

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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March 22, 2015
“Fifth Sunday of Lent”

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. March 22

- 8:00 AM + Marie Moran
- 11:30 AM – Laura Walsh (special intention)
- 4:00 PM – Jesucristo de Animas de Chalhuanka

Mon. March 23 + Ellen Moffett – St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Readings: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62, Jn 8:1-11

Tues. March 24 – Hazel Lewis (healing)

Readings: Nm 21:4-9, Jn 8:21-30

Wed. March 25 – For the People – The Annunciation of the Lord

Readings: Is 7:10-14, 8:10, Heb 10:4-10, Lk 1:26-38

Thurs. March 26 – For the People

Readings: Gn 17:3-9, Jn 8:51-59

Fri. March 27 – For the People

Readings: Jer 20:10-13, Jn 10:31-42

Sat. March 28

Readings: Ez 37:21-28, Jn 11:45-56

- 8:30 AM – For the People

- 6:00 PM + Robert Kleinworth

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent – The Reward of Faith

Reading I Jeremiah 31:31–34 (the new covenant)

Reading II Hebrews 5:7–9 (Jesus, compassionate high priest)

Gospel John 12:20–33 (the coming of Jesus' hour)

Key Passage: Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. (John 12:25)

Adult: When and in what way have you seen life come from death?

Child: When have you felt stronger because you sacrificed something for a friend or member of your family?

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, Jorge Alvarado, 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, Tyler Hall, Ann Harrison, Elizabeth Hartwell, Rebecca Helsel, Betty Hescox, Marilyn Hoffmann, Eileen Hunter, Alex Hyde, Jim Hyde, Harold Lawrence, Kimberly Lemus, Mary Logan, Bryan Lorenz, Camilla Lynne, Frank and Lucille McPhillips, Phillip Leo Mercer, Efen Diaz Miguel, Jim Minihan, Beth Moreland, Mary Neureither, Barbara Noonan, Marcia Peacock, Shawn Peet, Donald Rediske, James Robles, Adelfa Salvador, Ines Sanchez, Cissy Staiger, Ray Tap, Joyce Vosworth, Susan Wynn 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: Glorious God, you sent Jesus to change our lives in bold and amazing ways. Yet, we often are consumed by the pettiness of our own "to do" lists. As we place this offering before you, help us to surrender completely to your love and to be stirred into fruit-bearing action that results in faithful stewardship. In your holy name, we pray. Amen. *John 12:20-33*

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Collection (3/15)	\$ 7,943.53
Building Fund	\$ 140.00
Epiphany School	\$ 30.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 2,546.83
BLA*	\$ 76,689.00
*21% of households participating	

FAITH DIRECT NEWS! Our eGiving provider *Faith Direct* is sponsoring a 2015 March Madness Bracket Challenge with cash prizes going to individual parishes! Sign up today at <http://www.faithdirect.net/bracketchallenge> if your bracket finishes in the top three, *Faith Direct* will make a donation to our parish!
*1st Place: \$1,000
**2nd Place: \$500
***3rd Place: \$250
****Plus, *Faith Direct* will be awarding \$500 to the parish with the most Bracket Challenge entries!

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday – 7pm *Rice Bowls due!

Good Friday – 3pm

Easter Vigil – 8pm

Easter Sunday – 7am, 9am, 11:30am, and 2pm
(Spanish)

FRIDAY DAILY MASS on March 27th will be held at Epiphany Catholic School.

SECOND COLLECTION on April 3rd, Good Friday will be held for the Holy Land Shrines.

ST. IGNATIUS study group will continue meeting on Wednesdays at 9:30am in the lounge. For Lent, we are featuring an Ignation Retreat a DVD series presented by Fr. Gregory Carlson, S.J. All are welcome!

ST. STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET Needs for this week: cereal (hot & cold), canned vegetables (carrots, beets, mixed vegetables, greens and tomatoes), individual serving microwave dinners and soups in microwavable containers.

