# PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS & CONTACT INFO:**

Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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#### **MASS TIMES**

- ◆ Saturdays: 8:30am\* & 5:00pm (Vigil)
- Sundays: 8:30am, 11:30am, 2:00pm(Spanish)
- ♦ Thursdays: 8:30am\*/Adoration 9am-9pm
- Fridays: 8:30am\* and 7:00pm
   (Friday 8:30 am Mass at Epiphany School during the school year unless
   otherwise noted)
- Holy Days: 8:30am\*, 7:00pm, 8:30pm(Spanish)
   (and 7:00pm vigil the preceding evening)

(\*followed by Morning Prayer/Office of Readings)

#### **PARISH STAFF**

Rev. Father Kevin B. Walsh	nPastor
Rev. Mark Moretti	Parochial Vicar
Rev. Mr. Ramon Tirado	Deacon
Kathy Semerling	Business Manager
Steve Hemler	Director of Faith Formation
Miriam MedinaDirecto	r of Liturgy/Hispanic Liaison
Hannah Masson	Director of Music
Julie Canavan	Office Staff/Notary
Julie Dawley	Director of R.C.I.A.
Rev. Mark MorettiC	oordinator of Youth Ministry
Austin Poole	Principal, Epiphany School
Monica ParsonsD	irector, Epiphany Pre-School

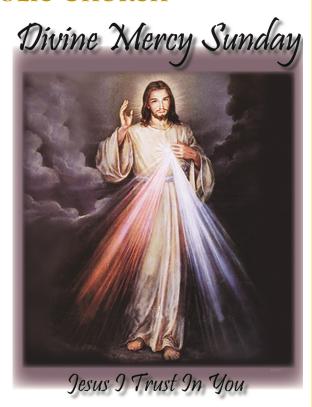
CCD Classes: Sundays 9:45-11:00AM(K-12)

RCIA Classes: Mondays 7:00PM (English)

RCIC Classes: Sundays 12:45PM

RICA Classes: Sundays 3:30PM (Spanish)

Office: 540-825-1339



April 8, 2018 Second Sunday of Easter

#### 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 a Godparent or sponsor.

#### 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:

In English: 1st Saturdays class/2nd Saturdays celebration In Spanish: 3rd Saturdays class/4th Saturdays celebration

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 PM Saturdays 3:30-4:30 PM, and any time upon request.

#### **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.

# Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week (Second week of Easter): April 8-14

Sun. APRIL 8 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Readings: Acts 4:32-35; 1Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

8:30AM "Toodie" White 11:30AM Bill Daley (+) 2:00 PM for the people

Mon. April 9 THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD Readings: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38 8:30 AM Lorraine Farber (+)

Tues. April 10 Readings: Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15 8:30 AM Mae Traversari (+)

Wed. April 11

Readings: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
8:30 AM Jeana Nichols (birthday blessings)

Thurs. April 12

Readings: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36 8:30AM: Mae Traversari (+)

Fri. April 13

Readings: Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15 8:30AM: (Mass at Epiphany) 7:00PM: Helen Craven (+)

Sat. April 14

Readings: Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21 8:30PM Pozzetto Elio (+) 5:00PM Jacinta Davies (+)

Following the example of Iesus

Reading I Acts 4:32-35 (life of the Christians)

Reading II 1 John 5:1-6 (belief in Jesus Christ)

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

Key Passage: Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul; no one claimed private ownership of any possessions; everything they owned was held in common. (Acts 4:32)

Adult: What could you do this week to inspire your family to resemble the early Christians more closely?

**Child:** What question would you like to ask someone about Jesus' appearance to the Apostles?

#### **USHERS/ALTAR SERVERS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS/LECTORS:**

The schedule for April/May/June/July 2018 is available. Copies are in the usher's room; they are also easily available for downloading from the website under ministries/minister schedule.



