

# 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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May 4, 2014  
“Third Sunday of Easter”

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

**Sun. May 4 8:30 AM Stanley Tomaszewski (dec)**

**Sun. May 4 11:00 AM Ed Schwall (healing)**

**Mon. May 5- All members of the Martone family**

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

**Tues. May 6 All members of the Conroy family**

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

**Wed. May 7 – All members of the Chebuske family**

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

**Thurs. May 8 – Ralph Pander’s 89<sup>th</sup> birthday**

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

**Fri. May 9 – Elizabeth Roach (dec)**

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

**Sat. May 10- 8:30 AM –**

**St. Damien de Veuster, Priest**

Readings: Acts 9:31-42 Jn 6:60-69

**Sat. May 10 6PM – Uncle Godfrey**

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

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**Recognizing the Lord**

Reading I Acts 2:14, 22-33 (Peter’s discourse)

Reading II 1 Peter 1:17-21 (filial obedience)

Gospel Luke 24:13-35 (Emmaus)

**Key Passage** When he was at the table with the disciples, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. (Luke 24:30–31)

**Adult:** In what way have you come to know Jesus better through the breaking of the bread at Eucharist?

**Child:** When you join Jesus at the table of the Eucharist next Sunday, what would you like to thank him for?

**ALTAR FLOWERS** this weekend are in loving memory of Dolores Knittle from the Virag, Willis and Knittle families.



**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, Charles Hall, Ann Harrison, Joan Helton, Betty Hescox, Kate Dillon Hogan, Eileen Hunter, Alex Hyde, Jean Johnson, Freda Kratochvil, Ann Kroenert, Bryan Lorenz, Frank McPhillips, Efen Diaz Miguel, Jim Minihan, Marcia Peacock, Shawn Peet, Rich Rosado, Jerry Roy, Ines Sanchez, Roberto Sanson, Yrene Rey, Cissy Staiger, Ray Tap, Trey Sullivan Terry, Tracey Toomey, John Victor 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:** God of Truth and Light, we offer you these gifts with humble hearts. We yearn to share your unmistakable presence with all people. Strengthen and entrust us to be your faithful disciples.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Offertory Collection (4/27)	\$7,617.26
Catholic Home Missions	\$1,054.72
Epiphany (4/27)	\$26.00
Building Fund (4/27)	\$171.00

**THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD**

**RCIA** The next session will be **Tuesday, May 6th.** The start of Period IV, called Mystagogia.

**BISHOP’S LENTEN APPEAL** from our last report from the diocese: of the 952 households 321 have made pledges or 34% for a total of \$118,885 or **108% of our goal.** A big thank you to all who have participated.

**HOLY HOUR** will be **Mon., May 12th at 7:00 PM** in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Join us as we prayerfully gather in His presence and we seek our Mother's intercession for ourselves and for our world.

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

**PRO-LIFE Governments have spent billions of dollars to search out life on other planets. Doesn't it make you wonder what would happen if new life on another planet were to be discovered? Would it, too, be killed for convenience because it was deemed unwanted, as are millions of unborn babies in this country?**

**ST. STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET** needs vegetable soup, potato and rice dishes, crackers and hand soap.

**Congratulations** to the 95 new Confirmandi who received the Holy Spirit on Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Congratulations** to the 70 children who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **NEWS AND NEEDS**

**MUSIC** Our hymn for the presentation and preparation of gifts, Give Me Ears to Listen, was composed by Timothy R. Smith who wrote that: "In the midst of so many distractions and duties in our busy lives, this song is a prayer to hear God's word, to see the presence of



Christ in our lives, and then bear witness and share how we recognize God in our lives.



**SPRING YARD SALE** is scheduled for Sat. May 24 from 8 AM- 2 PM in the Parish Garage. Members of the Knights will be available Mon. May 19-Fri. May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6-8:30PM to accept your SALEABLE donations. To arrange for pick-up of large bulky items contact Joe Kratochvil 825-7273; Mario Calvano, 829-0690; or John Brown, 825-1681. Also delicious home-baked goods will be available from the Ladies Auxiliary. Shop early for the best selections.

**KOVAR:** The Knights of Columbus will be conducting their 39<sup>th</sup> Annual KOVAR Fundraising Drive for Virginians with ID (Intellectual Disabilities). We will be collecting outside of church after all the Masses on Sat. May 3 and Sun. May 4. We were successful in making our goal of \$13,000 last year and hope to raise \$13,200 this year.

**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.

**ALUMINUM COLLECTION** pick up will be next weekend **May 11<sup>th</sup>**. No steel please.



We had an amazing celebration last Saturday morning. Six of

our current students were joined by 8 Epiphany alumni students at the ten o'clock Confirmation Mass. They were confirmed by Bishop Loverde. The Confirmation Mass was beautiful and sacred. Many thanks to the sponsors, parents and teachers who worked so hard to make it a delightful celebration. It was wonderful to hear the message from Bishop Loverde to our students as he spoke about their commitment to God and fulfilling the sacrament. We are very proud of our newly confirmed Epiphany students for staying the course and committing to Christ as young adults.

**LADIES AUXILIARY** will meet **Mon. May 12th** at 3:30 PM in the Old Rectory.

**LEGION OF MARY** "The Legion of Mary presents the true face of the Catholic Church." (Pope St. John XXIII)

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES** If you are graduating High School this year, we would like you to contact the office and let us know. [office@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com](mailto:office@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com).

