

PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASSES

Sunday: 8:30 am, 11:30 am, 2:00 pm (Spanish)
Saturday: 8:30 am* & 5:00 pm (vigil)
Mon.-Wed. and Fri.: 8:30 am* & 7:00 pm
Thursday: 8:30 am* (Adoration 9 am-9 pm)
Holy Days: 7:00 pm (vigil), 8:30 am*, 7:00 pm

* followed by Morning Prayer (Friday 8:30 am
Mass at Epiphany School during the school
year unless otherwise noted)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Kevin B. Walsh.....Pastor
Rev. Mark Moretti.....Parochial Vicar
Rev. Mr. Ramon Tirado.....Deacon
Kathy Semerling.....Business Manager
Patricia Reed.....Dir. of Religious Education
Miriam Medina.....Dir. of Liturgy/Hispanic Liaison
Hannah Masson.....Director of Music
Danielle Gambale-Metz.....Office Staff-Notary
Julie Dawley.....Director of R.C.I.A.
Rev. Mark Moretti...Coordinator of Youth Ministry
Jim Oliver.....Principal, Epiphany School
Barbara Terry.....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

Monday-Wednesday and Friday a half-hour before the 7 pm Masses and after the 7 pm Masses until there are no more penitents, Saturdays 3:30-4:30, and any 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: 9:45-11:00 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

November 27th, 2016

“First Sunday of Advent”

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. Nov 27

8:30 AM For the people of Precious Blood
11:30 AM Terry Beck (healing)
2:00 PM Victor Torres and Sara Moreno (34th wedding anniversary)

Mon. Nov 28

Readings: Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11
8:30 AM For an increased respect for life
7:00 PM Jordan Evans (for discernment)

Tues. Nov 29

Readings: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
8:30 AM Rita Colloran (healing)
7:00 PM Eric and Melea Maybach and family

Wed. Nov 30

Readings: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
8:30 AM Josephine S. Priebe (+)
7:00 PM Frederick C. Priebe (+)

Thurs. Dec 1

Readings: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
8:30 AM Judge family

Fri. Dec 2

Readings: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
8:30 AM William Foshay (+)
7:00 PM Carl and Victoria Walbroehl and family

Sat. Dec 3

Readings: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
8:30 AM Dr. Eric J. Maybach (+)
5:00 PM Anita, Matt, and family

LORD HEAR THE PRAYER FOR OUR SICK

Especially: Brian Alexander, Sam Aitken, Janice Ambrose, Maria Auxiliadora Caldera Araya, Trudy Baker, Mike Bosma, Joyce Bosworth, Daniel C. Brown, Barbara Coli, Bill Daley, Cynthia Davies, Adrienne Foshay, Mac Fincham, Danielle Gambale-Metz, R.C. Garcia, Bill Goetz, April Hair, Billy Hall, Alex Hyde, Peg Logan, Ana Magana, Claire Matthews, Beth Moreland, Mary Neureither, Barbara Noonan, Jim Oliver, Shawn Peet, Elizabeth Pycha, Gia Quiroz, Gina Rossetti, Ray Shegogue, David Watson, Jack Zaleski, 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.

*"ADVENT IS HERE. WHAT A MARVELOUS
TIME IN WHICH TO RENEW YOUR
DESIRE, YOUR NOSTALGIA, YOUR
REAL LONGING FOR CHRIST TO
COME- FOR HIM TO COME EVERY
DAY TO YOUR SOUL IN THE EUCHARIST."
ST JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA*

First Sunday of Advent **"Putting on the Light of Christ"**

Reading I Isaiah 2:1-5 (Zion, the messianic capital)

Reading II Romans 13:11-14 (Christian use of time)

Gospel Matthew 24:37-44 (the need for watchfulness)

Key Passage Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. (Romans 13:12b)

Adult What will you do during Advent so that others can see that you have put on the light of Jesus Christ?

Child What will you do during Advent so that others can see the light of Jesus in you?

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.

"For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."

