# PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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#### **MASS TIMES**

- Sunday: 8:30 am, 11:30 am (English)
  2:00 pm (Spanish)
- ♦ Saturday: 8:30 am\* & 5:00 pm (Vigil)
- Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs: 8:30 am\*
   (\*followed by Morning Prayer)
- Thursday: Adoration 9 am-9pm
- Friday: 8:30 am\* and 7:00 pm

(Friday 8:30 am Mass at Epiphany School during the school year unless otherwise noted)

- ♦ Holy Days: 8:30 am\* and 7:00 pm
- ♦ (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 Tira	doDeacon
Kathy Semerling	Business Manager
	Director of Faith Formation
Miriam Medina	Director of Liturgy/Hispanic Liaison
	Director of Music
	Office Staff/Notary
	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@epiphanycatholicschool.org

NOVEMBER 26, 2017
34TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

#### Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. November 26

Readings:Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; 1Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

8:30AM: Steve Dale (+) 11:30AM: Bonnie Kobérlein 2:00 PM: para el pueblo

Mon. November 27

Readings:Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4

8:30AM: Richard and Jenee Priebe family (anniversary)

Tues. November 28

Readings: Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11 8:30AM: Katharine Beattie Stocco

Wed. November 29

Readings: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19 8:30AM: forgiveness for those who have taken the Eucharist in the state of mortal sin

Thurs. November 30

Readings: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

9:00AM Kyle Peterson

Fri. December 1

Readings: Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33

8:30AM: (Mass at Epiphany-Fr. Staples)

7:00PM: special intentions listed by George and MaryLou Swanberg

Sat. December 2 Readings: Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36 8:30AM: Sean Mahoney

5:00PM: Robert Newton

#### The Final Judgement

**Reading I:** Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 (parable of the shepherds)

**Reading II:** 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 (Christ, the first fruits)

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:31-46 (the last judgment)

Key Passage: [The Son of Man] will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." (Matthew 25:45)

**Adult:** Who are the least of your sisters and brothers for whom you do care? Who are those whom you ignore?

**Child:** To which person did you especially try to show the love and care of Jesus?



ALL Bulletin inserts please email them in by 3:30pm on Mondays-Thank you

#### bulletin@preciousboodcatholicchurch.com

"I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent." LK 4:43



#### LORD, HEAR THE PRAYER FOR OUR SICK ESPECIALLY: Brian

Alexander, Janice Ambrose, Hector Baez, Wayne Bentz, Mike Bosma, Jovce Bosworth, Rudy Bronesky,

Mike Buckley, Christopher Byrne, Jim Byrne, Sally Canavan, Kriss Cordero, Betty Craven, Valentina Cruz, Bill Daley, Cynthia Davies, Jo English, Tom Fealy, Paul Flynn, Arnold French, Jeraldine Frye, Jeff and Danielle Gambale-Metz, Kevin Gile, Bill Goetz, April Hair, Doris Houdesheldt, Alex Hyde, Joe and Freda Kratochvil, Susan Lambert, Jean Landon, Charlotte Larson, John Lochte, Peg Logan, Martin Luna, Peyton Leopold, Camila Lyme, John A. Maitland, Ana Magana, Ileana Martinez, Kimberly Mendoza, Beth Moreland, Mario Moznich, Bill Mullins, Mary Neureither, Barbara Noonan, Richard Noonan, Jr., Cornelia Slabe Paczkowski, Luis Padilla. Shawn Peet. Elizabeth Amos Plasencia, Elizabeth Pycha, Gia Quiroz, Edna Iris Robles, 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

#### CONGRATULATIONS

THE CONVALIDATION WEDDING CEREMONY:



Patrick and Jennifer Heelen

#### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Kathleen Fiona and Abigail Eileen Heelen

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Natalie (Dawley) and Ruffin Evans

**CONFERRED ON FRIDAY&SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17&18, 2017** 

#### THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD:

- MONDAY (11/27):
   Mass 8:30AM; library open
- ◆ TUESDAY (11/28):
  Mass 8:30AM
- ◆ <u>WEDNESDAY (11/29)</u>:

Mass 8:30AM;Prayer Study group/Rosary, 9:30am, library open Confessions 6:30-7:30PM

◆ THURSDAY (11/30):

Mass 9:00AM; Adoration, 9:00AM-9:00PM

- FRIDAY (12/1): Mass 8:30AM; 7:00PM
- SATURDAY (12/2):

Mass 8:30AM; Confessions 3:30PM-4:30PM ;Vigil Mass 5:00PM

• SUNDAY (12/3):

Mass: 8:30AM, 11:30AM (Rite of Acceptance), Spanish 2:00PM;

"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me" – MATTHEW 25:40

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient; when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's schedule.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

#### ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING TRADITION:

Families are invited to sign up to light the advent wreath during each Mass; the sign up sheet is in the vestibule; the first weekend (12/2&12/3) the lighting will occur after the homily and blessing; the other weekends lighting will occur after the opening prayer.