**MOTHER'S DAY** is May 11<sup>th</sup>. You may want to remember your mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, sister, aunt (living or deceased) with a **Mother's Day Remembrance Mass Card**. They can be found in the church foyer. They will be remembered in a Novena of Masses during the month of May. Envelopes can also be found in the pews.

**AAA WOMEN FOR CHOICE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN** begins next weekend and plastic baby bottles will be available in the back of the church. We ask that you take one home with you and fill it with loose change, bills or a check (made out to Precious Blood Catholic Church). Please return your bottle to the church no later than **June 1st**.

#### **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).

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE** Like on the journey to Emmaus we are often blind to seeing Jesus in our spouse. Learn how to see the goodness of Jesus in the one you love. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend will be Sept. 12-14 in Herndon.

**YOUNG @ HEART** My name is Mary Guyant at 540-347-5443, we have a Young @ Heart Group here at St. John's in Warrenton. We are 55 and over, who attend, participate, and keep active. We want to invite you to join us. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month after 8:30 Mass for coffee, snacks, and fellowship, guest speakers, entertainment, etc.

**GO FORTH WITH HEARTS ON FIRE WORKSHOP** is a diocesan workshop based on the pastoral letter by Bishop Loverde. 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 31st** at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Vienna, VA. Morning Session Option (8:30-11:30 AM cost is \$25 and does not include lunch) Full Day Option (8:30 AM-2:00 PM cost is \$40 does include lunch) Register at [www.arlingtondiocese.org/heartsonfire/workshop](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/heartsonfire/workshop).

**ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL** to honor the men and women of the armed services will be at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Sun. May 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM.

**COALITION TO END SEXUAL EXPLOITATION 2014 SUMMIT** This summit will provide issue training, organizational training and networking and strategizing. This will be May 16-17<sup>th</sup> at Tysons corner Marriott. For more info and to register [www.endexploitationsummit.com](http://www.endexploitationsummit.com) or call Dawn Hawkins at 202-393-7245

**"VATICAN II AND ECUMENICAL AND INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE FIFTY YEARS AGO: THE CRITICAL YEAR 1964"** Come and hear Dr. John Borelli speak on *Nostra Aetate* and the Church's Commitment to Dialogue on Wed. May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at St. Bernadette Church.

**2014 MARCH FOR MARRIAGE** will be June 19<sup>th</sup> in Washington DC on the Capitol Grounds. Visit [www.MarriageMarch.org](http://www.MarriageMarch.org). Stand Up. Protect Freedom. Defend Marriage.

**SAINT POPE JOHN XVIII:** A Vatican official told the pope it would be "absolutely impossible" to open the Second Vatican Council by 1963. "Fine, we'll open it in 1962," he answered. And he did. (Never constrain the workings of God.)

**Pope Francis:** We must not let ourselves fall into the vortex of pessimism. Faith can move mountains!

## On the Road to Emmaus and our Faith Journey

It is the day of the Resurrection. Two of Jesus' disciples are walking on the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus. They had faith in Jesus as the Messiah but their hopes have faded because they see the Crucifixion as a defeat. Before leaving town, they heard that the women found the tomb empty but they don't know about the Resurrection so the empty tomb only adds to their confusion and disappointment. Thus, we find them walking away from Jerusalem.

Do you ever feel the same way? Like you have had faith in Jesus but somehow you felt let down because things didn't go the way you hoped. And you just feel like walking away. This can be a normal, but not desirable, response in times of crisis.

While confused and disappointed, the two disciples were talking about what happened, probably trying to make some sense of it. They are trying to hold onto their faith.

It is here in this moment of difficulty that Jesus appeared to them. However, they were **prevented** from recognizing him so they talked to him like they would talk to anyone else. They are surprised when he doesn't seem to know anything about what has happened.

Jesus knows they don't understand. Before his Crucifixion, Jesus had been teaching them. But what they learned then was only the tip of the full teaching. Think of it in terms of an iceberg. What you might see floating above the water on an iceberg is in actuality only a small part. There is more underneath the surface. That is what our faith is like.

That is why Jesus appeared to them. He knew they wouldn't understand. So, Jesus explains to them all the prophecies and scriptures that referred to them. Yet, even though their hearts were burning with the words he spoke they did not recognize Jesus. It is only when they sat down to share a meal together that they recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

In the midst of their confusion and their loss of hope of a messiah, Jesus appeared to the disciples. They, like us, were also on a journey of faith, where God is at the end of the road. **But Jesus does not wait for us to come to him. He comes to meet us** in the daily events of our lives but he does not always make his presence known.

It is a mystery.

We have taken an important step in coming to Mass today to understand that mystery.

Thus, in the story of the road to Emmaus, we see the basic structure of our Mass. We begin with the Liturgy of the Word, after a short greeting and then we celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Vatican II spoke of active participation. Not just singing the hymns but really listening to the Word and the homily and what it means to us individually and as a society.

The Eucharistic prayer includes a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to come upon the gifts of bread and wine. There is also a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to come upon us to that we may become "*one body, one spirit in Christ.*"

Listen to the Word, prayers and open your hearts to God and let them burn with the fire of faith.

