

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)
Mon.-Wed. and Fri.: 8:30 am* & 7:00 pm
Thursday: 8:30 am* (Adoration 9 am-9 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

During Advent: Monday-Wednesday and Friday a half-hour before the 7 pm Masses and after the 7 pm Masses until there are no more penitents, Saturdays 3:30-4:30, 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 18, 2016

“Fourth Sunday of Advent”

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. Dec 18

8:30 AM Howard Shaw (+)

11:30 AM Tom Hertz (+)

2:00 PM For the people of Precious Blood

Mon. Dec 19

Readings: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

8:30 AM Lee Bishop (healing)

7:00 PM For all homosexual couples

Tues. Dec 20

Readings: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

8:30 AM Jim Canavan (+)

7:00 PM For all those in a criminal lifestyle

Wed. Dec 21

Readings: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

8:30 AM Dan and Helen Cippola (+)

7:00 PM Georgian P. Maybach (+)

Thurs. Dec 22

Readings: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

8:30 AM Daniel and Morgan Evans family

Fri. Dec 23

Readings: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

8:30 AM Josh and Katrina Rassmussen family

7:00 PM Richard and Jeneé Priebe family

Sat. Dec 24

Readings: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

8:30 AM Richard Driscoll (+)

5:00 PM Kimberly Hockman Roach (+)

7:00 PM For the people of Precious Blood

9:00 PM Harold Fowler (+)

11:00 PM Mike and Linda Durney

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.

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."

MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

Fourth Sunday of Advent "Welcoming light"

Reading I Isaiah 7:10-14 (birth of Emmanuel)

Reading II Romans 1:1-7 (greetings from Paul)

Gospel Matthew 1:18-24 (the birth of Jesus)

Key Passage When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took Mary as his wife. (Matthew 1:24)

Adult Whom do you find it difficult to welcome in your life? What can you do to overcome that?

Child What could you do this week to make someone feel welcome, as Joseph welcomed Mary?

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers this weekend are given in loving memory of Tom Hertz by his wife Lynn Hertz.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 12/11 collections:	\$8,068.92
Immaculate Conception to date:	\$2,180.41
Our Lady of Guadalupe:	\$ 800.05
Catholic Charities to date:	\$ 2,735.83
Faith Direct	
Sunday collections:	\$ 11,289.67
Building Fund:	\$ 423.00
Epiphany:	\$ 374.33
Foundation for the Future:	\$ 551.68

ALL Bulletin inserts please email:
bulletin@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com
Deadline is 3:30pm on Monday before, except:
Jan. 1 bulletin: due 3:30 pm on Dec. 20

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE Sat., Dec. 24th: **5 pm** (children's Mass, preceded by Christmas play at 4:30 pm), **7 pm, 9 pm, & 11 pm (Spanish)**. Sun., Dec. 25th: **10 am & 12 pm (Spanish)**. No confessions on Christmas Eve.

FRIDAY MORNING MASS The 8:30 AM daily Mass this Friday, December 23 will be at Precious Blood.

FUNERAL MASS We pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Bennett, aunt of Kelly Bennett, who passed away last week. A funeral Mass will be held on Monday Dec. 19 at 10 am at Precious Blood.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE The Jan. 1 bulletin announcement deadline is **Tues., Dec. 20, at 3:30 pm**.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS Check out the pamphlet rack in the vestibule of the church for inspirational devotions for Advent and Christmas.

PARKING: Please DO NOT block the Rectory garage! Only one car can be parked by the garage, so that the priests are still able to get out if necessary. Thank you!

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.

MUSIC MINISTRY MUSICAL DREAMS. In today's Gospel, the angel of the Lord spoke to Joseph in a dream. In dreams, music represents harmony and the infinite potential of creative life. Many of the great composers claimed that they spontaneously 'heard' their greatest works while dreaming or immediately after waking. (*dreamsleep.net*)

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 ameliaelias@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!

SECOND COLLECTION Thank you for supporting last week's Catholic Charities Christmas Collection. Your support of Catholic Charities brings hope to those in greatest need across 100 affiliated service locations in 21 Virginia counties and 7 cities that make up the Diocese of Arlington. Learn more at www.ccda.net

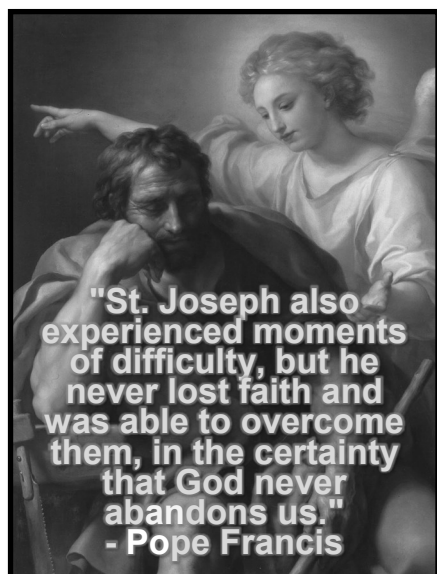
FOOD CLOSET is in need of tuna; canned chicken/chicken helper; chicken noodle & vegetable soup.

