

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 25, 2014
“Sixth Sunday of Easter”

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week:

Sun. May 25 8:30 AM Ruth Bader Ginsburg (special intention)

Sun. May 25 11:00 AM Marian O'Brien for her birthday

Mon. May 26 Damon Schlosser (dec)

St. Philip Neri, Priest; Memorial Day
Readings: Acts 16:11-15 Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tues. May 27 Clarence Thomas (special intention)

St. Augustine of Canterbury
Readings: Acts 16:22-34 Jn 16:5-11

Wed. May 28 Anthony Kennedy (special intention)
Readings: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 Jn 16:12-15

Thurs. May 29 – Antonin Scalia (special intention)
The Ascension of the Lord
Readings: Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20

Fri. May 30 – Frank Roesch (dec)
Readings: Acts 18:9-18 Jn 16:20-23

Sat. May 31- 8:30 AM – Dan Peacock (dec)
The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Readings: Zep 3:14-18 or Rm 12:9-16 Lk 1:39-56

Sat. May 31 6PM – Kathy and Rusty Mawn (special intention)

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter
The Strength of Faith

Reading I Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 (Philip in Samaria)

Reading II 1 Peter 3:15-18 (on Christian suffering)

Gospel John 14:15-21 (promise of the Paraclete)

Key Passage Jesus said, "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever." (John 14:16)

Adult: The Spirit gives us inner wisdom and strength. When have you experienced this?

Child: The Holy Spirit makes you strong inside. When do you need to be strong?



ALTAR FLOWERS are in celebration of James and Alicia Byram's wedding.

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, 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, Billy Hall, Ann Harrison, Betty Hescox, Kate Dillon Hogan, Eileen Hunter, Alex Hyde, Jean Johnson, Ann Kroenert, Mary Logan, Bryan Lorenz, Frank McPhillips, Phillip Leo Mercer, Efen Diaz Miguel, Jim Minihan, Beth Moreland, Marcia Peacock, Shawn Peet, Rich Rosado, Jerry Roy, Ines Sanchez, Roberto Sanson, Yrene Rey, Cissy Staiger, Ray Tap, 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: Generous and loving God, we remember, the others who have encouraged us, people who have taught us, that we have been forgiven and been loved. We admit that we haven't done it all ourselves. We pray that the money will be used to encourage, to teach, to forgive, and to love in Jesus' name. **Amen. John 14:15-21**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Offertory Collection (5/18)	\$9,656.41
Retired Diocesan Priest Collection	\$2,912.00
Epiphany (5/18)	\$15.00
Building Fund (5/18)	\$793.00
Work Camp to date	\$1,581.00
Baby Bottle to date	\$265.37



THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

CONGRATULATIONS to James Byram and Alicia Byram who were united together in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, May 24th.

WE PRAY FOR Elizabeth Carlton Occhiogrosso who recently passed on to her heavenly reward.

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Monday May 26th for the Memorial Day holiday.

CCD TEACHER MEETING with Fr. Anselme on Wed. May 28th at 7 PM in the Parish Hall.

CONFIRMATION TEACHERS MEETING with Fr. Anselme on Wed. June 4th at 7 PM in the Parish Hall.

BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL from our last report from the diocese: of the 949 households 331 have made pledges or 35% for a total of \$122,545 or **112% of our goal.** A big thank you to all who have participated.

HOLY SPIRIT INTERACTIVE (HSI) Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 28, at 7:00 pm in the Annex. Topic is "Anger Management." All are welcome.

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

SECOND COLLECTION next weekend will be for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Our lives are affected constantly by the messages communicated through the Internet. Through the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC), Catholics can use this new public square to "effectively promote the harmony of the human family." (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI)

PRO-LIFE "You are called to stand up for life! To respect and defend the mystery of life always and everywhere, including the lives of unborn babies, giving real help and encouragement to mothers in difficult situations. You are called to work and pray against abortion." *Pope St. John Paul II*

AAA WOMEN FOR CHOICE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN plastic baby bottles are available in the back of the church. **Return** to the church by **June 1.** Please make your checks payable to Precious Blood. Thank you for your generosity.

ST.STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET needs pancake mix/syrup, flavored pasta sauce and jelly.

NEWS AND NEEDS



MUSIC Summer Choir practices begin! on June 15 in the Parish Hall. If you are a singer/musician of middle school age and up, please join us in serving for our summer liturgies. Please contact Mr.

Kyle Masson at 540-229-4336 or kmass08@su.edu for more information.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION MASS All graduating high school seniors are asked to attend the 11 AM Mass on June 1st. Please wear your cap and gown. Please let the office the high school you are graduating from and if you will be present.

LEGION OF MARY "Yours is an eminently Marian spirituality. . .you intend to render your service to every person, who is the image of Christ, with the spirit and the solicitude of Mary." (Pope St. John Paul II speaking to a group of Legionaries in 1982). Ask the Blessed Mother if she is calling you to work with her in her Legion. Contact J. Beattie (987-8315 or jarbb234@yahoo.com) for more information.

