

PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

114 East Edmondson Street
Culpeper, Virginia 22701

Phone: 540-825-8945 Fax: 540-825-8987

www.preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com

email: office@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com



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 class: 1st Sat.; Baptisms 2nd Sat. of the month Spanish class: 3rd Sat.; Baptisms 3rd Sat. 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



FEBRUARY 18, 2018
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. February 18

Readings: Gn 9:8-15/ 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

8:30AM: "Toodie" White (+)

11:30AM: for the people

2:00 PM: The Tabor Family (special intentions)

Mon. February 19

Readings: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

8:30AM: Roger DePue (birthday blessings)

7:00PM: Marie Moran (+)

Tues. February 20

Readings: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

8:30AM: Toya Finzel (healing)

7:00PM: John Johnson (+)

Wed. February 21

Readings: Jonah 3:1-10; Lk 11: 29-32

8:30AM: Fr. Duesterhaus (healing)

7:00PM: Jim Murphy (healing)

Thurs. February 22

Readings: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

8:30AM: Edward and Marcella Royse (+)

Fri. February 23

Readings: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

8:30AM: (Mass at Epiphany Catholic School)

7:00PM: Randy and Julie Royal and family

Sat. February 24

Readings: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

8:30AM: Karl Kaczmarek (+)

5:00PM: Andrew Karter (+)

A CHANGE OF HEART

Reading I: Genesis 9:8-15 (covenant with Noah)

Reading II: 1Peter 3:18-22 (purpose of Christ's suffering)

Gospel Mark 1:12-15 (Jesus' temptation; the call to conversion)

Key Passage: For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God.

(1 Peter 3:18)

ADULT: When or how could you step away from your daily responsibilities to renew yourself, so that you can do a better job of following in the footsteps of Jesus?



CHILD: What good habit could you work on during Lent so you could grow closer to God?



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, Maria A. Caldera de Araya, Kriss Cordero, Betty Craven, Valentina Cruz, Bill Daley, Cynthia Davies, Jo English, Tom Fealy, Paul Flynn, Arnold French, Jeraldine Frye, Kevin Gile, Bill Goetz, April Hair, Linda Hemler, Sebastian Manuel Lopez Hernandez, 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, 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, Mae Traversari, 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



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 2/11/18	\$ 8,729.00
Building fund	\$ 105.00
Catholic Herald to date:	\$ 320.00
Epiphany Catholic School	\$ 95.00
Altar Society	\$ 994.25

FAITH DIRECT®
inspiring secure giving™

Sunday collections	\$13,960.67
Herald	\$ 726.00
Foundation for the future	\$ 370.00
Building fund	\$ 428.00
Epiphany	\$ 314.33

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

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD:

◆ **MONDAY (2/19)**

Masses: 8:30AM/7:00PM

◆ **TUESDAY (2/20):**

Masses: 8:30AM/7:00PM

◆ **WEDNESDAY (2/21):**

Masses: 8:30AM/7:00PM

◆ **THURSDAY (2/22):**

Mass 8:30AM; adoration 9:00AM-9:00PM

◆ **FRIDAY (2/23):**

Masses: 8:30AM/7:00PM at Precious Blood; fish dinner 5:00PM,
Stations of the Cross, 6:30(English)/7:45PM (Spanish)

◆ **SATURDAY (2/24):**

Masses: 8:30AM/Vigil Mass 5:00PM
Confessions 3:30PM-4:30PM

◆ **SUNDAY (2/25):**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OFFICE CLOSED, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: Established in 1884, the **National Collection for Black and Indian Missions** supports and strengthens diocesan evangelization programs among the African American, American Indian, Eskimo and Aleut communities of the United States.

GABRIEL PROJECT collections: continue this weekend for a teen mom of a 10lb. boy, six weeks old; need diapers, onesies, wipes, lotion, baby shampoo, clothes...please bring items to the parish foyer box labeled **GABRIEL PROJECT**. Thank you for your generosity.

DIOCESAN NEWSPAPER REMINDER-

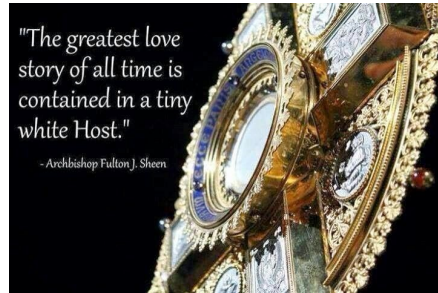
The Arlington Catholic Herald is the official newspaper of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington and has a weekly circulation of over 61,000. The Arlington Catholic Herald is distributed locally, nationally and internationally. The paper received six awards from the Catholic Press Association in 2005. For more information, visit <http://www.catholicherald.com/>. **\$25/yearly subscription.** Our parish cost is: \$12,432.00.

