

# 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

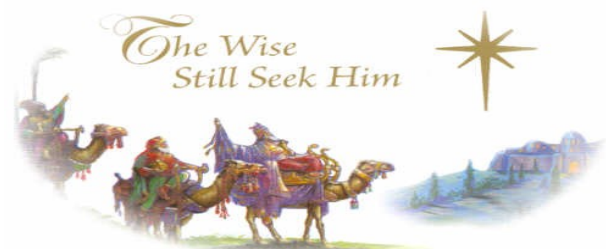
Elementary:K-5

Middle School:6-8

[office@epiphanycatholicsschool.org](mailto:office@epiphanycatholicsschool.org)



**JANUARY 7, 2018**  
**THE EPIPHANY OF OUR**  
**LORD**



## Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

### **Sun. January 7 The Epiphany of the Lord**

Readings: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12(20)

**8:30AM: Maria Gallahan(+)**

**11:30AM: for the people**

**2:00 PM: Maria Munguia Medinas(+)**

### **Mon. January 8 The Baptism of the Lord**

Readings: Is 55:1-11; 1 Jn5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

**8:30AM: Julie Cantwell (healing)**

### **Tues. January 9**

Readings: 1Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

**8:30AM: Patricia and Matthew Knox**

### **Wed. January 10**

Readings: 1Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

**8:30AM: Peg Logan(+)**

### **Thurs. January 11**

Readings: 1Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

**8:30AM: Betty Craven (strength and healing)**

### **Fri. January 12**

Readings: 1Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

**8:30AM: (Mass at Epiphany school)**

**7:00PM: William Craven (+)**

### **Sat. January 13**

Readings: 1Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Mk 2:13-17

**8:30AM: Sarah and Chris Peltier**

**5:00PM: Theresa DeMasi (healing)**

### (1/7)Epiphany: Unexpected gifts

**Reading I:** Isaiah 60:1-6 (glory of the new Zion)

**Reading II:** Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 (commission to preach God's plan)

**Gospel Matthew 2: 1-12 (the visit of the Magi)**

**Key Passage:** On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother. (Matthew 2:10)

**ADULT:** When have you found the presence of Christ in an unexpected place?

**CHILD:** Where and in whom will you look for Jesus this week?



### (1/8)Baptism of the Lord: All are welcome

**Reading I:** Isaiah 55:1-11 (All who are thirsty, come to the waters)

**Reading II:** 1Jn 5:1-9 (Jesus Christ came through water and blood)

**Gospel Mark 1: 7-11 (the baptism of Jesus)**

**Key Passage:** And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (Mk 1:11)

**ADULT:** Are your actions, words, thoughts pleasing to the Lord?

**CHILD:** Can you put into practice one new action and use only words that make our Lord happy?



## 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, Sally Canavan, 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, Doris Houdesheldt, Alex Hyde, Sherry Judy, Joe and Freda Kratochvil, Susan Lambert, Sr. Carolina Langschwager, Charlotte Larson, John Lochte, Martin Luna, Peyton Leopold, Camila Lyme, Ana Magana, Kimberly Mendoza, Beth Moreland, Bill Mullins, Mary Neureither, Cornelia Slabe Paczkowski, Luis Padilla, Shawn Peet, Elizabeth Pycha, 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

<b>Sunday collections 12/24/17</b>	<b>\$ 12,530.00</b>
<b>Building fund</b>	<b>\$ 630.00</b>
<b>Christmas collection (12/24&amp;25)</b>	<b>\$11,512.39</b>
<b>Sunday collections (12/31/17)</b>	<b>\$ 8,722.00</b>
<b>Epiphany</b>	<b>\$ 460.00</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>\$ 40.00</b>
<b>Solemnity of Mary</b>	<b>\$ 939.39</b>
<b>First offering:</b>	<b>\$ 570.00</b>
<b>Freda Kratochvil Scholarship</b>	<b>\$ 235.00</b>

*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 (1/8)  
Mass 8:30AM
- ◆ TUESDAY (1/9):  
Mass 8:30AM
- ◆ WEDNESDAY (1/10):  
Mass 8:30AM/Confessions 6:30-7:30PM
- ◆ THURSDAY (1/11):  
Mass 8:30AM; adoration 9:00AM-9:00PM
- ◆ FRIDAY (1/12):  
Mass 8:30AM at Epiphany School/ 7:00PM at Precious Blood
- ◆ SATURDAY (1/13):  
Masses: 8:30AM/Vigil Mass 5:00PM  
Confessions 3:30PM-4:30PM
- ◆ SUNDAY (1/14):  
Masses: 8:30AM, 11:30AM, Spanish 2:00PM

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### THANK YOU TO ALL ANGEL TREE GIVERS!

