

PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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CULPEPER, VIRGINIA 22701
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540-825-1339

EPIPHANY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
540-825-9017



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

www.preciousbloodcatholicchurch.org



February 23, 2014
“Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time”

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week:

Sun. Feb. 23 8:30 AM James Pittman (dec)
Sun. Feb. 23 11:00 AM Richard T. Dowsett (dec)

Mon. Feb 24- Pansy Foss (healing)
Readings: Jas 3:13-18 Mk 9:14-29

Tues. Feb. 25 – Roger Depue (special intention)
Readings: Jas 4:1-10 Mk 9:30-37

Wed. Feb. 26 – Anne Ridick (dec)
Readings: Jas 4:13-17 Mk 9:38-40

Thurs. Feb. 27 – Joe Yodders (healing)
Readings: Jas 5:1-6 Mk 9:41-50

Fri. Feb. 28 – Pansy Foss (healing)
Readings: Jas 5:9-12 Mk 10:1-12

Sat. March 1 – 8:30 AM pro populo
Readings: Jas 5:13-20 Mk 10:13-16

Sat. March 1 - 6:00 PM Pat Diibon (dec)

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

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Love of enemies

Reading I Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 (various rules of conduct)

Reading II 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 (the work of God's ministers)

Gospel Matthew 5:38-48 (new law of retaliation; love of enemies)

Key Passage Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." (Matthew 5:43-44a)

Adult: What is the point of "turning the other cheek" in an argument, and why is it so hard to do?

Child: Who are the people you find it most difficult to forgive?

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: Hector Baez, 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 Hescox, 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: O Jesus, fill me with thy love now, and I beseech thee, accept me, and use me a little for thy glory. O do, do, I beseech thee, accept me and my service, and take thou all the glory. (David Livingstone)

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Offertory Collection (2/16)	\$7,954.75
Arlington Catholic Herald	\$311.00
Epiphany	\$100.00
Building Fund	\$70.00

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.

RCIA The next session on **Tuesday, Feb. 25th** will address "The Season of Lent: A Faith Journey."

CONCERT The Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group invites you to a concert with Spanish Catholic songwriter, GELA, **Today at 5 PM**. Let's join together to praise the Lord.



HOLY SPIRIT INTERACTIVE (HSI) The next meeting will be **Wed. Feb. 26h at 7 PM** in the Annex. The topic is "Be a Superstar" All are welcome.

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.

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

CHILDREN'S CHOIR begins next **Sunday, March 2** at 12:15 in the Parish Hall. This is for students in grades 2-5.

PRO-LIFE "**The freedom to kill is not a true freedom, but a tyranny that reduces human beings to slavery.**" *Pope Benedict XVI*

Congratulations to all who participated in our Respect Life Poster and Essay contest. The Poster winners are: 1st place: John Inde, 2nd place: Isaac Chavez, 3rd place: Christopher Chavez. Honorable Mentions go to: Abby Virag, Martina Borgia, Austin Tingler, Jennifer Corona and Monica Lee.

The Essay winners are: 1st place: Kaitlyn Storey, 2nd place: Gina DiGuilio, 3rd place: Anna Borgia. Honorable Mentions are: Adele Masson, Caine Ingerski, Maricurz Hernandez, Keely Cooley, Emily Hatfield, and Megan Canavan.

NEWS AND NEEDS

LEGION OF MARY This is the largest lay apostolic organization in the Catholic Church with over 3 million active members. It is made up of men and women, young and old. Ask the Blessed Mother if she wishes you to join with her in her Legion.

ST. STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET: Due to the snow they did not receive their monthly order from the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank. Therefore, the Food Closet will need, buy items from local stores. Food bank prices are typically half of local store prices. Anything that you can do will be greatly appreciated. The order included: cold cereal, max and cheese 13 oz. mashed potatoes, peanut butter and peaches.



I cordially invite you to the Epiphany

Catholic School Information Meeting on **Wed, February 26** in the STL gym. The meeting will last from 7:00-8:30 pm. A music presentation will begin at 6:50 pm followed by an overview of Epiphany Catholic School Program.

This event is for parents of students currently not enrolled at Epiphany. Please come and preview what Epiphany Catholic School has to offer your child for the 2014-15 school year at our new location. Come meet Epiphany staff, teachers, students, and parents. Students are welcome to attend. Following the presentation, you will have the opportunity to ask questions of teachers, parents, students and staff.

Information folders are available by calling the school office (825-9017). In the folder you will find a great deal of information, including the registration process and forms, uniform information and tuition assistance. I ask you to look this over to learn more about Epiphany Catholic School. To view Curriculum Guidelines, please go online to: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/catholicschools/curriculumparents.aspx>

Please be aware, also: that until February 28, the Application Fee will be \$50.00/student, a discount of \$25.00. Tuition Assistance will be considered for qualified families that complete the online FACTS Tuition Aid application process by March 7, 2014.



