

# 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@epiphanycatholicschool.org](mailto:office@epiphanycatholicschool.org)

[www.epiphanycatholicschool.org](http://www.epiphanycatholicschool.org)

May 22, 2016

“The Most Holy Trinity”

## Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

**Sun. May 22**

**8:00 AM** Gia Quiroz (healing)  
**11:30 AM** Elizabeth Peterson (birthday)  
**4:00 PM** For the People

**Mon. May 23 For the unrepentant**

Readings: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Mk 10:17-27

**Tues. May 24 For those who have fallen away**

Readings: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Mk 10:28-31

**Wed. May 25 For those who have thought about or attempted suicide**

Readings: 1 Pt 1:18-25; Mk 10:32-45

**Thurs. May 26 For those who suffer from addiction of any kind**

Readings: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12; Mk 10:46-52

**Fri. May 27 For children who are forced to be soldiers**

Readings: 1 Pt 4:7-13; Mk 11:11-26

**Sat. May 28**

Readings: Jude 17, 20b-25; Mk 11:27-33

**8:30 AM** For those who do not know Jesus  
**6:00 PM** For healing for all those who have had an abortion

## LORD HEAR THE PRAYER FOR OUR SICK

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



*"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth..."*

*- JOHN 16:13*

## **Trinity Sunday** **"The Spirit of truth"**

**Reading I** Proverbs 8:22-31 (the discourse of wisdom)

**Reading II** Romans 5:1-5 (faith, hope, and love)

**Gospel** John 16:12-15 (coming of the Paraclete)

**Key Passage** Jesus said, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come." (John 16:12-13a)

**Adult** In what difficult situation has the Holy Spirit helped you see more clearly?

**Child** What kind of decision can the Holy Spirit help you with?

**ALL** Bulletin inserts please email:  
[bulletin@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com](mailto:bulletin@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com)

**Deadline is 3:30pm on Monday before.**

## **OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Sunday 5/15 collection:	\$8,478.44
Retired Priests collection:	\$1,177.85
Epiphany:	\$202.00
Building fund:	\$35.00
Freda Kratochvil Scholarship fund:	\$332.00

### Faith Direct

Collection:	\$11,835.00
Ascension:	\$65.00
Building fund:	\$431.00
Catholic Comm. Campaign:	\$185.00
Foundation for the Future:	\$568.34
Epiphany:	\$324.33

**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.*

**MUSIC MINISTRY** Whether you celebrated your Confirmation this weekend or many years ago, "The Holy Spirit pours love into our hearts so that we can become "instruments of grace" in order to "pour forth God's charity and to weave networks of charity" in the world (Pope Benedict XVI). Become an instrument of grace to our parish community and join our music ministry! Let the Holy Spirit pour forth through your talents of voice or instrument in service to our Lord and our parishioners. To learn about the many groups and choirs that would rejoice at the blessing you would bring to them, e-mail our Director of Music at [hannahmasson@yahoo.com](mailto:hannahmasson@yahoo.com).



**MORNING BIBLE STUDY - DOORS OF MERCY** is an eight week journey through salvation history beginning with God's promises to Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David, to the prophets' call to renewal, to the fulfillment of God's promises in Jesus Christ. The first study will begin on or about September 8. Following this will be an 18 week study of ST. LUKE'S GOSPEL known as the Gospel of Mercy. The Bible Study meets on **Thursdays** from **9:30-11:30**. For information call Joanna Madorma at **829-2235**.

**ST. JOHN PAUL II LIBRARY SUMMER HOURS** For the summer (from now until September 1st), the library is open **Sundays 9:15-11am**, **1st and 3rd 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**. Come and take out a good spiritual book to continue growth in closeness to Jesus—He has much to tell you and waits for you.

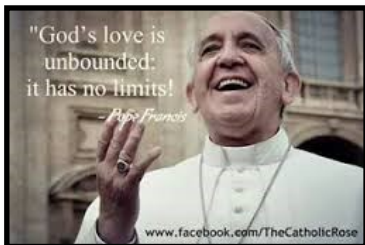
**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—ADORERS NEEDED!** Adorers are needed to come before the Most Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays for the time slots from **1:00-2:00 PM** and **8:00-9:00 PM**. If you can help with this important ministry please call Joanna Madorma at **540-829-2235**.

