

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@epiphanycatholicsschool.org

www.epiphanycatholicsschool.org

May 1, 2016

“Sixth Sunday of Easter”

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. May 1

8:00 AM For the People

11:30 AM Wyatt Smith

4:00 PM For the Souls in Purgatory

Mon. May 2 Peter Gruenberg (healing)

Readings: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tues. May 3 Dolores Knittle (+)

Readings: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

Wed. May 4 Jean Treadwell (+)

Readings: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15

Thurs. May 5 Herminia Diaz (+) and Marco Romero (+)

Readings: Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20

Fri. May 6 Michael Gruenberg (healing)

Readings: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

Sat. May 7

Readings: Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28

8:30 AM William Burke (+)

6:00 PM Dotti Long (+)

Sixth Sunday of Easter

"Keeping Jesus' word"

Reading I Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 (letter of the Apostles to the Gentiles)

Reading II Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23 (the new Jerusalem)

Gospel John 14:23-29 (last discourse; faithfulness to God's word)

Key Passage Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them." (John 14:23)

Adult What difference has it made in your life when you made a decision in accord with Jesus' teachings?

Child When will you have to make a decision this week? What will help you make a good decision?

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.

LORD HEAR THE PRAYER FOR OUR SICK

Especially: Brian Alexander, Janice Ambrose, Trudy Baker, Rosalie Baker, Michael Baudham, Mike Bosma, Joyce Bosworth, Christopher Byrne, Bill Daley, Cynthia Davies, Jackie Fancher, Danielle Gambale-Metz, Bill Goetz, Alex Green, Mitch Harper, Alex Hyde, Peg Logan, Kriss Cordero Luna, Carmela Lyne, Ana Magana, Doreen McNamara, Joan McPhillips, Beth Moreland, Mary Neureither, Shawn Peet, Gia Quiroz, Donald Rediske, Max Rosado, Mary Jane Roth, 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.

"...do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."

John 14:27

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust He has a better plan for you.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 4/24 collection:	\$8,942.00
Catholic Home Missions:	\$1,857.55
Epiphany:	\$5.00
Building Fund:	\$25.00

Faith Direct

Collection:	\$1,710.00
Foundation for the Future:	\$200.00
Home Missions:	\$40.00
Building Fund:	\$90.00
Epiphany:	\$42.00

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

IMPORTANT

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE *Please note, the normally scheduled 8:30 am Mass of Friday, May 13th, will not be at Epiphany Catholic School. It will be at Precious Blood. Mass will be at Epiphany on Tuesday the 10th that week instead.*

MUSIC MINISTRY A special thank you to our wonderful Children's Choir and teen acoustic group One Voice for serving as music ministers this weekend, making the celebrations of First Communion for our 2nd graders even more special. If you are a young parishioner in grades 2-5 (children's choir) or 6-12 (One Voice) who'd like to share your gift of music and spirit with our parish by serving in one of these groups, please call our Director of Music Hannah Masson at hannahmasson@yahoo.com (540-229-5329) or Mrs. Gina Rosetti at eprossetti@yahoo.com (540-937-2320).

MOTHER'S DAY SPIRITUAL BOUQUET Mother's Day spiritual bouquet cards will be available in the foyer after all the Masses this weekend. All who are registered will be remembered in the Masses offered at our parish for mothers.

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**.

LADIES AUXILIARY The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus meets the second Tuesday of each month in the Parish Hall at 10:00 AM. All wives of Knights are invited to attend. Hope to see you on May 10th.

SECOND COLLECTIONS Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your contributions will help strengthen the Church at home and will help ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. To learn more about home missions funding and who the appeal helps, please visit www.usccb.org/home-missions. Next week our parish will take up the Collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign. This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through television, radio, social media, podcasts, and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our diocese and support local needs, so please be generous in this collection.

SAINT STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET This week's needs are: canned chicken and chicken helper, jelly, canned fruit, and juice boxes.