## LORD, HEAR THE PRAYER FOR OUR SICK ESPECIALLY:

Brian Alexander, Janice Ambrose, Hector Baez, Natalie Batiste,

Wayne Bentz, Mike Bosma, Rudy Bronesky, Mike Buckley, Christopher Byrne, Jim Byrne, Kriss Cordero, Roger Corum, Valentina Cruz, Cynthia Davies, Jo English, Tom Fealy, Paul Flynn, Arnold French, Jeraldine Frye, Joseph Gately, Kevin Gile, April Hair, Doris Houdesheldt, Alex Hyde, Sherry Judy, Emma Kaylor, Joe and Freda Kratochvil, Sr. Carolina Langschwager, Charlotte Larson. John Lochte. Martin Luna. Camila Lyme, Ana Magana, Rosalio Martinez, Kimberly Mendoza, Beth Moreland, Bill Mullins, Mary Neureither, Barbara Noonan, Cornelia Slabe Paczkowski, Luis Padilla, Shawn Peet, Elizabeth Pycha, Alice Schorr, Avery Scott, Dot Stockli, Enrica Scotto di Rinaldi, James Tietz, Cheryl Weagle, Ross Whittaker, 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. Please call the rectory to give us changes/

updates



is Risen Alleluia!

If you would like one of the priests to visit someone who is sick, please notify the rectory. Arrangements should also be Homelogund made with the rectory for an Extraordinary Minister of Holy

Communion to bring the Eucharist to shut-ins on a regular basis. Sacramental Emergency Only: #540-219-5232.

#### **OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS**

Sunday, 3/25:	\$	9,642.01
Epiphany School:	\$	20.00
Building Fund:	\$	20.00
Sunday, 4/1:	\$ 1	3,186.76
Easter	\$.	5,257.00
Holy Thursday	\$	450.35
Holy Lands	\$ 2	,165.64
Epiphany	\$	497.07
Building Fund	\$ 1	,290.00
Catholic Relief Services still wai	tina t	o be counte

#### **FAITH DIRECT COLLECTIONS**

Sunday Collections	\$ 3,509.00
Building fund	\$ 176.00
Epiphany	\$ 53.00

### THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

♦ MONDAY (4/9)

Mass: 8:30AM

◆ TUESDAY (4/10):

Mass: 8:30AM

◆ WEDNESDAY (4/11):

Mass: 8:30AM and Confessions: 6:30-8:00PM

• THURSDAY (4/12):

Mass: 8:30AM/Adoration, 9AM-9PM

• FRIDAY (4/13):

Mass: 8:30AM at Epiphany School 7:00PM at Precious Blood

• <u>SATURDAY (4/14):</u>

Mass: 8:30AM/Vigil Mass: 5:00PM

#### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." - ACTS 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your talents, your abilities and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE KNIGHTS OF

<u>COLUMBUS</u>: Monthly meeting is Tuesday, April 10, at 11:00 AM in the Parish Hall. K of C wives are invited to attend.

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: Saturday, April 21, 3:30-9:00PM; 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 their parish; permission slips available in the office! SPEAKERS LINED

UP: Katie Prejean McGrady & Danny Ray

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING: after the Mass at Epiphany, 9:35am, Friday, 4/13. All are welcome to join us as we review and look ahead at the plans for our liturgies.

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CODE: V2XJNR PARISH SPRING DANCE/ SOCIAL Join us friends for a dance/ social sponsored by The Knights of Columbus at the Epiphany School Gymnasium, Friday, April 27, 7-11pm; BYOB, set ups provided, feel free to bring small finger food. \$12.50 per person; see a Knight for tickets. More info contact: Phil Ferlazzo, 825-0849 or Bruce Winning 540-522-3581

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

MUSIC MINISTRY: A special thank you to all our music ministers who helped make our Holy Week liturgies even more beautiful with their gifts of song. They've been preparing & practicing for over 2 months now to be an enhancement to the sung prayer of our parish and are blessings to us. Thank you, music ministers! We especially thank those who gathered together to serve in our bilingual choir for the Holy Thursday & the Easter Vigil liturgies. These ministers came to extra practices to learn each other's names and music and were blessed with new friendships and joy in our Lord. How great is our God!

