

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 11, 2014
“Fourth Sunday of Easter”

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week:

Sun. May 11 8:30 AM Kathleen Bouchard (special intention)

Sun. May 11 11:00 AM Elenor Adams (dec)

Sun. May 11 4 PM Jose Santos Gamez (dec)

Mon. May 12- Peg Rymalowiz (dec)

Sts. Nereus, Achilleus and Pancras, Martyrs

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

Tues. May 13 Sharon Depue (dec)

Our Lady of Fatima

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

Wed. May 14 Kathy Mawn (healing)

St. Matthias, Apostle

Readings: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Jn 15:9-17

Thurs. May 15 – Laura Hyde (dec)

22nd Ordination Anniversary of Fr. Anselme

St. Isidore

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

Fri. May 16 – Mother of Jim Neighbors (dec) and

Rusty Jenkins (dec)

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

Sat. May 17- 8:30 AM – Peg Rymalowicz (dec)

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

Sat. May 17 6PM – Paolo Caliari (dec)

(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 2:14, 36-41 (Peter's discourse)

Reading II 1 Peter 2:20-25 (for the slave)

Gospel John 10:1-10 (the Good Shepherd)

Key Passage [The shepherd] goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. (John 10:4)

Adult: How are you a shepherd to those in your care?

Child: What will you do this week to show you love those around you?

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.



ALTAR FLOWERS This weekend are in memory of Richard and Marie Dowset Wedding

Anniversary. You may request flowers. Many weekends are available.



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, Efren 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: Heavenly Father, we seek to be the sheep of your holy pasture. As we dedicate these offerings, help us to examine carefully the deepest recesses of our own hearts. Guide our ways so that we may share abundantly your love and your compassion with those seeking your pasture. Amen.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Offertory Collection (5/4)	\$11,343.09
Epiphany (5/4)	\$536.00
Building Fund (5/4)	\$1,248.00

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

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.

ALUMINUM COLLECTION is this weekend **May 11th**. No steel please.

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

MOTHER'S DAY is today. 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 June.

HOLY SPIRIT INTERACTIVE (HSI) Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 14, at 7:00 pm in the Annex. Topic is "Be a Superstar." All are welcome.

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


RCIA The next session will be **Tuesday, May 13th**. The start of Period IV, called Mystagogia.

PRO-LIFE "Selfishness and fear are at the root of (pro-abortion) legislation...We in the Church have a great struggle to defend life...life is a gift not a threat." *Pope Benedict XVI*

ST.STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET needs saltine crackers, flavored pasta sauce, pork & beans, hand soap and canned chicken/chicken helper.

SECOND COLLECTION will be next weekend for the Diocesan Retired Priests. Currently there are 21 retired priests who served our diocese and an additional 17 diocesan priests who are anticipated to retire within the next 10 years. Please consider donating to this special collection. Thank you for your support.

NEWS AND NEEDS

 **MUSIC** A special thank you to our Children's Choir serving as music ministers today for our 11:00 mass this weekend. If you are a young parishioner in grades 2-6 and love to sing, join us when we serve on June 15th (Father's Day) at the 11:00 mass! Please contact Mrs. Gina Rossetti at 540-937-2320 or eprossetti@yahoo.com for more information.

Pope Francis: What does "evangelize" mean? To give witness with joy and simplicity to what we are and what we believe in.



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 23rd 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.

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

KOVAR: The Knights of Columbus will be conducting their 39th Annual KOVAR Fundraising Drive for Virginians with ID (Intellectual Disabilities). 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 4th or 15th of the month, for you to make your weekly offertory support.** Please consider enrolling by visiting 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.

COTTON-CANDY FOR CANCER Faith Gil, a parishioner and owner of Lollipop Station on E. Davis St. is to hold a fundraiser on **Mon. May 12 from 4-8 PM**. This is to help Regan Flemming raise money for her Relay for Life Team. Stop by and get some cotton-candy and help in the fight against cancer.

AAA WOMEN FOR CHOICE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN plastic baby bottles are available in the back of the Church. Please take one home and fill it with our contribution to the pregnancy center and **return** to the church by **June 1**. Please make your checks payable to Precious Blood. Thank you for your generosity.



On Monday May 5th we had our annual Golf Outing. It was a great day of

fellowship with parents, students and parishioners of Epiphany Catholic School and Precious Blood Church. Everyone enjoyed a fun filled afternoon. Thank you to all that attended and for your support of catholic education. A very special thank you to Kevin McNamara and Dean Virag for chairing the event.

Epiphany's NJHS is sponsoring a Movie Night in the Parish Hall on Friday, May 23rd from 6-8 pm. Bring your pillows and comfy clothes to have a sing-a-long to the Disney classic Aladdin! Bring your spare change to buy raffle tickets for chances to win prizes. Concessions will also be for sale by the NJHS members. Enjoy an evening of fun at Epiphany! The students in Second Grade celebrated last Saturday May 3, 2014 their First Holy Communion. We are very proud of Jacob Adams, Natalie Allen, Martina Borgia, Hailey Hatfield, Monica Lee, Vincent Metz, Rosemary Petrovitch, Austin Tingler, Faith Tingler and Abigail Virag for fulfilling the sacrament.

AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

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.

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.

ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES 20TH 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 18th 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 16-17th at Tysons corner Marriott. For more info and to register www.endexploitationsummit.com or call Dawn Hawkins at 202-393-7245

2014 MARCH FOR MARRIAGE will be June 19th in Washington DC on the Capitol Grounds. Visit www.MarriageMarch.org. Stand Up. Protect Freedom. Defend Marriage.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Part-time teller position at BB & T. Must be fluent in both English and Spanish. Apply for requisition #412089 - 703 James Madison Hwy, Culpeper, VA Apply online at BBT.com/careers Please use the specific six-digit requisition number for the position of interest.

NFB BELL BRAILLE PROGRAM Across the country, affiliates of the National Federation of the Blind (NFB) are gearing up for the 2014 NFB Braille Enrichment for Literacy and Learning (BELL) season. The NFB BELL Program is a two-week-long summer course focusing on Braille literacy for blind and low-vision students. Please find more information for each program and the application at www.nfb.org/bell-program. If you have any other questions, contact Natalie Shaheen at nshaheen@nfb.org.

MATURE CAREGIVERS WANTED Serving Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, Orange, and Rappahannock county areas. To become part of the ACTI-KARE RESPONSIVE IN-HOME CARE team as a Caregiver. Please call Linda Lamb (540)727-0024

SMART 911 SERVICE is being offered nationwide. It is free to citizens by our local 911 and public safety agencies. Register now online to further protect your family and loved ones. Information and instructions have been inserted into the bulletin. Additional copies are available at the church office.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations, a day that Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. Christian thinking on vocation has been summarized in one profound saying: "All are priests, some are priests, only one is a priest." The unique priesthood of our Lord Jesus Christ, the *one* mediator between God and humanity has always been acknowledged by Christians. The universal priesthood of *all* believers, the sharing of all the baptized in the priesthood of Christ, has received special emphasis since Vatican II. What seems to be hard for many people today to understand is the ministerial priesthood of *some* of the faithful, those who are called to make a lifelong commitment to serve as ordained ministers. This misunderstanding, among other things, is at the root of the vocation crisis in the Church. If we understood more clearly the true nature and meaning of ordained ministry then we would be in the position to encourage both ourselves and others to respond to God's call to this way of life.

A society of missionary priests used to advertise themselves with this jingo, "Join us and see the world." This ad promises the would-be missionary a life of world-wide sightseeing but says nothing of the sacrifice that is part and parcel of the daily life of missionaries. An ad like that could easily lead to a misunderstanding of the meaning of ordained ministry for those who read the ad and go on to become priests. Today's gospel, on the other hand, gives us a very different picture of ministry. The gospel talks of shepherds. The Latin word for shepherd is "*pastor*," which is what we call an ordained minister who is responsible for ministering to a Christian community or parish. To understand the work and life entailed by the priestly vocation we need to go back to Jesus' teaching on the good shepherd.

The life of the shepherd in biblical times was one of personal self-giving and sacrifice. His work was that of watchful care and closeness to the flock. There were two kinds of shepherds. There

was the hired hand for whom keeping the sheep was just the available job. He moved from flock to flock depending on the conditions of service and he would not risk his life for them. Seeing wolves or thieves coming, he would flee for dear life and leave the flock at the mercy of the invaders. Jesus said that he is not that kind of shepherd.

Then there is the shepherd-owner of the flock who grows up with the flock and stays with the same flock all his life. He knows each and every sheep in the flock individually. He calls each one by name and could tell you the personal story of each one of the sheep, when and where it was born, the problems it has had in life, its personal characteristics, etc. He attends to the individual needs of each and every one of them. He knows which ones are likely to lag behind after a long walk and he would carry them in his arms. He knows which ones were likely to stray from the flock and he would keep an eye on them when they came to dangerous places. He knows which ones are pregnant and need special food. When attacked by wolves or thieves he would risk his life and fight to defend his flock. He is the good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus is the good shepherd. He laid down his life for the flock, that is, the church. In a general way he invites everyone in the Church to share in the work of caring for the flock in our own little ways. But he also calls some people from among us to a life-long commitment to the work of shepherding the flock of God. These people are called to share more closely than the rest of the believers in the life and work of Jesus the Good Shepherd. If today you should hear God's voice calling you to this way of life, harden not your hearts. And if you do not hear God calling you to this way of life, then do everything in your power to encourage those who are called to it and who struggle even with faltering steps to follow the footsteps of Jesus the good shepherd.

By Fr Munachi E. Ezeogu, cssp

