

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

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February 1, 2015
“Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time”

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. February 1

- 8:00 AM – Jennie Surmacz (dec)
- 11:30 AM – Jim Minihan (healing)
- 4:00 PM – For the People

Mon. February 2 – Frank McCarthy (healing) – The Presentation of the Lord

Readings: Mal 3:1-4, Heb 2:14-18, Lk 2:22-40

Tues. February 3 – John Dormer (healing) – St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

Readings: Heb 12:1-4, Mk 5:21-43

Wed. February 4 – For the People

Readings: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15, Mk 6:1-6

Thurs. February 5 – Gordon Swift (dec) – St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

Readings: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24, Mk 6:7-13

Fri. February 6 – Patty Schneider (healing) – St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Readings: Heb 13:1-8, Mk 6:14-29

Sat. February 7 –

Readings: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21, Mk 6:30-34

- 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.)

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sharing Good News**

- Reading I Deuteronomy 18:15–20 (a prophet like Moses)
- Reading II 1 Corinthians 7:32–35 (the state of virginity)
- Gospel Mark 1:21–28 (cure of a demoniac)

Key Passage: They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. (Mark 1:22)

Adult: What can you tell others about Jesus with the most assurance?

Child: What is the most important thing you would like others to know about Jesus? How will you show or tell them?

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 Hescoc, Marilyn Hoffmann, Eileen Hunter, Alex Hyde, Harold Lawrence, Kimberly Lemus, Mary Logan, Bryan Lorenz, Camilla Lynne, Frank and Lucille McPhillips, Marion Meadows, Phillip Leo Mercer, Efrén 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: Awesome God, you sent Jesus to teach people firsthand the power of your love, grace, and authority. Jesus washed away unclean spirits and performed countless other miracles so that even the faithless would experience your love. You call us to be mindful and vigilant of the extraordinary miracles that you continue to work in our lives today. May this offering undergird ministries that show others your miraculous love, grace, and authority. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen. Mark 1:21-28**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Collection (1/25)	\$ 8,273.91
Church in Latin America	\$ 2,193.60
Building Fund	\$ 3.00
Epiphany School	\$ 50.00

FAITH DIRECT

Collection	\$ 1,695.00
Building Fund	\$ 120.00
Epiphany	\$ 47.00
Foundation for the Future	\$ 200.00



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

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

FRIDAY DAILY MASS on February 6th will be held at Epiphany Catholic School.

SECOND COLLECTION today is for the Diocesan Newspaper.

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 16 on Thursday morning, February 5th 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 (Feb. 1) topic is: "*Why Would a Loving God Allow Evil, Pain and Suffering?*" Looking at how the greatest Christian thinkers of all times dealt with the problem of pain and suffering will help us and those we love better face the inevitable hardships and difficulties in life. Our next session on February 8th will feature an EWTN "Journey Home Roundtable" DVD in which former Baptists—Fr. Gray Bean, David Currie, and Stephen Ray—discuss the differences in beliefs and practices between Baptists and Catholics. A short Q&A/discussion follows each presentation. All adults are encouraged to attend these sessions from 9:40-10:40 am in the Parish Hall.

HOLY SPIRIT INTERACTIVE (HSI) Next meeting will be WEDNESDAY, Feb. 11, at 7:00 pm at the home of Jill Devine (19060 Clair Manor Drive, Culpeper). Topic: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." All are welcome.

BEGINNERS BIBLE STUDY will have its third meeting on Tuesday, February 3rd 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

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)).

NEWS AND NEEDS

CRY ROOM Parishioners, please note that the cry room is for children WITH an adult. It is very important that our mothers and fathers with children have seats available to them within the room so that they do not have to stand for the entirety of the mass. Thank you for the understanding and cooperation.

ST.STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET Needs for this week: beef stew, canned fruit or fruit cups, soups in microwavable containers, pancake mix, syrup and volunteers (call Peggy Hayes at 540-937-6329).

7TH ANNUAL COVERINGS OF LOVE – BLANKET DRIVE UPDATE: I wanted to thank the Precious Blood Catholic Church in helping with this Community Wide Ministry. Because of people who were led by God to help there were over 500 blankets collected this year. There were enough blankets collected this year to give each family two. Every person receiving this simple gift was so appreciative. The volunteers and the recipients were Blessed by such an outpouring of God's love upon our fellow Culpeper neighbors. Next year we would love to give a Bible to each family with their blankets and we hope you will consider helping with this event next year again. Blessings, Grace.

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. Please see the bulletin insert for more information.

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.

