

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 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 26, 2015

“Fourth Sunday of Easter”

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. April 26

- 8:00 AM + Gerald Roy
- 11:30 AM + Claire Davis
- 4:00 PM – For the people

Mon. April 27 + Lewis Ellenhorn

Readings: Acts 11:1-18, Jn 10:1-10

Tues. April 28 Pat Reed (healing)

Readings: Acts 11:19-26, Jn 10:22-30

Wed. April 29 For the people

Readings: Acts 12:24-13:5a, Jn 12:44-50

Thurs. April 30 (+) Anna Mae Girard

Readings: Acts 13:13-25, Jn 13:16-20

Fri. May 1 (+) Reagan Flemming

Readings: Acts 13:26-33, Jn 14:1-6

Sat. May 2

Readings: Acts 13:44-52, Jn 14:7-14

- 8:30 AM + Rosalie Mary Parker

- 6:00 PM + Rosalie Mary Parker

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

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
Called to be shepherds**

- Reading I Acts 4:8-12 (the stone that has become the cornerstone)
- Reading II 1 John 3:1-2 (recognizing the Son)
- Gospel John 10:11-18 (the Good Shepherd)

Key Passage Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (John 10:11)

Adult Whom are you shepherding in your life right now, and who shepherd you?

Child Who has been like a shepherd to you by their example? For who could you be a shepherd?

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, Pat Ballard, Ric Barklund, Mike Bosma, Joyce Bosworth, Amber Bouchard, Mikey Bradford, Carroll Brooks, Chris Butler, Michael Combs, Roger Corum, Katherine Craig, Betty Craven, Barbara Crosby, Cynthia Davies, Bill Daley, James Driscoll, 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, Shawn Peet, Pat Price, Donald Rediske, James Robles, Adelfa Salvador, Ines Sanchez, Cissy Staiger, 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: Glorious God, we know that your capacity to love is infinitely greater than our own ability. Indeed, you call us to love one another in truth and in action. We yearn to be active disciples, so that our hearts truly abide with you. Use these gifts to increase our ability to be your followers. In the name of the One who laid down His life for us, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen. 1 John 3:16-24

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Collection (4/19)	\$ 8,485.70
Building Fund	\$ 25.00

BLA* \$ 108,194.00 or 28% of registered family (1075) 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



“Be shepherds with the smell of your sheep, in the midst of your people like Jesus the Good Shepherd”

-.Pope Francis

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

FRIDAY MASS on May 1st will be at Epiphany Catholic School.

SECOND COLLECTION today will be for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Many Dioceses right here in the United States do not have enough priests and trained lay ministers to serve their parishes. These dioceses are known as home missions. This 2nd collection will help support these dioceses by funding essential ministries, including seminary education and lay ministry training. Please help our home missions and share your resources to strengthen the Catholic Church at home.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION An Adorer is needed from 11:00 to noon on Thursday to come before the Blessed Sacrament in prayer. If you can sit at this time, please call Joanna at 540-829-2235.

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

ST. STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET Needs for this week: tuna, single serving microwavable meals (which do not need refrigeration), mixed vegetables, tooth care and general hygiene items.

ST. PETER JULIAN PRAYER CHAIN will pray for your prayer intentions. Call Joanna 825-2235 with your prayer needs.

CURSILLO An alternate group meeting will be held every Saturday at 9:15am in the Annex. All are welcome!

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.

PRAYERS: Please pray for Thelma Bousquet the mother of Jeanette Walters. As Ms. Bousquet went home to the Lord on April 19.

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.

THANK YOU We would like to thank the members of Precious Blood Catholic Church and Epiphany Catholic School for their loving concern, prayers, masses and loving gifts of service for Reagan and our family over her seven year battle with Ewing Sarcoma Bone Cancer. Your abundant generosity in the form of gifts, cards and donations has truly blessed us during very challenging times. We were so very pleased by her beautiful funeral and reception. Both were fused together by the talents and gifts of so many that she loved and held dear. Reagan's final wishes were to promote childhood cancer awareness, help families in medical crisis and to inspire others to trust completely in God's will. "Jesus, I Trust in You!"