MUSIC MINISTRY: Our Communion hymn "THE JESUS SONG" was written by composer Tom Booth for a 3-day retreat about finding peace in the storm of God's love. He wanted something simple and direct and ending up combining "The Jesus Prayer" which is also known as the Eastern prayer of the heart with the prayer from the Divine Mercy devotion. As we celebrate Christ the King Sunday and reflect on His coming in glory to separate the sheep from the goats, we simply and directly place our trust in the Good Shepherd and pray for God's mercy.

ST. STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET: needs this week: canned fruit (especially applesauce & pineapple), vegetable soup, chunky soup; wooden collection bin is located in foyer of Parish Hall.

BLANKETS ARE STILL BEING COLLECTED THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017 benefitting the local community.

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

Thursdays 9:00AM-9:00PM (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) Jesus revealed to St. Faustina at Adoration that "beneath these rays (from the Eucharist) a heart will be warmed even if it were like a block of ice; or hard as rock.."



ALTAR SOCIETY& WOMEN'S GROUP: We will be meeting on Friday, 12/8, at 9:45AM to firm up plans for decorating for Christmas! Please join us one and all! Please keep in mind that we will be asking for fresh cut greens like nandina, magnolia, white pine, cedar, fir, boxwood, spruce branches; fruit accents like pomegranates, apples for the week of December 19-22. Thank you for lending a helping hand!

#### **EVENTS COMING UP:**

SNACKS of the APOSTLES bible study: will meet 12/2 after the vigil Mass with pot-luck dinner/study; location is the parish hall; Other sessions coming up are: 12/16 we have extra books to borrow, so join in!

#### WORKCAMP2018: WALK HUMBLY WITH

GOD: Interested in WorkCamp? Contact: Kelly Bennett, our stakeholder at 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 begin in December!

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

NEWS: the next meeting will be Monday, 11/27, at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. Topic: The Catholic Church, Her Marks, Attributes/Rite of Acceptance introduction? COME LEARN MORE about Catholicism! All are welcome!



#### THE PRAYER STUDY GROUP: will

meet on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., in the parish hall; *Rosary prayer intention*: during Advent perform the Corporal works of mercy: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, visit the sick

and imprisoned, and pray for the dead.

HOLIDAY SALE: The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus will have tables of crafters, gift baskets and sweet treats for sale. This sale will be held on **Dec.2nd and 3rd** after each Mass. See flyer insert for details.

#### CULPEPER WINTER HEAT SHELTER EARLY

<u>PLANNING:</u> Precious Blood will serve the week of January 21 – 27th; volunteers can sign up for supplies/food/entertainment just click on this link: www.CareCalendar.org; Calendar ID (logon): 200420, Security Code: 5365. Contact: jilldevine2@gmail.com

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS CARDS go on sale each weekend after the Masses through December 16-17 by the Knights of Columbus. The Ladies will be selling raffle tickets 11/18&19 and 11/25&26.

DINNER&MOVIE NIGHT: Experience the true meaning of Christmas by viewing the major epic feature film: *The Nativity Story* at our next dinner and movie night on **Saturday, Dec. 9th.** This outstanding movie is unique among films about the birth of Jesus in that it brings the true story of Christmas to life in a beautiful and moving but realistic way. The struggles Mary and Joseph experienced help us appreciate their journey and calling as lived out among the people of that time. Please join us for dinner starting at 6:15 pm in the Parish Hall (following 5 pm Mass). Pizza will be available and feel free to bring a dish or dessert to share. All are welcome!

WORD OF LIFE: "By focusing on the most vulnerable members of society, we strengthen the entire fabric of society to protect the rights of all." Archbishop William E. Lori, Chair Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty

#### PRAYER SHAWL/BLANKET MINISTRY

INTEREST UPDATE: God has answered prayers! Meetings are held on Friday mornings, 11-1, and on Wednesday evenings, 530-730pm; If you can't attend just now, please consider a donation of worsted weight yarn or a monetary donation: Contact Leni, 540-825-2965, for more details.

<u>2018 CALENDARS ARE IN!</u> Please limit one calendar per family; they are located in the vestibule!

# AROUND THE DIOCESE & VIRGINIA

<u>VOCATIONS</u>: "I was hungry and you gave me to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me to drink." 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.

EUCHARISTIC 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. 26 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.

