

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

www.preciousbloodcatholicchurch.org



March 16, 2014
“Second Sunday of Lent”

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week:

Sun. March 16 8:30 AM Elsie Scott (dec)

Sun. March 16 11:00 AM Glynn Cosker (healing)

Mon. Mar. 17- Jocin Davis (dec)

St. Patrick, Bishop

Readings: Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38

Tues. Mar. 18 – Pat Diibon (dec)

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of Church
Readings: Is 1:10, 16-20 Mt 23:1-12

Wed. Mar. 19 – Jonathan Davis (dec)

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings: 2 SM 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Rm 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Thurs. Mar. 20 – Roger Fuydal (dec)

Readings: Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31

Fri. Mar. 21 – Robert Burke (dec)

Readings: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Sat. Mar. 22 – 8:30 AM Elsie Scott (dec)

Readings: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sat. Mar. 22 - 6:00 PM pro populo

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

Second Sunday of Lent

Call to faithfulness

Reading I Genesis 12:1-4 (call of Abraham)

Reading II 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 (exhortation to faithfulness)

Gospel Matthew 17:1-9 (Jesus transfigured)

Key Passage Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. (Matthew 17:1-2)

Adult: How has your faith in Jesus transformed you? What difference does your faith in Jesus Christ make in your life?

Child: How has the example of Jesus helped you become a better person and Christian?

WE WELCOME into our parish family Camila Elized Mavarez, daughter of Francisco Mavarez-Vega and Diana Elized Ramos-Herrera, baptized on Sat. March 8th.

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, Michael Combs, 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, 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: Creator God, you cradle us with your sanctifying spirit. In sharing these gifts, change our timid murmurs of faith to joyful proclamations of your holy will. We believe and pray in the name of Jesus. Amen. *Romans 4:1-5, 13-17*

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Ash Wednesday	\$1,585.66
Offertory Collection (3/9)	\$8,836.74
Faith Direct	\$9,885.00
Epiphany	\$172.00
Faith Direct –Epiphany	\$47.00
Building Fund	\$207.00
Faith Direct-Building Fund	\$334.00
Central/Eastern Europe	\$854.21

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.

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



THE LIGHT IS ON
Wednesdays during
Lent at 6:30 PM "In the simple actions of contrition, confession,

absolution and satisfaction, we are restored to a whole new life. It remains one of the great marvels of God's love that God would make forgiveness so readily available to each of us." Cardinal Donald Wuerl.

PENANCE SERVICE Wed. March 19th at 7 PM. Six priests will be available. Three will be bilingual.

BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL in in full swing and we are hoping that all families in our parish will support this important appeal to the extent that they are able. The BLA funds many programs, services and ministries that serve people in need and further Jesus' Mission in our diocese. Together we can do so much to help so many!

RCIA The next session will be **Tuesday, March 18th**. We will discuss the Sacraments of Initiation.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS continues this Friday, **March 21st at 6:30 PM** with the theme "The Way of the Cross for Young Christians" led by the CCD students. Afterwards there will be a Fish Fry in the Parish Hall. Come hungry, leave fulfilled both spiritually and physically.

PRO-LIFE " God, the Lord of life, has entrusted to men the noble mission of safeguarding life, and men must carry it out in a manner worthy of themselves. Life must be protected with the utmost care from the moment of conception: abortion and infanticide are abominable crimes." *Vatican Council II*

The 40 Days for Life spring campaign will be held from March 5th-April 13th from 7 AM-7PM outside the Amethyst Health Center for Women (an abortion clinic) at 7380-B Forestwood Ln in Manassas. This is a peaceful prayer vigil. To sign up or for more information contact Dave Craven at 825-2265.

NEWS AND NEEDS

ST.STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET needs pancake mix and syrup, peanut butter and jelly, any canned fruit and rice and pasta side dishes.

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.

LEGION OF MARY AUXILIARIES: You wonderful prayer warriors are invited to the "Acies" which is the annual renewal of consecration to Our Lady by active and auxiliary Legionaries. It will take place at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Warrenton on Sat., March 22 from 1 pm to 4 pm. This will consist of the Consecration to Mary, recitation of the Legion prayers and the rosary, Holy Mass and a reception of potluck finger foods with dessert. Come to this grace-filled event!



MUSIC MINISTRY The assembly is the primary voice of the liturgy. Yes, the assembly. Not the cantor, not the choir, not any instruments. Our aim as music ministers is to promote, support and encourage the song of the primary choir --the assembly--without dominating or overpowering them. You don't join us ...we join YOU, so pick up a book! Give us something to join!

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

A LENTEN PROGRAM OF PRAYER, FASTING & ALMSGIVING: As we continue our Operation Rice Bowl journey, let us remember in prayer that as a community of faith, we have the obligation to reach out to those most in need. Through **OPERATION RICE BOWL**, families fast by eating a simple meal one day a week and place the savings of what a usual meal would cost in their "**Rice Bowl**". Rice Bowl boxes are in the foyer.

Pope Francis: Our deepest joy comes from Christ: remaining with him, walking with him, being his disciples.



Our students are learning in their religious classes the

importance of fasting, giving alms, and praying as we prepare for Easter.

