

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
Danielle Gambale-Metz, 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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April 19, 2015
“The Third Sunday of Easter”

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. April 19

- 8:00 AM + Reagan Flemming
- 11:30 AM - The Flemming Family
- 4:00 PM – For the people

Mon. April 20 – Pat Price (healing)

Readings: Acts 6:8-15, Jn 6:22-29

Tues. April 21 Communion service

Readings: Acts 7:51-8:1a, Jn 6:30-35

Wed. April 22 + Brendan Whelan

Readings: Acts 8:1b-8, Jn 6:35-40

Thurs. April 16 – Phyllis Hill

Readings: Acts 8:26-40, Jn 6:44-51

Fri. April 17 – For the people

Readings: Acts 9:1-20, Jn 6:52-59

Sat. April 25

Readings: Peter 5:5b-14, Mark 16:15-20

- 8:30 AM + Margaret DiiBon

- 6:00 PM + Richard Noonan

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

Third Sunday of Easter

The living Christ

Reading I Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 (Peter's Discourse on Jesus' resurrection)

Reading II 1 John 2:1-5a (keeping the commandments)

Gospel Luke 24:35-48 (Jesus appears to the Eleven)

Key Passage Jesus said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet: see that it is I myself." (Luke 24:38-39)

Adult What questions about Jesus still arise in the midst of you faith?

Child What question would you like to ask someone about Jesus' appearance to the Apostles?

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, Michael Combs, Roger Corum, Katherine Craig, Barbara Crosby, Cynthia Davies, Bill Daley, James Driscoll, Jackie Fancher, Ryleigh

Flemming, David Matthew Gendron, Bill Goetz, Tyler Hall, Ann Harrison, Elizabeth Hartwell, Rebecca Helsel, Linda Hemler, Betty Hescox, Marilyn Hoffmann, Eileen Hunter, Alex Hyde, Jim Hyde, Robert Kocovsky, Harold Lawrence, Kimberly Lemus, Mary Logan, Bryan Lorenz, Chris Cordero Luna, Camilla Lynne, Ana Magana, Frank and Lucille McPhillips, Phillip Leo Mercer, Efen Diaz Miguel, Jim Minihan, Beth Moreland, Mary Neureither, Barbara Noonan, Marcia Peacock, Shawn Peet, Pat Price, 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: Holy One, we do not doubt that Jesus, the Messiah, lives again. Yet, only one short week from Easter, our thoughts are cluttered with insignificant activities and agendas. Refocus our attention on the joy of Easter, so that we may recognize all that we have received and be led to give cheerfully. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen. *John 20:19-31*

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Collection (4/12)	\$ 9000.03
Building Fund	\$ 80.00
Epiphany School	\$100.00

FAITH DIRECT

Collection	\$ 9363.00
Easter	\$ 537.00
FFF	\$ 548.34
Holy Land Shrines	\$ 292.00
Home Missions	\$ 234.00
Building Fund	\$ 336.00
Epiphany	\$ 77.00

BLA* \$ 107,094.00 or 28% of registered family (1705) households. Our goal is \$115,000.00

FAITH DIRECT Now is the time to switch! Your monthly gift to the church will no longer be a string on your finger, it's as easy as 1-2-3! Stop by the office for a paper enrollment form or faithdirect.com

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

FRIDAY MASS on April 24th will be at Epiphany Catholic School.

SECOND COLLECTION on April 26th will be for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION The Blessed Sacrament cannot be left alone. Please remember that it is your responsibility to have someone take your place if you are unable to fulfill your one hour commitment before the Blessed Sacrament on any given Thursday.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS ***MUST*** be submitted to us in the office or via email by the close of business, **3:30pm on the Monday before**. Email kathybcc@yahoo.com or office@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com Thank you!

BEGINNER BIBLE STUDY Is anyone interested in an 8 week Beginner Bible Study? If so, please contact Mac McPhillips at (540) 547-2123 or email him at MacHimself@gmail.com

THE WELCOMING COMMITTEE We need your help. The Committee needs volunteers in leadership, organizational and informative roles. All those interested in volunteering, should contact Cheryl Erickson at [910-578-0293](tel:910-578-0293).

ST.STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET Needs for this week: This week; rice & pasta side dishes (we have none) canned meat (we have none) Any vegetable (No corn & green beans), jelly and Spaghetti sauce

ST. IGNATIUS study group will begin a new series, "The Spiritual Exercise: A Heart-Centered Approach", presented by Fr. James Kubicki, S.J. on Wednesday, April 22, at 9:30 a.m. in the lounge. All are welcome!

HOLY SPIRIT INTERACTIVE (HSI) Next meeting will be WEDNESDAY, **April 22**, at 7:00 pm at the home of Jill Devine (call [540-812-4576](tel:540-812-4576) for directions). Topic: "Dealing with Depression." All are welcome.

ADULT EDUCATION This Sunday's (April 19) session features Drs. Joan and Roger Depue discussing the second part of "**Human Nature and Spiritual Growth.**" In this talk, they explore the inner dynamics of human nature that may cause a person to be unable to live the fullness of faith. Come at 9:40 am in the Parish Hall and enjoy a stimulating, enlightening topic and presentation!

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. Peter's 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

NEWS AND NEEDS

YARD SALE The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual yard sale on May 23rd. You may drop off items at the garage from May 18th to May 22nd from 6pm-8:30pm.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES ***Please*** let the office know if you are a high school graduate this year, 2015. The High School Graduation Mass will be May 31st and we would like to recognize you and your achievements.

SPIRITUAL LIBRARY We are in the process of establishing a Spiritual Library for parishioners. If you would like to contribute any SPIRITUAL books or would like to assist us in the library process, please bring your books to the Old Rectory anytime on Saturday April 25th, 2015 from 9:15 a.m. to 12:00p.m. For further information call Jill Devine (513)256-5677 or Joan Depue (540) 547-4588.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS for the Father Maurice duCastillon, Father Leo Zonneveld and the Ladies Auxiliary, Knights of Columbus scholarships are due June 1. Current graduating high school seniors who are active members of the parish are welcome to apply!

SONGS FROM MY HOMETLAND 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 hannahmasson@yahoo.com or 540-229-5329. 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.

JOB SEARCHING? If your job search is at a standstill call the CAN volunteers. We will be available every Tuesday evening by appointment, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the annex building. Christians are Networking (CAN) Volunteers provide assistance with resume writing, job search, interview skills, and much more. Call now for your appointment 540-422-0907 or email culpepercan@gmail.com.



Epiphany students arrived back to school on April 4th and spent the day having wonderful resurrection picnics. Thank you to all the families who were able to help with food and activities. Together they enjoy the time of reconnecting with friends after the long Easter Break.

AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Jesus is the good shepherd and laid down his life for us that we may have new life. Give your marriage new life by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

For more information or to apply, visit our website at renewmarriage-vanorth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or [703-378-4150](tel:703-378-4150).

PARISH MINI-RETREAT: "Finding True Happiness: Satisfying Our Restless Hearts"

Mark your calendars for Saturday April 25th as Karlo Broussard, apologist and speaker for the Magis Center, will be conducting a mini-retreat entitled "Finding True Happiness: Satisfying Our Restless Hearts" at Precious Blood Catholic Church from 3 pm to 5:30 pm. Mr. Broussard will be presenting two talks. In the first talk, "**Living Life to the Fullest: The 4 Levels of Happiness**," he will explain Fr. Robert Spitzer's four levels of happiness. In the second talk, "**Heaven: A Destiny Worth Living For**," Karlo explains Jesus' revelation of Heaven as an experience of perfect love, joy, and excitement through fellowship with God and with every member of the Mystical Body of Christ. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity for fellowship and growth in knowledge of the path for achieving the fullest experience of happiness and purpose in life. Be sure to visit The Magis Center's website at www.magiscenter.com as well as Mr. Broussard's website at www.karlobroussard.com

"POPE FRANCIS AND THE MISSION OF THE LAITY" - presentation by papal adviser

Come hear Honduran Cardinal Oscar Andres Rodriguez Maradiaga, SDB, head of the council of cardinals and president of Caritas Internationalis, at 7 p.m. on May 1 at St. Francis Hall (1349 Quincy Street NE, Washington, DC). This keynote is part of the World Care Benefit and Celebration commemorating the 25th anniversary of DC-based Catholic nonprofit Franciscan Mission Service. Come enjoy wine, hors d'oeuvres, dessert, and a silent auction while supporting lay mission at home and abroad. For more information, visit <http://franciscanmissionservice.org/worldcare2015>

"We are all sinners. But may the Lord not let us be hypocrites. Hypocrites don't know the meaning of forgiveness, joy and the love of God."

-Pope Francis

Third Sunday of Easter

The history of the relationship between the Jewish people and the early Christian Jews is an interesting and tragic one. We know that Jesus was a devout Jew as were almost all his followers. Yet, by the second century, the Christians had pretty well pulled away from their Jewish roots and made the Jews out to be the villains. It was I suppose somewhat inevitable, especially since the church came to be made up of more Gentiles or non-Jews than of those with Jewish backgrounds.

The second reading from John picks up this theme of forgiveness of sin and sets up the atonement theology which the Church has understood ever since. Christ was the atoning sacrifice for our sins, in fact, the sins of the whole world. This was the gift of God – that we were forgiven, but it also involves acting on that forgiveness – in gratitude we are to keep the word of God, the twofold command to love God and neighbor – and in doing so, we will know that we are in God.

That is why in the Gospel reading today Jesus makes such a point in teaching the disciples on the road to Emmaus what Jewish scriptures were actually saying. In turn, it tells us why Jewish Scriptures are still so important to us. Jesus, in this reading, speaks particularly about the prophets and the psalms and he taught them how he was the fulfillment of all of the prophecies and of the law. His final words take us back to the common thread of all three readings which is forgiveness. Jesus says: “Thus it is written, that the Christ is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations...” This is what is meant by Good News!

I know that in the past some of us have not felt the teachings of the Church were always very good news for us. Like the Pharisees in Jesus’ time, we often get bogged down in detail and add rule upon rule, losing sight of the frighteningly beautiful news that we are forgiven...God forgives us...over and over....over and over. We have only to repent, to try to turn around. We don’t deserve this. It is God’s gift to us, and so we need to give back to God by trying our best to “be perfect as the Father is perfect”. The end result of all this is what Jesus says each time he appears “Peace be with you.” When we know there is unconditional love supporting us, and some of us have seen that in our own parents and in ourselves toward our children, we can feel at peace about ourselves and the world even in troubling times.

Too often we forget the Good News, but we can’t let that happen. It needs to be central in our hearts and in our actions. Good News it brings joy, it brings peace, it brings happiness, it brings hope in a too troubled life.

<https://fatherronstephens.wordpress.com/2015/04/11/homily-for-the-3rd-sunday-of-easter-year-b-2015-april-19/>