

Reading I Acts 10:34, 37-43 (Peter's discourse) Reading II Colossians 3:1-4 (mystical death and resurrection) Or 1 Corinthians 5:6-8 (unleavened bread of sincerity and truth)

<u>Gospel</u> John 20:1-9 (Peter and the disciple at the tomb) Key Passage Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed. (John 20:8)

Adult: What is your experience of resurrection in your own life or the life of your family?

Child: Jesus is with us today. How can you see him in the people around you in Church?

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.

### LORD HEAR THE PRAYER FOR

OUR SICK Especially: Sam Aitken, Brian Alexander, Janice Ambrose, Hector Baez, Trudy Baker, Mike Bosma, Joyce Bosworth, Jim Byrne, Kriss Cordero, Bill Daley, Cynthia Davies, Arnold French, Danielle Gambale-Metz, Jeff Metz, R.C. Garcia, Bill Goetz, April Hair, Richard Hall, Alex Hyde, Freda Kratochvil, Peg Logan, Martin Luna, Ana Magana, Jeff Metz, Beth Moreland, Mary Neureither, Barbara Noonan, Jim Oliver, Cornelia Slabe Paczkowski, Shawn Peet, Elizabeth Pycha, Gia Quiroz, Alice Schorr, Jerene Thomas, Mae Traversari, Cheryl Weagle, 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.

..... "Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." COLOSSIANS 3:2

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God.



#### **OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS**

Weekly collections will be reported next edition due to the earlier deadline for Easter.

> Bishops Lenten Appeal update: Parishioner participation:353/1236 raised \$126,103.00 (105% of goal)!!

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Deadline is 3:30pm on Mondays



# THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

PLEASE NOTE:

Friday Masses: (4/21 and 4/28) will be at Precious Blood at 8:30AM

Mass in the evening (7:00 PM): WILL BE <u>ONLY</u> ON FRIDAYS BEGINNING **4/21**.



<u>MUSIC MINISTRY</u>: After a long, Lenten absence, we return to singing "Alleluia!" beginning at the Easter Vigil with a triple chanting of Alleluia right before the Gospel. A term of great joy that has traditionally been seen as the chief term of praise of the choirs of angels as they worship around the throne of God in heaven, it is also a reminder that the kingdom of heaven is already established on earth in the form of the Church and that our participation in Mass is a participation in heaven. For fun, have your child count how many alleluias we sing today!

<u>EUCHARISTIC ADORATION</u>: "The spiritual lives of our families are strengthened through our Holy Hour." (St. Pope John Paul II); Precious Blood has adoration on Thursdays from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

ST. STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET: This week the pantry needs are: pancake mix/syrup, single serving cereal, any canned fruit . Thanks so much!

# THE CULPEPER WINTER HEAT SHELTER & CULPEPER HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES

(both serving the homeless in our community) :are hosting an annual fundraiser. The fundraiser will be held at Prince Michel Winery on 4/27/17, 6-8 PM. The \$50/person ticket will provide entrance into the event, a complimentary glass of wine , hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and chocolates galore! We are in need of donations for our silent auction. Should anyone have a time-share they would like to donate for a week or weekend, a place in the mountains, an hour plane ride from Culpeper for a party of two? For tickets and/or to discuss a silent auction donation, please contact Jill Devine at 513-256-5677. All tickets and donations are tax deductible.

## EPIPHANY WILL BE HOSTING THEIR ANNUAL SPRING/SUMMER CONSIGNMENT SALE:

Friday, April 28th and Saturday, April 29th. If you are interested in being a consignor, please visit us at www.epiphanycatholicschool.org/consignment-sale or email <u>consignmentsale@epiphanycatholicschool.org</u>.

<u>ST. JOHN PAUL II LIBRARY</u> : DID YOU KNOW? —books can be checked out for two weeks or you can enjoy reading in our lounge area? VISITING HOURS Sun-11:15-1:00; Wed-9:30-3:00; Thurs-12:00-1:30 and Sat.-2:30-4:30.

# PLAN AHEAD FOR THE SECOND COLLECTION ON 4/30: Catholic Home Missions Appeal

(CHMA) Launched in 1998, the Appeal strengthens the Catholic Church in the United States and its territories in 87 Latin and Eastern Catholic dioceses. The Subcommittee on the Catholic Home Missions funs a wide range of pastoral services, including evangelization, religious education, and the maintenance of mission parishes, the training of seminarians and lay ministers, and ministry with ethnic groups. For more information: jpore@usccb.org.

<u>YOUTH GROUP</u>: <u>UPCOMING EVENT</u>: BASH is the diocese's largest gathering of Catholic middle school students (6th-8th graders) every year! This event is a celebration of our Catholic faith and love of the Lord. Come gather for an evening of faith, fellowship, and fun! WHEN: <u>Saturday, April 29, 3:30-9:00PM</u>; WHERE: St. John Paul the Great High School, Dumfries, VA; COST: \$10.00 per participant (youth and adults), which includes all the great entertainment above, dinner, and snacks. HOW TO SIGN UP: Young people that want to participate must sign up through our parish; permission slips available in the office! Contact Fr. Moretti for more details: memoretti1958@gmail.com.

