

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

www.epiphanycatholicschool.org

April 10, 2016

“Third Sunday of Easter”

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. Apr 10

8:00 AM Eugene Gwathmey (healing)

11:30 AM Thomas Hertz (+)

4:00 PM For the People

Mon. Apr 11 Isabella Hawkins (+)

Readings: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

Tues. Apr 12 Kenneth Depue (+)

Readings: Acts 7:51-8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

Wed. Apr 13 Sulaiman Kamara (+)

Readings: Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

Thurs. Apr 14 Jim Minihan (+)

Readings: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

Fri. Apr 15 Elizabeth Fyrberg (+)

Readings: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

Sat. Apr 16

Readings: Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

8:30 AM Patricia Infantas (birthday)

6:00 PM Barbara Hochstatter (+)

LORD HEAR THE PRAYER FOR OUR SICK

Especially: Brian Alexander, Janice Ambrose, Trudy Baker, Michael Baudham, Mike Bosma, Joyce Bosworth, Bill Daley, Jackie Fancher, Danielle Gambale-Metz, Alex Green, Sandy Hall, Mitch Harper, Alex Hyde, Peg Logan, Kriss Cordero Luna, Ana Magana, Joan McPhillips, Donna Mehalek, Beth Moreland, Mary Neureither, Shawn Peet, Gia Quiroz, Donald Rediske, Aaron Reynolds, Max Rosado, Shaw family, Margaret Shaw, 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.

"Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'"

JOHN 21:17

Third Sunday of Easter

"Living without fear"

Reading I Acts 5:27b-32, 40b-41 (disciples' second trial before the Sanhedrin)

Reading II Revelation 5:11-14 (praise to the Lamb)

Gospel John 21:1-19 (appearance at the Sea of Tiberias)

Key Passage When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, Son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." (John 21:15)

Adult In what ways are you answering Jesus' command to Peter to "feed my sheep"?

Child What do you do to take care of others as Jesus asked Peter to do?

ALL Bulletin inserts please email:
bulletin@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com

Deadline is 3:30pm on Monday before.

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.

All of us are challenged to show our love for Jesus by "feeding His sheep." Through prayer ask God how you should best use your time, talent and treasure to assist those who are in need. Remember that giving is an act of worship and helps advance the mission of our parish and greater Church.

Bishop's Lenten Appeal at Precious Blood

Amount pledged:	\$113,861.00
BLA goal:	\$115,000.00
% BLA goal:	99%

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Total collection for March:	\$45,505.00
Actual Budget:	\$47,000.00
Holy Thursday:	\$344.38
Rice Bowl:	\$839.41

Sunday 3/3 collections:	\$12,909.21
Epiphany:	\$504.00
Easter additional collection:	\$420.00
Building fund:	\$1,816.00
Easter flowers additional:	\$22.00

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD



HOLY HOUR Monday (tomorrow) evening, **April 11 at 7:00 pm** we will have a DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR. During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, let us join together in prayer and trust as we accept and rejoice in our Lord's mercy and pray that we may be the visible face of His forgiveness and mercy to our families, our community and our world.

MUSIC MINISTRY will be hosting the 2nd annual **PENTECOST BRUNCH** on May 15, 2016 following the 8:00 am Mass in the parish hall. The theme this year is "**Songs of our Mother**" and will feature marian songs/hymns from the many different lands that our parishioners or their families have come from. If you'd like to share a marian song from you or your family's heritage, please contact our Director of Music Hannah Masson at hannahmasson@yahoo.com or call **540-229-5329**. Help us celebrate our unity and diversity of **One, Lord, One Faith, One Parish, Many Tongues**.

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENAS Mother's Day novena cards will be available in the foyer after all the Masses this weekend. All mothers registered will be prayed for at nine Masses.

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**.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION The final four adult ed. sessions for this school year feature episodes from the DVD series *Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained* in which Dr. Edward Sri and other nationally-known teachers unpack fundamentals of the Catholic faith, as follows:

April 10 - The Holy Spirit and the Life of Grace: God's Divine Life Within Us

April 17 - Mary & the Saints: Our Spiritual Mother and the Communion of Saints

April 24 - The Last Things: What Happens After We Die?

All adults, especially parents of CCD students, are encouraged to attend Sundays from **9:40-10:40 am** in the Parish Hall.