Richmond Field Trip -On Thursday, March 6, 2014, forty-three students and 15 adults attended the field trip to Richmond. Students and adults visited the Carpenter Theater where we all enjoyed the performance of the Richmond Symphony. The theme this year was "Shakespeare: Rivalry & Romance." Excerpts from Romeo and Juliet by Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev, Berlioz, and Gounod were enjoyed by all. Associate Conductor Erin Freeman of the Richmond Symphony did a wonderful job of connecting the music with Shakespeare's play of Romeo and Juliet. Incidentally, many of our students attended "Come and Play" in October with the same fantastic conductor so they especially enjoyed the concert.

The second portion of our field concentrated on Virginia history. We toured St. John's Episcopal Church where we were met by Docent Ray Baird; he was dressed as the famous Patrick Henry. Participants listened to the history behind the church where Patrick Henry gave his "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death" speech.

Application Packages for 2014/2015- We are currently enrolling students for the 2014 – 2015 school year. You'll find that registering at Epiphany Catholic School is easy, and we're here to help. In order to make registering your child as simple as possible, please contact us with any questions. If you are interested in a tour of our fantastic new facility please call our office and request a meeting with our principal. 825-9017

DOOR-TO-DOOR FAMILY MISSION Purpose: Let the Lord lead us, as a Missionary Family/Team, to bring people back to the Church, the Sacraments and a deep relationship with Christ! **Training: Sat. March 22 from 9:15 AM- 1:00 PM.** See flyer for more information.

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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES BABY CLOSET

in Fredericksburg is in need of diapers in large sizes (3-6), wipes, baby formula (Similac) and baby shampoo. Please bring your donations to the Baby Closet at 10639 Courthouse Rd in Fredericksburg.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Let Christ transform your marriage. Make the decision this Lent to enrich your marriage. Enrich your marriage on **April 11-13th** in Fredericksburg. Call 703-378-4150.

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.

UNBOUND HEALING AND DELIVERANCE

MINISTRY Are you unable to break patterns of sin in your life? Are you having trouble truly forgiving those who have hurt you? Do past traumas affect your ability to give and receive love? Do you often feel fearful, hopeless or lost? The next prayer day will be **Sat. March 29** at St. Mary of Sorrows in Fairfax. For more info call Terry Riggins at 703-224-1631.

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.

CAMP ST. CHARLES

is a Catholic over-night summer camp. The camp is located in Silver Spring MD. For over 60 years, thousands of children have been making friends, learning to work together and developing an appreciation for Creation while camping. It is fully accredited. For more information see www.campstcharles.com or call 301-934-8799 for email csclaurahall@gmail.com.

LENTEN MESSAGE FROM OUR HOLY FATHER FRANCIS 2014(continued)

Our witness

We might think that this "way" of poverty was Jesus' way, whereas we who come after him can save the world with the right kind of human resources. This is not the case. In every time and place God continues to save mankind and the world through the poverty of Christ, who makes himself poor in the sacraments, in his word and in his Church, which is a people of the poor. God's wealth passes not through our wealth, but invariably and exclusively through our personal and communal poverty, enlivened by the Spirit of Christ.

In imitation of our Master, we Christians are called to confront the poverty of our brothers and sisters, to touch it, to make it our own and to take practical steps to alleviate it. **Destitution is not the same as poverty: destitution is poverty without faith, without support, without hope.** There are **three types of destitution: material, moral and spiritual.** Material destitution is what is normally called poverty, and affects those living in conditions opposed to human dignity: those who lack basic rights and needs such as food, water, hygiene, work and the opportunity to develop and grow culturally. In response to this destitution, the Church offers her help, her diakonia, in meeting these needs and binding these wounds which disfigure the face of humanity. In the poor and outcast we see Christ's face; by loving and helping the poor, we love and serve Christ. Our efforts are also directed to ending violations of human dignity, discrimination and abuse in the world, for these are so often the cause of destitution. When power, luxury and money become idols, they take priority over the need for a fair distribution of wealth. Our consciences thus need to be converted to justice, equality, simplicity and sharing.

No less a concern is moral destitution, which consists in slavery to vice and sin. How much pain is caused in families because one of their members – often a young person - is in thrall to alcohol, drugs, gambling or pornography! How many people no longer see meaning in life or prospects for the future, how many have lost hope! And how many are plunged into this destitution by unjust social conditions, by unemployment, which takes away their dignity as breadwinners, and by lack of equal access to education and health care. In such cases, moral destitution can be considered impending suicide. This type of destitution, which also causes financial ruin, is invariably linked to the spiritual destitution which we experience when we turn away from God and reject his love. **If we think we don't need God who reaches out to us through Christ, because we believe we can make do on our own, we are headed for a fall. God alone can truly save and free us.**

The Gospel is the real antidote to spiritual destitution: wherever we go, we are called as Christians to proclaim the liberating news that forgiveness for sins committed is possible, that **God is greater than our sinfulness**, that he freely loves us at all times and that we were made for communion and eternal life. **The Lord asks us to be joyous heralds of this message of mercy and hope!** It is thrilling to experience the joy of spreading this good news, sharing the treasure entrusted to us, consoling broken hearts and offering hope to our brothers and sisters experiencing darkness. It means following and imitating Jesus, who sought out the poor and sinners as a shepherd lovingly seeks his lost sheep. In union with Jesus, we can courageously open up new paths of evangelization and human promotion.

May the Holy Spirit, through whom we are "as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything" (2 Cor 6:10), sustain us in our resolutions and increase our concern and responsibility for human destitution, so that we can become merciful and act with mercy. In expressing this hope, I likewise pray that each individual member of the faithful and every Church community will undertake a fruitful Lenten journey. I ask all of you to pray for me. May the Lord bless you and Our Lady keep you safe.