

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, Director of Religious Education
Miriam Medina, Dir. of Liturgy/Hispanic Liaison
Toni-Ann Gambale, Office Assistant
Theresa Watson, Choir Director
John Flemming, Heritage Choir Director
Robert Wiersberg, 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, Office 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 Saturday: 4:30–5:30 p.m. 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 office during office hours before making any other arrangements.

CCD CLASSES

Sunday: 9:30 – 10:45 a.m. (K-12)

EPIPHANY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

1211 E. Grandview Avenue
Culpeper, VA 22701
Preschool: 3 & 4 year old
Elementary: K-5
Middle School: 6-8
office@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com
www.preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com



April 5, 2015
“Easter Sunday”

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. April 5

- 7:00 AM – Carroll Minor (healing)
- 9:00 AM – Tom Kearney
- 11:00 AM + Andrea Ponce Guzman
- 2:00 PM – Brenda Liseth Estrada (healing)

Mon. April 6 – Antoinette Stevens (healing) – Easter Monday

Readings: Acts 2:14, 22-33, Mt 28:8-15

Tues. April 7 – Lilia Chuccos (healing) – Easter Tuesday

Readings: Acts 2:36-41, Jn 20:11-18

Wed. April 8 – Easter Wednesday

Readings: Acts 3:1-10, Lk 24:13-35

Thurs. April 9 – Jeffrey Metz (special intention) – Easter Thursday

Readings: Acts 3:11-26, Lk 24:35-48

Fri. April 10 – Michael & Rhea Shekmer – Easter Friday

Readings: Acts 4:1-12, Jn 21:1-14

Sat. April 11 – Easter Saturday

Readings: Acts 4:13-21, Mk 16:9-15

- 8:30 AM – Marjorie Dexter

- 6:00 PM + Damien Gravois

(If you would like a Mass Intention said please call or stop by the office.)

**Easter Sunday
Hope of Salvation**

- Reading I Acts 10:34, 37–43 (Peter’s discourse)
- Reading II Colossians 3:1–4 (mystical death and resurrection)
- Gospel John 20:1–9 (Peter and the disciple at the tomb)

Key Passage: When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. (Colossians 3:4)

Adult: Why do you believe that you will live with Christ for all eternity?

Child: Who has helped you believe that you will live with Jesus forever?

Pope Francis: Let us allow God to fill our hearts with His goodness and mercy.

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: Jan Ambrose, Jorge Alvarado, Pat Ballard, Ric Barklund, Mike Bosma, Amber Bouchard, Mikey Bradford, Tom Brown, Chris Butler, Dr. Tom Calhoun, Michael Combs, Roger Corum, Katherine Craig, Cynthia Davies, Bill Daley, James Driscoll, Jackie Fancher, Regan Flemming, Ryleigh Flemming, David Matthew Gendron, Bill Goetz, Tyler Hall, Ann Harrison, Elizabeth Hartwell, Rebecca Helsel, Betty Hescox, Marilyn Hoffmann, Eileen Hunter, Alex Hyde, Jim Hyde, Robert Kocovsky, Harold Lawrence, Kimberly Lemus, Mary Logan, Bryan Lorenz, Chris Cordero Luna, Camilla Lynne, Ana Magana, Frank and Lucille McPhillips, Phillip Leo Mercer, Efren Diaz Miguel, Jim Minihan, Beth Moreland, Mary Neureither, Barbara Noonan, Marcia Peacock, Shawn Peet, Donald Rediske, James Robles, Adelfa Salvador, Ines Sanchez, Cissy Staiger, Ray Tap, Joyce Vosworth, Susan Wynn 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.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Majestic One, today we celebrate the miracle that was created for all who are ready to receive. Your absolute decree of the Risen Son reminds us that our faith is connected intimately to your amazing, unwavering love. The unconditional love that you repeatedly uplift is our reminder to love all of your children. Multiply these gifts so the promises of a seemingly distant heaven become more of a reality on Earth. **Glory Hallelujah! Amen and amen. Mark 16:1-8**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Collection (3/22)	\$ 8,012.02
Building Fund	\$ 50.00
Epiphany School	\$ 50.00
BLA*	\$ 80,841.00
*24% of households participating	

Offering totals for Sunday March 29th will be posted in next week’s bulletin, April 12th. Thank you!

FAITH DIRECT Today is Easter, the time of rebirth and new beginnings. Why not participate in a new and easier way of giving? Simple, easy and could be automatic. Sign up with FaithDirect today at www.faithdirect.com or pick up a paper enrollment form in the office!

