

# 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 30, 2014  
“Fourth Sunday of Lent”

**Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week:**

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

**Sun. March 30 11:00 AM Barry Tingler (dec)**

**Mon. Mar. 31- pro populo**

Readings: Is 65:17-21 Jn 4:43-54

**Tues. Apr. 1 Jim Minihan (healing)**

Readings: Ez. 47:1-9, 12 Jn 5:1-16

**Wed. Apr. 2 – pro propulo**

St. Francis of Paola

Readings: Is 49:8-15 Jn 5:17-30

**Thurs. Apr. 3 – pro populo**

Readings: Ex. 32:7-14 Jn 5:31-47

**Fri. Apr. 4 – Elsie Scott (dec)**

St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Readings: Wis. 2:1a, 12-22

**Sat. Apr. 5 – 8:30 AM Helen Craven (dec)**

St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest

Readings: Jer 11:18-20 Jn 7:40-53

**Sat. Apr. 5 - 6:00 PM pro populo**

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

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Source of light**

Reading I 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a  
(Samuel anoints David)

Reading II Ephesians 5:8-14 (duty to live in the light)

Gospel John 9:1-41 (the man born blind)

**Key Passage** For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as Children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. (Ephesians 5:8–9)

**Adult:** What are you doing in your life right now to move toward light rather than darkness?

**Child:** How can you let the light of your faith in Jesus shine for others to see?

**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, John Farrelly, Regan

Flemming, Ryleigh Flemming, Wanda Gearing, Bill Goetz, Betty Hescoc, Robert Houdesheldt, Eileen Hunter, Alex Hyde, Jean Johnson, Ann Kroenert, Bryan Lorenz, Frank McPhillips, Efren Diaz Miguel, 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:** Gracious Lord, as followers who are blinded by your wondrous light, we seek to be amplified beacons of your astonishing light to others. Help us to reflect your love by listening to your call and to your will for our lives. In gratitude, we dedicate these gifts in the name of the one who lived, died and rose for our sake, Jesus Christ.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Offertory Collection (3/23)	\$7,504.21
Faith Direct	\$1,045.00
Epiphany	\$70.00
Epiphany Faith Direct	\$7.00
Building Fund	\$102.00
Building Fund Faith Direct	\$135.00
Central and Eastern Europe	\$2,208.45
Black and Indian Missions	\$1,232.00

**THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD**

**OFFICE COMMENTS OR CONCERNS** email us at [office@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com](mailto:office@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com).

**RCIA** The next session will be **Tuesday, April 1st.** We will discuss "The Eucharist."

**BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL** from our last report from the diocese, parishioners have supported the BLA and have pledged \$94,281 of the \$110,000, which is 86%. Thank you to all who have made a pledge. Envelopes are available to those who still wish to contribute



**THE LIGHT IS ON**  
**Wednesdays during**  
**Lent at 6:30 PM** We don't need to be perfect for God to love us; but we do need

to trust him. Before God, all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from him no secrets are hid. Indeed, there's One who's truly perfect; present yourself to him as you are, and ask him to cleanse you and make you whole. Be real with him and discover his healing love.

**CONFIRMATION PARENT'S MEETING** will be on Monday March 31<sup>st</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup>. Confirmation will be Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup>.

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



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** continues this Friday, **April 4th 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.

**RADIX YOUTH MINISTRY** is in need of youth in grades 5-12 to be actors in Living Stations of the Cross. Rehearsals are at 7:30 on Friday nights in the sanctuary. Contact Mary Flemming at 540-222-9254 or [MaryPBCCYouthMinistry@yahoo.com](mailto:MaryPBCCYouthMinistry@yahoo.com)

**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.

**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.**

**PRO-LIFE** "The new evangelization calls for followers of Christ who are unconditionally prolife: who will acclaim, celebrate and serve the Gospel of life in every situation. A sign of hope is the increasing recognition that the dignity of human life must never be taken away, even in the case of someone who has done great evil." *Pope John Paul II.*

The 40 Days for Life spring campaign will be held from March 5<sup>th</sup>-April 13<sup>th</sup> 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**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULES** have been emailed and extra copies are available in the Usher's Room.

**ST.STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET** needs canned soup, hamburger helper, flavored pasta sauce and canned fruit.

**ALTAR SOCIETY ANNUAL BAKE SALE** will be held on **April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>** 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 5<sup>th</sup> from 12 PM-5 PM. Please label special items i.e. Gluten-free or nuts.

**SECOND COLLECTION** for Catholic Relief Services will be next weekend. Through your generosity families are reunited, valuable life skills will be taught and many will have vital humanitarian needs met.



**MUSIC MINISTRY** Today is “*Laetare* (Rejoice) Sunday” where in the midst of the solemn atmosphere of Lent we catch a glimpse of the coming Easter joy. Music may be more upbeat and

more instruments allowed. Tomorrow is the birthday of Johann Sebastian Bach, the famous Lutheran, classical composer who wrote that “The aim and final reason for all music should be nothing else but the glory of God and the refreshment of the spirit” and signed many of his manuscripts *Soli Deo Gloria* “to God alone be the glory.”



