

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

March 6, 2016

“Fourth Sunday of Lent”

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. Mar 6

8:00 AM (+) Jim Minihan

11:30 AM For the People

4:00 PM For the People

Mon. Mar 7 Matthew Knox (birthday)

Readings: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

Tues. Mar 8 (+) Jim Minihan

Readings: Ez 47:1-9,12; Jn 5:1-16

Wed. Mar 9 (+) Ron Jankowski

Readings: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

Thurs. Mar 10 For the People

Readings: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

Fri. Mar 11 For the People

Readings: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Sat. Mar 12

Readings: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

8:30 AM For the People

6:00 PM Cynthia Davies, Josephine Newton, and family

LORD HEAR THE PRAYER FOR

OUR SICK

Especially: Janice Ambrose, Brian Alexander, Hector Baez, Trudy Baker, Michael Baudham, Ric Barklund, Mike Bosma, Joyce Bosworth, Josephine Borst, Maria Auxiliadora Caldera, Diane Clark, Bill Daley, Cynthia Davies, Isaias Estrada, Janice Esswein, Tina Franks, Danielle Gambale-Metz, Alex Green, Sandy Hall, Alex Hyde, Jim Hyde, Brissa LaMatta, Mary Larson, Luciana LaMatta, Jean Landon, Peg Logan, Clelia Lopez-Garcia, Vita McCall, Jennifer McCloud, Paola Maartens, Ana Magana, Miriam Medina, Donna Mehalek, Phillip Leo Mercer, Beth Moreland, Mary Neureither, Shawn Peet, Ariel Perez-Young, Irene Perez-Young, Gia Quiroz, Betty Powers, Donald Rediske, Max Rosado, Lorain Smith, Ron Therien, Jay Way, Tootie and Ted White 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.**



Fourth Sunday of Lent

"A generous spirit"

Reading I Joshua 5:9a, 10-12 (rites at Gilgal)

Reading II 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (a new creation)

Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (the prodigal son)

Key Passage Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found." (Luke 15:31-32)

Adult When have you been generous enough to forgive someone who hurt you deeply?

Child Is there someone you need to forgive or ask forgiveness of?

ALL Bulletin inserts please email:
bulletin@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com

Deadline is 3:30pm on Monday before.

"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." - JOSHUA 5:12

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

Bishop's Lenten Appeal at Precious Blood

Amount pledged: **\$93,896.00**

BLA goal: **\$115,000.00**

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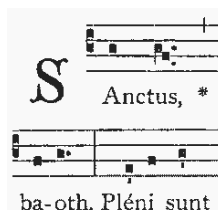
MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Fr. Anselme visits Culpeper Hospital twice a week on Tuesday and Friday. Please notify the rectory if you wish to have someone visited. Arrangements should also be made with the rectory for an Extra-ordinary Minister to bring Holy Communion to shut-ins on a regular basis. Emergency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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 2/28 collection:	\$9,156.12
Epiphany:	\$130.00
Building Fund:	\$105.00

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday, March 13th! Clocks are moved forward 1 hour.



MUSIC MINISTRY WHY LATIN? Well ... WHY NOT? From **Pope John Paul II (1978)** "We address especially the young people. In an epoch when in some areas, as you know, the Latin language and the human values are less appreciated, you must joyfully accept the patrimony of the language which the Church holds in high esteem and must, with energy, make it fruitful. The well-known words of Cicero, '**It is not so much excellent to know Latin, as it is a shame not to know it**' in a certain sense are directed to you. We exhort you all to lift up high the torch of Latin which is even today a bond of unity among peoples of all nations."

HOLY HOUR THIS WEDNESDAY **March 9th at 7:00 pm** will be "**The Light is On**". The RCIA catechumens, candidates and team will lead us in prayer for those who have wandered away from our Lord and their faith that, like the prodigal son, they return home and find loving, welcoming arms to rejoice with them as they reconcile with their heavenly Father.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION The special series, ***A Biblical Walk Through the Mass***, ends **today, March 6**. In this episode, Dr. Edward Sri takes us on an interesting and informative tour of the **Liturgy of the Eucharist**, including the **Communion Rite**. By exploring the biblical roots and profound significance of the words and gestures we experience at Mass, this series leads to a richer and more meaningful experience of the Mass. All adults, especially parents of CCD students, are encouraged to attend on Sundays from **9:40-10:40 am** in the Parish Hall.

