

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 Grandview Avenue
Culpeper, VA 22701
Preschool: 3 & 4 year old
Elementary: K-5
Middle School: 6-8
office@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com
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January 25, 2015
“Third Sunday in Ordinary Time”

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION UPDATE Eucharistic

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament is held every Thursday from 9am-9pm except when Culpeper County Schools are closed because of inclement weather. In the event of a two-hour school delay, Eucharistic Adoration will begin at 11am. If the schools close early then adoration will end early. When in doubt, your safety is the first concern. In the event that Culpeper County Schools are closed, Adoration will be cancelled.

EXODUS BIBLE STUDY will meet for Lesson 15 on Thursday morning, January 29th in the lounge at 9:30am.

ST. IGNATIUS STUDY GROUP will continue meeting on Wednesdays at 9:30am in the lounge.

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM "FAITH AND THE BIG QUESTIONS" Today's presentation (Jan. 25) explores modern Catholic teachings on the big question: "*Which is True: Creation, Evolution, or Both?*" This PowerPoint and video-based presentation addresses the biggest challenge to faith experienced by many people, especially in college: Is Charles Darwin's theory of evolution compatible with faith in God? Or, does evolution make it possible to be an "intellectually fulfilled atheist"? While you may not have doubts about God's role in the evolutionary process, this presentation will provide valuable information for discussion with those who do. The topic next Sunday (Feb. 1) is: "*Why Would a Loving God Allow Evil, Pain and Suffering?*" All adults are encouraged to attend these sessions from 9:40-10:40 am in the Parish Hall.

ADULT CATECHESIS The weekly RCIA Class meets at 6:45 pm in Room 30-32 on Tuesday. All are welcome. Please call or text Bob Wiersberg (C [540-222-8672](tel:540-222-8672)).

BEGINNERS BIBLE STUDY will have its third meeting on Tuesday, January 27th at 7pm, downstairs in the Lounge of the Parish Hall Facility. The Beginners Bible Study will meet every Tuesday 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

NEWS AND NEEDS

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Thank you so much to the Altar Society and the extra volunteers for taking down all of the Christmas decorations! Your hard work and dedication is so greatly appreciated. Also, a special thank you to Alicia Byram & Julie Canavan for decorating the rectory and then taking those decorations down as well!

ST.STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET Needs for this week: canned meat, chicken & chicken helper, hand soap (small bars), pancake mix, syrup and volunteers (call Peggy Hayes at 540-937-6329).

THE LADIES AUXILIARY of the Knights of Columbus, John J. Cempere Council #6328 recently celebrated their 17th anniversary. In 2014 the members volunteered over 4,000 hours in church, civic and community activities. Through their annual fundraiser they contribute to various charitable organizations in Culpeper and award a \$500 scholarship to a graduated high school parishioner. The raffle winners this year were: Rose Shelton, Josephine Newton and Jackie Fancher. A very sincere thank you for your continued support over the years.

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).

NEEDED Someone who can visit the Most Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays from 5pm-6pm for Eucharistic Adoration. Call Joanna at 829-2235. "Can you not watch one hour with me?" (Jesus)

MARDI GRAS The Altar Society is inviting everyone to join us for our First Annual Mardi Gras fundraising event. This is a family fun event with a meal in a New Orleans style. Join us for Breakfast, Lunch or Dinner, craft sales, music, and games after each of the three Sunday masses. Prices vary and will be posted closer to event. King Cakes can be preordered for pick up on Feb 14th and 15th. Sign-up sheet posted in the Church foyer. See you there!

HEAT SHELTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Precious Blood will be hosting the homeless shelter (Culpeper Heat Shelter) THIS WEEK, Jan 25th-Jan 31st! We still need volunteers, overnight chaperones, and supplies. **Chaperones (men/women) are the biggest need so please consider.** If you have any issues using our volunteer site please contact Jill Devine at jilldevine2@gmail.com or heatshelter@gmail.com. If you don't use a computer, *leave a message with the parish office and we will contact you.*

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOLUNTEER:

- Go to CareCalendar.org
- Login/identification: 200420
- Password:5365
- Click on the Calendar button at top right of screen
- Go to January 24th and select one or two items
- Complete the information requested
- Once completed, scroll to bottom of the screen and click SAVE

God bless you all for giving of your time, talents and treasures in making this ministry a success.



MUSIC In today's gathering hymn, The Summons, the composer John Bell poses a series of questions to everyone who considers themselves a Christian. Our organists (and music ministers as well) routinely "risk the hostile stare", "quell the fear inside" and "use the faith they've found to reshape their world around". Would you allow our Lord to "move, live and grow" and "answer prayer" through your talents as a **KEYBOARD PLAYER**? Our parish needs you! Please contact Mrs. Hannah Masson at hannahmasson@yahoo.com or 825-9650 for more information.