We are teaching our students that Lent is an

opportunity to see all of life more clearly through the lens of our faith, to become spiritually renewed through the message of being more soulful, compassionate and loving toward ourselves and others.

In the next few weeks, we will be in the process of publicizing our new school building to our outline parishes. This Saturday, I along with other parishioners will be visiting Our Lady of the Blue Ridge to promote what the new Epiphany Catholic School has to offer our region. It is my hope that during these visits, families will welcome the importance of a Catholic Education and consider Epiphany Catholic School for their children for the 2014-15 school year.

The beautification process of our new facility will be on **Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**. We will need committee chairs, equipment, donations and a whole lot of muscle to make this event successful. Please consider helping in this cause in any way you can. I appreciate your enthusiasm and support as we move forward with the relocation project. Bishop Loverde has graciously accepted an invitation to bless our school on opening day August 25th.

Congratulation to our Middle School students that will represent Epiphany at the Diocesan Science Fair in April: Anna Borgia, Spencer Buttenshaw, Devon Buttenshaw, Emily Hatfield, Liam Mitchell, Arianna Smoot, Brian Storey, Joachim Turner, Philip Watson and Elaine Watts.

**ALZHEIMER’S ASSOCIATION CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUPS**

provide emotional, educational and social support for caregivers through regular meetings. Locally they meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at Culpeper Library from 12:30-1:30 PM or the 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

“While I am the world, I am the light of the world.” Christ is our light and He can show us the way to a better marriage. Restore, renew and rekindle your marriage at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. April 11-13 in Fredericksburg. Call 703-378-4150.

**NEW POST-ABORTION WEBSITE**

An invitation for help, healing and hope is waiting for you at [www.helpafterabortion.org](http://www.helpafterabortion.org). It’s a safe place to take the first step to learn about healing after abortion. All inquiries for assistance are completely confidential. Talk to someone who understands. For more information visit the website or call 888-456-HOPE (4673)

**CDU NONCREDIT SEMINARS FOR \$30**

All members of the Diocese of Arlington can experience CDU noncredit seminars for \$30. Online seminars from CDU only require a three week commitment. Registration for DDU’s May 2014 term will be March 3-April 23. An example course called “Introduction to Scripture and the Gospel Message” will be offered May 26-June 16. Visit [www.cdu.edu](http://www.cdu.edu).

**Pope Francis:** Jesus is never far from us sinners. He wants to pour out on us, without limit, all of His mercy.

## Our participation in the Liturgy is important. Each person needs to do his or her part.

Those who come together for Liturgy do not have the luxury of acting as spectators, waiting for all to be done for them. “Full, conscious, and active participation” in the Liturgy (as commended by the Second Vatican Council) is not only their right but also their duty and their responsibility. That responsibility includes full engagement throughout the liturgical celebration. The baptized faithful who form the congregation are called to join in praise and thanksgiving in song and spoken word, to listen attentively to God’s Word, and to exercise their baptismal priesthood in prayer for the Church, the world, and all in need during the Prayer of the Faithful.

In the Liturgy of the Eucharist the baptized faithful join their prayer to that of the priest celebrant, offering Christ the Victim, “not only by means of the hands of the Priest but also together with him,” and offer themselves as well (GIRM no.95). Their participation culminates in the reception of the Body and Blood of the Lord, the sacrament that unites them more fully with Christ their Head and with one another. We need to be aware, therefore, that “participation” does not refer primarily to external activity or function during the celebration of Mass; rather, it refers to a deeply spiritual, interior participation of mind and heart, filled with devotion and penetrating the very depths of the mysteries we celebrate.

The celebration of Mass is an act of the whole assembly gathered for worship. We are joined to Christ’s divine action through Baptism, which incorporates us into the risen Christ. This action, which lies at “the center of the whole of Christian life” (General Instruction of the Roman Missal [GIRM], no.16), is initiated not by us but by God acting in and through the Church as the Body of the risen Christ. The Liturgy is designed to bring about in all those who make up the worshiping assembly a “participation of the faithful, namely in body and in mind, a participation fervent with faith, hope, and charity” (GIRM, no.18). By such participation we make the actions and prayers of the Liturgy our own; we enter more fully into our personal communion with Christ’s redeeming act and perfect worship.

Our attention and active engagement in the celebration can draw from the priest celebrant and the other ministers the best they have to offer. Our enthusiastic song and verbal responses made with conviction can encourage others to sing and respond; our very presence at the celebration of Mass when so many other enticing options might have been chosen instead supports and reinforces others who have made the same choice.

General Instruction of the Roman Missal . Liturgy Documentary Series 14. Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2011.

Second Vatican Council. Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (Sacrosanctum Concilium). In Vatican Council II: Volume I: The Conciliar and Post Conciliar Documents (new rev. ed.), edited by Austin Flannery. Northport, NY: Costello Publishing, 1996