

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
Toni-Ann Gambale, Office Assistant
Patricia Reed, Director of Religious Education
Miriam Medina, Dir. of Liturgy/Hispanic Liaison
Hannah Masson, Director of Music
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 Grandview Avenue
Culpeper, VA 22701
Preschool: 3 & 4 year old
Elementary: K-5
Middle School: 6-8
office@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com
www.preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com



January 4, 2015
“The Epiphany of the Lord”

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. January 4

- 8:00 AM –in honor of Elizabeth Ann Seton(dec)

-11:30 AM – William Craven (dec)

- 4:00 PM – Roberto Cortes Cuevas (dec)

Mon. January 5 – For the People – St. John Neumann, Bishop

Readings: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6, Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tues. January 6 – Kostic Family (special intention) – St. Andre Bessette, Religious

Readings: 1 Jn 4:7-10, Mk 6:34-44

Wed. January 7 – For the People – St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

Readings: 1 Jn 4:11-18, Mk 6:45-52

Thurs. January 8 –Anna Marie Stringfellow (dec)

Readings: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4, Lk 4:14-22

Fri. January 9 – For the People

Readings: 1 Jn 5:5-13, Lk 5:12-16

Sat. January 10

Readings: 1 Jn 5:14-21, Jn 3:22-30

- 8:30 AM – For the People

- 6:00 PM – For the People

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

**Epiphany
Unexpected Gifts**

Reading I Isaiah 60:1–6 (glory of the new Zion)

Reading II Ephesians 3:2–3, 5–6 (commission to preach God’s plan)

Gospel Matthew 2:1–12 (the visit of the magi)

Key Passage: On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother. (Matthew 2:10)

Adult: When have you found the presence of Christ in an unexpected place?

Child: Where and in whom will you look for Jesus this week?

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, Hector Baez, Lisa 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, Billy Hall, Elizabeth Hartwell, Betty Hescox, Marilyn Hoffmann, Eileen Hunter, Alex Hyde, Harold Lawrence, Mary Logan, Bryan Lorenz, Frank and Lucille McPhillips, Phillip Leo Mercer, Efen Diaz Miguel, Jim Minihan, Beth Moreland, Mary Neureither, Barbara Noonan, Richard Noonan, Marcia Peacock, Shawn Peet, James Robles, Adelfa Salvador, Ines Sanchez, Cissy Staiger, Ray Tap, Joyce Vosworth 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.**



ALTAR FLOWERS are available for request. Please stop by the office.

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Holy One, your light has come. Your light shines brightly in our humble lives. We place this offering upon your altar as an outpouring of your light within us. Glory halleluiah! Amen. *John 1*

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Collection (12/21)	\$ 9,159.38
Building Fund	\$ 50.00
Epiphany School	\$ 2,050.00

FAITH DIRECT

Collection	\$ 1,355.00
Building Fund	\$ 105.00
Foundation for the Future	\$ 200.00

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

FRIDAY DAILY MASS on January 9th will be held at Epiphany Catholic School.

WE WELCOMED to our Parish Family, *Matthew Grayson Kelly*, the son of Kyle & Krystal Kelly, on Saturday, January 3rd.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION will resume on Thursday, January 8th. Spending time with Jesus is a wonderful way to begin the New Year.

SECOND COLLECTION on January 25th, 2015 will be held for the Church in Latin America.

THANK YOU ALTAR SOCIETY for making our sanctuary look so beautiful on Christmas! Your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated!

FAITH DIRECT: Why not help our own parish prepare for the coming New Year by signing up with *Faith Direct*? By supporting Precious Blood Parish through *Faith Direct*, both you and our parish can more easily project your future contributions. You can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net using our church code: VA226 or stop by the office for a paper enrollment form.

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM "FAITH AND THE BIG QUESTIONS" A special 4-week "Faith and the Big Questions" series for adults will be held on Jan. 11, 18, 25 and Feb. 1 from 9:40-10:40 am in the Parish Hall. The first two presentations on Jan. 11 and Jan. 18 will look at the big question: "***Is There Evidence That God Exists?***" These presentations provide compelling scientific evidence, as well as evidence within ourselves, demonstrating God's existence. These PowerPoint and video-based presentations, featuring interviews with many scientists themselves, will strengthen our faith and provide valuable information for discussion with those we know who may doubt the existence of God. The third session on Jan. 25 looks at the big question: "***Which is True: Creation, Evolution, or Both?***" All adults, especially young adults, are welcome!

