

PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS TIMES (*during Advent season: 12/3-12/24*)

- ◆ Sundays: 8:30am, 11:30am, 2:00pm(Spanish)
- ◆ Saturdays: 8:30am* & 5:00pm (Vigil)
- ◆ Mon, Tues, Wed, & Fridays: 8:30am* & 7:00pm
Thursdays: 8:30am Mass followed by
Adoration 9am-9pm (unless otherwise noted)
- ◆ 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)*

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Kevin B. Walsh.....Pastor
Rev. Mark Moretti.....Parochial Vicar
Rev. Mr. Ramon Tirado.....Deacon
Kathy Semerling..... Business Manager
Steve Hemler.....Director of Faith Formation
Miriam Medina.....Director 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
Austin Poole.....Principal, Epiphany School
Monica Parsons.....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 6:30-7:30 PM

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parishioners who are requesting baptism for their child should contact the parish office to sign up for the required pre-baptismal classes:
English, 1st Saturday of the month
Spanish, 3rd Saturday of the month

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

is celebrated after a period of preparation of not less than six months. Parishioners who wish to marry at Precious Blood should contact the parish office for arrangements.

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

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



DECEMBER 17, 2017
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. December 17

Readings: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

8:30AM: Michael Kearney (birthday blessings)

11:30AM: Joseph Roccapiore (+)

2:00 PM: Luis Alonza Medinas (+)

Mon. December 18

Readings: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

8:30AM: Toodie White (+)

7:00PM: Tom Hertz (+)

Tues. December 19

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

8:30AM: Toya Finzel (healing)

7:00PM: Fr. M Gerald Gordon, TOR (+)

Wed. December 20

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

8:30AM: Matt, Anita, Eireann, and Anneliese and family

7:00PM: For those who take the Lord's name in vain

Thurs. December 21

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

8:30AM: for the victims of human trafficking

Fri. December 22

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

8:30AM: (Mass at Precious Blood) for the unemployed

7:00PM: Kathy Adams (+)

Sat. December 23

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

8:30AM: Phi Pham (+)

5:00PM: Marcia Peacock (+)

Sun. December 24

Readings: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1 26-38

8:30AM: Richard Driscoll (+)

11:30AM: for the people

2:00PM: mayor giro al sacramento de la confesión

Bringing joy through justice

Reading I: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11 (the mission to the afflicted)

Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 (Christian conduct; blessings)

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28 (John as witness to the light)

Key Passage: *I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation. (Isaiah 61:10)*

Adult: *What work of justice could you do this week to bring someone joy?*

Child: *What could you do for someone this week to make them happy?*



ALL Bulletin inserts please email them in by 3:30pm on Mondays-Thank you

bulletin@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com

"I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent."
LK 4:43



LORD, HEAR THE PRAYER FOR

OUR SICK ESPECIALLY:

Brian Alexander, Janice Ambrose, Hector Baez, Natalie Batiste, Wayne Bentz, Mike Bosma, Joyce Bosworth, Rudy

Bronesky, Mike Buckley, Christopher Byrne, Jim Byrne, Sally Canavan, Kriss Cordero, Betty Craven, Valentina Cruz, Bill Daley, Cynthia Davies, Jo English, Tom Fealy, Paul Flynn, Arnold French, Jeraldine Frye, Jeff and Danielle Gambale-Metz, Kevin Gile, Bill Goetz, April Hair, Doris Houdesheldt, Alex Hyde, Sherry Judy, Joe and Freda Kratochvil, Susan Lambert, Jean Landon, Charlotte Larson, John Lochte, Peg Logan, Martin Luna, Peyton Leopold, Camila Lyme, Ana Magana, Ileana Martinez, Kimberly Mendoza, Beth Moreland, Bill Mullins, Mary Neureither, Barbara Noonan, Richard Noonan, Jr., Cornelia Slabe Paczkowski, Luis Padilla, Shawn Peet, Elizabeth Amos Plasencia, Elizabeth Pycha, Gia Quiroz, Edna Iris Robles, Alice Schorr, Avery Scott, James Tietz, Mae Traversari, Cheryl Weagle, Bill White, 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



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.

Sacramental Emergency Only #: 540-219-5232

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Faith direct	\$15,989.67
Immaculate Conception	\$ 302.00
Building Fund	\$ 467.00
Epiphany	\$ 314.43
Catholic Charities	\$ 380.00
Foundation for the future	\$ 370.00
Sunday collections 12/10/17	\$ 9,360.00
Epiphany	\$ 38.00
Building fund	\$ 70.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 1,681.50
Immaculate Conception	\$ 1,592.85

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD:

◆ MONDAY (12/18):

Masses: 8:30AM/7:00PM; library open

◆ TUESDAY (12/19):

Masses: 8:30AM/7:00PM

◆ WEDNESDAY (12/20):

Masses: 8:30AM/7:00PM; Prayer Study group/Rosary, 9:30am; library open; Confessions 6:30-6:50, then 7:30PM, if needed

◆ THURSDAY (12/21):

