

PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS TIMES

- ◆ Saturdays: 8:30am* & 5:00pm (Vigil)
- ◆ Sundays: 8:30am, 11:30am, 2:00pm(Spanish)
- ◆ 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 31
HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY AND
JOSEPH



“...And His Son, where did He send Him? To a palace? To a city, to start a business? He sent Him to a *family!* God came into the world in a family. And he was able to do this because this family was a family that had its heart open to love, that had the doors open to love.” -Pope Francis

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. December 31

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Readings: sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Col 3:12-21; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22, 39-40

8:30AM: for the people

11:30AM: Leeann Agnes Mumm (+)

2:00 PM: Lucy Walbroehl (special intentions)

Mon.: January 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (not a holy day of obligation this year)

Readings: Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

10:00AM: Maria Gallahan (+)

Tues.: January 2

Readings: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

8:30AM: Jim Murphy (strength and healing)

Wed.: January 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Readings: 1Jn 2:29; 3:6; Jn 1:29-34

8:30AM: Jim Murphy (perseverance)

Thurs.: January 4 Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Readings: 1Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

8:30AM: Colette Smith (special intentions)

Fri.: January 5 Saint John Neumann

Readings: 1Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51

8:30AM: (school)Dr. Eric and Georgian P. Maybach (+)

7:00PM: Sheila Bertrand

Sat. January 6 Saint André Bessette

Readings: 1Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38

8:30PM: Carl and Victoria Walbroehl family

5:00PM: Sr. Lucia of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart (anniversary of entering Carmel)



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 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

Holy Family

Compassion

Reading I: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 (duties towards parents)

Reading II: Colossians 3:12-21 (the practice of virtues; the Christian family)

Gospel Luke 2: 22-40 (circumcision of Jesus; presentation in the temple)

Key Passage: As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. (Colossians 3:12)

ADULT: How do your family members know that you are a compassionate person?

CHILD: What family member needs your compassion and kindness right now?

Mary, Mother of God

Blessed by God

Reading I: Numbers 6:22-27 (the priestly blessing)

Reading II: Galatians 4:4-7 (free sons of God in Christ)

Gospel Luke 2: 16-21 (the shepherds' visit)

Key Passage So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God. (Galatians 4:7)

ADULT: Which of God's blessings are you most thankful for right now?

CHILD: What does it mean to you to be a child of God?



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

Sunday collections 12/17/17	\$ 10,392.00
Epiphany	\$ 651.00
Building fund	\$ 653.00

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Let us pray. Gracious God, accept these gifts, and with them our lives, to be used in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD:

- ◆ MONDAY (1/1/18)
Mass 10:00AM
BLESSINGS FOR THE NEW YEAR!
Office closed
- ◆ TUESDAY (1/2):
Mass 8:30AM
- ◆ WEDNESDAY (1/3):
Mass 8:30AM/Confessions 6:30-7:30PM
- ◆ THURSDAY (1/4):
Mass 8:30AM
- ◆ FRIDAY (1/5):
Mass 8:30AM
- ◆ SATURDAY (1/6):
Masses: 8:30AM/Vigil Mass 5:00PM
Confessions 3:30PM-4:30PM
- ◆ SUNDAY (1/7):
Masses: 8:30AM, 11:30AM, Spanish 2:00PM;

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
“...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive.”
- COLOSSIANS 3:13

Forgiveness – one of the hardest things for people to do. It’s amazing how long we can hold a grudge or be angry with someone. As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, take this opportunity to give the gift of forgiveness to someone - maybe someone in your family, maybe a friend, maybe a co-worker or neighbor or, maybe yourself. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: exposition 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:

Enjoy the songs, fun and joy of the season by coming to our **OPEN MIC NIGHT** on **TONIGHT (Sat, Dec. 30)** beginning at 6:30 pm in the **Parish Hall**. Admission is free, but donations will be gratefully accepted for the *Freda Kratochvil Scholarship Fund for Young Pastoral Musicians*. We’ll have refreshments and wonderful music provided by our music ministers and other voices from our parish! Contact Mrs. Hannah Masson at pbmusicmin@gmail.com for more information or to get yourself included in the lineup.