CURSILLO The Blue Ridge Ultreya (Culpeper, Madison, Orange and Rappahannock) will meet January 17, 2015, after the 6 pm Mass in the Parish Hall of Precious Blood Church, 114 E. Edmondson St., Culpeper. Please bring a dish to share for Pot Luck. Cursillo is a short course in Christianity focusing on deepening our relationship with Jesus. All are welcome. For more information, contact Jim Byrne at 547-2932.

HOLY SPIRIT INTERACTIVE (HSI) Please come and start your new year off growing closer to the Holy Spirit! Meet new friends and renew old ones. The next HSI meeting will be WEDNESDAY, Jan. 14, at 7:00 pm at the home of Jill Devine (19060 Clair Manor Drive, Culpeper). Topic is "Rejoice. Pray. Give Thanks." All are welcome.

BEGINNERS BIBLE STUDY will start this month. More information to follow. If you have questions please contact Mac McPhillips at (540) 547-2123 or email him at MacHimself@gmail.com

NEWS AND NEEDS

ST.STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET Needs for this week: canned chicken, chicken helper, microwave dinners and cold cereal.

STATUES WANTED CCD is looking for statues for the classrooms from anyone willing to donate. The statues must be able to fit on a shelf. Please contact Pat Reed at 825-1339.

OUTSTANDING YOUNG MAN/WOMAN OF THE YEAR Between the ages of 12-19? Private, public or homeschooled? Residing within our community? Impressive resume? You are eligible to be recognized for your excellence. Stop by the office BEFORE March 1st to learn how!

T-SHIRTS STILL AVAILABLE Stop by the office, we have Precious Blood Catholic Church t-shirts for only \$10! We still have plenty available. What could be better than representing your very own parish? Please take a glance at the picture and then stop in the office to see it for yourself!



HEAT SHELTER VOLUNTEER MEETING: Please plan on meeting January 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall to sign up as chaperones, leaders for a day, servers, meal preparers, to provide supplies and/or entertainment. Let's help all those less fortunate during the week of January 25th! Questions please email us at heatshelter@gmail.com

MARCH FOR LIFE will take place on January 22nd in Washington, DC. There are sign-up sheets available for those who are interested in participating. Please contact Scott Klose for additional information and any questions by phone at (540) 718-7574.

MUSIC Our hymn for the presentation & preparation of the gifts, **We Three Kings of Orient Are**, was written and composed in 1863 by John Henry Hopkins, an Episcopal minister and is the first modern American Christmas carol. In singing the songs of the wise men, we remind ourselves that we too are travelers in a foreign land ever searching for that heavenly light.



We welcome back all of our students this coming week! Christmas Break was a great way to relax

and rejuvenate before the second part of our school year. With the celebration of Christ's birth, students and teachers were able to spend time with loved ones and remember the reason for the season. We hope with the Christmas season coming to a close that all of the students truly see just how much of a blessing Jesus is to all of us.

Epiphany Catholic School will be represented at the 8am mass for the Feast of Epiphany. On Tuesday, January 6th, the students will have a special celebration where they will dress up!

AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER God gave us the greatest gift of love when He sent His son to redeem us. He asks us to love one another as He loves us. Take the time to grow deeper in love with God, your spouse and your family at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are 20-22 Feb 2015 in Herndon or 17-19 Apr 2015 in Fredericksburg. For more info visit our website at renewmarriage-vanorth.org or call us at 703-378-4150.

JUICE BOXES Our parish is still collecting **100% juice boxes** to benefit Culpeper's Power Pack Program. Please place your donations in the green box in the church foyer. Thousands of juice boxes are needed so every donation counts and is much appreciated! Also, please mark your calendars for the next Community Pack Day on **Saturday, January 10, 2015 from 9-12 at Culpeper United Methodist Church**. Volunteers will help pack several thousand packs to go directly to hungry children right here in our community. Contact Kelly Wilton for more information 825-4795 or email at wilton3knr@yahoo.com

SEARCH FOR THE LONGEST MARRIED

COUPLE: This is the 5th year for recognizing couples for their long marriages. In addition to the longest married couple in the entire United States, recognition will also be given to a couple from each state who has achieved that distinction. Nominations are open to all husband and wife couples regardless of religious affiliation. Send the name of the couple, their wedding date, and where they currently reside, along with a contact phone or e-mail address of the individual nominating the couple to wwmelmc2015@gmail.com or call Dick & Diane Baumbach at 321-613-5180. You may also send submissions vis USPS to Dick & Diane Baumbach, 9824 Puerto Del Rio Drive Suite 402, Cape Canaveral, FL 32920. Nominations must be received by Jan. 10th, 2015.

SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT GROUP

Bishop Loverde cordially invites victims/survivors of sexual abuse and their spouse or a support person to Support Group meetings on Monday, March 23rd, 2015 and Monday, May 18th, 2015 at the Dominican Retreat, 7103 Old Dominion Drive, McLean, VA 22101. The evenings begin at 5:45pm and end by 9:00pm. They will consist of dinner, discussion and Prayer Service. Dinner reservations will be required 4 days prior to the meeting. RSVP to our Victim Assistance Coordinators. Call Patricia Mudd at (703) 841-2537 or email her at p.mudd@arlingtondiocese.org Or you may call Rosa Colello at (703) 841-2530 or email her at r.colello@arlingtondiocese.org

DEMENTIA AND BEHAVIORS: STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS

Join us in our continuing series on Alzheimer's and Dementia! Author and speaker Loretta Veney will talk about Alzheimer's and dementia progression, behaviors and how the role of a caregiver changes. Loretta will share her experiences as a caregiver along with tips and techniques used for aggression, suspicion, sleep disorders, confusion and more. This presentation will include an overview of behaviors and how they may change at various stages of the disease. Her book will also be available for sale and autographing. The event will take place on January 10th from 10 am -12 pm in the Culpeper County Library's Meeting Room. Please call (540) 825-8691 with any questions or concerns.

Pope Francis: "In life we all make many mistakes. Let us learn to recognize our errors and ask forgiveness."

Feast of the Epiphany

"There are only three types of people; those who have found God and serve him; those who have not found God and seek him, and those who live not seeking, or finding him. The first are rational and happy; the second unhappy and rational, and the third foolish and unhappy."

We see those three types represented in our readings at Christmas time. Among the foolish and unhappy is King Herod. He pretends to seek God, but his real concern is to defend his power - and his pleasures. But he was far from happy. Tortured by suspicions, he murdered members of his own family, including his wife, Mariamne, and two sons. This caused the Emperor Augustus to remark, "'I would rather be Herod's pig than his son.'" Herod - in an extreme way - represents the class of people who neither seek nor find God.

At the other end of the spectrum are those who have found God and serve him. Two obvious examples are St. Joseph and the Blessed Virgin Mary. We can also include the shepherds in that happy group.

In the middle are the Magi. They represent all honest seekers. From the Greek "magoi" we get our English word "magic" or "magician." They were not illusionists like modern magicians, but rather they studied the heavens and tried to figure out the relationship between the stars and what is happening on earth. They were part astronomer and part astrologer. The Magi are also called "Wise Men" because they followed celestial signs that led them to Christ.

We do not know what those signs were. Whatever it was, it led the Magi to Jerusalem, then to Bethlehem. When they arrived at the dwelling of Joseph and Mary, they stopped being seekers. They worshipped the child, that is, they acknowledge him as God. And they gave gifts that represented Jesus' kingship, his divinity and his priesthood.

Now, I mentioned that the Magi were astrologers. For a Christian, astrology can have no ultimate place. You will notice that when the Magi found Christ, they no longer looked to the stars. God guided them in a more direct way.

From the Catechism. It clearly states that astrology is a form of idolatry - a sin against the first commandment: I am the Lord your God; you shall not have strange gods before me. God is a jealous God. In his case the jealousy is proper and logical. He does have a complete and total claim on us. He created us and redeemed us.

So, while astrology may have some place for those seeking God, it has no place for those who - like the Magi - have now found God and serve him. Remember the three types of people: "Those who have found God and serve him; those who have not found God and seek him, and those who live not seeking, or finding him." I hope no one here is in the category of Herod, who neither seeks nor finds God. Those who honestly seek God, will find him. But best, like Joseph and Mary, like the shepherd and now the Magi, the Wise Men: to find God and serve him.

<http://stmaryvalleybloom.org/homilyforepiphany10.html>