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM "FAITH AND THE BIG QUESTIONS" This Sunday's (March 22) session looks at the big question: **"How Are We Saved?"** This multimedia presentation discusses how we can accept the most precious gift of eternal salvation that Jesus won for us on the cross. This session will also help us Catholics know how to respond when asked by evangelical friends, "Have you been saved?" All adults are encouraged to attend this special Lenten presentation from 9:40-10:40 am in the Parish Hall. There will not be any adult ed sessions on Palm Sunday (March 29) and Easter (April 5). Sessions resume on April 12 when Joan and Roger Depue will present **"Human Nature and Spiritual Growth."**

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS Please join our team as we prepare for Palm Sunday and Holy Week: Friday, March 27th after morning Mass and also after Living Stations service; Saturday, March 28th after morning Mass; Holy Thursday, April 2nd 8:30am and 10pm; Saturday April 4th 9am. We meet in the church and attend to the details of the altar. We always welcome those who can lend a helping hand with an open heart! Questions? Please contact our secretary at mhlaws@aol.com

CCD NEWS *5th Grade Ballard:* This year our primary focus of study has been learning about the Sacraments. Jesus not only died for our sins, but He gave us the Church and the Sacraments. We have learned that we receive sanctifying grace which helps us grow closer to God and be effective members of Christ's Church.

7th Grade: Our class has been deepening their relationship with God and their understanding of their Catholic faith. Two areas of focus are: 1) learning scripture which includes both the Old and New Testaments. 2) Deepening their prayer life by learning to talk with Jesus Christ in prayer and meditation as they would talk with their best friend.

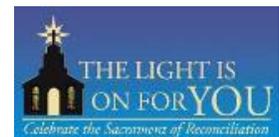
CURSILLO An alternate group meeting will be held every Saturday at 9:15am in the Annex. All are welcome!

CURSILLO: THE BLUE RIDGE ULTREYA will have an ULTREYA on Saturday April 25, at St. Peters parish hall after the 5pm Mass (about 6 or 6:15). Please bring a covered dish to share. ALL are invited. Cursillo weekend for men is 4/16-19 and the weekend for women has passed. Both are at Missionhurst. Questions PH 540-547-2932

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

If you are interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, growing in your faith or having exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. The John C. Cempre Council of the Knights of Columbus will be conducting a membership drive after each mass today, Sunday, March 22nd. Please consider joining us.

THE LIGHT IS ON Wednesday, March 25, the feast of the Annunciation, at 6:30 pm will be **TO JESUS THROUGH MARY** led by our **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**. Please join us in prayer as we strive to grow closer to Christ by drawing closer to Mary, whose soul magnifies our Lord for us.



LIVING STATIONS & SUPPER Please join our Parish youth this Friday, March 27th for the presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross and our Potato Soup Supper. The Potato Soup Supper begins at 5:30 PM and will be followed by the Living Stations of the Cross at 7pm.

A LENTEN PROGRAM OF PRAYER,

FASTING & ALMSGIVING As we continue our ORB 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"**. Boxes are **DUE ON HOLY THURSDAY**, April 2nd.

NEWS AND NEEDS

ALZHEIMER'S All are invited to attend a presentation by Dr. Loretta Veney, author and speaker, from 10:00-11:30 a.m., on Saturday, April 18th, in the Parish Hall. Dr. Veney will talk about Alzheimer's and dementia progression behaviors and how the role of a caregiver changes. She has written a book, Being My Mom's Mom, from her own experience of caring for her mother, who was diagnosed with dementia nine years ago. Dr. Veney recently gave a similar presentation to a packed room at the Culpeper Library, and Father Anselme wants to offer the same opportunity to our parishioners who were unable to attend that presentation.

MINI-RETREAT On Saturday, ***APRIL 25th***, Karlo Broussard, apologist and speaker for the Magis Center, will be conducting a mini-retreat entitled "Finding True Happiness: Satisfying Our Restless Hearts" here, at Precious Blood Catholic from 3pm-5:30pm. Visit The Magis Center's website at www.magiscenter.com as well Mr. Broussard's website www.karlobroussard.com.

