

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 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 25, 2018
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. February 25

Readings: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

8:30AM: for the people

11:30AM: Andrew Karter (+)

2:00 PM: Peter and Beth Maybach and family

Mon. February 26

Readings: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

8:30AM: Viola Depue (+)

7:00PM: Geraldine Schneider (strength and perseverance)

Tues. February 27

Readings: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

8:30AM: Victoria DeMaire (healing)

7:00PM: Eric and Melia Maybach family

Wed. February 28

Readings: Jer 18: 18-20; Mt 20:17-28

8:30AM: Clifford R. Burke (+)

7:00PM:

Thurs. March 1

Readings: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

8:30AM: Sean P. Burke (+)

Fri. March 2 World Day of Prayer

Readings: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

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

7:00PM: Michael Gruenburg (special intentions)

Sat. March 3

Readings: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

8:30AM:

5:00PM: Elsie Scott (+)

The assurance of faith

Reading I: Genesis 22:1-2, 9, 10-13, 15-18 (the testing of Abraham)

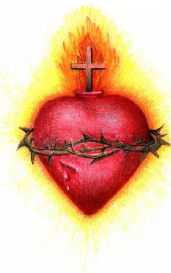
Reading II: Romans 8:31-34 (God's love for humanity)

Gospel Mark 9: 2-10 (Jesus transfigured)

Key Passage: Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

ADULT: How deeply do you believe that since God is for you, no one can destroy you?

CHILD: What would you like to ask God to do for you and your family?



CONGRATULATIONS ON RECEIVING
THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:
CHARLOTTE MARIE BALES
daughter of John and Sarah Bales
conferred on 2/10/2018



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, Roger Corum, 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 2/18/18	\$ 8700.62
Central&Eastern Europe	\$ 1602 .51
Black&Indian Missions	\$ 1449 .07
Epiphany Catholic School	\$ 70 .00

**BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL: As of 2/15/18
76 pledges out of 1295 families \$29,725.00
(goal is \$125,000.00)**

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 (2/26)**

Masses: 8:30AM/7:00PM

◆ **TUESDAY (2/27):**

Masses: 8:30AM/7:00PM

◆ **WEDNESDAY (2/28):**

Masses: 8:30AM/7:00PM

◆ **THURSDAY (3/1):**

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

◆ **FRIDAY (3/2):**

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

◆ **SATURDAY (3/3):**

Masses: 8:30AM/ first Sat. devotions/ rosary/exposition; Vigil Mass 5:00PM/Confessions 3:30PM-4:30PM

◆ **SUNDAY (3/4):**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CONGRATULATIONS: Fifty eight children celebrated the Rite of Reconciliation, Saturday, February 24, 2018. Thank you to all the teachers, parents, Fr. Mark and Fr. Kevin who helped prepare them to receive this beautiful Sacrament for the first time.

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.

MUSIC MINISTRY: Feb. 25 is the birthday of ex-Beetle **GEORGE HARRISON**, whose hit-selling single "My Sweet Lord", although it contains lyrics that hearken to our longing to see, hear & be with our Lord and has the praise of "Hallelujah" interspersed throughout, was actually written in praise of the Hindu god Krishna with the intent to reflect the desire of all believers, whether Christian, Muslim or Hindu, for a direct relationship with God. Harrison claimed to have used the Christian hymn "Oh Happy Day" as his inspiration for the song's melody.

EUCHARISTIC 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: Need a place to retreat? Some wonderful books on the spiritual life and prayer? Visit our St. John Paul II Library located at the corner of Edmondson and Main in the Old Rectory. It is a cozy, quiet place to read and get away! 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: "Sometimes our actions speak for themselves; other times, words are needed. Whatever the situation, Jesus knows how to speak to each person's heart; we simply need to follow where he leads." *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities*-*"How to Build a Culture of Life,"* www.usccb.org/culture-of-life

IDEA ABOUT TRAINING YOUR CHILD TO BE REVERENT & QUIET DURING CHURCH: Pack and bring a "Sunday only" activity bag-Allow children to use the quiet contents in the bag only after an agreed upon time. Children will gradually be able to hold still and be quiet for longer periods of time as they grow older. Such items in the bag could be a drawing tablet with appropriate drawing materials, scripture stickers, a set of scripture stories, etc. Keep the contents simple, minimal, and use only on Sunday.

EVENTS COMING UP:

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

NEWS: Next meeting will be Monday, Feb. 26, at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. TOPIC: The Sacrament of Confirmation. 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

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

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS: One could wonder: why five Saturdays? *Our Lord answered that question when He appeared to Sr. Lucy May 29, 1930. "My daughter, the reason is simple. There are five types of offenses and blasphemies committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary:*

1. Blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception;
2. Blasphemies against her virginity;
3. Blasphemies against her divine maternity, in refusing at the same time to recognize her as the Mother of men;
4. Blasphemies of those who publicly seek to sow in the hearts of children, indifference or scorn or even hatred of this Immaculate Mother;
5. Offenses of those who outrage her directly in her holy images.

