

# 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  
[office@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com](mailto:office@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com)

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

May 3, 2015  
“Fifth Sunday of Easter”

**Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week**

**Sun. May 3**

- 8:00 AM Wyatt Smith (21<sup>st</sup> birthday)
- 11:30 AM + Dolores Knittle
- 4:00 PM + Efrain Martinez Lopez

**Mon. May 4 + Thomas Anthony Carey**

Readings: Acts 14:5-18, Jn 14:21-26

**Tues. May 5 Philip Perez (special intention)**

Readings: Acts 14:19-28, Jn 14:27-31a

**Wed. May 6 Damon Schlosser(special intention)**

Readings: Acts 15:1-6, Jn 15:1-8

**Thurs. May 7 – For the people**

Readings: Acts 15:7-21, Jn 15:9-11

**Fri. May 8 – For the people**

Readings: Acts 15:22-31, Jn 15:12-17

**Sat. May 9**

Readings: Acts 16:1-10, Jn 15:18-21

- 8:30 AM + Rosalie Moore
- 6:00 PM + Dolores Knittle

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

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Strengthening your Faith**

- Reading I Acts 9:26-31 (Saul visits Jerusalem)
- Reading II 1 John 3:18-24 (the action of believers)
- Gospel John 15:1-8 (the vine and the branches)

**Key Passage** (The vine grower) removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear fruit. (John 15:2)

**Adult** When have you been “pruned” by your experiences in a way that led to greater abundance?

**Child** When have you felt stronger or better because you did something hard to help another person?

**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, Mario Calvano, 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 Hescoc, 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, Efrén 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:** Holy Lord, you have perfected love among us by sending your son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. We humbly acknowledge your gift is an overwhelming pronouncement of grace. We share these tithes and offerings today with the hope that your children everywhere will be anointed with the knowledge that your perfect love casts out all fears. *1 John 4:7-21*

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Collection (4/26)	\$ 7993.15
Building Fund	\$ 328.00
Epiphany	\$ 56.00
Home Missions	\$ 2353.85

**FAITH DIRECT**

Collections	\$ 1835.00
Building Fund	\$ 120.00
Fountain for the Future	\$ 200.00
Epiphany	\$ 47.00

BLA\* \$ 108,294.00 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](http://faithdirect.com)



## THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

We welcome Benjamin Michael Oberg to our parish as he was baptized this past weekend. He is the son of Jonathan and Bethany Oberg.

FRIDAY MASS on May 8th will be at Epiphany Catholic School.

ALTAR SOCIETY The Altar Society will be holding their next meeting on May 8 following the daily mass. We will meet at Precious Blood Parish Hall, in the lounge downstairs. We will discuss summer events, daily routines, and hold elections for our new president. Please join us in our service to the Altar of our church. Duties may include: cleaning linens, brass, or wax spills, candle maintenance, funeral or baptismal preparations, or hanging or making banners. You can help daily or as needed. Please contact a member to be added to the email list to get information.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION An Adorer is needed to come before the Most Blessed Sacrament in prayer on Thursday from 8-9pm as an alternate. Please call Darren at 571-259-3779 if you are able to fill this need.

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](mailto:kathybcc@yahoo.com) or [office@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com](mailto:office@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com) Thank you!

MISSION HELP Christina Shaw will be speaking on her mission trip to Ecuador and Michelle Perez will be speaking on Catholic Mission Trip on May 9-10<sup>th</sup>. Please help with our local parishioners appeal.

ST. STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET Needs for this week: canned chicken, chicken helper, canned beef stew, canned vegetables: peas, beets, carrots.

### ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM

This Sunday's (May 3) session features the *EWTN "Journey Home Roundtable"* DVD in which Michael Cumbie shares his conversion story and some misconceptions he had about Catholics. He is a dynamic and humorous speaker who was raised Baptist. A short Q&A/discussion will follow.

All adults are welcome to attend this session from 9:40-10:40 am in the Parish Hall. This is the final adult ed session of the school year. Sessions will resume in the Fall after the start of CCD.

HOLY SPIRIT INTERACTIVE (HSI) Next meeting will be WEDNESDAY, May 20, at 7:00 pm at the home of Jill Devine (call [540-812-4576](tel:540-812-4576) for directions). Topic is "Dead Bones Rising." All are welcome.

MOTHER'S DAY Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet cards can be picked up in the foyer area of the church. Sign up your loved one today.



## NEWS AND NEEDS

YARD SALE The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual yard sale on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. You may drop off items at the rectory garage from May 18<sup>th</sup> to May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6pm-8:30pm. Contact Dennis with any questions 540.672.7552

WE PRAY FOR: Ed Ciardiello, a former parishioner who recently moved to New York, has gone home to be with the Lord this past week. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Please pray for safety for Meagan Kelley, Jean Landon's granddaughter, who is over in Nepal as a Humanitarian teaching English. Please pray for her and the people.

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 31<sup>st</sup> and we would like to recognize you and your achievements.



Last weekend our Epiphany students participated in the Diocesan Science Fair held at Paul VI in Fairfax. The competition included participation from 28 schools and 311 students. Epiphany students did a wonderful job displaying their projects. Two of our students, Steven Hoffman and Trinity Wenk, placed in the top three in their categories. Steven

placed third in Behavioral Science and Trinity placed second in Physics. Honorable Mention was also awarded Keeley Cooley.