HOLY SPIRIT INTERACTIVE (HSI) Next meeting will be **Wednesday, March 9, at 7:00 pm** at Todd Brown's new office (309 N. Main Street, right across Edmondson Street from our church). In this talk on Jesus, Aneel Aranha puts into perspective the many things that Jesus said over the course of three years and the huge implication these things have for our lives. All are welcome.

CULPEPER CAN Mark your calendar!!! On **March 22, at 7:00pm**, our very own fellow parishioner, Darren Caprarese, will share his experience on how to grow and leverage your network using LinkedIn. Culpeper CAN assists job seekers with resumes, job search, interview skills, etc. Join us **Tuesday evenings at 7pm** in the Parish Hall. For more info. contact Margie **540-422-0907** or email **culpepercan@gmail.com**. Culpeper Christians are Networking is a Jobs Ministry of Catholic Charities.

LADIES AUXILIARY The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus is holding a meeting, **Tuesday, March 8 at 10 AM** in the Parish Hall. Wives of Knights are welcome.

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

SECOND COLLECTION "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt 25:40). Today, we are reminded that Jesus identified himself with our poorest brothers and sisters. The **Catholic Relief Services** Collection serves Jesus in the victims of human trafficking, those who suffer from unjust laws, and those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe. Through supporting today's collection, you help Jesus in disguise. Please be generous.

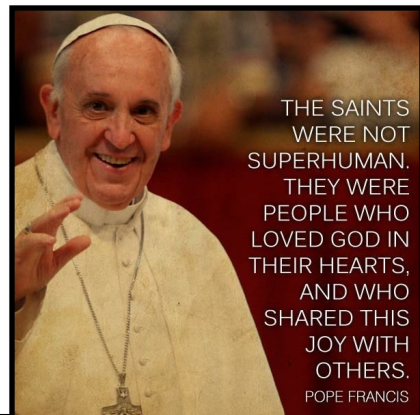
SAINT STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET This week's needs are canned chicken and tuna; carrots, peas and mixed vegetables; juice boxes; and single-serving microwave meals.

BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL The Bishop's Lenten Appeal is in full swing and we are asking every household in our parish to support this appeal to the extent that they are able. The BLA funds many programs, services and ministries that serve people in need and further Jesus' Mission in our diocese. During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, let's join together to do the Lord's work—works that touch the lives and souls of thousands of people in our diocese. Thank you!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION INCLEMENT WEATHER

INFORMATION If Culpeper Schools close because of inclement weather there will be NO Adoration that day. If schools are delayed Adoration will start on time or at Father's discretion. If schools close early, Adoration will end early at Father's discretion.

PARKING Parishioners may park in the Brown Harris lot on **Saturday Evenings and Sunday during Mass times only**. Please do not park at any other time. This is a place of business and they are very gracious to allow us to park on the weekends.



ST. POPE JOHN PAUL II LIBRARY For this Lent Season, how about giving up some TV time and instead pick up one of the wonderful books from our Parish Library? The Library is open on Wednesdays from 9:30am to 3:30pm and Sundays from 12:30pm to 2:00pm.

SAVE THE DATE "A Chocolate Affair" will be held **April 14th 6-9 PM** with proceeds to benefit Culpeper Housing and Shelter Services & Culpeper Literacy Council

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**.

LEGION OF MARY Those of you who are the prayer warriors (auxiliaries) of the Legion of Mary are invited to the Acies — a prayerful ceremony of consecration to Our Lady on **March 19 at 12:30 pm** at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Warrenton. Afterwards, there will be a reception. Please bring a food item to contribute. Come and meet other legionaries (active and auxiliaries) from around the area!

DIRECTORIES Final touch-ups are being made to the parish directories and final copies will be out by the end of March.

***Thank
You!***

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR THANKS TO THE PAINT BUCKET FOR DONATING THE CARPET THAT WAS LAID IN THE ANNEX BUILDING!