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

EVENTS COMING UP:

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.

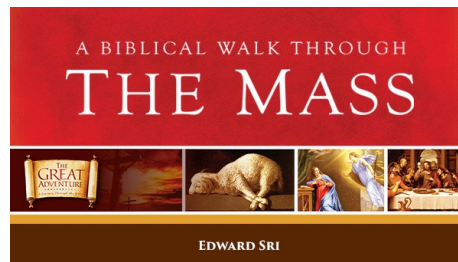
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

NEWS: the next meeting will be **Monday, January 8, 2018 the Parish Hall**. Topic: 6th and 9th commandments. **There will not be any RCIA classes on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1. All are welcome!**

THE PRAYER STUDY GROUP : will resume their meetings on Wednesdays at 9:30AM, on January 10 in the parish hall.

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 invited to attend on Tuesdays 7–8:30 pm in the ANNEX.**



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

Contact: memoretti1958@gmail.com

Meetings will resume January 7, 2018



THANK YOU CHRISTMAS DECORATOR

HELPERS!: Bobby Terry, and granddaughter Cora; Rose and Andrew Canavan; Tanner Church, Mary Semerling; Justine Dyer; Kathleen Bouchard; Kaele Anguiano; Pauline Roesche, The Schneider family, and others who shared fresh clippings for our windows! Finally, thank you to the O'Halloran Family for their beautiful fresh wreaths on the front doors and in the church from their Glengary Farm.

WORKCAMP2018: WALK HUMBLY WITH

GOD: Interested in WorkCamp? Contact: Kelly, 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 will close January 15th!**

WORD OF LIFE: "We were made to love and be loved; we are meant to depend on one another, serving each other in humility and walking together in times of suffering. Our relationships are meant to help us grow in perfect love."

RESPECT FOR LIFE POSTER AND ESSAY

CONTEST: January is Respect for Life Month, and once again Precious Blood Parish would like our students to participate in the annual Poster Contest (grades K-5) and the Essay Contest (grades 6-12). Trophies and ribbons will be presented to the First, Second and Third Place winners in each category. Honorable Mention ribbons will also be awarded. In addition, First, Second and Third Place essay contest winners will also receive cash prizes of \$50.00, \$30.00 and \$20.00 respectively. Return your entry by January 18 to the office with the student's name and grade.

BLANKET/SHAWL MINISTRY UPDATE: The group meets on Wednesday evenings, 5:30-7:00PM AND Friday mornings, 11:00AM-1:00PM; **the goal is to have 24 scarves** done to share with the heat shelter guests on January 21! Would you like to help? Or contribute? They need worsted weight yarn! Please contact Leni for details: 540-825-2965.

ROSARY PRAYERS DURING THE CHRISTMAS

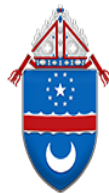
SEASON: The rosary is a private devotion and Catholics are free to pray any of the four sets of mysteries (joyful, luminous, sorrowful, glorious) on any day they wish. It is however customary that each day of the week is devoted to one set of the mysteries. In John Paul II's apostolic letter *Rosarium Virginis*

Mariae he describes the custom this way:

Monday, Joyful; Tuesday, Sorrowful; Wednesday, Glorious; Thursday, Luminous; Friday, Sorrowful; Saturday, Joyful; Sunday, Glorious; According to this ordering of the weekly rosary, no provision is made for the change of the liturgical season; but, if you wish, you are free to set aside Sunday's mysteries for the current liturgical season. If so, the Sunday order would appear this way:

Sundays of Advent and Christmas-Joyful; Sundays of Lent

and Holy Week-Sorrowful; Sundays of Ordinary Time-Luminous; Sundays of Easter-Glorious. It is still traditional to pray the Glorious mysteries everyday from Easter Sunday until the following Sunday.



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VOCATIONS: "By faith Abraham obeyed." If you should be called to serve the Lord as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, pray for a deep faith and obey Him in love. 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.

