

PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASSES

Saturday: 6:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 & 11:30 a.m.
4:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Daily: 8:30 a.m.
Holy Days: 8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Anselme Malonda-Nkuanga, CICM....Pastor
Ramon Tirado.....Deacon
Kathy Semerling..... Business Manager
Hannah Masson.....Director of Music
Patricia Reed.....Dir. of Religious Education
Miriam Medina.....Dir. of Liturgy/Hispanic Liaison
Danielle Gambale-Metz.....Office Staff-Notary
Theresa Watson.....Choir Director
John Flemming.....Heritage Choir Director
Julie Dawley.....Director of R.C.I.A.
Mary Flemming.....Coordinator of Youth Ministry
Jim Oliver.....Principal, Epiphany School
Barbara Terry.....Director, Epiphany Pre-School
Anne Schuyler.....Business Manager, Epiphany 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

Is available on Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 pm and Saturdays 4:00 to 5:30 and any other time upon request.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Registered parishioners who are requesting baptism for their child should contact the parish office to sign up for the required pre-baptismal classes.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

CCD CLASSES

540-825-1339

Sunday: 9:30-10:45 a.m. (K-12)

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

www.epiphanycatholicsschool.org

May 15, 2016

“Pentecost Sunday”

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. May 15

8:00 AM Sharon Depue (+)

11:30 AM Wayne Orme (+)

4:00 PM For the People

Mon. May 16 Bobbie Jo Soutter (+)

Readings: Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29

Tues. May 17 Mother's Day Intentions

Readings: Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37

Wed. May 18 Mother's Day Intentions

Readings: Jas 4:13-17; Mk 9:38-40

Thurs. May 19 Rico Gallo (healing)

Readings: Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:41-50

Fri. May 20 Duane Depue (+)

Readings: Jas 5:9-12; Mk 10:1-12

Sat. May 21

Readings: Jas 5:13-20; Mk 10:13-16

8:30 AM Mother's Day Intentions

6:00 PM Mother's Day Intentions

LORD HEAR THE PRAYER FOR OUR SICK

Especially: Brian Alexander, Janice Ambrose, Trudy Baker, Rosalie Baker, Michael Baudham, Mike Bosma, Joyce Bosworth, Christopher Byrne, Bill Daley, Cynthia Davies, Wilma Day, Jackie Fancher, Danielle Gambale-Metz, Bill Goetz, Alex Green, Mitch Harper, Nancy Hoffman, Alex Hyde, Peg Logan, Kriss Cordero Luna, Carmela Lyne, Ana Magana, Doreen McNamara, Beth Moreland, Mary Neureither, Shawn Peet, Gia Quiroz, Donald Rediske, Max Rosado, Mary Jane Roth, Lorain Smith, Greg Szafranski 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.

Call the rectory if you want a name to remain after six weeks.



"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." - John 14:26

Pentecost

"Gifts for service"

Reading I Acts 2:1-11 (descent of the Holy Spirit)

Reading II 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 (many gifts, one Spirit, and the analogy of the body)

Gospel John 20:19-23 (appearance to the disciples)

Key Passage Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord. (1 Corinthians 12:4-5)

Adult What gift of service have you received from the Holy Spirit and how well are you using it right now?

Child What gift do you hope to receive from the Holy Spirit? How could you use it to serve others?

The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us. The relativism of our world tells us that we should be tolerant of all things, that there is no absolute truth. Pray to the Holy Spirit to put the right words in our mouths when challenged about our faith.



ALL Bulletin inserts please email:
bulletin@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com

Deadline is 3:30pm on Monday before.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 5/8 collections:	\$8,591.00
Epiphany:	\$155.00
Building Fund:	\$330.00
Ascension:	\$606.00
Catholic Comm. Campaign:	\$1,622.19

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Fr. Anselme visits Culpeper Hospital twice a week on Tuesday and Friday. Please notify the rectory if you wish to have someone visited. Arrangements should also be made with the rectory for an Extra-ordinary Minister to bring Holy Communion to shut-ins on a regular basis. Emergency sick calls can be arranged at any time.