SAVE THE DATE and join us on Monday, June 11 for the Epiphany Golf Tournament. Stay tuned for sponsorship opportunities!

# CONGRATULATIONS ON RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS: ON SATURDAY, MARCH 24TH:

#### BAPTISM-

- Stephanie Paola Chavez Cano, daughter of Miguel Chavez/ Mayra Cano
- Alondra Palma, daughter of Israel Palma Hernandez/Nayeli Xool Hernandez

#### MARRIAGE-

David Flores Rosas and Marlen Corado

AND AT THE EASTER VIGIL(3/31): CONGRATU-LATIONS AND WELCOME TO

**THE** catechumens, now called **NEOPHYTES**, those who have entered on a new and better state of life, thus, a newly baptized convert from unbelief or

a non-Christian religion: Kelli Jo, Melissa, Carlos, Leslie, Jonathan, Alexandra, Cristian, Emily, Luis

Rafael, Christopher, Mariela, Josue, Cindy, Maribel- they have received all *three* sacraments of initiation: Baptism,

Communion, and Confirmation; and congratulations to those candidates, who were previously baptized protestants, who now have come into full communion with the Church: Fred, Sherril, and Chelsea, who received communion and confirmation; and

finally, **Lauren**, who received her first communion. In the next week (on 4/12), some will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time as well. Please continue to pray for their on going conversion.





# AROUND THE DIOCESE/ VIRGINIA

#### ROPES COURSE VOCATIONS EVENT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: the FIAT

Ropes Course & Zipline (for girls) on **Saturday**, **April 21**. This is a great opportunity to challenge yourself, enjoy the great outdoors and get to know women who are following God's call as a religious sister. For more information and to register, contact the Office of Vocations at vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 852-2514.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE! WALK FOR LIFE on Saturday, April 21st, 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 unborn babies and their mothers. Details for the event can be found at <a href="Mailto:iWalk4lifeVA.org">iWalk4lifeVA.org</a>. 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>SIGN UP FOR THE DIOCESAN E-NEWSLETTER!</u> Receive special video messages from our bishop, learn about unique opportunities to get involved, and be the first to know the news about our Diocese — straight to your inbox. Sign up here: http://bit.ly/CDAsignup.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: Are we like Thomas and doubt the power of God in our marriage? Learn the tools to put God in your Sacrament of Marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends are: **Apr 20-22, 2018** in Gaithersburg, MD AND Sep 21-23, 2018 in Herndon, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: RenewMarriage-VANorth.org or contact us at mailto:wmandbethnickles@hotmail.com> applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or 703-646-1521.

#### LIGHT THE WORLD! IS A SUMMER INSTITUTE THAT TAKES PLACE AT THE CATHOLIC UNI-

<u>VERSITY OF AMERICA.</u> Rising Juniors and Seniors are invited to join us either **June 24-June 30**, **July 8-14** as we explore how our faith is lived within the fields and careers of Art, Science, Sport, Business, and Politics. Visit lighttheworldcua.org for more information and application materials.

WORD OF LIFE: "While many Catholics want to help women and men heal from past abortions, most don't know how to begin." Learn how you can become an instrument of mercy at www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy.

EVANGELIZING is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. She exists in order to evangelize, that is to say, in order to preach and teach, to be the channel of the gift of grace, to reconcile sinners with God, and to perpetuate Christ's sacrifice in the Mass, which is the memorial of His death and glorious resurrection." (Blessed Paul VI, Evangelii Nuntiandi 14); The Catholic Diocese of Arlington offers ongoing support to parishes and schools, helping pastors and their ministry leaders to clarify and strengthen the evangelizing mission of the Church in their local communities. We encourage you to sign up for our free monthly e-newsletter for evangelization and adult faith formation, Vine & Branches (https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Evangelization/). On or near the first of each month, you will receive resource recommendations, book reviews, profiles of local parish initiatives and programs, spiritual reflections, upcoming events, and more.