Masses: 8:30AM; communal penance service, 7:00PM

◆ FRIDAY (12/22):

Masses: 8:30AM/7:00PM

◆ SATURDAY (12/23):

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

Confessions 3:30PM-4:30PM

◆ SUNDAY (12/24):

Masses: 8:30AM, 11:30AM, Spanish 2:00PM;

Christmas Eve Masses:

5:00PM/7:00PM/9:00PM(English) & 11:00PM(Spanish)

◆ MONDAY(12/25): Christmas Day

10:00 AM Mass in English; NOON Mass in Spanish

"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" – 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16 - 18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: There will be **NO exposition on** 12/21 due to the communal penance service & 12/28 due to vacations; it will resume January 4th, 9:00AM to 9:00PM; **(weather exceptions: if Culpeper County schools are closed, no adoration; delayed openings, adoration begins at 11:00AM; early closure, reposition will be at Fr. Kevin's discretion)**

MUSIC MINISTRY: will be hosting an **OPEN MIC NIGHT** on **Saturday, Dec. 30** beginning at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Come on out, share the fun and a song or two and enjoy some refreshments provided by our music ministers. Admission is free, but donations will be gratefully accepted for the Freda Kratochvil Scholarship Fund for Young Pastoral Musicians. Contact Mrs. Hannah Masson at pbmusicmin@gmail.com for more information or to get yourself into the lineup.

ST. STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET: needs this week: personal care items (toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving items etc.), pancake mix & syrup, chicken helper, green beans, mushroom soup, canned tuna, salmon; **wooden collection bin is located in foyer of Parish Hall.**

"O" ANTIPHONS: The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the Magnificat canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah. *See last page for prayers.*

EVENTS COMING UP:

SNACKS of the APOSTLES bible study: will meet **12/16 after the vigil Mass in the parish hall with potluck/bible study: the OT book of Numbers;** please join us as we have extra books to share!

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

NEWS: the next meeting with a potluck dinner will be **Monday, 12/18, at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall.** Topic: 7th&10th commandments. There will not be any RCIA classes on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1. **YOU ARE INVITED TO COME LEARN MORE about Catholicism! All are welcome!**

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE: is scheduled for Thursday, December 21, 7:00PM; there will be four priests available for confessions. There will be no confessions at 6:30 on Wednesday, 12/20.

THE PRAYER STUDY GROUP : meet on Wednesdays at 9:30AM., in the parish hall; **Rosary prayer intention: during Advent Lord give us assistance to perform the Corporal works of mercy: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, visit the sick and imprisoned, and pray for the dead.**

FOOD DRIVE FOR THE HOMELESS: The Culpeper Winter Heat Shelter needs staples so we can continue to feed the homeless in our community. Please pick-up a blue grocery bag at the Church entrance or the Parish foyer, fill it with some of the items listed on the bag and return to the church parish hall **before January 7th, 2018** or to the St. Lucy's truck in the parking lot on Sunday January 7th from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. We realize you have been asked to give to so many organizations recently with the fires, floods and hurricanes, and the angel tree over the past 6 months; However, this contribution goes straight to our community.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH! Questions call Jill Devine at 513-256-5677.



Youth group meets Sunday evenings, 6:00PM, parish hall

Join in for caroling this

Sunday of Advent:

(12/17)

Contact:

memoretti1958@gmail.com



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ALTAR SOCIETY INVITE: Please keep in mind that **we will be collecting fresh cut greens** like nandina, magnolia, white pine, cedar, fir, boxwood, spruce branches; fruit accents like pomegranates, apples for the **week of December 19-22**. We will use these for our Christmas window decorations. Thank you for sharing! Also, **we invite those who are willing and able to come to the Parish Hall 12/21 AND 12/22 to help with all the decorating plans for the windows, trees, crèche; volunteer hours for confirmandi can be earned!**

WORKCAMP2018: WALK HUMBLY WITH

GOD: Interested in WorkCamp? Contact: Kelly Bennett, our stakeholder at kellybennett94@aol.com and find out what a week can do to change your life! We need adult volunteers, contractors, lunch makers, and more! Plan ahead by marking your calendars for: June 23-29, 2018. **Registration ends December 30!**

ADULT&HS STUDENT FAITH FORMATION: A

special Tuesday-evening series exploring the riches of the Mass **starts on Jan. 9** with a talk by Fr. Kevin on the Jewish Roots of the Mass. This will be followed by the excellent DVD program, A Biblical Walk Through the Mass. In this 5-part series, Dr. Edward Sri takes participants on an exciting tour of the Liturgy as he explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. Learn, perhaps for the first time, why we say what we say and do what we do at Mass. Our words and gestures will be seen in a new light, leading to a richer, more fruitful worship experience. **High School students and parents are encouraged to attend on Tuesdays from 7-8:30 pm in the ANNEX**

WORD OF LIFE: "He is always with us. Jesus promised this when he gave the disciples the same mission he gives to each of us: Go. ... Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities.