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 7am
- 9am
- 11:30am
- 2pm (Spanish)



FRIDAY MASS on April 10th will be held at Precious Blood Catholic Church.

SECOND COLLECTION on April 26th will be for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

CLOSE OF BUSINESS If you would like to place an announcement in the bulletin, you ***MUST*** have it submitted to us in the office or via email by the close of business, ***3:30pm on the Monday before.*** All blurbs can be hard copy and dropped off in the office or electronic copy and emailed to us at toniann.pbcc@gmail.com Thank you!

BEGINNER BIBLE STUDY Is anyone interested in an 8 week Beginner Bible Study? If so, please contact Mac McPhillips at (540) 547-2123 or email him at MacHimself@gmail.com

THE WELCOMING COMMITTEE We need your help. The Committee needs volunteers in leadership, organizational and informative roles. All those interested in volunteering, should contact Cheryl Erickson at [910-578-0293](tel:910-578-0293), and attend the next Welcoming Committee meeting April 14th at 7pm, location TBA.

ST.STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET Needs for this week: single serving oatmeal packs and canned meat (i.e. treet, spam, etc.).

HOLY SPIRIT INTERACTIVE (HSI) Next meeting will be WEDNESDAY, April 8, at 7:00 pm at the home of Jill Devine (call [540-812-4576](tel:540-812-4576) for directions). Topic: "Dealing with Depression." All are welcome.

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM Sessions resume after Easter. At the next two sessions on April 12 and April 19, Doctors Joan and Roger Depue will present "***Human Nature and Spiritual Growth.***" These talks will explore the inner dynamics of human nature that may cause a person to be unable to live the fullness of faith. Come and enjoy a stimulating, enlightening topic and presentations! All adults are encouraged to attend these special sessions from 9:40-10:40 am in the Parish Hall.

CCD NEWS *3rd Grade:* 3rd grade has been learning the Apostle's Creed; how it is our simple statement of what we believe. They learned that we show we are Catholic by our marks: We are one community in Christ, we are Apostolic in our ways, we are Catholic by being open to all, and we are Holy by showing that we love God. We have learned all this through the awesome example of the many saints we have studied.

5th Grade Coli: This year we have learned how an active role in the Church helps us in our daily lives. We have studied the Saints as well as learning more about the different parts of the Mass. We have also learned about Mary and her role in the Church as well as her intercession on our behalf to her Divine son, Jesus.

CURSILLO An alternate group meeting will be held every Saturday at 9:15am in the Annex. All are welcome!

CURSILLO: THE BLUE RIDGE ULTREYA will have an ULTREYA on Saturday April 25, at St. Peters parish hall after the 5pm Mass (about 6 or 6:15). Please bring a covered dish to share. ALL are invited. Cursillo weekend for men is 4/16-19 and the weekend for women has passed. Both are at Missionhurst. Questions PH 540-547-2932

NEWS AND NEEDS

WE WELCOME all those who were baptized into our Parish Family!

-*Jayden & Kaylen Colson*, the children of Anthony Colson & Maria Flores.

- *Nicole Mendoza*, the daughter of Victorino Cosme Mendoza & Maria Arango Ruiz.

CONGRATULATIONS to those who were united together in Holy Matrimony!

- *Kevin Cashman & Tierney Jones* were united on Saturday, March 7th.

- *Robert Reese & Emma Thompson* were united on March 21st.



ALZHEIMER'S All are invited to attend a presentation by Dr. Loretta Veney, author and speaker, from 10:00-11:30 a.m., on Saturday, April 18th, in the Parish Hall. Dr. Veney will talk about Alzheimer's and dementia progression behaviors and how the role of a caregiver changes. She has written a book, Being My Mom's Mom, from her own experience of caring for her mother, who was diagnosed with dementia nine years ago. Dr. Veney recently gave a similar presentation to a packed room at the Culpeper Library, and Father Anselme wants to offer the same opportunity to our parishioners who were unable to attend that presentation.