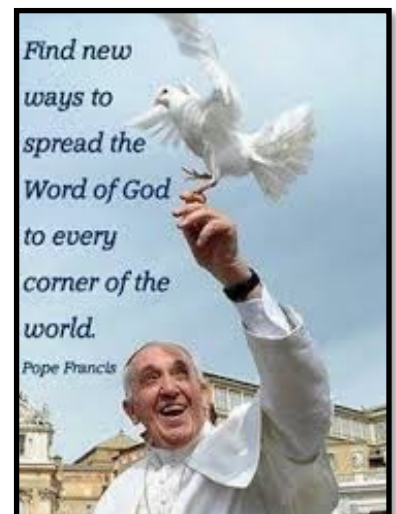
HOLY SPIRIT INTERACTIVE (HSI) Next meeting will be Wednesday, **May 11**, at **7:00 pm** at the new Brown Harris office (309 N. Main Street). Topic is "**Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Four Bags Full.**" God's greatest gift to us, after the gift of salvation, is the gift of his Holy Spirit given to all who are baptized in the Lord Jesus. The Holy Spirit does not come into our lives empty handed. He brings gifts with him—4 bags full! All are welcome.

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!

PRECIOUS BLOOD MOM'S GROUP The Mom's Group is growing and we would love to have new moms join us. Our meetings will now be weekly on **Friday** from **10am to 12pm**. To be more open to moms that work during the week, we are also starting to have weekend meetings and events. Please contact Jacqueline Masson to be put on the email and/or text list to keep up to date on days and times of meetings and events. Email jacque1114@yahoo.com or call or text **678-267-6377**.

LADIES RETREAT The next Ladies Retreat will take place on **Saturday, May 14** starting with Mass at **8:30am to 12:00 noon** here at the Parish. The topic is "Mary, Mother of the Household". Babysitting will be provided. Please come for a reflection morning with our Lady. We kindly ask that you RSVP by contacting Jacqueline Mason at **678-267-6377** or at jacque1114@yahoo.com. If you are a Virtus trained volunteer or teen in need of confirmation hours and would like to help us babysit, please contact us. God bless you!

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 three weeks. 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 **547-2123**. Thank you for helping!



DIVINE OFFICE Morning Prayer from the Divine Office will be prayed from **8-8:15 AM Monday-Thursday** in the front of the church. Please join us! If you do not have an office book, the prayers also can be found on the free iBreviary app or the app available at <http://divineoffice.org/>.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING Altar server training will be held on **June 5th, 19th, and 26th** for those who have completed the 4th grade, been baptized and have received first Holy Communion. Please contact the office if your child is interested.

WORKCAMP Next week is our Mother's Day weekend fundraising campaign (**May 7-8**). 4 benches made by our campers, homegrown plants from the Blessinger greenhouse, and more TinySaints will be **ON SALE**! Donations to our campaign may be made to the Precious Blood office: checks should be payable to Precious Blood, memo: Workcamp.

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

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.

T.E.A.M. TEEN RETREAT "Do you have the Mercy App? Exploring the role of technology in daily acts of mercy" will take place on **SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2016, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM** The retreat is sponsored by the LEGION OF MARY to be held at HOLY TRINITY JUBILEE PARK INC. located at **4407 Aldie Road, Catharpin, Virginia 20143**. It is open to all Catholics from ages 12 - 18. Come and join us for an exciting day with holy Mass, Benediction, Confession, Eucharistic Procession, uplifting talks, skits, and three hours of exciting activities. The speakers are Rev. Francis Peffley and Rev. Richard Guest. The fee is \$35.00 per person and \$45.00 for late registration after May 26, which includes refreshments. Bring a bag lunch, water and rosary. **Mark your calendar and register early.** To inquire about the retreat, call Dr. Seggy Acosta at **(703)392-6420**, Nancy Grenier at **(703)869-0040** or Sandy Witter **(703) 266-3534**. Scholarships are available based on financial needs. You may visit www.holytrinityjubilleepark for registration forms or pick up a form in the Precious Blood office.

