

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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March 2, 2014
“Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time”

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week:

Sun. March 2 8:30 AM Nick Bianco (dec)
Sun. March 2 11:00 AM Michael Kohler and son (dec)

Mon. Mar. 3- Elsie Scott (dec)
St. Katherine Drexel
Readings: 1Pt 1:3-9 Mk 10:17--27

Tues. Mar. 4 – Claus family (special intention)
St. Casimir
Readings: 1 Pt 1:10-16 Mk 10:28-31

Wed. Mar. 5 – Jerry Dawson (dec)
Ash Wednesday
Readings: JI 2:12-18 2Cor5:20-6:2 Mt. 6:1-6, 16-18

Thurs. Mar. 6 – Elsie Scott (dec)
Thursday after Ash Wednesday
Readings: Dt. 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25

Fri. Mar. 7 – Rod Helton (dec)
Friday after Ash Wednesday, Sts. Perpetua and Felicity
Readings: Is 58:1-9a Mt. 9:14-15

Sat. Mar. 8 – 8:30 AM Paul David Atkinson
Saturday after Ash Wednesday
St. John of God
Readings: Is 58:9b-14 Lk 5:27-32

Sat. Mar. 8 - 6:00 PM pro populo

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

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Overcoming fear

Reading I Isaiah 49:14-15 (restoration of Zion)
Reading II 1 Corinthians 4:1-6 (Christ judges his ministers)
Gospel Matthew 6:24-34 (dependence on God)

Key Passage Jesus said, “But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?” (Matthew 6:30)

Adult: What things do you worry about most frequently? How do you deal with your worry?

Child: What can help you worry less about something that might happen?

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, Cynthia Davis, 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, 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: Our Father, we thank you for this place we have to worship you. We so easily take for granted the church building, the staff that keeps the church running smoothly, the lights and plumbing and all the other things it takes to hold our worship services each week. Help us to realize that while it may not be what we consider to be an exciting cause, it is one that is important to Your cause. Bless this offering.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Offertory Collection (2/23)	\$9,966.79
Faith Direct Collection	\$815.00
Arlington Catholic Herald	\$108.00
Faith Direct Herald	\$66.00
Herald Total Collection	\$3,056.04
Epiphany	\$10.00
Faith Direct Epiphany	\$2.00
Building Fund	\$505.00
Faith Direct Building Fund	\$75.00

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL This is commitment weekend. After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge of support to this important appeal that funds many programs and ministries that serve people in need and further Jesus's Mission in our diocese

WE PRAY FOR Elsie Scott who has returned home to her Father. We will have a Memorial Mass here on Thursday, March 6th at 7 PM.

WE WELCOME into our parish family Adelaide Coffey, daughter of Matthew Coffey and Amanda Weeks and Josephine Petrovitch, daughter of Edward and Jennifer Petrovitch, Cole Weeks and Ava Weeks, son and daughter of John Weeks and Jenny Ventura who were all baptized on Saturday, March 1st.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR begins today **Sunday, March 2** at 12:15 in the Parish Hall. This is for students in grades 2-5. Please call or email Gina Rossetti at 937-2320 or eprossetti@yahoo.com.

RCIA The next session will be **Tuesday, March 4th**. We will discuss "Life in Christ" and "The Beatitudes". Please join us at 6:45 PM in the rectory meeting room.

ASH WEDNESDAY is this Wednesday, March 5th. We will have Mass at 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM. This is a day of fasting, prayer and abstinence from meat.

Adult: What attitude of your heart would you like to change during Lent this year?

Child: What do you ask Jesus to help you improve inside of you?



STATIONS OF THE CROSS will begin this Friday, March 7th at 6:30 PM. This will be followed by a Fish Fry in the Parish Hall.

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

SECOND COLLECTION will be next weekend for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. For many in this region, the aftermath of 70 years of Soviet rule is still experienced through poverty, infrequent pastoral care, and lack of building for the faithful to worship in and cultivate their faith. Your support strengthens the Church in this region.

HOLY SPIRIT INTERACTIVE (HSI) There will be no HSI meetings during Lent.

PRO-LIFE "...at the origin of every human being there is not something haphazard or chance, but a loving plan of God." *Pope Benedict XVI*

NEWS AND NEEDS

ST. STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET needs canned meat, chicken and chicken helper, rice and pasta side dishes, hand soap and peanut butter.

LEGION OF MARY Mary's own outlook must be ours. Whether she was attending to Jesus Himself or to the more remote operations of running her home, she always had the interests of the Holy Trinity in clear focus. So in any situation where we are in doubt, think of her, how she would act, and she will give us true direction. (Frank Duff, Founder of the Legion of Mary.)

SPRING FORWARD Next Sunday, March 9th don't forget to change your clocks ahead one hour as we begin daylight savings time.



MUSIC MINISTRY "Tell me what you sing, and I'll tell you who you are!" (Albert van den Heuvel-1960s ecumenist) "It is the hymns, repeated over and over again, which form the container of much of our faith...As such, they have taken the place of our catechisms." Isaac Watts wrote today's closing hymn "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" to replace the dull and lifeless hymns for children in the early 1700s. He stated that such songs "will be a constant furniture of the minds of children, that they may have something to think upon when alone, and sing over to themselves. This may sometimes give their thought a divine turn, and raise a young meditation. What hymn will become an "earworm" in you or your child's mind when leaving mass today?"