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

The office will be closed on Monday, May 30th for Memorial Day.



CONFIRMATION On Sunday, May 22, 2016, at the 11:30 AM Mass, Most Rev. Richard B. Higgins will be conferring the sacrament of Confirmation on 61 of our students. Please plan ahead so we may accommodate our Confirmandi and their families and friends.

Practice for Confirmation will be today, Sunday May 15th, at 1:00 PM.

MUSIC MINISTRY To celebrate the great feast of Pentecost and our unity and diversity in **One Lord, One Faith, One Parish, Many Tongues**, there will be a brunch from **9:30-10:30 AM** today in the parish hall sponsored by our music ministers. There will be food and music featuring **"Songs of our Mother"** from around the world. Donations for the Freda Kratochvil music scholarship for young pastoral musicians will be gratefully accepted.

SUICIDE PREVENTION WALK The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention will have a fundraising event at Chick-fil-a on **Thursday, May 19** from **5:00pm to 8:00pm**. Please come and have dinner that evening inside the store or drive thru, but you must mention you want to support our cause and a percentage will be given to us. For questions, please reach Aixa Peterson at **703-472-7718**.

ST. JOHN PAUL II LIBRARY The library is open **Tuesdays** from **1:00pm to 3:00pm** and **Wednesdays** from **9:30am to 3:00pm**. If you have any questions, please contact Joan Depue at **540-547-4588**. Do you need books for spirituality, theology, etc.? Come see us!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—ADORERS NEEDED! Adorers are needed to come before the Most Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays for the time slots from **1:00-2:00 PM** and **8:00-9:00 PM**. If you can help with this important ministry please call Joanna Madorma at **540-829-2235**.

SECOND COLLECTION Today there will be a second collection for the care of our diocesan retired priests. Currently there are 22 retired priests and an additional 17 diocesan priests who will retire in the next ten years. Please consider donating. Thank you for your generosity in last week's Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Because of your support, millions of faithful will have the opportunity to deepen their faith through daily resources on television, radio, social media, podcasts, and print media. Remember, half of your donations are staying in our diocese to support local communications needs. To learn more about the important work supported by this collection, please visit www.usccb.org/ccf.

ADULT EDUCATION SURVEY Please complete the **parish adult education interest survey** of possible topics for the 2016-2017 school year at most Masses next weekend. We send our children to CCD to facilitate their knowledge and love of God and our Faith. But this is a lifelong process which adults need to also pursue for themselves. This can take many different forms, such as retreats, days of recollection, and viewing Catholic websites or EWTN programs. There are also adult faith formation opportunities within our parish, including Bible studies, the parish library, and the Sunday morning adult education program. **Please thoughtfully respond to the upcoming adult education survey to help the planning committee better respond to your interests and needs.** Surveys will be given out as you arrive for the 6:00 pm Mass on May 21, the 8:00 am and 4:00 pm (Spanish) Mass on May 22. However, due to Confirmation being celebrated at the 11:30 Mass on May 22, surveys will be distributed at the 11:30 Mass the following Sunday, May 29. Please return your completed survey in the lobby after Mass.

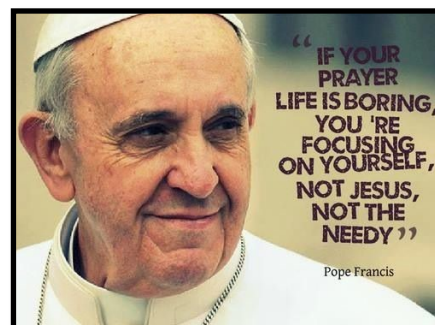
SAINT STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET This week's needs are: condiments; pasta sauce with meat; soups (no cream of mushroom please); and tuna snack kit.

DONATE YOUR OLD SHOES CHASS will again be collecting shoes in any condition for distribution to third world countries. There will be a box in the vestibule of the church for the next week. Your generosity last year provided over 500 pairs of shoes. Don't throw out those old, outdated shoes, bring them to church. Any questions, please call Mary McPhillips at **547-2123**. Thank you for helping!