MATTHEW 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given.

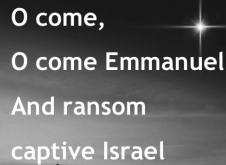
OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Due to the early deadline of this bulletin, the offertory collection will be printed next week.

ALL Bulletin inserts please email:
bulletin@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com

Deadline is 3:30pm on Monday before.

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD



O come,
O come Emmanuel
And ransom
captive Israel

FRIDAY MASS The 8:30 AM daily Mass this Friday, December 2 will be at Epiphany.

MUSIC MINISTRY As we prepare and wait during Advent for the full joy of our Lord's Nativity, we simplify our singing by utilizing the English chant versions for mass as well as moderate our organ and other musical instruments so as to better suit the quiet, expectant character of this beautiful time of the year.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION There will not be any adult ed sessions on Nov. 27 and Dec. 4. The session on **Dec. 11** will feature a special showing of the Knights of Columbus' documentary, **Guadalupe: The Miracle and The Message**.

CCD HOLIDAY NEWS CCD will be closed for Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 27. The CCD Christmas break is Christmas Day (12/25) & New Years Day (1/1). CCD will be closed on those dates and re-open on January 8.

SECOND GRADE NEWS **November 29 at 7:30** there will be a meeting for all 2nd grade parents in preparation for First Reconciliation. Please plan on attending. First Reconciliation is **December 17**. If you have any questions please contact your child's CCD teacher.

MORNING BIBLE STUDY *Luke, the Gospel of Mercy* will begin on **Thursday, January 12, 2017** from **9:30-11:30** in the parish hall. Join us and learn more about God's mercy for His people seen through the life of Jesus Christ, Who is Mercy Itself. For information call Joanna Madorma at **829-2235**.

SECOND COLLECTION Thank you for your contributions to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)! Your generous gifts will help CCHD break the cycle of poverty in our diocese and throughout the United States through better education, improved housing, and economic development. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we show mercy to those in poverty and carry out Jesus' mission to "bring glad tidings to the poor . . . to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4:18).

FOOD CLOSET is in need of egg cartons; cake mix; cereal; and chunky soups, including Progresso.

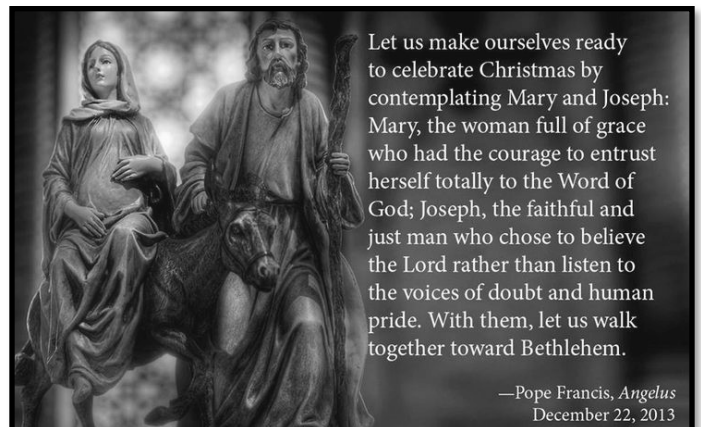
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION An adorer is needed to come before our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ present in the monstrance in prayer and adoration on **Thursdays from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., 6:00-7:00 p.m., and 7:00-8:00 p.m.** Please call Joanna Madorma **540-829-2235** if you can help with this beautiful ministry.

AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

ADVENT AT THE SAINT JOHN PAUL II NATIONAL SHRINE Rejoice on Gaudete Sunday by coming to Advent Concert and Carols at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C. on **December 11 from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.** The concert will be based on Sacred Scripture and St. John Paul II's writings on Advent. Enjoy hot chocolate and cookies during intermission and then sing along to many favorite carols. The Oscar-winning film *A Man for All Seasons*, which depicts the life and martyrdom of Thomas More, will be shown at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine at 3900 Harewood Road, NE in Washington, D.C., on **December 3 at 1:30 p.m.** Light refreshments will be served afterwards followed by a lecture by Dr. Bryan Berry, a scholar on Thomas More. For more information, please visit www.jp2shrine.org.