Over 100 people benefited from your generosity! Thank you cards from recipients like the Paul Stefan Home and The Crisis Pregnancy Center have been pouring in!

ENVELOPES-FIRST OFFERING: You will find this offertory envelope in your pack; collections from this envelope are used to help defray the overall cost of the envelope program; please be generous and/or consider using Faith Direct. ([www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net))

SIGN UP FOR THE BUSES GOING TO THE MARCH FOR LIFE: sheets are located in the church vestibule; **please include name, phone, and email.** The event will be held on **Friday, January 19.** We will leave Precious Blood 9:30AM and return by 6:00PM. Families are welcome to attend; please consider a free will donation to help defray the transportation costs. Each person should bring a brown bag lunch/water. Dress warmly! Thank you!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: **Thursdays, 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: **Children's choir rehearsals resume today!** If you are in grades 2-7 and love to sing—come join us in CCD classroom #5 from 12:45-1:30 pm as we prepare for the celebrations of 1<sup>st</sup> Penance, Easter, 1<sup>st</sup> Communion, Mother's Day & Father's Day. We share our love for music and our God together and with our parish family! Please contact our director Mrs. Gina Rossetti at [eprossetti@yahoo.com](mailto:eprossetti@yahoo.com) or (540) 937-2320 for more information.

ALTAR SOCIETY: meeting, 1/12, after AM Mass to take

down Christmas décor and get ready for our annual MardiGras fundraiser event! All are welcome!

ST. STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET: needs this week: 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: **Last chance to fill a bag!** 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 **on January 7th, 2018** to the St. Lucy's truck in the parking lot **8 a.m. – 1 p.m.** **THANK YOU VERY MUCH!** Questions call Jill Devine at 513-256-5677.

Also, see flyer insert for information about the Culpeper Winter Heat Shelter and Precious Blood's week: **January 21-27th!**

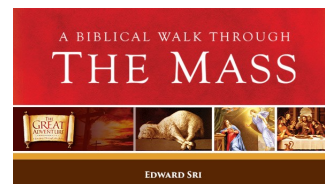
### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

NEWS: the next meeting will be **Monday, January 8, 2018** the Parish Hall. Topic: 6th and 9th commandments. **All are welcome!**

LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING: the second Tuesday (1/9) of every month, 11:00AM in 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.



**All adults and high school students are invited to attend on Tuesdays 7–8:30pm in the ANNEX.**

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

THURSDAY MORNING Bible Study will resume on Thursday, **January 11**, studying Isaiah lesson 10. Call Joanna 829-2235 with any questions.

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

Contact: [memoretti1958@gmail.com](mailto:memoretti1958@gmail.com)  
Meetings will resume January 7, 2018



## WORKCAMP2018: WALK HUMBLY WITH

GOD: Interested in WorkCamp? Contact: Kelly, our stakeholder at [kellybennett94@aol.com](mailto: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: "To women with an unplanned pregnancy, Maya says, 'This is survivable. Have hope.'" *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities*  
"Accompanying Expectant Mothers Considering Adoption"

## 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 21 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: **Sundays of Christmas-Joyful.**



## CONGRATULATIONS ON RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

John Alexander Martinez, and Vanellope Alexandra Martinez, children of Gildardo Martinez and Lucia Trejo

*and*

Brianna Alexia Funes Arguela, daughter of Nilson Funes and Natalia Argueta  
Conferred on December 23, 2017



## AROUND the CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON VIRGINIA

VOCATIONS: "They offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." Is God calling you to give Him the gold of your freedom, the incense of your prayer, and the myrrh of your love through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? 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](mailto:j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org).