PARISH MINI-RETREAT: "Finding True Happiness: Satisfying Our Restless Hearts"

Mark your calendars for Saturday April 25th as Karlo Broussard, apologist and speaker for the Magis Center, will be conducting a mini-retreat entitled "Finding True Happiness: Satisfying Our Restless Hearts" at Precious Blood Catholic Church from 3 pm to 5:30 pm. Mr. Broussard will be presenting two talks. In the first talk, "**Living Life to the Fullest: The 4 Levels of Happiness**," he will explain Fr. Robert Spitzer's four levels of happiness and highlight the fact that our deepest human desires cannot be satisfied with the things of *this* life but only with the things of the next, namely God Himself. In the second talk, "**Heaven: A Destiny Worth Living For**," Karlo explains Jesus' revelation of Heaven as an experience of perfect love, joy, and excitement through fellowship with God and with every member of the Mystical Body of Christ. Be sure to visit The Magis Center's website, www.magiscenter.com as well Mr. Broussard's, www.karlobroussard.com

DIVINE MERCY Next weekend as we celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday**, we will pray the Divine Mercy chaplet immediately following each weekend mass. Join us as we pray in atonement for our sins and for God's mercy to pour out upon us and on the whole world.

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY, our hymn for the presentation and preparation of gifts has the tune name of "Llanfair" which is named for the church in Anglesey, Wales, where the composer Robert Williams lived all his life. The full name is "Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwynndrobwllllantysiliogogoch," one of the longest words in Welsh, which means "Church of St. Mary in the hollow of white hazel near the rapid whirlpool of the Church of St. Tysillio by the red cave."



Enrollment for the preschool and elementary school is in its final stages

for the upcoming 2015-16 school year. There is a special funding for Catholic school applicants entering the program for the first time. An endowment has been set up for students entering catholic schools from public school K-8. It is based on family income of 300% above the poverty level. Every public school family that has considered a Catholic education but felt that they can't afford it should apply for this endowment and the Facts tuition assistant program. You will never know if you could qualify unless you apply. Once you have been accepted your family will receive this funding as long as your child remains at our school. I hope you take advantage of this opportunity. If you have any question please contact our school. 540-825-9017

Dear Families,
During Lent the students have been reminded of Christ's sacrifice for us. They have given of themselves to others and have really grasped the true meaning of Easter. We extend our very best wishes to all families for a happy and Holy Easter. May the peace of the risen Christ bless your homes and your families.

AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

SAINT JOHN PAUL THE GREAT GALA The Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School Family Association invites you to attend their 3rd Annual Gala and Auction on May 16, 2015. It will be a fun-filled evening for adults, in support of Catholic education! Ticket and sponsorship information may be found at www.jpthegreat.org or email at gala@jpthegreat.org

Why Was the Resurrection Such a Hidden Event?

There is something of a hidden quality to the resurrection appearances.

“God raised Jesus from the dead on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead.” (Acts 10:41 to 42)

So, note that Jesus did not appear openly to all, but only to some. Why is this? It is so different from what most of us would do.

If I were God (and it is very good for you that I am not), I would rise from the dead very dramatically. Perhaps I would send trumpet blasts to summon people to my tomb, and I would step out with great fanfare, summoning a multitude of angels to dazzle.

And yet none of this is what the Lord does at all! Not only did he appear only to some after his resurrection, but the actual dramatic moment of the resurrection seems to have been witnessed by no one at all. Instead of emerging from the tomb in broad daylight to a fanfare of trumpets, the Lord seems to have come forth before dawn to the sound of crickets.

Such a hidden event!

Why? My speculation is rooted in the identity of God: God is love (1 Jn 4:16). Love is not merely something God does, nor is it just one of his many attributes. Scripture says God *is* love. And it is in the nature of true love (as opposed to lust) to woo the beloved, to invite, not to overwhelm or importune, not to force or coerce. For the lover wants to be loved. But to force the beloved to love or to overwhelm the cherished into a fearful love is not to receive true love in return.

But God whispers; He calls us; He gently draws us in. He supplies grace and evidence but does not overwhelm us with fearsome and noisy events. He is the still, small voice that Elijah heard after the fire and the earthquake (1 Kings 19:12). He is the One who has written his name in our hearts and whispers there quietly. “Seek always the face of the Lord.” (1 Chron 16:11)

As for loud and flashy entrances, and humiliation of his opponents, God is not interested. He does not have a big ego. Even if He could compel the temple leadership to worship him by shock and awe, it is unlikely that their faith response could be called a true faith response. It would be more that they had been forced to believe. Faith that needs to see really isn't faith, for no one needs faith to believe what he can plainly see with his eyes.

Why was the resurrection so hidden? God is love. And love woos, it does not wound; it invites, it does not incite; it calls, it does not crush; it respects but does not rule or seek revenge. Yes, God is love.

Msgr. Charles Pope, April 23, 2014 <http://blog.adw.org/2014/04/why-was-the-resurrection-such-a-hidden-event/>