<u>MAKE A DIFFERENCE! WALK FOR LIFE</u> on Saturday, April 29th, at 8:30 AM! Help women choose life for their babies! Don't miss this fun family event benefitting The Pregnancy Centers of Central VA. Details for the event can be found on the sponsor forms in the back of the church or at <u>iWalk4lifeVA.org</u>. The easy 1.5 mile walk will start and end at the Culpeper Baptist Church on West Street. Questions? Please contact The Pregnancy Center at : 540-727-0800.

<u>ALL MOMS ARE INVITED!</u> Make friends with other moms in the Parish Community! <u>Precious Blood Mom's Group (PBMG)</u> want to welcome all mothers of the parish with children of all ages to join us in fellowship and formation. We have many events each month to help support each mom in the vocation of love to their family, including play dates, retreat, conferences, crafts for the kids, and a solid social network including a Facebook group ("Precious Blood Mom's Group"). *Pope Francis says that "motherhood is more than childbearing; it is a life choice entailing sacrifice, respect for life, and commitment to passing on those human and religious values which are essential for a healthy society."* The mom's group is designed to be a place of support and growth for mothers as they fulfill this essential role. For more information on weekday activities please contact: Jacqueline Masson at jacque1114@yahoo.com or for Saturday activities contact: Emily Conrad at <u>emilyoflg@gmail.com</u>.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PRACTICES: The <u>new start time</u> for each practice is 7:00 PM (changed from 7:30). The dates are on Tuesdays: 4/25, for the April 29th celebration; 5/2, for the May 6th celebration; 5/9, for the May 13th celebration.

<u>YOUTH MUSIC MINISTERS!</u> The Freda Kratochvil Music Scholarship for Young Pastoral Musicians will be awarded out this year for the first time to attend the *National Pastoral Musicians Guitar and Ensemble Institute in Milford, Ohio from July* 17-21. This is an intensive training program with the some of the best pastoral musicians in the nation for musicians or vocalists that serve as pastoral musicians in their parishes. The scholarship covers all lodging, meals and a wonderful formation experience including sessions on technique, leadership and liturgy. If you are a musician or vocalist in rising 9th grade through rising 12th grade, pick up an application in the foyer, by the music office or on our website. **Applications are due May 8**. Please contact hannahmasson@yahoo.com for more information.



MONTHLY DINNER & TALK NIGHT: Islam and Christianity: What We Learned Living 13 years in Saudi Arabia by Steve and Linda Hemler. This multimedia presentation explores key similarities and differences between Islam and Christianity. Several of Steve and Linda's personal observations of Arab cultural practices are discussed, including the status of women. **Saturday, May 6th, in the Parish Hall** 6:00PM (after the 5:00PM Mass). Dinner with a Mediterranean theme will be available with proceeds going to help send our youth to WorkCamp2017.

<u>CURSILLO</u>: The Cursillo is an opportunity to examine and celebrate yourself, your relationship with Christ, and your relationship with the Christian community. It lasts three days and is usually held over a weekend. We begin with a silent retreat Thursday evening through Friday morning. For the rest of the weekend, you'll hear short talks on a variety of topics, focused on the sacraments, from team members' faith perspectives. During the days, you'll discuss the talks and your impressions with the same small group. In the evenings, each group summarizes its discussion for the other tables. There's time for meditation and Reconciliation as well as community meals. Two spiritual directors, at least one of them a priest, will be on the team and present throughout the weekend. Mass is celebrated every day. And there's a lot of music and singing—if you have an instrument, bring it along! For more information contact: Darren Caprarese at cappo1@comcast.net.



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<u>THE BISHOP'S INITIATIVE ON MARRIAGE</u>: "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." Happy Easter! He has risen! Let us welcome Jesus even more into our marriages by participating in a WorldWide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next weekends are: Sep 15-17, 2017

in Herndon, VA and Apr 21-23, 2017 in Gaithersburg, MD. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: RenewMarriage-VANorth.org or contact us at <u>mailto:wmandbethnickles@hotmail.com</u> or 703-646-1521.

<u>JOIN FAITH DIRECT</u>: *Fast. Pray. Give up your Envelopes!* As Christians we are called to renew our spiritual practices like fasting, praying and almsgiving. Almsgiving encourages us to express gratitude for all that God has given us by charitably giving some away. You are invited to embrace a new practice this Lenten season that will provide Precious Blood Church with consistent support and also simplify your giving. Our parish will also save money by eliminating the wasteful envelopes that go unused by so many. Please contact: https://www.faithdirect.net/; Parish code: VA226; they will walk you through the simple process!