Please join us for Epiphany Catholic School Open House on Tuesday, January

27th. All are invited to come visit our school and spend time with us to gather information on Catholic Education. Open House is from 9-2 during school hours. This will be an opportunity to sit in classes, speak with teachers and ask the principal questions about our program. For additional information on Epiphany Catholic School, please call (540) 825-9017. Epiphany Catholic School offers a personally challenging, academic program focused on developing the full potential of each child – spiritually and academically.

Pope Francis: Jesus came to save us: let us not reject this marvelous gift!

WORKCAMP 2015 MEETING For all teens AND adults who are interested in participating in our diocesan WORKCAMP, we will hold an informational meeting TODAY, January 25th from 11-11:30am at the Precious Blood Annex Building. For more information/questions please contact Kelly Bennett at kellybennett94@aol.com or her cell at (703) 501-2206.

AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER The Responsorial Psalm today says, "Teach me your ways, O Lord!" Do we allow the Lord to teach us His ways so that we can love and honor our spouse more each day? Let the Lord strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on 20-22 Feb 2015 in Herndon or 17-19 Apr 2015 in Fredericksburg. For more information or to apply, call [703-378-4150](tel:703-378-4150) or email applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org

JOIN 1,000 FELLOW CATHOLICS FOR THE DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE! All men of the parish are invited to our diocese's sixth annual Men's Conference on Saturday, March 7th, 2015. This year's conference—entitled *Victory Over the Common Enemy*—will feature renowned speaker Fr. Larry Richards and author Neal Lozano exploring the presence of sin and evil in our lives, and how to overcome them. Breakfast, lunch, and Mass with Bishop Loverde are included. Join your brothers in Christ for a day of prayer, learning, and fellowship in the Lord. PLEASE NOTE NEW CONFERENCE LOCATION—FOXCHASE MANOR IN MANASSAS. For more details please go to www.arlingtondiocese.org/men or to register. Registration is \$45 before Feb. 7 and \$55 thereafter.

FOR ALL LADIES The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus Battlefield Council 10246 would like the ladies of your parish to join us in a Day of Recollection.
Date of Recollection: January 31, 2015
RSVP by: January 24, 2015 ** RSVP's can be made by calling **Carleen Delio (540)412-9608**. Reservations are requested **ONLY** for those who plan to stay for the luncheon.
Speaker: Sister Susan Louise, Eber OSFS
Topics: Spirituality: Our Lives in Balance; Salesian Oblate Spirituality.

FOLLOWING JESUS BEGINS WITH YOUR MIND

Our minds control all, our mind is our kingdom. If our minds are turned from God they can become filled with all kinds of rubbish and it is difficult to be a follower of Jesus. Allowing our minds to be filled with Christian thoughts is the first step on the road to following Jesus.

In the Gospel today we heard that Jesus began his preaching by calling on people to repent. Repentance, as you know, means a change of mind. It means turning our minds again to God. Then Jesus called Simon, Andrew, James and John. They answered his call. They had to change their minds about their present circumstances and about the meaning of life before they could answer Jesus' call. In the legendary story of Jonah, Jonah asked the people of Nineveh to repent. They did repent. They changed their minds; they turned their minds from the rubbish of the world and fixed their minds on God. So to follow the Lord's call to us we have to think in a way that is often different from the culture around us.

In his letter to the Philippians (2:5) Paul wrote, "In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus." So we begin following Jesus in our minds, inside in our own heads. No wonder that Jesus says in Mark 12:30, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your **mind** and with all your strength." Why am I singling out today following Jesus with our mind? Because there are so many attempts to get at your mind, to feed your mind with unchristian rubbish. Much of what you could see on TV would not help us to have the same mind as Jesus. Serious sin is glamorized and presented as normal and must be having an effect on society. We could say the same about newspapers. Our minds are like sponges, they soak up dirt just like a sponge. We can wash a sponge and we can wash our minds. We can wash our minds by filling them with what is good and holy and cutting out from our lives what contaminates our minds. Yes we can become contaminated but we can also decontaminate ourselves! Do you need to be decontaminated? If you do, ask Jesus and Mary to help you. What efforts do you make to fill your mind with what is good?

Jesus began his preaching by asking for repentance, a change of mind. If we turn our minds from the filth and trash of the world, and fill our minds with what is of God we will have peace of mind. The prophet Isaiah said, "You keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you." (Isa 26:3)

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