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING Altar server training will be held on **June 5th, 19th, and 26th** for those who have completed the 4th grade, been baptized and have received first Holy Communion. Please contact the office if your child is interested.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES Couples who are celebrating their 50th or 25th wedding anniversaries this year, please let the office know.

WALK FOR LIFE Sincere thanks to the members of Precious Blood Church who supported the Walk For Life, either by walking or sponsoring a walker. Pledges from members of our parish in support of the Pregnancy Center totaled \$1800.



YOUTH VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER Save the date: **Saturday, June 4th**, after the 6 PM Mass, there will be an appreciation dinner for all youth volunteers. Look for your invitation to arrive soon.

FAITH DIRECT Are you starting to plan your summer vacations? Consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: VA226. Your gifts through Faith Direct will help stabilize our parish finances through the busy (but beautiful) summer months. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family with your time and talents as well as treasure!

WORKCAMP UPDATE Many thanks to all who supported our plant sale this past weekend! We still have a few left—they will be available this weekend, May 14th and 15th starting after the Saturday Mass until they are all gone.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

GRADUATION MASS Please let the office know if you are graduating from high school in Spring 2016. The High School Graduation Mass will be **Sunday, June 5th at 11:30AM** and we would like to recognize our graduating seniors!

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE Application forms for the Fr. Maurice du Castillon and Fr. Leo Zonneveld scholarships, awarded to graduating seniors, are available in the foyer! The form and a reference letter from a Precious Blood parishioner citing the applicant's involvement in church activities must be turned in by **June 1st, 2016**.



AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR The Arlington Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima (the Blue Army) will sponsor a diocesan-wide Eucharistic Holy Hour on **Sunday, May 22** from **3:00 – 4:00 p.m.** at **St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 271 Winchester Street, Warrenton**. We hope you can join us in prayer.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION DAY St. John the Apostle Parish in Leesburg will host a Catholic Education Day and Mini-Retreat for parents on **Saturday, May 21**. The event will be held in the Parish Center located at **101 Oakcrest Manor Dr., Leesburg**, from **9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.** The retreat will focus on the importance of the Domestic Church in the education of children. However, parents who are interested simply in obtaining more information about Catholic schools, local Catholic colleges, or homeschooling are encouraged to attend. Representatives will be on hand from a number of elementary, high school and college level institutions as well as experienced homeschool parents to answer questions and provide information. Simultaneously, a homeschool curriculum “sell, swap and give-away” tailgate party will take place in the parking lot. To reserve a spot contact Deacon Robert or Amy Gillispie at **(703) 842-5496** or hsarchitecture@icloud.com. For more information please visit: www.stjohnhomeschoolers.weebly.com/education-day---may-21st.html

ONLINE THEOLOGY CLASSES Deepen your knowledge of the faith this summer! Take a 3-week online seminar through Catholic Distance University for just \$30. Register for Mary and the Scriptures (June 6-27), Acts of the Apostles (July 4-25) or Proclaiming the Reality of God: Compelling Evidence of God's Existence (July 25-Aug. 15). Visit www.cdu.catalog.instructure.com/ to register. At checkout, enter promo code **CDU15ARLINGTON** to receive the special \$30 rate reserved for parishioners within the Diocese of Arlington!

DISCERNMENT RETREAT Is Christ be calling you to be his bride? Take a step to find out by attending a Discernment Retreat for Women (ages 18-50), June 17 -19. The retreat will include discernment workshops and quiet moments of prayer to rest in Christ. The cost is \$60. Financial assistance is available. For more information and to register, contact the Office of Vocations at **(703) 841-2514** or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. Registration deadline is June 10.

