

PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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EPIPHANY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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MASSES

Saturday: 6:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00 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
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-6)
12:15 – 1:30 p.m. (7-12)

EPIPHANY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Preschool: 3 & 4 year old
Elementary: K-5
Middle School: 6-8

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February 16, 2014
“Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time”

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week:

Sun. Feb. 16 8:30 AM Kathleen Bouchard (special intention)

Sun. Feb. 16 11:00 AM Pansy Foss (healing)

Mon. Feb 17- Gladys Coffey (dec)

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Readings: Jas 1:1-11 Mk 8:11-13

Tues. Feb. 18 – Kathleen Dale (dec)

Readings: Jas 1: 12-18 Mk 8: 14-21

Wed. Feb. 19 – Zelda Boley (dec)

Readings: Jas 1:19-27 Mk 8:22-26

Thurs. Feb. 20 – Pansy Foss (healing)

Readings: Jas 2:1-9 Mk 8:27-33

Fri. Feb. 21 – Marie Suzanne Hyde (dec)

St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Readings: Jas 2:14-24, 26 Mk 8:34-9:2

Sat. Feb. 22 – 8:30 AM Richard Baker (healing)

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

Readings: 1 Pt 5:1-4 Mt 16:13-19

Sat. Feb. 22 - 6:00 PM Marianne Stoy-Calvano (dec)

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Implications of the new law

Reading I Sirach 15:15-20 (our free will)

Reading II 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 (true wisdom)

Gospel Matthew 5:17-37 (the old Law and the new)

Key Passage Jesus said, "So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift." (Matthew 5:23-24)

Adult: How do you reconcile with those who have offended or hurt you?

Child: When have you taken the first step to make up with someone who has hurt you or whom you have offended?



ALTAR FLOWERS Please Note: the weekend of 23rd is available

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: Ric Barklund, Taylor Bartley,

Danny Call, Elizabeth Carlton

Occhiogrosso, Dr. Tom Calhoun,

Roger Corum, Cynthia Davies, Kate

Driscoll, Bill Daley, Sue Doetzer,

Gloria Driscoll, Jackie Fancher,

Regan Flemming, Ryleigh

Flemming, Pansy Foss, Wanda

Gearing, Betty Hescoc, Robert

Houdesheldt, Eileen Hunter, Alex Hyde, Jean Johnson, Ann Kroenert, Jean Landon, Bryan Lorenz, Frank McPhillips, Jim Minihan, Marcia Peacock, Shawn Peet, Rich Rosado, Jerry Roy, Ines Sanchez, Roberto Sanson, Yrene Rey, Elsie Scott, Cissy Staiger, Ray Tap, Tracey Toomey 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: Here I am Lord, body, heart, and soul. Grant that with your love, I may be big enough to reach the world, and small enough to be at one with you. (Mother Teresa)

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Offertory Collection (2/9)	\$8,524.76
Faith Direct	\$7,951.00
Arlington Catholic Herald	\$564.00
Herald-Faith Direct	\$454.00
Epiphany	\$195.00
Epiphany-Faith Direct	\$47.00
Building Fund	\$205.00
Building Fund-Faith Direct	\$320.00

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS, are each Sunday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass while CCD is in session in the Parish Hall.

ALUMINUM COLLECTION is this weekend. Please bring your aluminum. No steel cans please.

WORKCAMP MEETING is today at 1:30 PM in the Annex. Everyone interested is welcome to attend.

ARLINGTON CATHOLIC HERALD During the month of February, we ask all parishioners to reimburse the parish for the **Arlington Catholic Herald**. The subscription is **\$22 per year**. Our cost is over \$9,000. Thank you to all those who have already paid their subscription.

RCIA The next RCIA class will be on **Tues. Feb 18th**. We will discuss the Ten Commandments. We meet in the Rectory meeting room at 6:45 PM and everyone is welcome.

MONEY COUNTERS MEETING There will be a meeting for all old and new money counters especially all Head Counters, on **Tues. Feb. 18th at 7 PM** in the Parish Hall. We will be going over new procedures. New volunteers are welcome.