<u>CULPEPER LITERACY COUNCIL:</u> assists adults in our community to reach their basic educational and personal goals. CLC is holding a new tutor training workshop on **Dec. 2nd from 9:30am - 12:30pm**. We have space for a few more people to join us as tutors! Register on our website: www.culpeperliteracy.org/volunteer. Any questions, please call 540-825-5804.

#### FRANCISCAN MONASTERY CHRISTMAS

OPEN HOUSE: Enjoy visits to the full-size replica of Bethlehem's Nativity Grotto, items handmade by Christians in the Holy Land, the Nativities of the World exhibit, a concert by the Ron Freeman Chorale, visits from St. Nicholas and more at the Franciscan Monastery Christmas Open House, **Sunday**, **Dec. 3, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.** The Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America is at 1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC 20017. Free parking. Information: myfranciscan.org <a href="http://myfranciscan.org">http://myfranciscan.org</a> and 202-526-6800.

#### HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST FOR NON-

DIOCESAN 8TH GRADERS: Eighth grade students attending public schools or non-Catholic private schools who are interested in attending Catholic High Schools in the Diocese of Arlington are required to take the High School Placement Test (HSPT) offered on Saturday, December 2, 2017 or Saturday, January 6, 2018. This test is required for placement at Bishop Ireton High School, Bishop O'Connell High School, Paul VI High School and Saint John Paul the Great High School. Students must fill out an HSPT Registration Form (available under "Frequently Asked Questions" under Schools at http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/), and submit to the test site by November 30 for the December test.

THIS CHRISTMAS, PROVIDE THE BASICS FOR SOMEONE IN NEED: PRECIOUS BLOOD

ANGEL TREE TAGS and CATHOLIC CHARITY

CARDS AVAILABLE (11/25&11/26): Each year Precious Blood puts up an ANGEL TREE filled with tags/cards for those in need; it will be available again this season starting this weekend-please visit the **parish foyer**, select your tag and record your choice in the gift log. You will also find Catholic Charity cards to take as well for serving seniors, refugee families, the disabled, the working poor, and the unemployed seeking food, toiletries, and clothing, as well as financial assistance. During the Christmas season of giving and goodwill, YOU, the parishes, make a difference in the lives of the Culpeper Community and the Northern Virginia poor through the annual Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington Giving Tree program. THANK YOU!





Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, I am writing this 10 days before you are reading it.

Our parish calendars have arrived. Instead of waiting till the end of December, since many people would like to start using the calendars now, we are distributing them this weekend. We would ask you to take just one per family this weekend, and then you can always take another one next weekend. We would just like to make sure that everyone gets a chance to get at least one. As you will notice, they are bilingual, reflecting our growing Spanish-speaking community. I would like to thank *Exit Cornerstone Realty and Found and Sons Funeral Home* for helping to sponsor them this year.

This weekend we crown our liturgical year with the celebration of the Feast of Christ the King. It is a time to look back and be grateful for all of the blessings and grace we have received this past year. Next Sunday we will begin the season of Advent. It will be a very short Advent — just 22 days long — since Christmas falls on a Monday this year. We will also begin a new liturgical year. There is a sign-up sheet for anyone who would like to light the Advent wreath at Mass during the coming four Sundays.

On Sunday, December 3, the First Sunday of Advent, we will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance into the Catechumenate (for those who are not baptized) as well as the Welcoming of Candidates for Full Communion (for those baptized outside of the Catholic Church). We will do this at the 11:30 AM Mass in English and at the 2 PM Mass in Spanish. This is a good time to remember to pray for those who are preparing to come in to the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

From time to time someone approaches me to see if we have a men's group that challenges men in their spiritual life and helps them live out their Christian vocation. There are various approaches to this. Some are also known as "accountability groups". One that has been mentioned to me is the program used in about a dozen parishes in our Diocese called, "That Man is You". There is a description of it at http://paradisusdei.org/that-man-is-you/. If you are interested in something like this, please let me know.

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

God bless.

Fr. Kevin



Welcome to Opening the Word, a program offering prayer and insights for the Sunday Readings. Featuring a variety of experienced presenters including Dr. Tim Gray, Jules Miles, Dr. Scott and Annie Powell, Dr. Edward Sri, and Dr. Ben Akers, the fifty-two videos are designed to facilitate thought and discussion for personal faith formation or in the context of a group meeting. Personal Prayer Journals and a group Leader's Guides are also available to make the most of these Sunday Readings.

The Opening the Word, Year B segments are presented in five sections:

Advent through Christmas—December 3, 2017 - December 31, 2017

#### Mark your calendar for Thursday, December 14!

Epiphany will be honored to host **Bishop Burbidge** as he celebrates Mass (9:00AM), visits with students, and has lunch with our teachers. Parents, please plan to join us as we welcome our Bishop to this beautiful part of his Diocese!

