

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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April 6, 2014
“Fifth Sunday of Lent”

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week:

Sun. April 6 8:30 AM Robert Burke (dec)

Sun. April 6 11:00 AM Pat Diibon (dec)

Sun. April 6 4:00 PM Jose Arias Montero

Mon. Apr. 7- Fr. John B Peters, CICM (dec)

St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest

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

Tues. Apr. 8 Charlotte Malonda (dec)

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

Wed. Apr. 9 – Martha Robinson (dec)

Readings: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Jn 8:31-42

Thurs. Apr. 10 – Sr. Paulette Honeygosky (dec)

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

Fri. Apr. 11 – Fr. Francis Loos, CICM (dec)

St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

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

Sat. Apr. 12 – 8:30 AM John Malonda (dec)

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

Sat. Apr. 12 - 6:00 PM Dan Peacock (dec)

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Life everlasting

Reading I Ezekiel 37:12-14 (prophecy of restoration)

Reading II Romans 8:8-11 (the flesh and the Spirit)

Gospel John 11:1-45 (the raising of Lazarus)

Key Passage: Jesus said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25–26)

Adult: Christ calls us from death to new life. To what new life are you being called during this Lent?

Child: How does Jesus help you do what is good and avoid what is not?

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, Diane Denton, Sue Doetzer, Jackie Fancher, John Farrelly, Regan

Flemming, Ryleigh Flemming, Wanda Gearing, Bill Goetz, Ann Harrison, Joan Helton, Betty Hescoc, Kate Dillon Hogan, 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: Living God, we thank you for the privilege of giving in your exalted name. We value our ability to give in a way that honors your spirit. As we present our offerings, we remain secure in our knowledge that you will sustain us by your redeeming grace and your infinite love. May your righteous spirit always dwell in our hearts.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Offertory Collection (3/30)	\$7,327.26
Epiphany	\$5.00
Building Fund	\$120.00

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

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

WE WELCOME Patrick Berkery, son of Patrick and Heather Berkery, who was baptized April 5th.

WE PRAY FOR Dan Peacock, husband of Marcia Peacock who recently passed onto his heavenly reward.

RCIA The next session will be **Tuesday, April 8th**. We will discuss "The Sacraments of Service."

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 "By experiencing Christ's mercy in confession, we are more able to show that mercy to others. The Sacrament of

Reconciliation is a means of restoring peace." (Cardinal Donald Wuerl.) It's time to open your heart and let it go. Join us Wednesday.

ALTAR SOCIETY ANNUAL BAKE SALE is this weekend after all the Masses. Baked goods and yummys will be available. Items will be marked gluten-free, nut-free etc.

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

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be Friday **April 11th at 7 PM**. A simple potato soup supper will be provided starting at 5:30 PM.

MOM'S GROUP will meet **Tuesday, April 8th at 9 AM**. They gather together in the Rectory Meeting Room. Children of all ages are welcome.

PRO-LIFE "In order for a war to be just, three things are necessary. First, the authority of the sovereign. Second, a just cause. Thirdly, a rightful intention." St. Thomas Aquinas

20th Annual Walk for Life! Saturday, April 26th. Registration starts at 8:30 AM in the front of Culpeper Baptist Church. The 1.5 mile walk begins at 9 AM. There will be food, face painting, music and many prizes. For more info call 727-0800 or visit www.lwalkforlifeVA.com.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES have been emailed and extra copies are available in the Ushers' Room.

ST.STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET needs cereal, pancake mix and syrup, rice and pasta side dishes and saltine crackers

NEWS AND NEEDS

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

MUSIC MINISTRY Sr. Suzanne Toolan wrote *I am the Bread of Life* in 1966 during a free period when she was a high school teacher.



Thinking it too sentimental and that she would try again later, she tore the manuscript in half and threw it out. She was later confronted by a freshman who had been in the

infirmary next door listening and said, "What was that? It was beautiful!" She immediately pulled it back out of the waste basket, taped it together and, in her words, "it has had a life of its own ever since."

SPRING YARD SALE Yes, it is time for the Knights of Columbus to conduct their Spring Yard Sale, scheduled for **Sat. May 24th**. Search your attic, basement, or wherever to discover items you would like to donate to the sale. More information to follow at a later date.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY, April 17, - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper – **7:00 PM**. – Collection for Operation Rice Bowl – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from **8:00 – 10:00 PM**.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 18, Day of Fast and Abstinence – Celebration of the Lord's Passion at **3:00 PM** – Collection for the Pastoral Works and Sacred Shrines in the Holy Land. Spanish Stations of the Cross will be at **7:00 PM**.

HOLY SATURDAY, April 19, - Confessions from **3:00 – 4:00 PM**, with the Celebration of the Easter Vigil and Mass of Christ's Resurrection at **8:30 PM**.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 20, - Mass of Christ's Resurrection at **7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 AM**. – Spanish Mass at **1:00 PM**.