PARKING Many of our parishioners require the handicapped parking spaces or at least the spaces close to the church. Please be mindful of others. Also, **DO NOT** park in the "hash tag" spots. These are designed purposefully for access to the ramps and to allow more room for wheelchairs.

HOLY SPIRIT INTERACTIVE (HSI) The next meeting will be **Wed. Feb. 19th at 7 PM** in the Annex. The topic is "Strength from Weakness" All are welcome.

ST IGNATIUS PRAYER STUDY GROUP meets on **Wed., from 9:30-10:30 AM** in the rectory meeting room.

A BIG THANK YOU TO RADIX and to all the extra volunteers and many donations that helped make the Valentine Dinner Dance so successful for our Senior Citizens. Both young and old had a "swinging" great time. Check out our website for photos.

PRO-LIFE *"There are two victims in every abortion: a dead baby and a dead conscience."*
Mother Teresa

NEWS AND NEEDS

ST.STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET: canned meat, rice and pasta sides cold or hot cereal (we have no donated cereal), pancake mix and syrup and small bar hand soap.



I want to address the possibility

of Epiphany Catholic School moving to a new facility in the fall of 2014. For the past 4 months, I have been working with our Advisory committee, Father, and Sister Bernadette, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, on the opportunity of purchasing the property known as St. Luke's School. Due to falling enrollment and financial woes this possibility has become available. Through much negotiation and prayer it looks as though this process is moving quickly. Please be assured, there are still many moving pieces for this undertaking to take place. Rumors have started, so I want to address to all of you where we are at this point in the process. As of now, the Arlington Diocese is in the process of securing the property. The contract has been signed and next steps are inspection of the school property and surrounding facilities. I would like to ask for your prayers and support as we go forward in the endeavor. This is a very special time for our school and religious community. I look forward to sharing our school's future vision with all of you very soon.

In other school news, Grades K-3 are studying instrumental families. First-grade students were dancing to "Don Giovanni" by Mozart as they listened to the mandolin. Savanna Veazey and Ezequiel Cano were the first two students in Third grade to earn their white belts on their recorders. They played "Hot Cross Buns" without any errors. Grades 4-8 worked on chord progressions in preparation for writing their own musical compositions. Each student was a "human" tone. Ben Virag, Alex Delettre, Riley Fay, Lindsey Dolan, and Catilin Flanagan played the tone bells. Gavin Young kept the class together by playing the keyboard. Once the students knew their chord progressions, they all played "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" using the tone bells and keyboard.

MUSIC MINISTRY FAITH OF OUR FATHERS. The



tune of our hymn as we go forth is "St. Catherine" and was written by Henry Hemy in 1864 for a hymn in honor of St. Catherine. The words were written by Frederick Faber in

1849 to pray for the conversion of England after more than a century of suppression and discrimination of Catholics. The refrain was later added by James Walton. May we, as this beautiful hymn proclaims, always preach our faith "by kindly words and virtuous life".

CATHOLIC COUNSELING For parishioners who are in problemsome situations and would like professional counseling, the Parish Counseling Ministry can help. Counselors offer solid Catholic theology and philosophy interwoven with researched human anthropology and psychology for a wholesome approach to all problems. Contact either Joan Depue Ph.D. at 540-547-4588 or Linda Zegley, Ph.D., L.P.C. at 703-483-1472

CONCERT The Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group invites you to a concert with Spanish Catholic songwriter, GELA, **Sun. Feb. 23rd. at 5 PM.** Let's join together to praise the Lord. For more information call Mauricio Rosales at 540-522-7976 or Anna Flores at 703-328-6515.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL (BLA) Many of you have already received a mailing from Bishop Loverde regarding the 2014 Bishop's Lenten Appeal. This year's theme is "Renewing Hope with Hearts Afire." Please reflect upon the critically important ministries, services and programs funded by the 2014 BLA, and give prayerful consideration to making 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!

ATTENDEE OF THE CONFERENCE FOR THE ENGAGED "One of the best most blessed weekends of my life. All of the speakers were extremely helpful and insightful. I will remember that the cross is love, and that a man loves his wife as Christ loves His Church."