SONGS FROM MY HOMELAND Mark your calendars now! The Precious Blood Music Ministry will be hosting a brunch on May 24th from 9:30-10:30 am in the Parish Hall to celebrate that there is



One Lord, One Faith, One Parish, Many Tongues. If you would like to share a song from you or your family's homeland please contact our Director of Music, Hannah Masson at 540-229-5329 or hannahmasson@yahoo.com. A freewill donation will be taken up for the Freda Kratochvil Pastoral Musician Fund that helps young musicians in our parish attend workshops or conventions to foster their growth as liturgical musicians.



The Holy Spirit was looking over us this

past Saturday as we had a beautiful day for our Saint Patrick's/Open House celebration. A huge thank you to the PTO board for the fabulous job organizing the event! It was wonderful to see all of you at our new school site this past weekend. This was a great day of fun and games and a nice reminder of the wonderful community in which our children attend school. Soon we will be visiting our outlying parishes to discuss our new facility and encourage families to be a part of Catholic Education in our regional school. Please pray that our efforts are met with success. This past year our enrollment increased 37%. The future of Catholic Education in Culpeper is now! This past week, our students and staff selected to *"Rally Around Regan"* for our Lenten charity. Students participated in a fundraiser and our families and staff donated their time, efforts and monetary contributions for the Flemming family. I am so proud of our Epiphany family's efforts. Tuesday morning with the entire school present we presented Mary Flemming with a check for 4,325 dollars.



AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

40 DAYS FOR LIFE For information about the 40 Days for Life Campaign or to volunteer, please go to www.40daysforlife.com

WOMENS CONFERENCE on March 28th from 8:30am-2:30pm at Fox Chase Manor in Manassas, VA. All women of the parish are invited to hear Keeri Caviezel and Kathleen Wilson speak on "Suffering Endured with Joy." A mass with Bishop Loverde will also take place as well as a continental breakfast and catered lunch. Please visit arlingtondiocese.org/women for more info on the conference and contact Cheryl Erickson (910) 578-0293 in regards to carpooling.

Pope Francis: Beware of getting too comfortable! When we are comfortable, it's easy to forget other people.

Pope:

“make space for God’s love so He can change you”

03/16/2015

Taking his cue from the first letter of the prophet Isaiah in which the Lord says He is “about to create new heavens and a new earth”, Pope Francis said that God’s second creation is even more “wonderful” than the first because when he makes the world over he does so in Jesus Christ. He renews everything and manifests his immense joy:

“We find that the Lord has so much enthusiasm: he speaks of joy and says ‘I will exult in my people’. The Lord thinks of what He will do and of how He will rejoice with His people. It’s almost as if he has a dream. He has a dream. His dream is about us. ‘Oh, how beautiful it will be when we are all together, when this and that person will walk with me... I will exult in that moment!’

“God – the Pope continued – thinks of each of us and loves each of us. He ‘dreams’ about us. He dreams of how He will rejoice with us. That’s why the Lord wants to ‘re-create’ us, He wants to renew our hearts so that joy can triumph:

“Have you thought about it? The Lord dreams of me! He thinks of me! I am in the Lord’s mind and in His heart! The Lord can change my life! And he has many projects: ‘we will build houses and plant vineyards, we will share our meals’... these are the dreams of someone who is in love.... Thus we can see that the Lord is in love with his people. And when he says to his people: ‘I haven’t chosen you because you are the strongest, the biggest, the most powerful. I have chosen you because you are the smallest of them all. You could add: the most miserable. This is whom I have chosen’. This is love”.

God “is in love with us” – Francis repeated,

We can only think about it, we can feel, we can cry with joy. The Lord can change us. ‘And what must I do?’ Believe. I must believe that the Lord can change me, that He has the power to do so: just like the man in the Gospel whose son was sick. ‘Sir, come down before my child dies’. ‘You may go (Jesus said to him). Your son will live!’ That man believed in the words of Jesus and had set off. He believed. He believed that Jesus had the power to change his child, the health of his child. And he won. To have faith is to make space for God’s love, to make space for his power, for God’s power. Not for the power of a powerful person, but for the power of one who loves me, who is in love with me and who wants to rejoice with me. This is faith. This is believing: making space for the Lord so that he can come and change me”.