

PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 23, 2014
“Third Sunday of Lent”

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week:

Sun. March 23 8:30 AM Kathleen Bouchard (special intention)

Sun. March 23 11:00 AM Tom Hertz (dec)

Sun. March 23 4 PM-Nasaria Hernandez Netro (dec)

Mon. Mar. 24- Alex and Pio Esposito (special intention)

Readings: 2Kgs 5:1-15ab Lk 4:24-30

Tues. Mar. 25 Zelda Boley (dec)

The Annunciation of the Lord

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

Wed. Mar. 26 – Jerry Dawson (dec)

Readings: Dt 4:1, 5-9 Mt 5:17-19

Thurs. Mar. 27 – Richard Craven (dec)

Readings: Jer 7:23-28 Lk 11:14-23

Fri. Mar. 28 – Jerry Dawson (dec)

Readings: Hos 14:2-10 Mk 12:28-34

Sat. Mar. 29 – 8:30 AM pro populo (dec)

Readings: Hos 14:2-10 Mk 12:28-34

Sat. Mar. 29 - 6:00 PM Elsie Scott (dec)

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

**Third Sunday of Lent
Source of strength**

Reading I Exodus 17:3-7 (water from the rock)
Reading II Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 (faith, hope, and love)

Gospel John 4:5-42 (the Samaritan woman at the well)

Key Passage Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." (John 4:13-14)

Adult: Where have you found a source of "living water" for your own journey of faith?

Child: Name some times when your belief in Jesus helped make you stronger.

SECOND COLLECTION this weekend is for the Black and Indian Missions. The date was wrong on the envelopes. If you have already contributed, thank you.

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, Bill Daley, Sue Doetzer, Gloria Driscoll, Jackie Fancher, Regan Flemming, Ryleigh Flemming, Wanda Gearing, Bill Goetz, Betty Hescox, Robert Houdesheldt, Eileen Hunter, Alex Hyde, Jean Johnson, Ann Kroenert, 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: Father, everything on earth is yours. We have nothing that can make you richer, for it all comes from you. But what we have, we bring: the acknowledgement that we live thanks to you, and that without you we have nothing and can do nothing.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Offertory Collection (3/16)	\$8,836.74
Epiphany	\$172.00
Building Fund	\$207.00

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

OFFICE COMMENTS OR CONCERNS email us at office@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com.

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

RCIA The next session will be **Tuesday, March 25th**. We will discuss "The Eucharist."



THE LIGHT IS ON
Wednesdays during
Lent at 6:30 PM We will
 reflect on our Eucharistic
 Lord as "Bread from

Heaven." It's been said that the angels are jealous of our gift to be able to receive God in the Eucharist. It's not a symbol, it's no longer bread and wine, it's God. This will be led by Epiphany students.

BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL from our last report from the diocese, 22% of the parishioners have supported the BLA and have pledged \$82, 948 of the \$110,000. Thank you to all who have made a pledge. Envelopes are available to those who still wish to contribute.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS continues this Friday, **March 28th at 6:30 PM** with the theme "The Way of the Cross according to Luke" led by the Knights of Columbus. Afterwards, there will be a Fish Fry in the Parish Hall.

FIFTH SUNDAY BREAKFAST will be next Sunday (March 30th) all are invited. The cost is \$4/person. There will be eggs, hash browns, toast, juice etc. It will be from 9:30-10:30 in the parish hall.

CONFIRMATION PARENT'S MEETING will be on Monday March 31st at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. All parents of Confirmandi are requested to attend this meeting as we will be providing information about which Mass your child will be confirmed and about the practice which will be held on Friday, April 25th. Confirmation will be Saturday April 26th.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND POTATO SOUP SUPPER will be Friday, April 11 starting at 5:30. The Living Stations of the Cross presented by the youth of our parish, will begin at 7 PM. Please join us for this simple Lenten supper and moving liturgy.

PRO-LIFE "The promotion of the culture of life should be the highest priority in our societies...if the right to life is not defended decisively as a condition for all other rights of the person, all other references to human rights remain deceitful and illusory." *Pope John Paul 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.

ALTAR SOCIETY ANNUAL BAKE SALE will be held on **April 5th and 6th** after all the Masses. Baked goods and yummys will be available. Donations from all parishioners of cash and food items are welcome and can be left in the Parish Hall on Saturday, April 5th from 12 PM-5 PM. Please label special items i.e. Gluten-free or nuts.

LEGION OF MARY: "The Legion always realized that she (Mary) was no mere devotion in the Church, but a necessary part of Christianity itself, conjoined to Our Lord, and made by Him a condition of imparting His grace." (Frank Duff, Founder of the Legion of Mary)

MUSIC MINISTRY Our songs sometimes call us to voice our lament, for any church that goes around singing "happy songs" all the time, in the face of raw reality, is doing something very different from what the Bible and our liturgy call us to do. We need songs of lament, lest we unintentionally give the message that all is well with the world, that suffering doesn't touch us, or that there is no need for Christians to be concerned about what is going on around us. We need to face and name the hard realities of human experience. Without prayers and songs of lament, we may fail to stir up compassion in our churches and so fail to move toward the deeds of mercy to which Jesus' Gospel call us. For lament, like the liturgy, calls us to action.