FINDING FREEDOM AFTER ABORTION Are you in search of healing and freedom? Sign up for a retreat today. Hear what one participant had to say after receiving help from our ministry: "Have courage...trust in God's mercy, let His graces rain upon you. You won't regret it". For Confidential Help After Abortion please visit www.helpafterabortion.org.

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR The Arlington Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima (the Blue Army) will sponsor a diocesan-wide Eucharistic Holy Hour on **Sun., Nov. 27 from 3 - 4 pm** in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel at Our Lady of Angels Church, 13752 Mary's Way, Woodbridge. We hope you can join us to pray for world peace through the conversion of souls.



Let us make ourselves ready to celebrate Christmas by contemplating Mary and Joseph: Mary, the woman full of grace who had the courage to entrust herself totally to the Word of God; Joseph, the faithful and just man who chose to believe the Lord rather than listen to the voices of doubt and human pride. With them, let us walk together toward Bethlehem.

—Pope Francis, *Angelus*
December 22, 2013

Advent and Christmas at Precious Blood

Sunday:	8:30 & 11:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Monday:	8:30 am & 7 pm Mass
Tuesday:	8:30 am & 7 pm Mass
Wednesday:	8:30 am & 7 pm Mass
Thursday:	8:30 am Mass Adoration 9 am-9 pm
Friday:	8:30 am Mass (at Epiphany unless otherwise noted) 7 pm Mass
Saturday:	8:30 am Mass & 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation):

Wed., Dec. 7th:	7 pm
Thurs., Dec. 8th:	8:30 am, 2 pm (at Epiphany), & 7 pm Mass

Adoration will end early on Dec. 8, right
before the 7 pm Mass.

Christmas

Sat., Dec. 24th:	5 pm (children's Mass), 7 pm, 9 pm, & 11 pm (Spanish)
Sun., Dec. 25th:	10 am & 12 pm (Spanish)

No confessions on Christmas Eve.

Confessions

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: A half hour before the 7 pm Mass and after Mass as long as needed

Saturday: 3:30-4:30 pm

Confessions are also available any time upon request.

Saturday, December 17th at 10 am: 1st Reconciliation for 2nd graders and their parents

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE There will be a blood drive on **December 8th, 2-7pm**, in the Precious Blood annex. Contact Mykelle at mhlaws@aol.com for scheduling.

ALTAR SOCIETY INVITE Come to our Friday, December 2nd meeting in the parish hall after the Epiphany 8:30 AM Mass to find out about our Christmas decorating schedule. We welcome your help!

YOUNG ADULT MISSION TRIP TO BANICA Join Young Adults throughout the Diocese for a Mission Trip to Bánica, Dominican Republic, **Feb. 4-11**. Mission work will include need-based projects along with helping out the parish of San Francisco de Asís. Contact Brendan Gotta at **(703) 841-2549** or yam@arlingtondiocese.org.

ST ISIDORE BAZAAR St. Isidore's Christmas Bazaar will be held at St. Isidore's, 14414 St. Isidore Way, Orange, on **Friday, December 2 from 12 noon until 7 pm** and **Saturday, December 3 from 8 am until 4 pm**. Our bazaar will include 20 vendors from around the area. We will also feature a number of really fabulous raffle baskets and a raffle quilt of the 12 days of Christmas. Proceeds from the raffles will benefit the Paul Stefan Home and Shining Hands.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR DISCERNERS Could Christ be calling you to the priesthood or religious life? Take a step to find out. The Office of Vocations will hold a day retreat for men on **Saturday, December 17** and a day retreat for women on **Sunday, December 18**. Both run from **9 a.m. – 5 p.m.** and are open to those 17 years and older. Please register by December 9 by contacting **(703) 841-2514** or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

QUO VADIS DAY OF RECOLLECTION Young men of Quo Vadis (high school boys open to the possibility of a priestly or religious vocation) are invited to a Day of Recollection on **Saturday, January 7, 2017**. There will be talks on vocations, Mass and a Holy Hour, as well as fun activities and the chance to interact with seminarians and priests. Register by December 29 by contacting the Office of Vocations at vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or **(703) 841-2514**.