**SECOND COLLECTION** Thank you for supporting last week's collection for retired priests of our diocese.

**ADULT EDUCATION SURVEY** Please complete the parish adult education interest survey of possible topics for the 2016-2017 school year. 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 complete the adult education interest 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 today.**

**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.

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING** Altar server training will be held on **June 5th, 19th, and 26th** for those who have completed 4th grade, been baptized and 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.

**SAVE THE DATES!** Ladies Evening of Chocolate will be on **Wednesday, June 29th** from **7-8:30 pm** and Guys Night Out will be on **Wednesday, July 27th** from **7-8:30 pm** and the themes this year will be "How I Have Known Mercy". Both evenings will be for ages middle-school through adult and will feature fellow parishioners sharing how our Lord has shown mercy in their lives. Plan now to attend these spiritually nourishing opportunities to hear in practical, personal ways how God bestows mercy and asks us to do the same in return.

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

**WORKCAMP UPDATE** The few remaining plants we will sell on the honor system each day until they are all gone: baskets and ferns: \$10; flowering plants in flats: \$7; non-flowering plants and herbs: \$5. Please write checks to Precious Blood, memo: workcamp, and place in the collection basket or drop by the office; cash is accepted as well. Thank you for your support!

## **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 today **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.

**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/](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:lmadalr@thecatholictour.com).

**KRAKOW IN THE CAPITAL** Celebrate World Youth Day with millions of young adults around the world without leaving DC! *Kraków in the Capital* is a one-day World Youth Day experience that will mirror the week-long event in Poland. Featuring nationally known speakers, Stations of the Cross, Mass, Polish food, live concert and more! Tickets are \$25. For more information and purchase tickets, visit: [www.wydDC.org](http://www.wydDC.org) or contact Brendan at **(703) 841-2549** or [yam@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:yam@arlingtondiocese.org).

**NOW HIRING** The Catholic Diocese of Arlington is Currently Hiring! Positions include: Associate Director of Network Services; and Editorial Assistant at the Arlington Catholic Herald. For more information, please visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/hr/employment](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/hr/employment).

**RACE FOR SEMINARIANS** Run the Marine Corps Marathon/10K on October 30 to support the future priests of the Arlington Diocese! Runners and walkers of all experience levels are welcome. For more information on joining or sponsoring the Race for Seminarians team, visit: [www.ArlingtonVocations.org](http://www.ArlingtonVocations.org) or call **(703) 841-2514**.



## Holy Trinity Sunday and Confirmation

From the very beginning of our lives as Christians, we are sealed in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. . It signifies the extraordinary importance the Church places on this singular belief, this one great dogma: one God, in three persons.

### **We become icons of the Most Holy Trinity.**

What an incredible gift. What an incredible responsibility. Just think of what that simple gesture means.

We touch our heads for the Father – the one whose mere idea, whose smallest thought, created us. This is where we began, in the mind of God.

We touch our hearts for the Son – the one whose unceasing love took him to the cross, and the one who taught us, as well, *how* to love through his own Sacred Heart.

We touch our shoulders for the Holy Spirit – the one who gives us strength, and who carries us on His shoulders — on His wings, if you will – and who enables us to be God’s arms, working on earth.

Confirmation, together with Baptism and Eucharist, form the Sacraments of Initiation that are all intimately connected. In the Sacrament of Confirmation, the baptized person is "sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit" and is strengthened for service to the Body of Christ.

The prophets of the Old Testament foretold that God's Spirit would rest upon the Messiah to sustain his mission. Their prophecy was fulfilled when Jesus the Messiah was conceived by the Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus on the occasion of his baptism by John.

Jesus' entire mission occurred in communion with the Spirit. Before he died, Jesus promised that the Spirit would be given to the Apostles and to the entire Church. After his death, he was raised by the Father in the power of the Spirit.

Confirmation is the completion of Baptism, a personal Pentecost in which we receive an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

And how we need those gifts of the Holy Spirit! How desperately we need those gifts that fired up the apostles at Pentecost.

St Ambrose said, “Recall then that you have received the spiritual seal, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence, the spirit of holy fear in God’s presence. Guard what you have received. God the Father has marked you with his sign; Christ the Lord has confirmed you and has placed his pledge, the Spirit, in your hearts.”

May we all remember our baptismal vows every day and be missionaries in our everyday life.