National Pastoral Musicians

Pope Francis: Christian love is loving without counting the cost. This is the lesson of the Good Samaritan; this is the lesson of Jesus.

A LENTEN PROGRAM OF PRAYER, FASTING & ALMSGIVING: 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"**.

BOUGHT WITH A PRICE is Bishop Loverde's pastoral letter on the need to protect our families from the increasing problem of pornography in our society. This updated edition from its original of 2006. This new edition features a Foreword, practical takeaways, a study guide and a Plan for Life. **This can be downloaded for free from our website on the home page.**



The Holy Spirit was looking over us this past Saturday

as we had a beautiful day of sunshine and temperatures near 70 degrees for our Saint Patrick's/Open House celebration. It was hard to believe that the next day, 10 inches of snow fell. A huge thank you to the PTO board for the fabulous job organizing of the event! It was wonderful to see all of you at our future 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. I was very pleased with the turnout and especially happy to see so many parishioners present. What a wonderful way to spend the afternoon in fellowship.

In the next few weeks we will be visiting our outline parishes to discuss our new facility and encourage families to be a part of Catholic Education in this new regional school. Please pray for this monumental new beginning of Epiphany Catholic School. The future of Catholic Education in Culpeper is now.

In the elementary grades the students are preparing for Easter by using "The Little Purple Book for Children" to learn about God and the Catholic Church. Each day of Lent students complete a page and take a "long walk with God" through Lent and pray and think about our Church and Lord.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUPS provide emotional, educational and social support for caregivers through regular meetings. Locally they meet on the 2nd Tuesday at Culpeper Library from 12:30-1:30 PM or the 4th Tuesday at Culpeper Regional Hospital from 12:30-1:30 PM. Call Kathi Walker at 540-825-3100 ext. 3416 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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Today's gospel says, "Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." Come experience the life-giving water of Christ. Enrich your marriage on **April 11-13th** in Fredericksburg. Call 703-378-4150.

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. It is provided here locally. Email culpepercan@gmail.com or call 703-944-8450 or more information.

Today's Catholic is called to take an intelligent, spiritual approach to the bible.

Listed here are 10 points for fruitful Scripture reading.

Bible reading is for Catholics. The Church encourages Catholics to make reading the Bible part of their daily prayer lives. Reading these inspired words, people grow deeper in their relationship with God and come to understand their place in the community God has called them to in himself.

Prayer is the beginning and the end. Reading the Bible is not like reading a novel or a history book. It should begin with a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds to the Word of God. Scripture reading should end with a prayer that this Word will bear fruit in our lives, helping us to become holier and more faithful people.

Get the whole story! When selecting a Bible, look for a Catholic edition. A Catholic edition will include the Church's complete list of sacred books along with introductions and notes for understanding the text. A Catholic edition will have an *imprimatur* notice on the back of the title page. An *imprimatur* indicates that the book is free of errors in Catholic doctrine.

The Bible isn't a book. It's a library. The Bible is a collection of 73 books written over the course of many centuries. The books include royal history, prophecy, poetry, challenging letters to struggling new faith communities, and believers' accounts of the preaching and passion of Jesus. Knowing the genre of the book you are reading will help you understand the literary tools the author is using and the meaning the author is trying to convey.

Know what the Bible is – and what it isn't. The Bible is the story of God's relationship with the people he has called to himself. It is not intended to be read as history text, a science book, or a political manifesto. In the Bible, God teaches us the truths that we need for the sake of our salvation.

The sum is greater than the parts. Read the Bible in context. What happens before and after – even in other books – helps us to understand the true meaning of the text.

The Old relates to the New. The Old Testament and the New Testament shed light on each other. While we read the Old Testament in light of the death and resurrection of Jesus, it has its own value as well. Together, these testaments help us to understand God's plan for human beings.

You do not read alone. By reading and reflecting on Sacred Scripture, Catholics join those faithful men and women who have taken God's Word to heart and put it into practice in their lives. We read the Bible within the tradition of the Church to benefit from the holiness and wisdom of all the faithful.

What is God saying to me? The Bible is not addressed only to long-dead people in a faraway land. It is addressed to each of us in our own unique situations. When we read, we need to understand what the text says and how the faithful have understood its meaning in the past. In light of this understanding, we then ask: What is God saying to me?

Reading isn't enough. If Scripture remains just words on a page, our work is not done. We need to meditate on the message and put it into action in our lives. Only then can the word be "living and effective." (Hebrews 4:12).

By Mary Elizabeth Sperry,
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American Bible.

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