Thank you for supporting her dream.

The Flemming Family

John and Mary, John Matthew, Reagan, Justin, Jake, Ryleigh, & Jack

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 HOMELAND 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.



We are very excited for the upcoming 2015-16 school year. Our enrollment continues to grow and for the second year we are closing classes due to enrollment. If you are considering a Catholic education for your preschooler, I encourage you to enroll your child in our preschool program. We have three/four year old programs that are filled with wonderful activities including new state of the art technology. By enrolling your child in our preschool program, this will guarantee a slot in our Kindergarten program. If you are interested in touring our school, please contact the office. We would be glad to show you around our school and all the wonderful things going on at Epiphany Catholic School. Again, I would like to thank you for your continued support of our school. If you would like to share your time and talent with the school please contact us either by phone or email. office@epiphanycatholicsschool.org 540-825-9017

Jim Oliver

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING will be held on May 10, 17, and 24 at 9:45a.m. If you are interested in being an altar server candidate, please contact the office or email gambale2@gmail.com

AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Help us support the Bishop's initiative on marriage! Couples who attend Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends not only rediscover the joy, intimacy & romance in their relationships, but also become more active in their parish. Together, we are making marriages, families and our Church stronger & healthier.

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. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are 18-20 September in Herndon or 6-8 November in Herndon. 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.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASS

The couple-to-couple League offers NFP classes throughout Northern Virginia. These consist of three 3-hour sessions spaced one month apart. Total cost for course & materials is \$160 per couple (Spanish courses are \$55). For more information, visit www.nfpvirginia.com. For virtual classes, <http://register.ccli.org/virtal>. For Spanish call 703-332-1054

"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>

The Good Shepherd

After Pentecost, when the Spirit was directing the Apostles, and giving them the courage and spark they needed to continue to preach Jesus' teachings and 'good news', they were not very welcomed by the establishment. It seems understandable to me, looking at it from the other side of the fence that the Jewish leaders did not want to hear about anything that would adapt their beliefs or stir up the people to believe in another God – for that was what the followers of Jesus seemed to them to be doing.

So Peter and John were apparently arrested on religious grounds and brought before the men in charge, along with the elders and the scribes. What had them upset was a healing that had taken place, apparently performed by Peter. Their question to Peter is very direct – they want to know what God gave him the power to do this miraculous cure. Peter is quite straightforward in his reply to them. He said that his cure was merely a good deed done to help someone, and it was not his power that achieved the cure, but it was the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

The Gospel today is pre-Easter and is once again about the metaphor of Jesus being the good shepherd. We have to remember that shepherding was not considered a great job in Jesus' day, and that many felt that shepherds were low and scum. Perhaps that is why Jesus is not just the shepherd, but the good shepherd. Good shepherds, ones who really takes their jobs seriously, will make sure that nothing happens to their flock, even if they put their own lives in danger. He will be the one that will fight the wolf who is attacking the flock, even if it puts his own life at risk.

Jesus calls himself the good shepherd in John. He is willing to die for his flock, his followers. And not just this flock, but he says there are other sheep out there, and he must gather them, and bring them into his protectiveness of his flock, until there is only one shepherd and one flock. The other sheep he is referring to are the Gentiles, and his present flock are the Jews.

What can we apply to our own lives today? If we are truly following the wishes of Jesus, at least in regards to what we read today, we will continue to try to be examples through the Spirit of what it means to be a good Christian, and allow others to see our light. Not many of us are ready to go door to door or to proclaim on street corners today, but I truly believe in the phrase – They'll know we are Christians by our love. If in all our dealings, we can be a reflection of Christ, people will see it and be attracted by it. And if the Spirit gives you the courage to invite others to join us, to celebrate with us, all the better. If it is through the name of Jesus that we can be saved, then we need to believe that with our whole heart and soul and act on it.

And this is the Good News that we need to reflect on and preach in our daily actions and lives.

<https://cacina.wordpress.com/2015/04/19/homily-for-the-4th-sunday-of-easter-year-b-2015-april-26/>