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.

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.

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

CONGRATULATIONS ON RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Anthony Villarreal Chavez, son of Saul Vilca and Margarita Chavez Mestanza
Charlotte Edwards, daughter of William and Whitney Edwards, III.

Conferred on December 9, 2017



The Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph



The devotion to the Holy Family was born in Bethlehem, together with the Baby Jesus. The shepherds went to adore the Child and, at the same time, they gave honor to His family. Later, in a similar way, the three wise men came from the East to adore and give honor to the newborn King with gifts of gold,

frankincense, and myrrh that would be safeguarded by His family.

We can go further to affirm that in a certain sense Christ, Himself, was the first devotee of His family. He showed His devotion to His mother and foster father by submitting Himself, with infinite humility, to the duty of filial obedience towards them. This is what St Bernard of Clairvaux said in this regard, *'God, to whom angels submit themselves and who principalities and powers obey, was subject to Mary; and not only to Mary but Joseph also for Mary's sake [...]. God obeyed a human creature; this is humility without precedent. A human creature commands God; it is sublime beyond measure.'* (First Homily on the 'Missus Est').

Today's celebration demonstrates Christ's humility and obedience with respect to the fourth commandment, whilst also highlighting the loving care that His parents exercised in His keeping. The servant of God, Pope John Paul II, in 1989, entitled his Apostolic Exhortation, *'Redemptoris Custos'* (Guardian of the Redeemer) which was dedicated to the person and the mission of Saint Joseph in the life of Christ and of the Church. After exactly a century, he resumed the teaching of Pope Leo XIII, for who Saint Joseph *'.. shines among all mankind by the most august dignity, since by divine will, he was the guardian of the Son of God and reputed as His father among men'* (Encyclical *Quamquam Pluries* [1889] n. 3). Pope Leo XIII continued, *'.. Joseph became the guardian, the administrator, and the legal defender of the divine house whose chief he was.[...]. It is, then, natural and worthy that as the Blessed Joseph ministered to all the needs of the family at Nazareth and girt it about with his protection, he should now cover with the cloak of his heavenly patronage and defend the Church of Jesus Christ.'* Not many years before, blessed Pope Pius IX had proclaimed Saint Joseph, 'Patron of the Catholic Church' (1870)

Almost intuitively, one can recognize that the mysterious, exemplary, guardianship enacted by Joseph was conducted firstly, in a yet more intimate way, by Mary. Consequently, the liturgical feast of the Holy Family speaks to us of the fond and loving care that we must render to the Body of Christ. We can understand this in a mystical sense, as guardians of the Church, and also in the Eucharistic sense. Mary and Joseph took great care of Jesus' physical body. Following their example, we can and must take great care of His Mystical Body, the Church, and the Eucharist which He has entrusted to us. If Mary was, in some way, *'the first tabernacle in history'* (John Paul II *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, n. 55) then we the Tabernacle in which Our Lord chose to reside in person, in His Real Presence, was also entrusted to us. We can learn from Mary and Joseph! What would they ever have overlooked in the care of Jesus' physical body? Is there something, therefore, that we can withhold for the right and adoring care of His Eucharistic Body? No amount of attention, no sane act of love and adoring respect will ever be too much! On the contrary, our adoration and respect will always be inferior to the great gift that comes to us in the Holy Eucharist.

Looking at the Holy Family, we see the love, the protection, and the diligent care that they gave to the Redeemer. We can not fail to feel uneasiness, perhaps a shameful thought, for the times in which we have not rendered the appropriate care and attention to the Blessed Eucharist. We can only ask for forgiveness and do penance for all the sacrilegious acts and the lack of respect that are committed in front of the Blessed Eucharist. We can only ask the Lord, through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, for a greater love for their Son Incarnate, who has decided to remain here on earth with us every day until the end of time.

From the [Congregation for the Clergy](#)



MONDAY, 1/1/18

10:00AM Mass

**Mary, Mother
of God**

**(not a holy day of
obligation this year)**