KRAKOW IN THE CAPITAL Celebrate World Youth Day with millions of young adults around the world without leaving DC! Kraków in the Capital (**July 30th, 2016**) is a one-day World Youth Day experience that will mirror the week-long event in Poland. The event includes: Vigil Mass with Cardinal Wuerl, catechesis talks with Bishops and national speakers, Polish music and food, opportunity to visit the Holy Door at the Basilica, Adoration and Confession, Stations of the Cross, Vocations Fair, veneration of relics, late night concert, camping, and more! The event is open to all young adults 18-39, and tickets are \$25. Go to www.wydDC.org to learn more and purchase tickets, or contact Brendan at **(703) 841-2549**. Sign up to be the first to hear updates on speakers and sponsors by texting 'wydDC' to **84576**.

MOMENTS OF MERCY Join Arlington Young Adult Ministry in their newest initiative called, "Moments of Mercy." Through personal testimonies, Moments of Mercy focuses on encounters of the Lord's goodness and faithfulness. Check out the videos and picture posts by using the **#MomentsofMercy** on social media. Have your own story you would like to share? Send it to Brendan Gotta at b.gotta@arlingtondiocese.org.

JUBILEE OF MERCY CARDS Would you like to be a Herald of Mercy? The Office for Family Life's Project Rachel ministry is offering free cards for you, your parish group and/or your parish's visit of the pilgrim Divine Mercy Icon during the Jubilee of Mercy. Cards are available in English and Spanish. Request cards or learn more online at: www.arlingtondiocese.org/familylife.

Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Piety and Fortitude

Piety: ...We now turn to the gift of piety. Through this spiritual gift, we experience ever anew, with joy and gratitude, the loving relationship with God our Father which has been granted us in Jesus his Son. It is this loving relationship which grounds and perfects our authentic worship of God. The love poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit leads us to perceive the Lord's presence and love in our lives, and moves us to respond joyfully in prayer and adoration. **Piety is not mere outward religiosity; it is that genuine religious spirit which makes us turn to the Father as his children and to grow in our love for others,** seeing them as our brothers and sisters, members of God's family.

...How many times at the end of Mass, do we wonder what just happened or what was the meaning of the homily? Or you have been praying the Rosary and your mind wanders and you are so distracted. We often tell ourselves to be more focused and to try harder. However, we really need to pray for the gift of Piety. **This way we can worship with intention and we are able to pray and worship in God's power and not our own.**

Fortitude: ...The Lord always comes to support us in our weakness with a special gift, the gift of fortitude . As Jesus himself said to his disciples, the Father is the sower, who sows the seed of His Word abundantly. The seed, however, often clashes with the aridness of our hearts and, even when welcomed, is likely to remain sterile. **Instead, with the gift of fortitude the Holy Spirit frees the soil of our heart from torpor, uncertainties and all the fears that can stop it, so that the Word of God can be put into practice, in an authentic and joyful way.**

There are difficult moments and extreme situations in which the gift of fortitude is manifested in an extraordinary, exemplary way. This is the case of those who are facing particularly harsh and painful experiences, that disrupt their lives and those of their loved ones. **The Church shines with the testimony of so many brothers and sisters who have not hesitated to give their lives, in order to remain faithful to the Lord and His Gospel.**

All of us know people, people who have experienced difficult situations...who fight for the survival of their family, educate their children. They do this because the Spirit of fortitude helps them. Everyday saints! Hidden saints among us! They have the gift of fortitude in carrying on in their duty as people, mother, father, brother, sister citizen. We have so many.

This gift must be the base note of our being Christians, in our ordinary everyday lives...As Christians we need this fortitude to carry on in our lives, our families our faith. The Apostle Paul, said: "I have the strength for everything through him who empowers me" (Phil. 4:13).

Dear friends, sometimes we may be tempted to allow ourselves be overtaken by laziness or despondency, especially when faced with the hardships and trials of life. In these cases, do not lose heart, but invoke the Holy Spirit, so that with the gift of fortitude He can lift our hearts and communicate new vigor and enthusiasm to our lives and our following Jesus.

- Pope Francis May 15, 2014 and June 4, 2014