THE ARLINGTON MISSION OFFICE ANNOUNCES ITS FIRST EVER Missionary Essay Contest!

Deadline is Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 2018 CASH PRIZES for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place

**DETAILS FOR THE CONTEST:** 500-750 words;11pt Times New Roman font; single spaced; Publication in future issue of Arlington Herald SUBMIT BY EMAIL TO: communications@arlingtonmissions.org SUBMIT BY MAIL TO: Arlington Mission Office Missionary Essay Contest 905 Park Ave. Falls Church, VA 22046

A SPECIAL NOTE: THANK YOU...MUCHAS GRACIAS...GRAZIE MILLE...MERCI BEAUCOUP In any language, I can't help but thank everyone who celebrated my 60th birthday with me last week! I was so happy to see so many people at the party, and I shared photos of the event with my mother and family. It put smiles on their faces!

For all the volunteers who planned the party, and for all who were so kind with your many cards and gifts and good wishes, please be assured of my deepest gratitude. I will offer a special Mass for your personal intentions in thanks for all you did for me. God bless you...Father Mark

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

# Christ is risen! Χριστός ἀνέστη! Truly, He is risen! Άληθῶς ἀνέστη!

This Sunday, April 8, ends the octave of Easter, and is called Divine Mercy Sunday. On this Second Sunday of Easter, the Church invites us to turn especially to our risen Lord and ask him for his mercy. A beautiful prayer that our Lord revealed to Sister Faustina Kowalska in Poland in the 1930s is: "For the sake of his sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world." I would encourage you to pray that prayer often, especially today. Our Lord offered a special plenary indulgence on this day, which the Holy Father in 2002 approved of in this formulation:

A plenary indulgence, granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the *Our Father* and the *Creed*, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. "Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!")

I would like to thank all of those who made our celebration of Holy Week and the Triduum so beautiful: our front office staff who worked on so many programs and behind-the-scenes projects; members of the Altar Society; Julie Dawley and her whole RCIA team; the RCIC team (Steve and Linda Hemler, Bill and Pat Ballard, Patrice Brown, Pat Reed, and Dora Castro) who worked indefatigably throughout this last year helping to prepare Catechumens and Candidates for Full Communion to be received in the Church at the Easter Vigil; Hannah Masson and everyone who works with her in our music ministry to make the music at our liturgies so beautiful; and of course Father Mark and Deacon Ramon Tirado for everything they contributed to making our liturgies beautiful. Though not by name, I'd also like to thank all the lectors, altar servers, ushers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for all of their support of our liturgies.

Finally, I would like to thank Fred Falgiano who made our beautiful baptismal font. (He also coordinated the renovation of our sanctuary floor several months ago, giving us the beautiful hardwood floor we have today.) Fred is a very talented carpenter and supports himself and his family with the work he does in his workshop. You can check out his handiwork at <a href="www.flyingwoodshop.com/">www.flyingwoodshop.com/</a>. If you click on "Blog", you can see three interesting videos that describe the process of making our font. Thank you, Fred, for all of your time that you donated to make something so beautiful for our parish. We look forward to benefiting from your craftsmanship for years to come.

Our newly baptized who are called Neophytes will now continue for the next six weeks in a period called the Mystagogia. From now until Pentecost Sunday (May 20th this year), they will be formed in a deeper understanding and appreciation of the sacraments they have received. There will be an echo of the great Easter Vigil on the evening of May 19th when we have the (shorter) Pentecost Vigil and begin to close the Easter season. The recently baptized will have the right to wear their baptismal garments to the Pentecost Vigil and are encouraged to do so. We will continue to pray for them throughout the Easter season.

The Diocese is offering a seminar for those who would like to serve in their parishes as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. If you would like to serve in this capacity, please let us know at the Rectory office.

I would like to re-constitute the Parish Pastoral Council. This Council exists to advise the Pastor. If you would like to serve on this Council, please let me know at the Rectory office. This Council would normally meet four times per year.

God bless, Fr. Kevin