<u>VOCATIONS</u> ? "The Lord is risen, it is true!" Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, brothers and sisters. If you think God may be inviting you to such a vocation. Call Father J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514 or write: j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

<u>BISHOP BURBIDGE - On the Air</u>: On a weekly basis, Bishop Burbidge shares 60- and 30-second reflections on WTOP (103.5 FM) on topics of faith, family and culture. His winsome reflections serve to inspire, encourage, and challenge the over 2.5 million area listeners who tune and hear his spots.

<u>YOUNG ADULT RETREAT</u> Register now for the 2017 Young Adult Retreat starting on Friday, May 12th and ending on Sunday, May 14th. The retreat, taking place at San Damiano Spiritual Life Center, will be led by Fr. Mark Baron, titled, "100 Years of Our Lady of Fatima: what the Mother of God teaches us about following Her Son." For more details, go to : <u>http://</u> www.arlingtondiocese.org/Family-Life/Young-Adult-Retreat-Weekend/ or email Brendan Gotta at <u>yam@arlingtondiocese.org</u>

<u>PRO-LIFE CORNER</u>: "What harmed the victim most was not the cruelty of the oppressor, but the silence of the bystander." Elie Weisel, Concentration Camp Survivor. Babies die every day because of our silence. Get involved in pro-life today.

#### Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of Fr. Mark, Deacon Ramon and all our parish staff, I would like to wish you all a blessed Easter. As you know, the Easter season lasts for 50 days, till the feast of Pentecost, which this year will be celebrated on June 4, so we have seven weeks to celebrate our Lord's Resurrection and his triumph over death.

As you know, the parking situation at Precious Blood Parish is sometimes difficult. As you may also know, the parish owns the white house on 406 N. East St. I have been told that when it was purchased in the past, it was bought with the possibility in mind that it become a future area for parking.

I'd like to form a committee to look into other possibilities for parking at our parish. It would be good to see how feasible it is to get more parking on our current property, and to see if we could more efficiently structure the entrances and exits for a better flow of cars to maximize our space. We would also need to see what is permitted by the local town. If you are willing to serve on such a committee, please contact the parish office.

I'd like to thank those who have pledged to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal. Our assigned goal is \$120,000, and parishioners have pledged \$126,103 so far, or 105% of our goal with 29% of parishioners participating. Thank you for having helped us reach our goal.

And thank you also to all of those who have brought food by the rectory; your kindness is greatly appreciated.

God bless, Fr. Kevin



<u>THEOLOGY ON TAP</u>: Date: April 24th at Adventure Brewing South located at 3300 Dill Smith Drive, Fredericksburg, VA. TalkTopic: *Bread of Life: The Eucharist in the Gospel of John*; Speaker: Daniel Garland Jr. Food, drinks, and fellowship start at 6:00 PM and talks start at 7:30 PM.

<u>BOOK SIGNING!</u> Father Paul Scalia will speak at a book signing for <u>And So We Pray</u>, <u>Supporting Young Adults through the</u> <u>College Years</u> on Sunday, April 30 at 3:00 pm. The author, Maribeth Harper, and Father Scalia, of the Diocese of Arlington, will be hosted by Barnes and Noble at Catholic University 625 Monroe St NE, Washington, DC 20017. <u>And So We Pray</u> was published last August for Praying College Moms, an organization promoting parish-based prayer groups for mothers desiring community and the means to support their college students through prayer. <u>And So We Pray</u>, the first in a series of books planned for PCM, weaves stories of real people with the teachings of Jesus Christ to provide meaningful help to moms who find themselves facing issues like homesickness, college "dating", changing family dynamics and much more. Each chapter ends with a prayer, questions for reflection, and a prayer practice, as well as four relevant Scripture verses for deeper meditation. The book is available at the book signing, or through Amazon in print or Kindle, or through the PCM website. <u>And So We Pray 2</u> will be released in August 2017.



After ten years of correspondence, filmmaker Michael Whyte was given unprecedented access to the monastery of the Most Holy Trinity, in London's Notting Hill. The monastery, founded in 1878, is home to the nuns of the Discalced Order of Carmelites, who lead a cloistered life dedicated to prayer, work and contemplation, rarely leaving the monastery except to visit a doctor or dentist. Silence is maintained throughout the day with the exception of two periods of recreation. A highly acclaimed, multiple award-winning documentary *No Greater Love* follows in the wake of the great success of a similar film, *Into Great Silence*, as it gives a unique insight into this closed world of these nuns where the modern world's materialism is rejected; they have no television, radio

or newspapers. The film interweaves a year in the life of the monastery with the daily rhythms of Divine Office and work. Centered on Holy Week, it follows a year in which a novice is professed and one of the older nuns dies. Though mainly a meditational film, there are several interviews with the nuns, which offer insights into their lives, faith, moments of doubt and their belief in the power of prayer in the heart of the community. A beautifully filmed and deeply inspiring production.

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