

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 11, 2015
“The Baptism of the Lord”

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. January 11

- 8:00 AM – Howard Shaw (dec)
- 11:30 AM – Dale Gray (dec)
- 4:00 PM – Pedro Estrada

Mon. January 12 – Jim Minihan (healing)

Readings: Heb 1:1-6, Mk 1:14-20

Tues. January 13 – Wayne Orme (dec) – St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Readings: Heb 2:5-12, Mk 1:21-28

Wed. January 14 – Sally Chwastek (dec)

Readings: Heb 2:14-18, Mk 1:29-39

Thurs. January 15 – For the People

Readings: Heb 3:7-14, Mk 1:40-45

Fri. January 16 – Pat DiiBon (dec)

Readings: Heb 4:1-5, 11, Mk 2:1-12,

Sat. January 17 – Saint Anthony, Abbot

Readings: Heb: 4:12-16, Mk 2:13-17

- 8:30 AM – For the People
- 6:00 PM – Richard Noonan (dec)

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

**Baptism of the Lord
All Are Welcome**

Reading I Isaiah 42:1–4, 6–7 (the servant of the Lord)

Reading II Acts 10:34–38 (Peter’s discourse)

Gospel Mark 1:7–11 (the baptism of Jesus)

Key Passage: Then Peter began to speak to them:

“I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.” (Acts 10:34–35)

Adult: To whom have you been guilty of showing partiality? What can you do to correct that?

Child: How can you help others feel part of your class’s or group’s games and activities?

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, 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.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER: God of Power and Might, you effortlessly created light in the darkened void of our beginning universe. Today, this light continues to fill the shapeless recesses of our lives. Multiply these gifts so your beacon of light shines in every corner of the Earth. May people everywhere receive your light with praise and thanksgiving. We ask this prayer in the name of the one who proclaimed transforming redemption, Jesus the Christ. Amen. Genesis 1:1-5

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Collection (12/28)	\$ 10,174.20
Building Fund	\$ 180.00
Epiphany School	\$ 1,197.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 1,708.38
Christmas	\$ 15,408.03
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 2,414.77
TOTAL COLLECTIONS (December)	\$51,079.49
Budget	\$46,000.00
Collection (1/4)	\$ 10,708.40
Building Fund	\$ 988.00
Epiphany	\$ 495.00



ALTAR FLOWERS this week are in loving memory of Nancy Baudhuin from Michael Baudhuin.

FAITH DIRECT: Start the New Year off with a new way to support our Church! *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.

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

FRIDAY DAILY MASS on January 16th will be held at Precious Blood Catholic Church.

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION will take place every Thursday from 9am-9pm.

EXODUS BIBLE STUDY will meet for Lesson 13 on Thursday morning, January 15th in the lounge at 9:30am.

THE LADIES AUXILIARY of the Knights of Columbus will meet on Tuesday, January 13th at 12:30pm at Luigi's. Please note date, time, and location.

ST. IGNACIOUS STUDY GROUP will resume meetings on Wednesdays at 9:30am in the lounge.

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM "FAITH AND THE BIG QUESTIONS" The first two presentations *today (Jan. 11)* and *next Sunday (Jan. 18)* of our parish's special "Faith and the Big Questions" apologetics series for adults looks 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, 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 are encouraged to attend these sessions from 9:40-10:40 Sunday mornings in the Parish Hall.

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, January 14th, 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 have its first meeting on Tuesday, January 13th at 7pm, downstairs in the Lounge of the Parish Hall Facility. The Beginners Bible Study will meet every Tuesday for 8 weeks with the last meeting taking place on March 3rd. If you have questions, please contact Mac McPhillips at (540) 547-2123 or email him at MacHimself@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE The Altar Society did such a wonderful job decorating for this holiday season and now, they are in need of volunteers. If you are available, please come help them take down Christmas decorations on TOMORROW, January 12th. Please show them your appreciation by volunteering an hour or two, it would be greatly appreciated. Also, the next altar society meeting will be on Friday Jan. 16th in the lounge of the parish hall facilities following the daily mass. Please join us for snacks and updates regarding the Altar duties.

CHURCH BANNERS There will be a meeting for anyone interested in contributing to the church banners. The meeting will be held at Precious Blood Church on Friday, Jan. 16th from 7-9pm. Anyone with sewing skills or creative arts ideas are welcome to bring pictures, drawings, or just thoughts. Please also bring paper and sketching tools. If you are unable to make this meeting but have ideas that will be helpful, contact Mykelle Laws at 829-1190 or mhlaws@aol.com

RCIA CLASSES RESUME: Classes for 2015 have begun on Tuesdays at 6:45pm. Please note that we meet in Room 30-32, a former Epiphany room. We will study doctrines and traditions that form the foundation of your life in the Catholic Church. New students are welcome. See Father Anselme or call Bob Wiersberg C (540) 222-8672, H (540) 937-6143.

