

PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASSES

- ◆ Sunday: 8:30 am, 11:30 am (English)
2:00 pm (Spanish)
- ◆ Saturday: 8:30 am* & 5:00 pm (Vigil)
- ◆ Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs: 8:30 am*
(*followed by Morning Prayer)
- ◆ Thursday: Adoration 9 am-7pm
- ◆ Friday: 8:30 am* and 7:00 pm
(Friday 8:30 am Mass at Epiphany School during the school year unless otherwise noted)
- ◆ Holy Days: 8:30 am* and 7:00 pm
- ◆ (and 7:00pm vigil the preceding evening)
(*followed by Morning Prayer)

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/Notary
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

April 23, 2017

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. April 23
 Readings: Acts 2:42-47; 1Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31 (43)
8:30AM For the people
11:30AM Ann Harrison (+)
2:00 PM MariCruz Hernandez (birthday)

Mon. April 24
 Readings: Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8 (267)
8:30 AM Silvano Goriani (+)

Tues. April 25
 Readings: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20 (555)
8:30 AM Margaret DiiBon (+)

Wed. April 26
 Readings: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21 (269)
8:30 AM Peter and Beth Maybach & family (anniversary)

Thurs. April 27
 Readings: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
8:30AM Eric Jon Maybach, MD (+)

Fri. April 28
 Readings: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15 (271)
8:30AM Michelle Schmidley Crawford (+)
7:00 PM Fr. Anselme

Sat. April 29
 Readings: Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21 (272)
8:30AM Audrey Dianne Schmidley(+)
5:00PM Ann Harrison (+)

Encouraging others

Reading I Acts 2:42-47 (communal life)

Reading II 1 Peter 1:3-9 (thanksgiving)

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

Key Passage Then Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." (John 20:27)

Adult: We show our faith when we demonstrate courage in the face of difficulty. What could you do this week to help strengthen someone?

Child: What could you do this week to encourage someone who is sad or discouraged?

ALL Bulletin inserts please email:
bulletin@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com

Deadline is 3:30pm on Mondays

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, R.C. Garcia, Bill Goetz, April Hair, Richard Hall, Alex Hyde, Freda Kratochvil, Peg Logan, Martin Luna, Ana Magana, Ileana Martinez, Jeff Metz, Beth Moreland, Mary Neureither, Barbara Noonan, Jim Oliver, Cornelia Slabe Paczkowski, Shawn Peet, Elizabeth Pycha, Gia Quiroz, Edna Iris Robles, Alice Schorr, Geraldine Schneider, 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.



"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'"
 JOHN 20:19

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, a new neighbor, a new work colleague, a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? Many of us can probably do a much better job at this. When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. A simple "hello" and a smile goes a long way.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday 4/09/17 collections	\$8,805.00
Sunday 4/16/17 collections	\$10,405.25
Easter	\$7057.00
Good Friday (Holy Land Shrines)	\$1682.09
Building fund	\$ 311.00
Epiphany	\$ 72 .00
Rice Bowl	\$ 958.37
BLA to date: 353/1237 family pledges	\$126,103.00
(BLA goal is \$120,000, (we are at 105%)	

THANK YOU TO ALL!

FAITH DIRECT

Collections	\$13,030.67
Foundation for the Future	\$ 518.34
Epiphany	\$ 354.33
Building fund	\$ 437.00
Holy Land	\$ 300.00
Easter	\$ 650.00

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD:

- ◆ MONDAY (4/24):
Mass 8:30AM
- ◆ TUESDAY (4/25):
Mass 8:30AM
1st Communion Meeting 7:30PM
- ◆ WEDNESDAY (4/26):
Mass 8:30AM
Confessions 6:30PM-8:00PM
- ◆ THURSDAY (4/27):
Mass 8:30AM
Adoration 9:00AM to 7:00PM
- ◆ FRIDAY (4/28):
MASS at Precious Blood 8:30AM & 7:00PM
- ◆ SATURDAY (4/29):
Mass 8:30am
First Holy Communion Celebration 2:00PM

YOUTH GROUP : Come on out Sunday (4/23) at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall; Kelly Bennett will be leading the group this night.