Kindergarten completed their PALS (Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening) this week. The seventeen kindergarten students averaged a raw score of 84% with eight kindergarteners scoring over 90%. The class gained an average of 26 points over the school year, with 3 students gaining greater than 30 points and 3 students gaining more than 40 points. We still have one slot left in a Kindergarten program for the 2015-16 school year before we move to wait list. If you are interested please contact the school. 540-825-9017. Jim Oliver

**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** Today we are urged to love one another in deed and in truth. Musically, how do we love the people worshipping alongside us? Perhaps by helping someone find a hymn in the Music Issue? Perhaps by singing out so that others around us are encouraged to do the same? Our music ministers feel the love when they see our assembly opening their missalettes and raising a glorious sound to our Lord together. Help spread God's love today through song!



**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** will be held: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 in the Parish Hall from 9:00am - 2:00pm. Please register online at [Redcrossblood.org](http://Redcrossblood.org), or contact Mykelle Laws for details: [540-829-1190](tel:540-829-1190) or [mhlaws@aol.com](mailto:mhlaws@aol.com).

**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](mailto:gambale2@gmail.com)

"We know Jesus when  
we follow Him with not only our strength  
but also with our sins"  
-Pope Francis

**CCD NEEDS** Are you ready to explore a new calling, love to teach, and love the Lord? Then this is for you, CCD is looking for a 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> CCD teacher and also two 8<sup>th</sup> grade aides. Please contact Pat Reed at 540-825-1339

**ST.PETER JULIAN PRAYER CHAIN** Do you need an extra prayer? Our prayer chain will pray for your prayer intentions. Call Joanna Madorma at 540-829-2235 with your needed prayers.

### AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

**WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** Help us to support the Bishops' 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](http://renewmarriage-vanorth.org) or contact us at [applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org) or [703-378-4150](tel:703-378-4150).

### MARYLAND CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE:

*Seek A Retreat: Relax, Refresh, Discover!*

Join your sisters-in-Christ, quiet your soul, and listen to His voice. Seek to grow in Him through talks, Mass, sharing, journaling, music, walking, reflecting, and spending time with each other. As in all relationships, we must seek to nurture our relationship with Christ. Invite your sisters, mothers, daughters and friends. October 10 & 11, Mt. St Mary's University, Emmitsburg MD. Please contact Danielle in the office or email at [gambale2@gmail.com](mailto:gambale2@gmail.com)

# Open to surprises

Ask the Lord for “the grace to not be afraid when the Spirit, with confidence, tells me to take a step forward”. Also ask for the “apostolic courage to live life and not to make a museum of memories of our Christian life”.

The Pontiff focused in particular on the First Reading of the day, taken from the Acts of the Apostles (11:19-26), which tells that “after the first times of joy, after the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, there were beautiful moments in the Church, but also many problems”. One of these is seen in the fact that a few were preaching “the Gospel to Greeks, to pagans, to those who weren’t Israelites”. In fact, Francis explained, “this was so curious, it seemed a new doctrine”.

“The Church’s going forth is the work of the Holy Spirit. It is he who is at work”. Similarly “Jesus said to the Apostles: “I will send the gift of the Father and He will remind you and teach you”. How? By recalling what Jesus says and by referring to the prophecies: “This is why, in the first discourses, even that of St Stephen, there is a re-reading”, he clarified, “of all the prophecies. It is the work of the Holy Spirit, who makes us recall history with the Risen Jesus as the key: ‘and He will teach you the way’”.

They didn’t understand that God is the God of newness: ‘I make all things new’”. They didn’t understand “that the Holy Spirit came precisely for this reason, to renew us and constantly works to renew us”. Instead, “this caused fear. In the history of the Church we can see from then until today how much fear arose from the surprises of the Holy Spirit”.

It is necessary, he said, “Without prayer, there is no room for the Holy Spirit”. We must “ask God to send us this gift: ‘Lord, give us the Holy Spirit that we may discern in every moment what we have to do’”. However, this “doesn’t mean always repeating the same thing. The message is the same: but the Church goes forth, the Church goes forth with these surprises, with this newness of the Holy Spirit”.

The same idea is present in the passage from the day’s Reading regarding Barnabas, who is described as “a good man” and “full of the Holy Spirit”. This highlights that “in both there is the Holy Spirit, who lets the truth be seen”, something which we cannot do “on our own”. We can’t see it “with our intelligence”, the Pope said, explaining: “We can study all of salvation history, we can study all of theology, but without the Spirit we cannot understand. It is precisely the Spirit who lets us understand the truth or — to use Jesus’ words — it is the Holy Spirit who enables us to know Jesus’ voice: ‘My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me’”.

In this case too, the Pope said he was well aware of the objections that could be raised against his reasoning: “Father, why do you create so many problems? Let’s do things as we have always done them, that way we are more certain”. He responded that this hypothesis might be “an alternative”, but it would be “a sterile alternative; a ‘dead’ alternative”. What is much better, he concluded, is “with prayer, with humility, to take the risk of accepting what the Spirit asks us to change according to the time in which we live: this is the way”.

<http://www.news.va/en/news/mass-at-santa-marta-open-to-surprises>