Ending abortion: Will it be easy? No! Will it be worth it? Absolutely! Ending abortion will save our nation.

Pastor's Corner

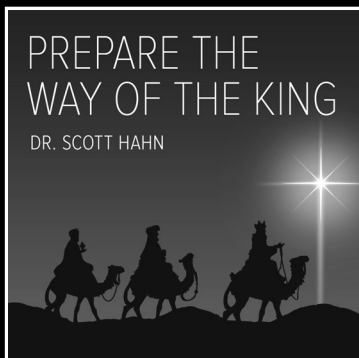
Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, with the First Sunday of Advent, we begin a new liturgical year. For the next four weeks of Advent, we have the opportunity to spiritually prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, at Christmas. In order to help you do that, I would encourage you to try to attend daily Mass at least sometimes during the week. I know that not everyone can attend the 8:30 AM Mass due to work schedules. To that end we are offering an additional evening Mass, at 7 PM, on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. (On Thursdays, a Mass is celebrated off the parish grounds at different nursing homes, a rehabilitation center and a prison.)

Another way to spiritually prepare to welcome the Christ child in our hearts is to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation. To make this easier, we will also be hearing Confessions at 6:30 PM till 6:55 PM on the evenings when we have the 7 PM Mass (Monday through Wednesday, and Friday), and continue afterwards until the Confessions are over.

Finally, thank you to all of those who have brought food by the rectory this last week; your kindness is greatly appreciated.

God bless,
Fr. Kevin



FORMED Prepare the Way of the King. Dr. Scott Hahn, one of the most eminent Catholic theologians in our country today, reveals what scholars now know about the shepherds, the mysterious Magi, and King Herod. Your Advent journey will take on new meaning as you prepare your heart for the birth of our Lord. This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind—Jesus Christ! This program and more resources for Advent free through FORMED.org Use Parish Code **V2XJNR**. Check our parish website and Facebook page for other FORMED updates and resources related to the liturgical season.

LADIES AUXILIARY RAFFLE AND BAZAAR The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus will be selling raffle tickets for an Afghan and a Roasting Pan with Kitchen gadgets after each Mass this weekend, Nov. 27, to support the Scholarship Fund. You are also invited to visit the Christmas Bazaar on Dec. 3 and 4 after all Masses.

ST. JOHN PAUL II LIBRARY The parish library is open **Sundays 11:15-1:00pm, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 1:00pm to 3:00pm, Wednesdays from 9:30am to 3:00pm, OR by appointment**—call Joan at **540-547-4588**. Did you know? —That our parish library has books for children, young people, and the older generation too?

ARLINGTON DIOCESE WORKCAMP 2017 Information meeting will be held **Sat. Dec. 3** following the 5 pm Mass and **Sun. Dec. 4 at 9:45 am**, both in the annex. Come see what workcamp is all about and how your teen (9th-12th grades) can participate in local Catholic mission. Or if you are an adult interested in volunteering, we need you too! For questions, contact Mykelle Laws at mhlaws@aol.com or **540-829-1190**.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION INCLEMENT WEATHER If schools are closed due to inclement weather then there will be no Eucharistic adoration. If there is a delayed opening for Culpeper County Schools then adoration will begin at 11:00 am. If the schools close early due to inclement weather then adoration will end early at Father's discretion.

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: **ANGEL TREE** There are gift tags on the Angel Tree in the foyer for parishioners to donate
: items to a child in need for Christmas. **Please make sure to sign out your tag and leave your**
: **name and contact information. If you take a gift tag, please get all four items listed. Gifts**
: **are due December 11th.**
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