HOLY SPIRIT INTERACTIVE (HSI) Next meeting: **Wednesday, April 13, at 7:00 pm** at Todd Brown's new office (309 N. Main St.). Come hear Aneel Aranha discuss one of the most important questions that Jesus ever asked: "**Who Do You Say I Am?**" It is not just the answer that is important, but how we let it impact our lives. All are welcome.

ST. JOHN PAUL II LIBRARY Did you Know? That there are over 1,000 books of a religious/spiritual nature in our Parish Library donated by generous parishioners like you?

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES 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** and we would like to recognize our graduating seniors!

SECOND COLLECTION The next second collection will be taken on **April 24th** for the Catholic Home Missions.

SAINT STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET This week's needs: pancake mix, syrup, single-serving cereals, canned pineapple

SUICIDE PREVENTION WALK Do you want to make a difference and help others preventing suicide but don't know how? Please join me on **Sunday, April 24** at the Culpeper Regional Library at **3pm**. We will be discussing how we all can help to make this 1st American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) Community Walk a success! I hope to see you there! For more information please contact Aixa Peterson at **703-472-7718** or go to:

<http://afsp.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=3969>.

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 six weeks, beginning this weekend. 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 **540-547-2123**. Thank you for helping!

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASH The Diocesan Middle School Bash will take place on **Saturday, April 16th**, and includes music, speakers, confessions, and Sunday Vigil Mass. To register, contact Mary Flemming at MaryPBCCYouthMinistry@yahoo.com.



CONFIRMATION MEETING There will be a parent meeting for first year Confirmation students on **Monday, April 11th at 7 PM** in the Parish Hall. This is for students who are in Mrs. Laws, Mr. Garcia and Mr. Saibini's 7th grade classes.



LADIES AUXILIARY The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus will meet on **April 12 at 10AM** in the parish hall. All wives of Knights are invited to attend.

ADULT LITERACY TUTOR TRAINING Culpeper Literacy Council provides instruction to the Culpeper community in the area of adult basic education (reading and math skills) and ESOL and Digital Literacy. A training workshop will take place on **Saturday, April 16th from 8:30 AM—2:00 PM** at the CLC office. You can get more information and register at <https://eventbrite.com/e/adult-literacy-tutor-training-tickets-21783808959>, or by calling **540-825-5804**. Volunteers for the English Tutoring program at Precious Blood are trained by the CLC. After receiving the training, please contact Sylvia Garcia at **540-987-3121** if you are interested in assisting with the program here at church.

CULPEPER CAN Come see how CAN volunteers can help you with your job search. Christians are Networking meets **Tuesdays at 7pm** in the Parish Hall. Mark your calendars! On **April 26th** CAN will host guest speakers Debbie Huntsinger, Workforce Adult Career Coach, Germanna Community College and Marty Baldwin, Workforce Center Manager, Rappahannock Goodwill Industries. Topic: Starting Your Job Search.

PARENT/CHILD TEAM BUILDING RETREAT Members of the Precious Blood Catholic Church community are invited to participate in a Parent/Child Team Building Retreat **April 16, 2016**. The retreat will be held locally at the Verdun Adventure Bound facility in Rixeyville, Virginia. The retreat is specifically intended for a combination of parent and child teams to engage in a day of indoor/outdoor team building activities and group challenges. For additional information please contact Ronald Vaillant at **(540) 543-2526**.

"A CHOCOLATE AFFAIR" On **April 14th FROM 6-9 PM**, "A Chocolate Affair" will be held at the Culpeper Center, with proceeds to benefit Culpeper Housing and Shelter Services & Culpeper Literacy Council.

WALK FOR LIFE Join the Walk for Life on **Saturday, April 16th at 8:30 AM!** Don't miss this fun family event benefiting The Pregnancy Centers of Central VA. The money you raise as a fundraising walker directly supports pre-born babies and their mothers. Details for the event can be found on the sponsor forms in the back of the church or at iWalk4LifeVA.org. Questions? Call The Pregnancy Center at **540-727-0800** or your church representative, Dave Craven, at **540-825-2265**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Precious Blood community is still seeking people to help with various parish ministries: money counting, hospitality, and ushers. Please contact the office with your interest!

FAITH DIRECT Is spring cleaning on your mind? Looking for ways to simplify your week? eGiving through Faith Direct can help! Consider enrolling today by visiting www.faithdirect.net and using our church code: VA226. Your gifts through Faith Direct will help stabilize our parish finances, help you to get rid of the clutter of offertory envelopes in your home, and give you one less thing to worry about on Sunday mornings. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

CATHOLIC DISTANCE UNIVERSITY Learn More about the Faith! Join the inspiring instructors at Catholic Distance University for a faith-filled journey of discovery. Enroll in an online independent study course of your choice and study anytime, anywhere! Visit www.cdu.edu and click the Continuing Ed tab to enroll! Parishioners in the Diocese of Arlington pay just \$30. When registering, use Promo Code: CDU15ARLINGTON. Courses Include "The Catholic School: Identity and Leadership"; "The Way Catholics Use Scripture"; "Modern American Catholic History (1908 - Present)"; and "Vatican II: Lay Spirituality".

"AS BY A NEW PENTECOST" SERIES Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said: "Let us rediscover the beauty of being baptized in the Holy Spirit." "As by a New Pentecost" is a seven week series to be held at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Fredericksburg, VA on **Tuesday evenings beginning April 12 through May 24** in the Church **7:15- 9 pm** to prepare for a renewed life in the Holy Spirit, and establish or deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ. The series features DVD talks by noted EWTN personalities Ralph Martin, Peter Herbeck, Sr. Ann Shields and others. Local team will assist. Come to awaken the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit received in Baptism and Confirmation. To register call St. Mary's Parish Office at **540-373-6491**. Voluntary donations of \$10 to cover the cost of materials will be accepted.

CATHOLIC CAMPS IN THEATRE AND ART Expert Instructors in Drama, Music, Dance, and Art are providing one-week camps this July for kids Pre-K through High School. Learn from some of the area's top Catholic teachers within the creative arts through camps like Camp Broadway, Art Explorer, Drama Bootcamp, Creative Kindergarten and Art Fun Camp. Early bird registration is \$20 off per camp through April 15th and \$10 off per camp through May 31st. Families registering three or more kids receive an additional 10% off. For information and to register, visit www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com.

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit-Wisdom

Today we begin a series of reflections on the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the soul, the lifeblood of the Church and of every Christian: He is God's Love, who makes our hearts his home and enters into communion with us. The Holy Spirit is always with us, always in us, in our hearts.

The Spirit himself is "God's gift" par excellence (cf. Jn 4:10) a gift from God, and in turn communicates different spiritual gifts to those who welcome him. The Church identifies seven, a number that symbolically speaks of fullness, completeness. The first gift of the Holy Spirit, is wisdom. It is not merely human wisdom, no, the fruit of knowledge and experience, it is "an understanding heart that knows how to distinguish good from evil" (1 Kings 3:9).

This is wisdom: it is the grace of being able to see everything with the eyes of God. It is simply this: Seeing the world, situations, conjunctures, problems, everything with God's eyes. Often we see things as we want to see them or according to our heart, with love, with hate, with envy. Wisdom is what the Holy Spirit does within us so that we can see everything with God's eyes.

Obviously this gift comes from intimacy with God. From our relationship as children with a Father. And the Holy Spirit - when we have this relationship - when we are in communion with the Lord, it is as if the Spirit transfigures our heart and helps it to perceive all his warmth and predilection.

The Holy Spirit also makes the Christian **"wise"**. This is, however, not in the sense that he or she has an answer for everything, or knows everything, **but in the sense that he or she "knows" of God, how God acts, they know when something is of God and when it is not.**

And it is something we cannot improvise, something we cannot obtain by our own merits: it is a gift that God gives to those who are docile to His Holy Spirit. We have the Holy Spirit in our hearts we can listen to him or not.

Think of a mother at home with her children. One does something and the other thinks otherwise and the poor mother is torn between the two with the children's problems; when the mother is tired and she shouts at her children, is that wisdom? No! Instead when the mother takes her child to one side and gently rebukes him, and explains this is God's wisdom! And this is what the Holy Spirit gives us in life.

In a marriage for example, the couple argue, then they won't look at one another, or if they do it is with anger. Is that God's wisdom? No! Instead when they say let the storm pass, let's make peace! That's wisdom, that's the gift of wisdom that comes to our homes, to children, to all of us!

And it cannot be learned, it is a gift of the Holy Spirit!

This is why we must ask the Lord to gift us the Holy Spirit and the gift of wisdom that **teaches us to see with God's eyes, to feel with God's heart to speak with God's words!** And with this wisdom we can move forward, build the family, the Church and we can all be sanctified. Let us ask for this grace of wisdom today. Let us ask Our Lady, who is the Seat of Wisdom, for this gift.

- Pope Francis 4/12/2014