Our Epiphany Catholic School is dedicated to

Faith, Knowledge and Service which certainly shows itself every day of the school year here. This week got off to a busy start with the late celebration due to snow days of love named after St. Valentine. St. Valentine was a priest martyred in 269 A.D. who spread his Christianity and love among Romans. We carried on that discipleship this week when the SCA distributed flowers, balloons and candy grams to the students and staff here at Epiphany. They SCA did a fabulous job organizing, categorizing and volunteering to make everyone feel loved on this special day which ended with a group hug by the entire school at dismissal. The week ended with even more loving feelings as volunteers, staff and students welcomed visitors from St. Luke's during Open House on Friday. This was the largest turnout for an Open House in Years!

Our Kindergarten has read 2,000 books! Students celebrated by enjoying Mrs. Fancher's Famous Waffle Brunch. Bon appetit!

The first grade students have been learning about George Washington this week. They learned many interesting facts about the first president, however, the fact that fascinated the first graders the most was that he wore fake teeth. This fascination was perfect for what they were learning about in science.... dental health. Thank you George Washington!



Pope Francis: Let us never lose hope! God loves us always, even with our mistakes and sins.

THE WORD AMONG US We now have available the Meditations for Lent. We have the daily meditation booklet and the complete Catholic Mass and Daily Meditations for Lent in both English and Spanish. The cost for these is \$1.50. We also have the "**Little Black Book**" the six minute meditations on the Passion according to Matthews. We also have a "purple" version for children. These also cost \$1.50

AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

WOMEN'S 3-DAY SILENT LENTEN RETREAT "We Have Seen His Glory: The Revelation of God in the Gospel of John" led by Fr. Tom Ferguson will be April 3-6th. The retreats will be held at San Damiano Retreat Center. For more information and to register call 703-841-2550

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides. Bring God into your marriage. Restore, renew and rekindle your marriage on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Renewmarriage-vanorth.org.

RETROUVAILLE Is your marriage in trouble? Retrouvaille can help. Call 703-351-7211 or see www.HelpOurMarriage.com. For news about marriage and family, and tips for making Catholicism a part of your home.

CHRISTIANS ARE NETWORKING (CAN) is an all-volunteer job ministry of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington, offers support to anyone who is unemployed or struggling with career transition decisions. Email culpepercan@gmail.com or call 703-944-8450 or more information.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Meditation: Are you hungry for God and do you thirst for his holiness? God wants to set our hearts ablaze with the fire of his Holy Spirit that we may share in his holiness and radiate the joy of the gospel to those around us. St. Augustine of Hippo tells us that there are two kinds of people and two kinds of love: "One is holy, the other is selfish. One is subject to God; the other endeavors to equal Him." We are what we love. God wants to free our hearts from all that would keep us captive to selfishness and sin. "Rend your hearts and not your garments" says the prophet Joel (Joel 2:12). The Holy Spirit is ever ready to transform our hearts and to lead us further in God's way of truth and holiness.

Why did Jesus single out prayer, fasting, and almsgiving for his disciples? The Jews considered these three as the cardinal works of the religious life. These were seen as the key signs of a pious person, the three great pillars on which the good life was based. Jesus pointed to the heart of the matter. Why do you pray, fast, and give alms? To draw attention to yourself so that others may notice and think highly of you? Or to give glory to God? The Lord warns his disciples of self-seeking glory – the preoccupation with looking good and seeking praise from others. **True piety is something more than feeling good or looking holy. True piety is loving devotion to God. It is an attitude of awe, reverence, worship and obedience. It is a gift and working of the Holy Spirit that enables us to devote our lives to God with a holy desire to please him in all things (Isaiah 11:1-2).**

What is the sure reward which Jesus points out to his disciples? It is communion with God our Father. In him alone we find the fullness of life, happiness, and truth. May the prayer of Augustine of Hippo, recorded in his Confessions, be our prayer this Lent: ***When I am completely united to you, there will be no more sorrows or trials; entirely full of you, my life will be complete.*** The Lord wants to renew us each day and give us new hearts of love and compassion. Do you want to grow in your love for God and for your neighbor? Seek him expectantly in prayer, with fasting, and in generous giving to those in need.

The forty days of Lent is the annual retreat of the people of God in imitation of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness. Forty is a significant number in the scriptures. Moses went to the mountain to seek the face of God for forty days in prayer and fasting. The people of Israel were in the wilderness for forty years in preparation for their entry into the promised land. Elijah fasted for forty days as he journeyed in the wilderness to the mountain of God. We are called to journey with the Lord in a special season of prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and penitence as we prepare to celebrate the feast of Easter, the Christian Passover. The Lord gives us spiritual food and supernatural strength to seek his face and to prepare ourselves for spiritual combat and testing. We, too, must follow in the way of the cross in order to share in the victory of Christ's death and resurrection. **As we begin this holy season of testing and preparation, let's ask the Lord for a fresh outpouring of his Holy Spirit that we may grow in faith, hope, and love and embrace his will more fully in our lives.**

"Lord Jesus, give me a lively faith, a firm hope, a fervent charity, and a great love of you. Take from me all lukewarmness in the meditation of your word, and dullness in prayer. Give me fervor and delight in thinking of you and your grace, and fill me with compassion for others, especially those in need that I may respond with generosity."