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 Dec. 21st to reopen 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 CHRISTMAS DECORATING INVITE Are you carefully pruning your greenery in your yard in the next two weeks? We will be accepting fresh cuttings (1-2 ft. lengths, please) of Nandina, Magnolia, Juniper, pines, Cedars, Boxwood, Cypress, Lotus pods, Holly, firs, pine-cones, Smilax, Ivy, pomegranates (~10), and similar cuttings **between 12/18 and 12/21!** Please leave them to the right of the outside doors to the church for us to pick up! Also, you are welcome to join us for **window decorating on 12/22 and church decorating 12/23,**



FAITH DIRECT In this season of Advent, we are continuously preparing ourselves for the celebration of Christ's birth. Why not help our own parish prepare for the coming new year by signing up with Faith Direct? By supporting Precious Blood Parish through Faith Direct, both you and our parish can save some time and peace of mind this holiday season. Already using Faith Direct? Don't forget to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **VA226** Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

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. 22: baked ham or roasted turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans; 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!

FR. GOLDSMITH LEADS PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA AND SPAIN Fr. Joe Goldsmith, Parochial Vicar at Blessed Sacrament Church in Harrisonburg, VA, will be the Spiritual Director for a 13-day pilgrimage to Spain and Fatima from **Oct. 1-13, 2017**. The itinerary includes 2 nights in Fatima, 2 nights in Santiago de Compostela, 1 night each in Braga, Burgos and Avila, and 4 nights in Madrid. Visits to Pontevedra, Salamanca, Alba de Tormes, Segovia, and Toledo are included. Cost is \$3,999 per person with a deposit of \$450 and final payment by July 1, 2017. An Early Booking Discount is available. Package includes round-trip air from most East Coast and Midwest airports, Superior tourist-class hotels, Escorted guides, AirCond motorcoaches, daily breakfast and dinners. For additional information and brochures, contact John Tagnesi toll-free **1-888-544-4461** or jtag1964@verizon.net.

VOCATIONS "When Joseph awoke he did as the angel of the Lord directed him." Are you prayerfully vigilant about discovering your vocation in Christ? Might He be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Father J.D. Jaffe at **(703) 841-2514** or write: j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS Prime Time Single Catholics (PTSC) is a Washington-area social group of single Catholics 40 and over. Delight in Christian fellowship with us! For more information contact John McBride by email at jfmcbride **526@hotmail.com** or by telephone at **(703) 820-9196**.

WMET 1160 AM GUADALUPE RADIO NETWORK Tune in to hear popular EWTN programming like "Catholic Answers Live," "Kresta in the Afternoon," and more on WMET 1160AM every day. Check out www.grnonline.com for more.

Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

Today we begin the Fourth Week of Advent. In this final week before Christmas, I would like to encourage you, if your schedule permits, to attend daily Mass at least sometimes during the week. In addition to the 8:30 AM Mass, Monday through Saturday, we are offering an additional evening Mass, at 7 PM, on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. (On Thursdays, a Mass is celebrated off the parish grounds at different nursing homes, a rehabilitation center and a prison.)

Another way to spiritually prepare to welcome the Christ child in our hearts is to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation. To make this easier, we will also be hearing Confessions at 6:30 PM till 6:55 PM on the evenings when we have the 7 PM Mass (Monday through Wednesday, and Friday).

On December 6, I attended the installation of Bishop Burbidge as the fourth bishop of our diocese of Arlington. Please pray for him in this new stage of his ministry, and ask God's blessings upon him and upon Bishop Loverde who served our diocese faithfully for 17 years.

I would like to ask you to refrain from parking behind the rectory garage. The priests need 24-hour-a-day access to be able to exit the garage. Two Sundays ago I tried to leave the garage to visit a sick parishioner in an emergency at the local hospital but was unable to get out. That was the only time on that day that my schedule allowed me to visit. The patient died shortly thereafter. I was glad that Fr. Mark was able to go and visit her while I celebrated the next Mass. We will try to get signs up and perhaps even paint an area to make it clear where someone should not park. We tried using orange cones, but people just moved them and parked anyway. I have also noticed that non-parishioners are regularly parking on the lower parking lot near East St., where we have a rental house. We will probably have to start towing cars parked there over Saturday night to get them to stop, because they have not responded to notices placed on their windshields. I know that parking is a challenge at our parish. I hope that after the new year we can form a committee to look at options to optimize the space that we have.

On another note, we have an old microwave oven in the rectory that doesn't work very well. If anyone has a modern, microwave oven that is still in good condition that they would be willing to donate, it would be gratefully received.

Finally, thank you to all of those who have brought food by the rectory this last week; your kindness is greatly appreciated.

God bless,
Fr. Kevin

FORMED.org FORMED Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen's books, tapes, homilies, retreats, and television series have inspired countless souls all over the world. This digitally-mastered presentation combines classic recordings of his timeless reflections on the meaning of the Incarnation of Jesus, mixed with Gregorian Chant and seasonal music. It is sure to become a family favorite! 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 22 and 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.

PROLIFE Today advocates for life have an advantage over their predecessors. Now, wonderful ultrasound images of unborn children at every stage of gestation are available. If it wasn't for hardness of heart, all would embrace life.