MUSIC MINISTRY "WHY DON'T WE SING MORE _____ (insert: chant/praise/Latin/contemporary) MUSIC?" It's been said that "he/she

who sings, prays twice". Just like there are many different tastes and needs in physical food there are different tastes and needs in spiritual food. The mass is a gathering of our parish family from the very young to the very old and all those in between. God is not limited by our preferences or styles so we aim for a balance with a variety of musical offerings to assist the prayer of the variety of immortals who grace our community.



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.

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

AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

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.

St. Michael the Archangel High School is hosting an Open House **today Sun, Feb 23rd**, from **1-4 p.m.** at its 19-acre campus in Fredericksburg, VA. SMHS is an independent, coeducational high school centered in Catholic values. A wide variety of academic courses, electives, extracurricular activities, and athletic programs are offered to provide students the opportunity to make the most of their high school years while laying the foundation for success in college and beyond. Students in grades 7-11 and their parents are invited to meet our faculty, tour our campus, and learn about all Saint Michael’s has to offer. To learn more, visit www.saintmichaelhs.org, or call the school office at 540-548-8748.

Pope Francis: Let us learn from Christ how to pray, to forgive, to sow peace, and to be near those in need.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER The second reading today asks, “Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you.” Learn how to treat your spouse as the temple of God. Attend a worldwide marriage encounter. Call 703-378-4150.

DAY OF SUPPORT: Miscarriage and Early Infant Loss Saturday, March 15th is an opportunity for those who have suffered miscarriage or early infant loss to find comfort and support by addressing the spiritual, emotional and physical aspects of the loss. Listen to professionals address these aspects with opportunity for small group discussions. This Day of Support will meet from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Charlottesville. Lunch provided. Contact Ann Postak at childloss15@gmail.com or call 434-202-0545 for reservation.

Statement by Bishops Francis X. DiLorenzo and Paul S. Loverde on Decision in *Bostic v. Rainey* Marriage Case (Feb. 14, 2014)

Last night’s decision by U.S. District Judge Arenda Wright Allen in *Bostic v. Rainey*, a case that deals with the Commonwealth’s Constitutional definition of marriage as a union between a man and a woman, strikes a severe blow to the citizens of our Commonwealth. It undermines our right, as recognized by the U.S. Supreme Court in its recent decision on the federal Defense of Marriage Act, to define marriage and, moreover, ignores the express will of the people of Virginia who overwhelmingly supported the 2006 Amendment to the Commonwealth’s Constitution. In striking down Virginia’s Constitutional Amendment affirming the institution of marriage as a union between a man and a woman, Judge Wright Allen has not only totally ignored our state’s rights under the Tenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, she has also redefined marriage to the peril and detriment of our society. ... ***The Virginia Catholic Conference is the public policy agency representing Arlington Bishop Paul Loverde and Richmond Bishop Francis DiLorenzo and their two dioceses. For more information contact Diana Sims Snider at 804-225-8565 or 703-732-4172***

TAKE A STAND

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

An entrance song is announced, and the assembly rises to participate. Many disparate voices will soon blend together to create one communal expression of worship and praise.

The singing of the entrance song as well as the standing posture opens the liturgical celebration. These two ritual actions—standing and singing—impart a sense of cohesiveness to an assembly who, until this point, has been a set of individuals.

Every posture assumed at Mass is deliberate and emphasizes that particular moment in the liturgical celebration. Sitting, kneeling and standing all take part at very specific times and each has its own distinct significance.

The Levites...said, "Stand up and praise the LORD your God, who is from everlasting to everlasting. Blessed be your glorious name, and may it be exalted above all blessing and praise."— Nehemiah 9:5

Jesus himself referred to standing as a posture of prayer.

When you STAND to pray, forgive anyone against whom you have a grievance, so that your heavenly Father may in turn forgive you your transgressions. MARK 11:25

Standing is the first statement of unity the gathered assembly makes at the liturgical celebration. Each person arrives at the Church as an individual. Before Mass, some might kneel and pray or sit silently before the Blessed Sacrament. Others might recite the rosary while others read the missalette, hymnal or spiritual book. All actions have been personal. Each performing a private form of prayer and devotion to God. But the Mass is a communal act of worship and, although God is undoubtedly present in the individual lives of every believer, both the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures show God acting in a unique way among his people when they are in community.

In order to foster an environment of togetherness, the celebration begins when all stand.

"The liturgy of the church has been rich in a tradition of ritual movement and gestures...When the gestures are done in common, they contribute to the unity of the worshipping assembly."— ENVIRONMENT AND ART IN CATHOLIC WORSHIP #56

At the entrance procession, whoever was kneeling, stands, whoever was sitting, stands. Everyone's posture is the same; standing. This begins to impart a sense of unity- all are one. Each was doing his own thing, but now, all are doing the same thing. The Church instructs that our uniformity in posture serves as an unambiguous witness of our oneness as the Body of Christ.

The people who entered the church as individuals, now begin to form a liturgical community.

<http://www.massexplained.com/>