GIFTS FOR THE SEMINARIAN EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND (SEEF) Please support our seminarians and SEEF, a permanent endowment fund established in 2011. SEEF's income provides funding for annual seminarian expenses such as room, board, tuition, health insurance and books, which total almost \$40,000 per seminarian. Please give generously! To donate, make checks payable to: "Foundation for the CDA – SEEF." **Mail to: The Foundation, 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 811, Arlington, VA 22203. Contact Gretchen: [g.koch@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:g.koch@arlingtondiocese.org) or (703) 841-3819 with questions.**

## DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN

DISCERNERS: The Sisters of Life will host a Day of Recollection for women ages 17 and up who are discerning religious life on **Sunday, January 21, from 9-5.** The day is an opportunity to gain some practical tools for exploring your vocation and grow in your relationship with Christ. There will be Mass, Holy Hour, opportunities for confession, and social time with the sisters. Cost is \$15, and the deadline to register is Friday January 12. For more information and to register contact the Office of Vocations, [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org) or 703-841-2514.

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](http://RenewMarriage-VANorth.org) s@hotmail.com.

## *Epiphany of the Lord*

*"..they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh..." - MATTHEW 2:11*

**Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

**Happy Epiphany and Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Monday, January 8. With that feast day, the Christmas season ends and we return to Ordinary Time in our liturgical calendar.**

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 will offer two buses. As I write this on January 3, we have 22 people signed up. We will also have about 15 or so coming from Epiphany School, and we might accept another dozen or so people from a local parish that is not sponsoring its own bus. Please sign up this weekend in the church vestibule, or come by or call the church office to sign up. The cost of the two buses will be \$2500 in case anyone would like to help offset this. We plan to leave by 9:30 AM (after the 8:30 AM Mass and Morning Prayer) and return by 6 PM, so please remember to pack a full lunch and drinks.

This year Bishop Burbidge has let us know that the Apostolic Penitentiary of the Holy See (the Vatican) has granted a plenary indulgence, under the "usual conditions", to those who participate in the sacred celebrations carried out on January 18 and 19. What a plenary indulgence is, and the "usual conditions" are explained here:

1. This is how an indulgence is defined in the *Code of Canon Law* (can. 992) and in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (n. 1471): "An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints".

2. In general, the gaining of indulgences requires certain *prescribed conditions*, and the performance of certain prescribed works
3. To gain indulgences, whether plenary or partial, it is necessary that the faithful be in the *state of grace* at least at the time the indulgenced work is completed.
4. A *plenary indulgence* can be gained only *once a day*. In order to obtain it, the faithful must, in addition to being in the state of grace:
  - have the interior disposition of *complete detachment from sin, even venial sin*;
  - have sacramentally confessed* their sins;
  - receive the Holy Eucharist* (it is certainly better to receive it while participating in Holy Mass, but for the indulgence only Holy Communion is required);
  - pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff*.
5. It is appropriate, but not necessary, that the sacramental Confession and especially Holy Communion and the prayer for the Pope's intentions take place on the same day that the indulgenced work is performed; but it is sufficient that these sacred rites and prayers be carried out within several days (about 20) before or after the indulgenced act. Prayer for the Pope's intentions is left to the choice of the faithful, but an "Our Father" and a "Hail Mary" are suggested. One sacramental Confession suffices for several plenary indulgences, but a separate Holy Communion and a separate prayer for the Holy Father's intentions are required for each plenary indulgence.
6. For the sake of those legitimately impeded, *confessors* can commute both the work prescribed and the conditions required (except, obviously, detachment from even venial sin).
7. Indulgences *can* always be applied either to oneself or to the souls of the deceased, but they cannot be applied to other persons living on earth.

Adapted from: [https://www.ewtn.com/expert/answers/indulgences\\_conditions.htm](https://www.ewtn.com/expert/answers/indulgences_conditions.htm)

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

**God bless, Fr. Kevin**

**MEN'S CONFERENCE:** are invited to the **Men's Conference on March 3rd, 2018**. This year's conference – entitled Marked Men: Made For Greatness – will feature one of the most celebrated Catholic speakers in the world of social media: Fr. Mike Schmitz, who will be joined by Bishop Burbidge and Billy Atwell, Chief Communications Officer of the Diocese. Continental breakfast and lunch will be served. **To REGISTER, go to [www.arlingtondiocese.org/men](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/men). Registration opens January 3rd, at 9:00am. Ticket price is \$55 through Feb. 1; \$65 after. Make sure to register ASAP as slots get filled quite easily!**

### **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 \$55 through February 1; \$65 after.** Please register ASAP to reserve your slots! **Event Date: March 10, 2018**