AMAZON SMILE (fundraising for Epiphany):

Do you shop on Amazon? What about your family members, neighbors, and friends? All can register to support Epiphany Catholic School! Epiphany receives 0.5% of your eligible purchases because they are registered as a charitable organization! There is no cost to you, the customer, or to Epiphany, the charitable organization. **It is truly painless fundraising! How easy is it to register?**

Copy and paste this link in to your browser:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-1836329>

When you have registered, it will say "Supporting Epiphany Catholic School" under the search bar. *Each quarter, funds will be transferred directly to Epiphany.* **Please note that eligible purchases are noted as "Eligible for amazon smile donation" on the product detail page.**



AROUND the
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
ARLINGTON
& VIRGINIA

VOCATIONS: "The One who calls you is faithful." Will you be faithful to His call? Listen; If Christ may be inviting you to faithful service as a priest or consecrated religious, call Father J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514 or j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR:

The Arlington Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima (the Blue Army) will sponsor a diocesan-wide Eucharistic Holy Hour on **Sun., Dec.24 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.

YOUTH MUSIC FESTIVAL - Bishop O'Connell High School invites all 6th through 8th grade students to be a part of their 4th annual Youth Music Festival on **Saturday, Dec. 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** The day includes music clinics, performance and much more. This event is free, but a reservation is necessary. For more information and to register, visit www.bishopoconnell.org/festival.

SEMINARIANS VS QUO VADIS BBALL: "Hoops Challenge" will be held on **Sunday, January 7, 2018, from 2-6pm** at St. John Paul the Great High School. Bishop Burbidge and Fr. Christopher Vaccaro will be the referees. High school boys who are open to a vocation are welcome to participate on the Quo Vadis team, but we need to hear from them by this **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** so they can attend a practice. Contact our office, vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION DEADLINE: for Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Arlington is January 12, 2018. **Register by January 4** to take the High School Placement Test. Please visit the website for the high school you wish to attend to learn more about their application process and to register for the placement test.

WORLD-WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: "The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me;" **The next weekends are: Mar 2-4, 2018 in Herndon, VA and Sep 21-23, 2018 in Herndon, VA.** Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: RenewMarriage-VANorth.org s@hotmail.com

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Friday, January 19, 2018, is the date of the annual March for Life in Washington, DC. Our parish was blessed last year with 80 people (a record for us) who wanted to go. Since we had rented one bus that held 55, we couldn't accommodate them all. This year we would like to offer two buses, but we need to have a coordinator. Those who have coordinated in the past are not able to do so this year. If you are willing to coordinate this (with help from our staff), please contact the rectory office as soon as possible, since we only have one more month to do so.

During Advent, we have added a 7 PM Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, in addition to the regular Friday 7 PM Mass, to make it easier to come to Mass during this time of preparation to celebrate the birth of our Lord.

We will be installing new carpet in the church this week, so hopefully it will be ready for Christmas Eve. As you may have noticed, as the humidity comes and goes throughout the year, the carpet sometimes "bunches up" which can be a problem if someone is using a walker or walking with a cane. We don't want anyone to trip on the current carpet which is many years old. This has been the motivation for choosing to replace the carpet at this time.

This week, on Thursday, December 21, we will have our Advent Penance Service to prepare for Christmas, at 7 PM. Four priests will be available for Confessions.

With the Fourth Sunday of Advent falling on December 24 this year, we have the grace of attending Mass for Sunday in the morning (or the Saturday Vigil Mass) and for Christmas Eve in the evening (or Christmas Day). (No "twofers" in the Catholic Church.) I encourage you to live out the fullness of both of these liturgical feast days by attending Mass once for each.

And thank you to anyone who has brought food by the rectory this week.

God bless,
Fr. Kevin

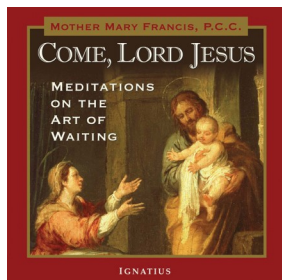
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Come, Lord Jesus

Meditations on the Art of Waiting

Visit: <https://formed.org/listen/>

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O ANTIPHON SONGS/PRAYERS

December 17 O Sapientia

O Wisdom of our God Most High,
guiding creation with power and love:
come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18 O Adonai

O Leader of the House of Israel,
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:
come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19 O Radix Jesse

O Root of Jesse's stem,
sign of God's love for all his people:
come to save us without delay!

December 20 O Clavis David

O Key of David,
opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom:
come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21 O Oriens

O Radiant Dawn,
splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and
in the
shadow of death.

December 22 O Rex Gentium

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church:
come and save man, whom you formed from the
dust!

December 23 O Emmanuel

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law:
come to save us, Lord our God!

CHRISTMAS 2017 MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, 12/24

4:45PM Nativity drama

5:00PM childrens' Mass (English)

7:00PM family Mass (English)

9:00PM late night Mass (English)

11:00PM Mass (Spanish)

MONDAY, 12/25

10:00AM Mass (English)

12:00PM Mass Spanish