GETTING MARRIED? Part of your requirement is to attend a conference for the Engaged. For more information, please call the Office for Family Life at 703-841-2550 or www.arlingtondiocese.org/familylife/marriage_engaged.php.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Today's gospel tells us, "Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven." God calls us to be holy in all aspects of our lives. It is important to work to make our marriage holy.

CURSILLO: The Cursillo Weekend is an opportunity to examine and celebrate yourself, your relationship with Christ, and your relationship with the Christian community. The next women's retreat dates are March 13-16 at Missionhurst and the next men's retreat dates are April 3-6 also at Missionhurst.

PROJECT RACHEL Talking about post-abortion issues with someone, helps women address their pain and unresolved grief and can point them to Jesus, makes all the difference, in many women's lives. **The next retreat will be Feb. 22nd.** **Project Rachel** is a post-abortion healing ministry, open to anyone who seeks healing after abortion. We want to reach out to you with the mercy and love of Christ and help you be at peace with yourself and God. For confidential help call **1-888-456-HOPE** or email info@helpafterabortion.org. Please also pray for those struggling with the emptiness and the other feelings tied to post-abortion pain.



CULPEPER LITERACY COUNCIL

Volunteer tutors are truly the heart of our program! Tutoring is a rewarding and life-enhancing experience.

Previous teaching experience is not required nor is knowledge of another

language. Spring Tutor Training Event is being planned for a Sat. (9-3) in March/April. Contact 540-825-5804. Or speak with Frank or Edie Walusek about their experiences.

Pope Francis: The Sacraments, especially Confession and the Eucharist, are privileged places of encountering Christ.

Pope Francis: rediscover a 'sense of the sacred'

The Lord, the Pope said, speaks to His people in many ways: through the prophets, the priests, the Sacred Scriptures. But with the theophanies*, He speaks in another way, “different from the Word: it is another presence, closer, without mediation, near. It is His presence.” This, he explained, happens in the liturgical celebration. The liturgical celebration is not a social act, a good social act; it is not a gathering of the faithful to pray together. It is something else. In the liturgy, “God is present,” but it is a closer presence. In the Mass, in fact, “the presence of the Lord is real, truly real.”

“When we celebrate the Mass, we don’t accomplish a representation of the Last Supper: no, it is not a representation. It is something else: it is the Last Supper itself. It is to really live once more the Passion and the redeeming Death of the Lord. It is a theophany: the Lord is made present on the altar to be offered to the Father for the salvation of the world. We hear or we say, ‘But, I can’t now, I have to go to Mass, I have to go to hear Mass.’ The Mass is not ‘heard’, it is participated in, and it is a participation in this theophany, in this mystery of the presence of the Lord among us.”

Nativity scenes, the Way of the Cross... these are representations. The Mass, on the other hand, “is a real commemoration, that is, it is a theophany: God approaches and is with us, and we participate in the mystery of the Redemption.” Unfortunately, too often we look at the clock during Mass, “counting the minutes.” This, the Pope said, is not the attitude the liturgy requires of us: the liturgy is God’s time, God’s space, and we must place ourselves there, in God’s time, in God’s space, and not look at the clock”:

“The liturgy is to really enter into the mystery of God, to allow ourselves to be brought to the mystery and to be in the mystery we are gathered here to enter into the mystery: this is the liturgy. It is God’s time, it is God’s space, it is the cloud of God that surrounds all of us.”

“We would do well today to ask the Lord to give to each of us this ‘sense of the sacred,’ this sense that makes us understand that it is one thing to pray at home, to pray in Church, to pray the Rosary, to pray so many beautiful prayers, to make the Way of the Cross, so many beautiful things, to read the Bible... The Eucharistic celebration is something else. In the celebration we enter into the mystery of God, into that street that we cannot control: only He is the unique One, the glory, the power... He is everything. Let us ask for this grace: that the Lord would teach us to enter into the mystery of God.”

2014-02-10 Vatican Radio

*Theophany: The Manifestation of God to a person.