PRAY FOR PRIESTS: FREE PRAYER CARDS The Office for Family Life is asking you to offer up a daily prayer for priests in the Diocese of Arlington! The Office for Family Life is providing prayer cards with a special prayer, as well as the name of one priest, on the back of each card. Request these free prayer cards by mailing a self-addressed and stamped envelope to the **Office for Family Life, 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 523, Arlington**. For more information, contact **(703) 841-2550**.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND Our “special” 10 Day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land will be offered over 2 different departure dates. We will be departing Toronto Pearson Int'l Airport on **11/6/-11/15/2016; 2/7/17-2/16/17** at the all land and air inclusive costs of 2669.00 USD in Feb and 2699 USD in November in twin accommodations and depending on the date you choose. We will be visiting Tel Aviv, Jaffa, Caesarea, Acre, Nazareth, Cana, Tiberius, Sea of Galilee, Tagba, Capernaum, Mt. Tabor, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, and more. Brochures and reservation forms available at the Catholic Tour at **877-627-4268** toll free. Or simply email lmadalr@thecatholictour.com.

What does the word “Pentecost” mean?

The English word “Pentecost” is a transliteration of the Greek word *pentekostos*, which means “fifty.” But Christians did not invent the phrase “fiftieth day.” Rather, they borrowed it from Greek-speaking Jews who used the phrase to refer to a Jewish holiday. This holiday was known as the Festival of Weeks, or, more simply, Weeks (*Shavuot* in Hebrew).

On the Jewish calendar, **Shavuot** marks the conclusion of a seven-week period known as *sefirat ha-Omer*, the counting of the Omer. Beginning on the second day of Passover, we are commanded to count 49 days leading up to Shavuot (Leviticus 23:15). In agricultural terms, this is a time of anxiety and anticipation for farmers who observe their ripening grain. In religious terms, counting the Omer links physical and spiritual redemption. **Just as Passover celebrates physical freedom of the Israelite's redemption from bondage in Egypt, Shavuot celebrates spiritual liberation through their experience of God's presence and revelation at Sinai.** In the Passover exodus, God brought a people out from among the nations. At Sinai on that first Shavuot or the Feast of Weeks, God created a nation set apart for Himself. He revealed Himself and how to live as a redeemed community, a kingdom of priests and a holy nation (Exodus 19:6). The presence of God on that day was attended with great supernatural events: "the mountains shook violently, the ram's horn blew louder and louder, there were flashes of lightning, smoke rose upon the mountain and God spoke in the thunder (Exodus 19:18,19).

During Shavuot the first fruits of the harvest were to be brought before the Lord as an offering and all the men of Israel were to come to the Temple in Jerusalem. As the Jewish people celebrate this feast year after year, they recount the awesome events that took place at the foot of Mt. Sinai. It is what defines them as a people. Therefore it was not by chance that God chose Shavuot. This was a time when Jerusalem would have been filled with Jews from all the surrounding lands who had come with great anticipation to "meet with the Lord"—the meaning of the "appointed times" listed in Leviticus 23.

The first followers of *Yeshua* (Jesus) must have had a greater sense of expectation as they were told by the Lord Himself that, "in a few days you will be immersed in the Holy Spirit!" (Acts 1:5) before He was taken up before their eyes. Acts records that approximately 120 followers of *Yeshua* were gathered in Jerusalem for the Shavuot celebration when **"suddenly there came a sound from the sky like the roar of a violent wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire, which separated and came to rest on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different languages, as the Spirit enabled them"** (Acts 2:1-4). This was what was spoken of in Jeremiah 31 when he foretold of the New Covenant and Ezekiel 36:27, "I will put my Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances."

No longer would man walk by commandments on tablets of stone, but by the Holy Spirit, who would write the law on hearts of flesh and give power to overcome the powers of darkness...the law of sin and death...while empowering us to become witnesses to the ends of the earth! The "church" had been born. Just as the nation of Israel had been created in the wilderness of Sinai to reveal the one true God to the world, now the doors had opened to the nations to come and know and worship Him in Spirit and in truth. Whereas God once dwelt in the Temple fashioned of bricks and mortar, by His Spirit, He now dwells in vessels of clay. **Whereas men once went up to Jerusalem to enjoy God's presence, His presence now remains with us.**