THANK YOU AND GOODBYE to Andy and Lupita Trejo for all they have done with the parish. They will be moving to Texas and we wish them all the very best in this next stage of their life.

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.



Students all week have been dedicating their morning prayers

to our men and women who have served or are serving in the military to honor and protect our Freedom. I had the opportunity to speak with students whose fathers, mothers, sisters and brothers and grandparents had served our country and thanked them sharing their stories. I personally want to thank all the men and women of our religious community who have served our country for their sacrifice for our freedom. This Memorial Day, let us remember all who have served and sacrificed for this great nation. On Tuesday our students participated in the Battle of the Books an annual reading competition event open to all fifth and sixth grade students in the area served by Arlington Diocese. Throughout the entire school year, students discuss and study books in relation to genre, plot, and theme. Special congratulations go to 5th grade students Riley Fay and Rebecca Watts and 6th grade students, Nick Di Guilio, Maricruz, Hernandez and Kaitlyn Storey who represented Epiphany Catholic School in Tuesday's final Battle of the Books competition held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Arlington.

SUMMER JUICE BOX DRIVE Thank you for your enthusiastic response to the Power Pack Program! We've collected 130 juice boxes and \$290 in cash donations. Please place your juice boxes in the bright green box in the church foyer. Our goal is 2,500 100% juice boxes by Aug. 1. Interested in the Golf Tournament on June 2nd at Fauquier Springs? Contact Kelly Wilton for more information. (wilton3knr@yahoo.com or 825-4795) Thank your for your support and for helping to feed the Culpeper's hungry children!

AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

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.

DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN will be Friday, June 13 to June 15. This annual retreat is an ideal opportunity for any discerning women (ages 18-50) Those interested should contact the Office of Vocations.

PROJECT RACHEL has a new website for post-abortive clients is www.helpafterabortion.org. For more information call 888-456-HOPE (4673).

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.



MEMORIAL DAY, an American holiday observed on the last Monday of May, honors men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, due to the practice of decorating graves of soldiers. It originated in the years following the Civil War. On May 5, 1868 General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, officially declared Memorial Day. It was first observed later that month on May 30th when the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers were decorated at Arlington National Cemetery. It then became an official federal holiday in 1971.

(Thank you to all the men and women who are our heroes, they are the reason that we are free.)

Pope Francis: The one who listens attentively to the Word of God and truly prays, always asks the Lord: what is your will for me?

LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED

Those who welcome the Holy Spirit will have a solid and endless peace, unlike those who choose to “superficially” trust in the tranquility offered by money or power. This was Pope Francis’ message at Mass Tuesday morning (May 20th) in Casa Santa Marta.

The peace offered by things - money, power, vanity – and peace in Person, the Holy Spirit. The first is always in danger of vanishing - "My peace I give you". A peace, says the Pope, which differs completely from the "peace that the world gives us", because "it is somewhat superficial" it offers a “degree of calm, even a certain joy”, but only "up to a certain point":

"For example, it offers us the peace of wealth: 'I am at peace because I have everything I need, everything organized for my whole life, I do not have to worry ... '. This is a peace that the world gives. Do not worry, you won't have any problems because you have so much money ... the peace of wealth. And Jesus tells us not to trust this peace, because with great realism he tells us: 'Look, there are thieves ... thieves can steal your wealth!' A stock market crash and all your money is gone! It is not a secure peace: It is a superficial temporal peace".

Pope Francis also examined two other types of worldly peace. The first, the peace of "power" does not work either – he pointed out – because “a coup can stake it away”. Think, he added, what happened to the "peace of Herod" when the Magi "told him that the King of Israel was born: that peace vanished immediately". Or the peace of "vanity", which Pope Francis termed a

"peace of conjecture", today you are greatly appreciated and tomorrow you will be insulted, "like Jesus between Palm Sunday and Good Friday. Instead, the peace that Jesus gives is of a completely different substance:

"The peace of Jesus is a Person, the Holy Spirit! On the same day of the Resurrection, He comes to the Upper Room and His greeting is: 'Peace be with you. Receive the Holy Spirit'. This is the peace of Jesus: it is a Person, it is a great gift. And when the Holy Spirit is in our hearts, no one can remove His peace. No one! It is a definitive peace! So what is our task? To custody this peace. Safeguard it! It is a great peace, a peace that is not mine, is belongs to another Person who gives it to me, another Person who is in my heart and accompanies me all the days of my life. The Lord has given it to me".

This peace is received at Baptism and Confirmation, but above all - says Pope Francis - "we receive it like a child who receives a gift" "without conditions, with an open heart". We must custody the Holy Spirit without “imprisoning Him”, asking for help from this "great gift" of God

"If you have this peace of the Spirit, if you have the Holy Spirit within you, and you are aware of this, let not your heart be troubled. Be sure and this is the peace of Jesus. The presence of the Spirit that makes our heart be at peace. Not anesthetized, no! At peace! Aware, but at peace with the peace that only God's presence gives."