HOLY HOUR tomorrow, Monday, January 12th, will be in ***Reparation for Abortion***. Let us join together in prayer before our Lord as we pray not only for an end to the legalized murder of our preborn brothers and sisters in Christ, but also for all those involved in or affected by this evil that injures both mother and child as well as our society.

NEWS AND NEEDS

WE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

-Richard "Dick" Noonan, husband of Barbara Noonan
-Gregory Jahoda
-John McNamara, father of Kevin & Carol McNamara.

OFFICE CLOSED The office here, at Precious Blood will be closed on Monday, January 19th in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

ALUMINUM COLLECTION will be held by the Knights of Columbus next Sunday, January 18th.

ST. STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET Needs for this week: pancake mix and syrup, jelly, beef stew and microwave meals.

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.

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 or call Deborah Quetsch (540-522-7972), Kelly Bennett (540-987-3153), or Franc Toner (540-829-6787).

HEAT SHELTER VOLUNTEER MEETING:

Precious Blood will be hosting the homeless shelter (Culpeper Heat Shelter) from Jan 25 thru Jan 31st 2015! Please contact us through heatshelter@gmail.com with your interest. Our shelter volunteers will then be contacting you over the next 2 weeks for assistance (Food, Supplies, Chaperones, Volunteering). Thank You and God Bless!

MUSIC KEYBOARDISTS NEEDED! Our organists,



Hannah and Robert (and Christine when she's not away at college), love, love, LOVE, to be your accompanists for mass...it's one of their greatest joys...but don't want to hog all the fun. Or get burned out. If you have had 3 years of piano lessons or more, you can most likely play the hymns our parish loves to sing each week. Please consider using your talents to serve our parish. We need you! Please contact Mrs. Hannah Masson at 825-9650 or hannahmasson@yahoo.com for more information.



The students had a wonderful celebration for Epiphany Feast day! All of the students dressed up and ate a wonderful meal of turkey and the trimmings. Not only were we blessed to have this celebration, but our front doors of the school were blessed by the Three Kings. It was an enjoyed time for all!

AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER John the Baptist said "I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit". Invite the Holy Spirit into your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are 20-22 Feb 2015 in Herndon or 17-19 Apr 2015 in Fredericksburg. For more info or to apply, call [703-378-4150](tel:703-378-4150) or email applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org

MASS AND HEALING SERVICES The Catholic Healing Ministry of the Diocese of Arlington will celebrate a Mass and Healing service on Thursday, January 15th at 7:30pm at St. Mark, Vienna, VA. Father John Melmer, celebrant. For further info call (540) 347-0809 or www.healingministry.net

Pope Francis: "With Jesus there is true joy."

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The joy arising from the celebration of Christmas finds its completion today in the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord... The Gospel account of Jesus' baptism shows the path of abasement and humility that the Son of God freely chose in order to adhere to the plan of the Father, to be obedient to His loving will for mankind in all things, even to the sacrifice on the Cross. Having reached adulthood, Jesus begins His public ministry by going to the River Jordan to receive from John the baptism of repentance and conversion. What happens may appear paradoxical to our eyes. Does Jesus need repentance and conversion? Of course not. Yet He Who is without sin is placed among the sinners to be baptized, to fulfil this act of repentance; the Holy One of God joins those who recognize in themselves the need for forgiveness and ask God for the gift of conversion – that is, the grace to turn to Him with their whole heart, to be totally His. Jesus wills to put Himself on the side of sinners, by being in solidarity with them, expressing the nearness of God. Jesus shows solidarity with us, with our effort to convert, to leave behind our selfishness, to detach ourselves from our sins, saying to us that if we accept Him into our lives, He is able to raise us up and lead us the heights of God the Father. And this solidarity of Jesus is not, so to speak, a mere exercise of the mind and will. Jesus was really immersed in our human condition; He lived it to the utmost – although without sin – and in such a way that He understands weakness and fragility. Therefore He is moved to compassion; He chooses to “suffer with” men, to be penitent together with us. This is the work of God that Jesus wishes to accomplish: the divine mission to heal those who are wounded and to cure those who are sick, to take upon Himself the sin of the world.

Dear parents, in asking for Baptism for your children, you manifest and bear witness to your faith, to the joy of being a Christian and of belonging to the Church. It is the joy that comes from knowing you have received a great gift from God – the faith – a gift that none of us have merited, but that has been freely given and to which we have responded with our “yes.” It is the joy of recognizing ourselves as children of God, of discovering that we have been entrusted into His hands, to know that we are welcomed into a loving embrace, in the same way that a mother supports and embraces her child. This joy, that directs the path of every Christian, is based on a personal relationship with Jesus, a relationship that guides the whole of human existence. He, in fact, is the meaning of our life, the One upon Whom it is worthy to gaze, in order to be enlightened by His Truth and be able to live life to the fullest.

(Excerpt from Pope Benedict XVI's homily, 1/13/13)