Here, my daughter, is the reason why the Immaculate Heart of Mary inspired Me to ask for this little act of reparation..."

“Here I am!” he answered.” - GENESIS 22:11

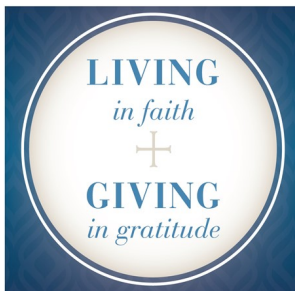
It is easy to say, “Here I am, Lord,” when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say “Here I am, Lord,” when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it’s not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.



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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: Programs and Ministries that Assist 70 parishes and 6 Missions More than 4,000 parish, school and diocesan employees are supported with human resources and employee benefit programs. Parishes are provided guidance with liturgical issues, financial guidance and audit processes.

VOCATIONS: “If God is with us, who can be against us?” Is the Lord strengthening you to consider the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Father J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514, or write: 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.prayingcollegmoms.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).

THEOLOGY ON TAP is a speaker series that takes place at local bars throughout Northern Virginia, focusing on a wide range of topics that directly affect the lives of young adults (ages 21-39). Originating in the Archdiocese of Chicago, Theology on Tap has spread throughout the country as a vital and popular component of young adult ministry. The goal is to provide a forum for young adults to learn about and discuss their faith in a relaxing social setting. **MANASSAS: second Monday of the month at BadWolf Public House; Monday, March 12, 2018- "Let God Engineer"-Kevin Bohli; Talk begins at 7:30 pm & ends with Q&A. Arrive early to get a seat! Questions? Contact us at yam@arlingtondiocese.org or Mary Arsenia at youngadults@allsaintsva.org.**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today is the Second Sunday of Lent. Fifteen of our parishioners (two adults and 13 youth) will be going to Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton parish in Lake Ridge to participate in the Rite of Election with Bishop Burbidge. In this rite, those who are Catechumens (the unbaptized), who have been preparing to receive the three Sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist), will be officially chosen (from Latin: "elected") by the Bishop to receive the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. These are members of our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process or the RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation of Children). After today, the Catechumens will be known as the "Elect" (the chosen).

Also, some of our baptized brothers and sisters (from various Protestant denominations) who are preparing to be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil (receiving Confirmation and/or Eucharist) will participate in the Call to Continuing Conversion with Bishop Burbidge.

We are blessed in our Diocese to have so many Catechumens and Candidates for Full Communion that we need to have this Rite celebrated twice, in two different venues.

Some parishioners have asked me to write about not receiving Communion from the chalice if a person is sick. Of course, if anyone is aware that they are sick, we would ask you to refrain from receiving from the chalice so as to not spread any germs. If someone also thinks they would spread germs by extending their hands at the Sign of Peace, they may want to bow instead of shaking hands.

Finally, I have had two groups ask me to write about young children who are loud at Mass: families of the young children, and those who are bothered by their loudness. The two groups see things very differently. The families of young children think that the rest of the congregation should be understanding of them, and happy to see them there. Other members of the congregation think that parents of young children who are loud should sit in the Comfort Room, or more promptly remove them from the main body of the church.

I would ask both groups to try to understand the other perspective a little more. If you are bothered by loud children, please remember when you had young children whom you tried to get ready to go to church, and participate at the appropriate times. Reflect on the fact that we are pro-life, and want to support young families as they bring the future of our Church to Mass.

If you have young children who are loud, please try to be considerate of the fact that one loud child could distract most of the rest of the congregation, depriving them of the spiritual nourishment from the Word of God that they have come to receive. Think about the fact that maybe it has been decades since they have been around young children, and are not as used to it as you are.

We would ask everyone to keep the second last pew on both sides of the ground floor free for families with young children (e.g., at least one of the children is under the age of five). Also, we encourage anyone who could benefit from taking advantage of the area behind the glass doors (the vestibule) which lead into our church, and the Comfort Room itself. We renovated this area precisely to make it more "user-friendly" for families with young children.

There is no perfect solution, but we would like to encourage everyone to be charitable to someone who sees the situation differently.

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

To register, go to www.formed.org and type in parish code: V2XJNR

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CELEBRATE READ ACROSS AMERICA AT EPIPHANY :Bring your family to celebrate Dr. Suess' birthday and Read Across America! Story teller and author Barb Lawson will be joining us for a fabulous and interactive performance. Students will move from room to room after the presentation and participate in activities that including crafts, games and stories read by exciting guest readers. **Save the Date: Monday, March 5 6:00-7:30 p.m.**

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