MUSIC MINISTRY: Today's hymn for the presentation & preparation of gifts is **GRACIOUS GOD** was written and composed by Jesse Manibusan who said "I wanted to write a song that might convey the mystery of the Incarnation, God made human; where God's people, in every age, take their turn at being a living sign of God's mercy, grace, and generosity in the world; not just a declaration of faith but also a manifestation.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

every Friday during Lent, 6:30 in English and 7:45PM Spanish

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: additional adorers are needed for the following hours: 1-2PM; 3-8PM; please contact Joanna Madorma at 540-829-2235 with your interest/availability.



OUR ST. JOHN PAUL II LIBRARY: Grow closer to Jesus, Mary, and the Saints this Lent through spiritual reading from the St. John Paul II Library, located at the corner of Edmondson and Main in the Old Rectory. We are open Monday 9:30-11:30, Wednesday 9:30-3:30 and Friday 9:30-11:30, or by appointment. Call Joan DePue 547-4588 or Pat Hetrick if you have any questions.

WORD OF LIFE: "Many parents want perfect children. Our culture is obsessed with perfection—a superficial perfection. Photos are airbrushed, and social media sites depict seemingly perfect lives. God calls us to seek perfection, too. He does not call us, however, to perfection of appearance or abilities, but to perfection in love."

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"A Perfect Gift," www.usccb.org/perfect-gift

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RESPECT LIFE

POSTER AND ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS: Poster Contest First Place: Lena Wilton; 2nd Place: Darcy Wilton; 3rd place: Abigail Heelen. Honorable Mention Posters: Matthew Lee, Eliana Williams, Landon Jobber-Spence, Hunter Regis and Savannah Fitzgerald Essay Winners: First Place: Savanna Veazey and 2nd Place: Melanie Castro. Many thanks to all those who participated.

MARDI-GRAS FUNDRAISER: THANK YOU parishioners for your support of the Altar Society and the continuing needs of the sanctuary altar! A TREMENDOUS applause to Charity and her group of confirmation students & volunteers who baked all day on Saturday and to our altar society members for their contributions to our raffle/bake sale!

THE CULPEPER WINTER HEAT SHELTER

MINISTRY : wants to thank Precious Blood Catholic Church for doing such an outstanding job in hosting the shelter for the week of January 21st. Again, the Lord called you to serve those less fortunate and you answered the call by giving of your time, treasures and talents. Thank you and may God bless you abundantly for all you do for this ministry. We couldn't do it without you!!!

“After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God....” - MARK 1:14

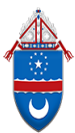
Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

EVENTS COMING UP:

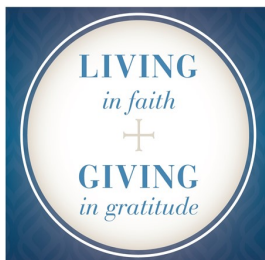
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

NEWS: Next meeting will be Monday, Feb. 19, at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. Fr. Kevin will be discussing the Sacraments and the Sacrament of Baptism. COME LEARN MORE about Catholicism! **All are welcome!**

FRIDAY EVENINGS DURING LENT: The Knights of Columbus will be serving dinner 5PM to 6:20PM in the parish hall. The menu will be: baked cod, fish sticks, potatoes and seafood chowder.



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
ARLINGTON



2018 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL: LIVING IN FAITH, GIVING IN GRATITUDE

The Bishop's Lenten Appeal is in full swing and we are asking every household in our parish to support this appeal to the extent that they are

able. The BLA funds many programs, services and ministries that serve people in need and furthers the Gospel mission of Jesus Christ in our diocese. Let us join together to do the Lord's work – works that touch the lives and souls of thousands of people in our diocese. Thank you!

HIGHLIGHT: Spanish Apostolate and the Office of Multicultural Ministries The evangelization, formational and pastoral needs of Hispanic Catholics in our diocese are served through the Spanish Apostolate Office. The Office of Multicultural Ministries serves as a resource to newcomers and coordinates programs, events and convocations reaching out to the various ethnic communities in the diocese.

VOCATIONS: “Christ suffered for sins once for all.” Is He asking you to suffer with Him and bring others to God as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514, or write: j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org. Call Father Jaffe at (703) 841-2514 OR j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

SUPPORT THE BISHOPS' INITIATIVE ON MARRIAGE! The kingdom of God is at hand." As we begin Lent, let us try to bring the kingdom of God to our marriages by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend. 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

PRAYING COLLEGE MOMS RETREAT ON CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER: Deepen your Prayer Life this Lent. Come to the Praying College Moms Retreat on Contemplative Prayer. Learn more about the practice of contemplative prayer and how it can draw you in to a closer relationship with Christ. It will be held on Saturday, March 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Mount Tabor Retreat House in Vienna, VA. (Snow date: March 17) The fee for the retreat is \$25 and includes a hot lunch and light refreshments. Pre-registration is required, please go to www.prayingcollegemoms.org to register.

MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT:

Could Christ be calling you to the priesthood? Take a step to find out. Attend the weekend discernment retreat for men (ages 17-55) March 23-25. This is a great opportunity for prayer and discernment, confession, talking with priests and seminarians, and preparing for Holy Week. Cost is \$60 and includes over-nights and all meals (financial assistance is available if needed). Retreat starts Friday at 6:30 p.m. and concludes Sunday after lunch. For more information or to register, contact Fr. J.D. Jaffe at 703-841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. Deadline to register is March 14. There is a similar retreat for women June 15-17.

OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ANNUAL TEACHER JOB FAIR:

TEACHER JOB FAIR ON MARCH 10, 2018. The Office of Catholic Schools invites prospective teachers to a Teacher Job Fair on March 10, 2018. The Fair will be held at Paul VI High School, 10675 Fairfax Boulevard, Fairfax, VA 22030, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. For more information visit <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Catholic-Schools/Careers/> or call (703) 841-2519. We believe in our teachers! Join our excellent schools for a faith-filled experience.

POST-ABORTION HEALING RETREAT FOR WOMEN: An Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on Saturday, March 24, 2018. Come begin your healing journey and experience God's hope and mercy. You are not alone. There is hope. For more info and confidential registration, please contact Project Rachel Ministry: 888-456-HOPE (4673)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday is the First Sunday of Lent. After our four-day introduction to Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday, we have 40 days from now till Holy Thursday to pray for those who will be receiving the Sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil, and to prepare ourselves to renew our baptismal vows at the Easter Vigil or at one of the Easter Sunday morning/afternoon Masses.

I would encourage you to consider choosing to do something (or "give something up") for Lent this year. The traditional practices that the Church recommends are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. There are many ways to do all of these things. I would recommend choosing to pray in some way that is helpful for you, and seeing if there is something you can fast from in your life. (Many people are finding it helpful to fast from time spent watching TV or using some other form of technology, so they can spend more time with loved ones. It's also a great way to find the extra time we need for prayer.)

I would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for their generous donation of \$600 to help cover the cost of our two buses for the March for Life last month. Out of a total cost of \$2500, we have been able to cover \$2303 with donations. Thank you to everyone for their generosity.

We have received our annual assessment for our diocesan newspaper, The Arlington Catholic Herald. The assessment totaled \$12,432. Of that we have received \$2,790 in our annual collection to cover part of the assessment. This assessment gives us the right for 40% of our parishioners to receive this weekly newspaper. That means that up to 518 households can receive the Herald in our parish. Currently only 415 homes receive it. If you are not receiving it and would like to, please let us know at the rectory office. If you would like to contribute anything toward covering our assessment, that would be great too.

Registration is ongoing at Epiphany School for the next academic year. Please consider this excellent school as a possibility for your children.

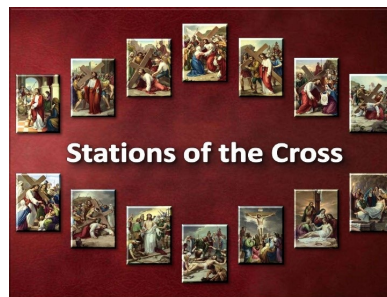
And thank you to anyone who has brought food by the rectory this week.

God bless,

Fr. Kevin



All families have now received their Registration Packages for their currently enrolled students for the 2018-2019 school year. If you need another application for a sibling or two, please call the school office. In the envelope you will find forms completed with the information we currently have on file, and information about required immunizations, applying for tuition assistance, and tuition payment options. Also note that the Registration Fee for currently attending students is \$50.00 instead of \$75.00. On March 1, the Registration Fee will again be \$75.00 per student.



The Augustine Institute presents a beautiful meditation on the Stations of the Cross, narrated by Dr. Christopher Blum. This prayerful reflection is accompanied by the Schola Cantorum of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Littleton, CO, chanting the traditional Catholic hymn Stabat Mater, in Latin, which depicts the loving presence of Our Sorrowful Mother, sharing in the suffering of Christ at the foot of the cross. **Take advantage of this audio on your commute, at home, or anywhere you find the time,** to enrich your prayer during Lent or throughout the year, and better unite yourself to the Passion of Christ.

<https://formed.org/>

FORMED
THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: All women of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington are invited to the 2018 Women's Conference, "From Darkness Into Light" at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Herndon, VA. Featuring Diane Foley, mother of slain journalist, James Foley, and Sr. Grace Dominic, writer and national speaker. Holy Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Burbidge. **Registration is \$65.** Please register ASAP to reserve your slots! **Event Date: March 10, 2018**

Welcome! Our doors are open and the light is on. The Light is On is an initiative of the Archdiocese of Washington and the Diocese of Arlington in which all Catholic churches across the DC metro area are open for quiet prayer and Confession (6:30-6:55pm, then after Mass, 7:30pm as needed on Wednesdays throughout Lent. Visit thelightison.org.



The Light is ON  for You.
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation