

# 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 20, 2014**

**“Easter, the Resurrection of the Lord”**

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

**Sun. April 20 7:00 AM Frank Luysterborghs (dec)**

**Sun. April 20 9:00 AM Earl Brown (dec)**

**Sun. April 20 11:00 AM Charles Conroy (healing)**

**Sun. April 20 1:00 PM Antonio Garcia (dec)**

**Mon. Apr. 21- Communion Service**

Readings: Act. 2:14, 22-33 Mt 28:8-15

**Tues. Apr. 22 Communion Service**

Readings: Act 2:36-41 Jn 20:11-18

**Wed. Apr. 23 – Communion Service**

Readings: Acts 3:1-10 Lk 24:13-35

**Thurs. Apr. 24 –Communion Service**

Readings: Acts 3:11-26 Lk 24:35-48

**Fri. Apr. 25 – Communion Service**

Readings: Acts 4:1-12 Jn 21:1-14

**Sat. Apr. 26 – 10 AM Confirmandi**

Readings: Acts 4:13-21 Mk 16:9-15

**Sat. Apr. 26 2 PM Confirmandi**

**Sat. Apr. 26- 6 PM- Nancy Luysterborghs (dec)**

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

**Easter Sunday**

**Witness to Faith**

Reading I Acts 10:34, 37-43 (Peter's discourse)

Reading II Colossians 3:1-4 (mystical death and resurrection)

Or 1 Corinthians 5:6-8 (unleavened bread of sincerity and truth)

Gospel John 20:1-9 (Peter and the disciple at the tomb)

**Key Passage** Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed. (John 20:8)

**Adult:** What is your experience of resurrection in your own life or the life of your family?

**Child:** Jesus is with us today. How can you see him in the people around you in Church?

**WELCOME TO ANY VISITORS WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY!**

**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, Rich Rosado, Jerry Roy, Ines Sanchez, Roberto Sanson, Yrene Rey, 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:** O God, you unconditionally share your only son with all who believe in your name. On this holy day, receive our offerings as an affirmation of our commitment to be your faithful disciples. Strengthen our ability to be gifted stewards of your created world. We pray in the name of the Resurrected One, Jesus Christ, the Messiah. Amen. *John 20:1-18*

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

We were not able to print the collection for April 13<sup>th</sup> due to the printing schedule.

**THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD**



**EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS:**

For those who wish to make a contribution toward our beautiful Easter church flowers, envelopes can be found in the pews. Thank you!

**EMAIL** [office@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com](mailto:office@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com).

**WEBSITE** [www.preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com](http://www.preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com)

**SECOND COLLECTION** will be next weekend for the Home Missions Appeal. This appeal supports dioceses in the U.S. and its territories that lack the resources to provide basic pastoral ministry. Examples are the U.S. Virgin Islands, Diocese of St. Thomas and Diocese of Kalamazoo in Michigan.

**BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL** from our last report from the diocese: of the 950 households 272 have made pledges or 29% for a total of \$103,116 or 94% of our goal. Please contribute today and help the many aspects and services of our diocese.

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

**PRO-LIFE** "Give us the grace-When the sacredness of life before birth is attached, to stand up and proclaim that no one ever has the authority to destroy unborn life." *Pope John Paul II*

20<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for Life! Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://www.lwalkforlifeVA.com).

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

### **NEWS AND NEEDS**

**MUSIC** "ALLELUIA" We return to singing this term of great joy which is derived from the Hebrew "hallelu-jah" (praise the Lord!). The Lord is risen; the Kingdom has come; our joy is complete; and, in concert with the angels and saints we greet the risen Lord with shouts of "Alleluia!" (*Catholicism.about.com*) **Try seeing how many "Alleluias" your child can count in today's liturgy.**



**PLEASE PRAY** for our parish's confirmandi who will be receiving this beautiful Sacrament of Confirmation on Sat. April 26<sup>th</sup> with Bishop Loverde at the 10 AM and 2 PM Masses. **NOTE:** there will be no 8:30 Mass.



**SPRING YARD SALE** Yes, it is time for the Knights of Columbus to conduct their Spring Yard Sale, scheduled for **Sat. May 24<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

**FAITH DIRECT:** With spring here and summer approaching, now is a great time to enroll in the automatic electronic giving program with Faith Direct. Electronic giving, in place of envelopes, is simply the easiest way for you to make your weekly offering. **Faith Direct has two dates, the 4<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, for you to make your weekly offertory support.** Please consider enrolling by visiting [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code, **VA226**, or pick up an enrollment form from the church rectory office or in the church foyer.

**1<sup>ST</sup> HOLY COMMUNION MASSES** will be Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM and at the 6 PM Mass. **NOTE:** There will be no 8:30 Mass.

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES** will be on **May 5 & 12** from 7:30-9:15 p.m., in the downstairs rectory meeting room. All parents requesting baptism for their children are asked to attend (without children). Godparents are welcome. Call the rectory, 825-8945, to register.



**THE WORD AMONG US**, for the Easter season, entitled "Stories of Encounter" is available in the church foyer. Pick up your copy as you leave church today!

**HOLY SPIRIT INTERACTIVE (HSI)** will resume Wed. April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in annex. The Topic is "Growing Faith". All are welcome.

**EASTER DONATION:** Make a one-time donation using this QR code.





Kindergarten  
read 2287 books  
during the Pizza  
Hut Read Your

Heart Out challenge. They earned 23 free pizzas from October-March. A special congratulation to Christopher Perry, who was a Pizza Hut Super Reader. An exciting Epiphany Catholic School tradition is the **Annual Golf Tournament!** This year, the tournament is scheduled on **May 5th at 1 p.m.** at Culpeper Country Club Golf Course. Please consider getting together a group to enjoy this wonderful event. This tournament benefits the technology initiatives for our school

It is with bittersweet emotions that we announce our Middle School teachers Mrs. Perez and Mrs. Bumgarner, will be leaving Epiphany Catholic School at year's end. We are proud and excited for Mrs. Perez and Mrs. Bumgarner to be able to pursue new career opportunities. We will be welcoming new staff, ready and eager to join us in September 2014. Ms. Mary Johnston is our new fourth grade teacher. Ms. Johnston attended the University of Grand Canyon in Phoenix, AZ. She earned a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education, with a minor in English. Ms. Johnston has been teaching for two years at St. John the Evangelist School. Mr. Joshua Saibini will be teaching 6th and 7th grade language arts and history. He will also instruct religion in the middle school. He comes to us from Our Lady of Hope where he was the Middle School Team Leader. Mrs. Tina Randolph will be rejoining our Epiphany Family after serving the past three years as Science Department Head for Culpeper Middle School.

There is a new beginning and promise for our children of this religious community. Much excitement and enthusiasm is in the air. Epiphany Catholic School is moving in the right direction. We have increased enrollment, hired new teachers, incorporated state of the art technology, added sports program, and a new facility to house all these wonderful accomplishments. It is time that all of us become vested in the progress of our school. All of you can help with your time and effort.

## AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

**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)

**CAMP ST. CHARLES** is a Catholic over-night camp for boys and girls. For more information: [www.campstcharles.com](http://www.campstcharles.com) or call 301-934-8799.

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

**GO FORTH WITH HEARTS ON FIRE WORKSHOP** is a diocesan workshop based on Bishop Loverde's pastoral letter. This workshop is designed to bring a hands-on engagement with the contents of the letter, and how to apply them directly to your spiritual, personal, family and professional life. Sat. May 31 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Vienna. Morning option from 8:30-11:30 (\$25) or Full Day option 8:30-2 PM (\$40, lunch included)

**HELP FOR THE UNEMPLOYED AND UNDEREMPLOYED** Christians Are Networking (CAN), the all-volunteer jobs ministry of Catholic Charities of the Diocese offers support to anyone who is unemployed or struggling with career transition decision. Locally they meet here in Culpeper. Contact Margie Benitz at [culpepercan@gmail.com](mailto:culpepercan@gmail.com) or call 703-944-8450

**YOUNG @ HEART** friends on a journey of faith, love, sharing, helping and praying for one another and having fun. Open to all parishioners 55 and over. We meet at St. John's in Warrenton. NO Dues and NO Fund Raisers. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month after the 8:30 AM Mass. There is coffee, snacks, fellowship, a guest speaker, entertainment etc. Contact Mary Guyant at 540-347-5443.

## HE IS RISEN! HE IS TRULY RISEN!

There is obviously something extra-special about this weekend. It is Easter. Lent and Holy Week are over. The purple vestments and cloths that got us into the mood for our Lenten program of prayer and penance have been put away. In their place are gold and white vestments and an array of lilies and spring flowers that speak of fresh, new life.

The Alleluia has emerged from its six weeks of enforced silence – I hope you missed it! And today we sing it with a mood of victory and joy. The Easter Candle stands here as our shining sentinel that signals, like a pillar of fire, the triumph of light over darkness, of life over death.

Our prayers, readings and songs all tell of the Good News, the Best News of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Yes, indeed, this is Easter. Jesus Christ has risen! Alleluia!

On this extra-special day of Easter there is one more extra-special action that we do today. This action is our link with the light and the life of the risen Lord Jesus. This action is the Renewal of Baptismal Promises that we make right after the homily.

The Church is reminding us that it is in and through our baptism that we made our initial contact with the risen Lord. When we were baptized, we experienced in a symbolic but no less real way just what Jesus himself experienced in his death and resurrection.

By having us renew our baptismal promises, we are brought into personal contact with the risen Lord Jesus. This Easter Sunday is not just some exercise in nostalgia, not a pious remembering of what happened to Jesus over 2000 years ago in far off Jerusalem. This Easter Sunday is rather a renewal, the re-enactment of Jesus' resurrection here and now.

We have moved from death to new life. We publicly proclaim our belief in the God of life.

We believe in God the Father who created all life.

We believe in the Son Jesus Christ who came so that we might have life and have it more abundantly.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who constantly renews God's life within us by dwelling with us.

<http://thecatholicpriest.com/Homilies.html>

**Pope Francis:** Only trust in God can transform doubts into certainty, evil into good, night into radiant dawn.