ST. JOHN PAUL II LIBRARY : VISITING HOURS

Sun-11:15-1:00; Wed-9:30-3:00; Thurs-12:00-1:30 and

Sat.-2:30-4:30. *"In a good bookroom you feel in some mysterious way that you are absorbing the wisdom contained in all the books through your skin, without even opening them."*

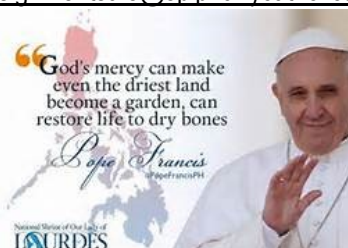
— Mark Twain

THE CULPEPER WINTER HEAT SHELTER & CULPEPER HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES

(both serving the homeless in our community): are hosting a fundraiser. The fundraiser will be held at Prince Michel Winery, April 27, 6-8PM. 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 2? **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.epiphanycatholicsschool.org/consignment-sale or email : consignmentsale@epiphanycatholicsschool.org



MUSIC MINISTRY: Our closing hymn today, *10,000 Reasons/Bless the Lord* was written by Matt Redman, who found Jonas Myrin's melody immediately inspiring and felt that it was a perfect fit for a song based on the opening of Psalm 103. He says that "The point of the song is this: If you wake up one morning and you cannot think of a reason to bring God some kind of offering of thanks or praise, then you can be sure there's something wrong at your end of the pipeline and not his. We live beneath an unceasing flow of goodness, kindness, greatness, and holiness and every day we're given reason after reason why Jesus is so completely and utterly worthy of our highest and best devotion." The number 10,000 and verse 3 is a musical nod to the same occurrences in the hymn *Amazing Grace*.

ST. STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET: A special note to share: *"The Ministry of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church would like to thank Precious Blood for bringing us food donations fourteen (14) times in the first three months of 2017! The food you brought is very much appreciated. Once the winter holidays have passed, donations tend to decrease, so those brought in the months following are very welcomed...We extend sincere gratitude on behalf of everyone who works at the Culpeper Food Closet and all the families you have helped. God Bless you all."* This week the pantry needs are for items that are microwavable like soups, and small flip top items; also needed are things for people with no cooking facilities like packs of chicken or tuna salad which include crackers. Thanks so much!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE! WALK FOR LIFE 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 iWalk4lifeVA.org. 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION "How many of you say: I should like to see His face, His garments, His shoes. You do see Him, you touch Him, you eat Him. He gives Himself to you, not only that you may see Him, but also to be your food and nourishment." - *St. John Chrysostom*; Come spend an hour or two with Jesus on Thursdays 9:00AM to 7:00Pm **Call Joanna 829-2235** if you have questions.



SCHOLARSHIP FORMS: The Father Leo Zonneveld and Fr. Maurice du Castillon /Knights of Columbus/Ladies Auxiliary scholarship forms are **NOW** available in the vestibule and the office. Forms are due June 1st. Graduating seniors are invited to apply!

CHRISTIANS ARE NETWORKING(CAN): have moved the meetings to Thursdays from 7-8:30pm. This free 7 week program provides a venue for job seekers to fine tune their resumes, develop strong interview skills, and much more. To register call Margie at 703-944-8450 OR email:

culpepercan@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS ON RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



Anthony Carter Smith, son of Matthew Smith and Kathrine Shore,
great-grandson to Mary Cathrine and Clifton Wilks
-conferred on 4/18/17

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ◆ First Holy Communion Celebrations: 5/6 and 5/13; 2:00PM
- ◆ Altar Serving training: 5/11, 7:00PM (Come learn! For those completing 4th grade and up)
- ◆ Altar Serving training: 5/21 9:45AM (refresher and/or new interest)
- ◆ Knights of Columbus yard sale-6/4, 8:00AM-2:00PM

NEXT WEEKEND (4/30): There will be a second collection for the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**; 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 funds 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.

AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

THE BISHOP'S INITIATIVE ON MARRIAGE: "The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced;" Enjoy the help of God in making your good marriage better by participating in a WorldWide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next weekends are: 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: wmandbethnickles@hotmail.com >applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or 703-646-1521.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

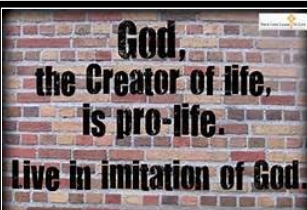
EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR: The Arlington Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima (the Blue Army) will sponsor a diocesan-wide Eucharistic Holy Hour on Sun., April 23 from 3-4 pm in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel at Our Lady of Angels Church, 13752 Mary's Way, Woodbridge. We hope you can join us to pray for world peace through the conversion of souls.

VOCATIONS "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Is God calling you to be an instrument of God's mercy to others as a priest, sister or brother? Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? Call Father J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514 or write: j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

JOIN FAITH DIRECT: **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!

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT WEEKEND: Friday, May 12, 2017; All Young Adults (ages 21-39) are invited to the 2017 Young Adult Retreat starting on Friday, May 12th and ending on Sunday, May 14th. The retreat will be led by Fr. Mark Baron, Prefect of Students for the Marians of the Immaculate Conception. The title of this year's retreat is: "100 Years of Our Lady of Fatima: what the Mother of God teaches us about following Her Son." The retreat will be held at San Damiano Spiritual Life Center. Registration is open. Cost for the weekend includes your private room & all meals for the weekend. . **The Registration deadline is the May 9th.** If you have any questions, please email Brendan Gotta at B.Gotta@arlingtondiocese.org or call (703)-841-2549.

FUTURE WITH HOPE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: Catholic women over 40: Register now for the conference October 20-21, at the Falls Church Marriott Fairview Park! Speakers include Pat Gohn, author of *All In: Why Belonging to the Catholic Church Matters and Blessed, Beautiful, and Bodacious: Celebrating the Gift of Catholic Womanhood*, and Mary Lenaburg, Blessed is She blogger. \$149, Easter Monday-Labor Day; \$175 thereafter. Learn more at www.futurewithhopewomen.com or email infor@futurewithhopewomen.com. Sponsors include the Arlington Diocesan Council of Catholic Woman.



PRO-LIFE CORNER: Abortion isn't an issue. It's a wicked act of child murder. Freedom of "choice" is such a deceptive way to describe the slaughter of the unborn. *Pray and work to end abortion.*

Dear Parishioners,

Christ is risen! Χριστός ἀνέστη!
Truly, He is risen! Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!

This was the greeting in the early Church (as the above phrases in Greek indicate) during the entire 50 days of the Easter season until Pentecost Sunday. It is still used in some parts of the world today, especially in eastern Europe (and Greece). You'll hear me use it from time to time during the Mass as well.

I was happy to see so many people come to Mass on Easter Sunday; almost double our average Sunday attendance. I also realized that our parking infrastructure was inadequate for the attendance at Masses only 90 minutes apart. For next year we will look at having the Masses at 8 AM, 10 AM and 12 noon, so that there will be enough time for people to get in and out of the parking lots.

In view of the parking situation, we will have the First Communions this year on Saturday afternoons at 2 PM instead of combining them with a Sunday Mass. You are all invited to come to our first one in English, this Saturday, April 29 at 2 PM.

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

God bless,
Fr. Kevin

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH!

At the Easter Vigil, our Precious Blood community witnessed the Sacraments of Initiation conferred on six people! We welcomed the catechumans (now called neophytes): Felicia McElvilly, and Marcos Lopez-Joya; and our candidates-those that came into full communion with the church: Whitney Edwards, Tracy Keddie, and Liz Linski; and Regina Jenkins who received her first Holy Communion.



May God's blessings continue to flow down on them as they enter into the period of Mystagogy (*the time to reflect on what they have just gone through and look to the future as to how they can now share in the mission of Christ who came to bring salvation and life to the whole world*), that lasts from Easter Sunday until the completion of the Easter season, fifty days later on Pentecost Sunday.

The Divine Mercy Message and Devotion: The message of *The Divine Mercy* is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of

His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

The message and devotional practices proposed in the *Diary of Saint Faustina* and set forth in this web site and other publications of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception are completely in accordance with the teachings of Church and are firmly rooted in the Gospel message of our Merciful Savior. Properly understood and implemented, they will help us grow as genuine followers of Christ.

Spend time to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you.