Pray. Fast. Give up your Envelopes! We invite you to help your parish save money by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent! Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide Precious Blood Parish with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes. Join us in giving up envelopes this Lenten season! Follow the link below to quickly enroll in eGiving to Precious Blood Parish. Our code is VA226. For questions with enrolling call **1-866-507-8757** toll-free.

<https://membership.faithdirect.net/enroll/VA226/61>

AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

JOHN MICHAEL TALBOT CONCERTS John Michael Talbot will be giving two performances at St. Timothy Catholic Church located at 13807 Poplar Tree Road, Chantilly, VA on **April 14th and 15th**. They will be evenings of sacred music and inspired preaching. Start Time each evening is **7:30 PM**. No tickets are required to attend! A love offering will be received each evening to support the ministries of John Michael Talbot and The Brothers and Sisters of Charity. A \$15.00 donation is recommended per-person, per-evening. No one will be turned away for lack of funds!

JOHN PAUL II OPEN HOUSE The Spring Preview Open House on **Thursday, March 17, from 4 – 6pm**, is primarily for younger students who wish to preview high school, but all are welcome to attend! A brief presentation will begin at 4:15pm. Meet Students, Teachers, Parents, and enjoy green treats in honor of St. Patrick! For more information and to register, please visit www.jpthegreat.org or call **703.445.0314**.

PROJECT RACHEL During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, The Office for Family Life is looking for parish groups willing to "adopt" and make a pilgrimage to attend ONE Intercessory Prayer Holy Hour in 2016 to pray for the healing of our culture and for those who still live in darkness and don't know the healing power of God and His infinite mercy. The Holy Hours are on the **2nd Tuesday of each month from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.** at St. Mary of Sorrows Historic Church in Fairfax Station. For more Information or to sign up your group, please call Project Rachel at **(703) 841-2504** or email info@helpafterabortion.org. You can also visit our website: www.helpafterabortion.org.

2016 DIOCESAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE All women are encouraged to attend the annual Women's Conference on **Mar. 12** with Kathleen Beckman, author of "God's Healing Mercy" and Sr. Clare Hunter, Respect Life Director for the Diocese of Arlington. Please visit the Diocese of Arlington's Office for Family Life's webpage: www.arlingtondiocese.org/women for more details.

VOCATIONS "God is making His appeal through us." Does a life dedicated to furthering the grace of reconciliation in Christ for others appeal to you? Consider a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life. Call Father J.D. Jaffe **(703) 841-2514**, or write: j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

Year of Mercy

In continuance of the *Dives in Misericordia* we conclude with section VIII.

VIII The Prayer of the Church in Our Times

The Church proclaims the truth of God's mercy revealed in the crucified and risen Christ, and she professes it in various ways. Furthermore, she seeks to practice mercy towards people through people, and she sees in this an indispensable condition for solicitude for a better and "more human" world, today and tomorrow. However, at no time and in no historical period-especially at a moment as critical as our own-can the Church forget the prayer that is a cry for the mercy of God amid the many forms of evil which weigh upon humanity and threaten it. Precisely this is the fundamental right and duty of the Church in Christ Jesus, her right and duty towards God and towards humanity. The more the human conscience succumbs to secularization, loses its sense of the very meaning of the word "mercy," moves away from God and distances itself from the mystery of mercy, the more the Church has the right and the duty to appeal to the God of mercy "with loud cries." These "loud cries" should be the mark of the Church of our times, cries uttered to God to implore His mercy, the certain manifestation of which she professes and proclaims as having already come in Jesus crucified and risen, that is, in the Paschal Mystery. It is this mystery which bears within itself the most complete revelation of mercy, that is, of that love which is more powerful than death, more powerful than sin and every evil, the love which lifts man up when he falls into the abyss and frees him from the greatest threats.

In the name of Jesus Christ crucified and risen, in the spirit of His messianic mission, enduring in the history of humanity, we raise our voices and pray that the Love which is in the Father may once again be revealed at this stage of history, and that, through the work of the Son and Holy Spirit, it may be shown to be present in our modern world and to be more powerful than evil: more powerful than sin and death. We pray for this through the intercession of her who does not cease to proclaim "mercy...from generation to generation," and also through the intercession of those for whom there have been completely fulfilled the words of the Sermon on the Mount: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."