MUSIC Saturday, Jan. 30 is the feast of St. John Bosco, who said that “The music of the young should be listened to with the heart and not with the ears.” We are blessed here at Precious Blood with many young music ministers who serve us with their hearts and talents. If you see one of them, please thank them for putting themselves out there and encourage them as they grow in their roles as servants to the liturgy and our Lord. If you are young yourself, join us! For information, please contact one of the following: Director of Music Mrs. Hannah Masson at hannahmasson@yahoo.com, Children’s Choir director Mrs. Gina Rosetti at eprossetti@yahoo.com, One Voice leader Megan Canavan at onevoicepbcc@aol.com, Precious Blood Choir director Mrs. Theresa Watson at usswatson6@yahoo.com, Heritage Choir director Mr. John Flemming at bigpsyguy@aol.com or Hispanic Choir director Mr. Manuel Casillas at mannyincharge@hotmail.com.



AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

BISHOP’S LENTEN APPEAL (BLA) Please read the bulletin insert from Bishop Loverde. This year’s theme is “*Stewards of Christ Sharing Gospel Joy!*” Please reflect upon the critically important ministries, services and programs funded by the 2015 BLA, and give prayerful consideration to make a sacrificial pledge of support. We ALL can participate in the appeal no matter how large or small our gift may be. Together we can do so much to help so many!

“**Picturing Mary**” at The Museum of Women in the Arts has more than 60 Renaissance- and Baroque-era masterworks from the Vatican Museums, and other collections until 4/12/15. The captions explain the Church’s teaching on Mary. Free for youth 18 years and younger, \$10 for adults. The National Gallery of Art is showing 10 paintings with religious themes by El Greco, including 3 from other collections, until 2/16/15.

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER In today’s second reading St. Paul talks about the fact that married couples have to deal with the anxieties of the world. Sometimes those stresses can really have a negative impact on our marriages. Get away from all those worldly anxieties and take time to just focus on God and each other by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The upcoming weekends are 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.



National Catholic Schools Week is a reminder to me of how blessed I am to be the

Principal of Epiphany Catholic School. I am grateful for the dedication and commitment of our teachers, staff, PTO board members, parents and volunteers who make our school a success. They help keep our star shining brightly! This year’s National Catholic Schools Week theme was based on community. Communities of “Faith, Knowledge and Service.” The theme highlighted the fact that not only is our school a community; it is also part of many other communities, including families, parishes, and the city of Culpeper. We had a wonderful week of celebration despite a few weather hiccups. The main focus this week was faith development, academic excellence and dedication to service. These elements set Catholic schools apart from other educational options. They are why families make sacrifices to provide a Catholic education to their children. I was so proud of our students performing last week at the 11:30 mass and week’s functions. They truly represent what a strong Catholic program strides for. Congratulations to our spelling bee champions as they represented Epiphany in the Diocesan spelling bee competition. Riley Fay, Jacob Chada, and Alison Moura. – Jim Oliver

Pope Francis: How often we forget to dedicate ourselves to that which truly matters! We forget that we are children of God.

MASS IS NOT A PERFORMANCE BUT PARTICIPATION

Do you know anyone who does not go to Mass anymore? Up until the early 1960s, a full 75-percent of Catholics in America went to Mass on a regular basis. ("Regular basis" being defined as every Sunday plus Holy Days of Obligation.) Nowadays, of those people who identify themselves as Catholic, the figure is more like 25-percent.

If you ask people why they no longer go to Mass, by far the most common answer you will hear is, "Because I don't get anything out of it."

Is going to Mass similar to going to a movie or a ballgame, or going out to a restaurant, where the whole reason for going is to get some personal enjoyment or entertainment? No, of course not.

Mass is not a show; it's not a party; it's not entertainment. Mass is community worship where believers gather to offer praise and thanksgiving to the God who created them, and to enter into a mystical communion with the Almighty Lord by receiving the body and blood, soul and divinity, of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

Many people think of Mass as a show. The priest is the performer; God is the prompter, who whispers to the priest what to say; and the people in the pews are the audience, who sit back and expect to be entertained. And if the priest does not entertain the audience, either with inspirational or humorous comments, then the show is a flop. By this standard, virtually every Mass is a flop.

But in reality, here are the correct roles: The people in the pews are the performers; the priest is the prompter who guides the pace of the performance; and the audience is God. When we go to Mass, we're not going as audience members to be entertained. We're going as performers to put on a presentation of prayer and worship and gratitude for our audience of One: God Himself.

When we ask someone, "Why don't you go to Mass?" and they reply, "Because I don't get anything out of it," our next question should be, "What do you put into it?"

In yet another amazing Christian paradox, when we forget about trying to "get something" out of Mass, and instead focus on putting something into Mass, that's when we discover that we truly do get something out of it after all. When we go to Mass determined to give God our best performance of prayer and devotion and thanksgiving, we are filled with His joy and peace and love. We enter into a personal relationship with the Eternal Being who knows us and loves us and has prepared a heavenly dwelling for us. And that is a whole lot better than any Broadway show or ballgame.

<http://catholic365.com/article/337/i-dont-get-anything-out-of-mass.html>

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