Lacrosse is coming to Epiphany! I am thankful to Frank

Passarelli, former coach at Bishop Ireton and parishioner of Precious Blood, for organizing Epiphany Catholic School to begin a Lacrosse program for the 2014-15 school year. There will be a parent interest meeting held on April 15, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



A heartfelt Thank You goes out to Epiphany Middle School students who led Eucharistic Holy Hour "Bread From Heaven" on Wednesday March 26. Epiphany students participate in Holy Hour as a service during The Light is On program offered every Wednesday by the Arlington Diocese. This program during Lent is to encourage parishioners to reflect during the Lenten season by participating in Reconciliation which is held during the service. The students cantored, led the Rosary and served at the Altar. The Confirmandi participating were Gina DiGuilio, Annie Lorenz, Brian Storey, Spencer Buttenshaw and Devon Buttenshaw. The other Middle School students participating were Nick DiGuilio, Kaitlyn Storey, Erica Veazey, Caine Ingerski, and Emily Hatfield. Thank you again for your service to our parish.

LADIES AUXILIARY will meet **Mon. Apr. 14th** at 3:30 PM in the Old Rectory.

LEGION OF MARY "Among the different ways of praying, there is none more excellent than the Rosary. .. It is the remedy for all our evils, the root of all our blessings." (Pope Leo XIII.)

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**".

AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

NEW POST-ABORTION WEBSITE An invitation for help, healing and hope is waiting for you at 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.

CULPEPER LITERACY COUNCIL will be holding a Literacy Tutor Training Workshop on Sat. May 3rd from 9 AM to 4 PM. Please call 825-5804

CAMP ST. CHARLES is a Catholic over-night camp for boys and girls. For more information: www.campstcharles.com or call 301-934-8799.

HELP WANTED PART-TIME St. Luke parish office, in McLean, is seeking an experienced part-time bulletin editor. The position is responsible for compiling, designing, editing, and transmitting the weekly bulletin. Applicants should be proficient in a broad range of computer skills including Publisher. If interested send your resume to Fr. Dave Martin at pastor@sanitlukemclean.org

HEALING MASS AND SERVICE There will be a healing mass and service on April 22nd at 7:30 PM at St. Mary's in Fredericksburg. Fr. Jeb Donelan will be the celebrant.

Pope Francis: God always forgives and does not know how to do otherwise, The Lord always waits for us and forgives us, He is "the God of forgiveness" and He celebrates every person's return to him.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO HAVE A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS?

As Catholics, we tend to view "a personal relationship with Jesus" as something you hear Evangelicals talk about. In reality a personal relationship with Jesus is something we should all seek. Jesus is not in the abstract. Jesus became human. Jesus is not an "object" to be received in the Eucharist. Yet, it can be difficult to express a relationship with Jesus.

We have a relationship when we can begin to express Jesus. To express what Jesus means to you how would you answer the following questions?

Who is Jesus to you? Is Jesus a distant being? Is Jesus someone you talk to? Is Jesus an authority figure to you? Is Jesus a friend, a brother?

Where do you find Jesus? At church on Sunday? In moments of crisis? In the good things I have? In the Bible? In other people? In prayer? In the little things of life?

When do you talk to Jesus? When things are bad? Sunday at Church? Daily? When I need something?

Perhaps it would help think of what it means to have a personal relationship with another person. If you have a *personal* relationship with a person then you likely trust them and share personal things with them, you are there for each other in the tough times and the good times, you are honest with them and you like to spend time with them. How does this fit your relationship with Jesus?

Do you spend time with Jesus? You can do this by coming to church, reading scripture or books about Jesus, praying, or talking with others about Jesus. Are you honest with Jesus or do you wish you could hide things from him? Do you count on Jesus' support when times are tough? Do you thank Jesus for the good moments? Do you tell Jesus you are sorry when you do something wrong?

One of the things that can impair our relationship with Jesus is the attachments and "addictions" we have to objects or behaviors that keep us from doing as Jesus calls us to.

In Matthew 12:46-50, Jesus' family comes and seeks to speak to him. Jesus says "For whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother, and sister, and mother." Clearly, if we do the will of the Father (God) then we are members of Jesus' family and thus have a relationship with him (cf. Mark 3:31-35, Luke 8:19-21).

Trust is essential to any relationship. Luke 12:22-34 speaks of how we can depend on God to provide. Verse 11 of the Good Shepherd Discourse of chapter 10 of John's Gospel tells us that the Good Shepherd (Jesus) will lay down his life for his sheep. We know we can count on God because he shows his love for us through his death on the cross.

Conversely, we show our love for God when we live the words of John 14:15, "if you love me keep my commandments." God is not interested in our obeying him for legal reasons. What He seeks from us is for us to trust in his love for us. If we truly trust Jesus, then we can believe his commandments are good for us. When we trust in him, we have a relationship with him.

Are Our Personal Relationships With Jesus Perfect?

We all have some level of relationships with Jesus even if we do not realize it. But our relationships are not perfect. Do we always do as God commands? No. If we did Jesus would not have needed to die on the Cross for our sins. One's personal relationship with Jesus deepens to a new level when we accept that we cannot do it all by ourselves. Then one can open oneself to Jesus and accept him as our savior (i.e. the evangelical view of a personal relationship with Jesus).

It takes time. Conversion is not a single moment in time but a process.

<http://www.renewaloffaith.org/basics/relation/relation.htm>