

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

Will begin again in September.

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
www.preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com

June 14, 2015

“Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time.”

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. June 14

- 8:00 AM + Aster Delacruz
- 11:30 AM + George M. Connell
- 4:00 PM For the People

Mon. June 15 Betty Craven (healing)

Readings: 2 Cor 6:1-10, Mt 5:38-42

Tues. June 16 Jim Minihan (healing)

Readings: 2 Cor 8:1-9, Mt 5:43-48

Wed. June 17 + John McGovern

Readings: 2 Cor 9:6-11, Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thurs. June 18 Mary Larson (special intention)

Readings: 2 Cor 11:1-11, Mt 6: 7-15

Fri. June 19 Father's Day Novenas

Readings: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Mt 6:19-23

Sat. June 20

Readings: 2 Cor 12:1-10, Mt 6:24-34

- 8:30 AM + Andrew Windland
- 6:00 PM + Rosalie Moore

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time "Living in God's Kingdom"

Reading I Ez 17:22-24 (Prophecy of the restoration of Israel)
Reading II 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (walking in faith)
Gospel Mark 4:26-34 I (seed grows by itself and the mustard seed)

Key Passage Yet when {the mustard seed} is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade. (Mark 4:32)

Adult What is the "good soil" that has allowed your faith to grow like the mustard seed and provide shelter for others?

Child How do you help your faith grow like the mustard seed?

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, 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, Bud Franklin, 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, Rose Mealia, Phillip Leo Mercer, Efren Diaz Miguel, Jim Minihan, Beth Moreland, Elizabeth Mott, Mary Neureither, Shawn Peet, Donald Rediske, James Robles, Josefa Ramirez, Adelfa Salvador, Ines Sanchez, Cissy Staiger, Jeremy Wilson, Susan Wynn, Fr. Leo Zonneveld 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, you have offered us such abundance. We are so very blessed. Yet, we often think that we have so little. Some of us may even feel as though our gift is too small. Thank you for reminding us that even our mustard seed-sized gift may grow beyond our individual possibility. So, today we place before you all amounts of gifts – some quarters from children, some \$1 bills from adults, some larger bills and checks – knowing that you transform our scarcity into your abundance. Thanks be to God. Amen.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Collection (5/31)	\$ 9,912.72
Building Fund	\$ 742.00
Epiphany	\$ 430.00
Diocesan Retired Priests	\$ 2,207.68

BLA: 112,094 pledged which is 97% of our goal.
313 families of 1129 for 28% of families pledged

FAITH DIRECT *Busy making plans for your summer vacation?* Don't forget to include Precious Blood Parish in your vacation plans! Sign up today for eGiving through *Faith Direct* for to make sure you remember your gifts to Precious Blood Parish while you're off enjoying the summer. Our Parish Code is VA226 at www.faithdirect.net Thank you!!

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

ALTAR FLOWERS today are in memory of John McGovern Jr. given by Mary Anne McGovern.

ALTAR FLOWERS are available for request. Please stop by the office

WE WELCOME Reagan Ann Deal to our Parish as she was baptized on June 6th, 2015. She is the daughter of Jason Deal and Sarah Vital

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kensie-Wright who were married on June 3rd. Carol Patricia Moran is the daughter of Deacon Ramon and Daysi Tirado.

MUSIC MINISTRY: CHILDREN'S CHOIR

PRACTICE will be **today** from 10:00-11:00 am in the church as we prepare to serve for the 11:30 am mass next week in honor of Father's Day. If you are a singer in grades 2-7, please come join us in song!!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be having their social meeting tomorrow, June 15th at the *Old Brandy Station Fire Hall*. If you have any questions please call Dennis at 540-672-7552.

ST. STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET Needs for this week: canned corn, canned soup, canned meat, fruit. Thank you!!!

FATHER'S DAY: Father's Day Novenas Spiritual Cards can be found in the back of the foyer area of the church. Sign up your loved one today.

WORK CAMP keep our Work Camp Teens in your prayers as they head off to Shenandoah Valley on June 20th. Thank you for all your support through this wonderful adventure.

NEWS AND NEEDS

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, or contact Mykelle Laws for Details: [540-829-1190](tel:540-829-1190) or mhlaws@aol.com

DIRECTORY PICTURES: After Mass please see Danielle in the foyer to sign up for pictures for the June session. Or any questions please feel free to contact Danielle in the office or call 540-825-8490.

POWER PACK PROGRAM Last year you helped feed hundreds of local school children. This year the program has grown. Kelly Wilton will share this year's information on June 27-28 about the program for 2015-2016. Any questions please contact Kelly at wilton3knr@yahoo.com.

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 kathyhbcc@yahoo.com or office@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com



A huge thank you to Mrs. Beverstock and all the volunteers that came out to help run the activities at Field Day!! It was a great success. It could not happen without the support of our volunteers and teachers! God blessed us with a special day full of sunshine and fellowship. Thank You! To our eighth grade students, we thank you for all of your hard work during your time at Epiphany Catholic School. We know you are ready for the excitement and challenge of High School. We look forward to hearing about your accomplishments and triumphs in the coming years. Please come back to share those wonderful stories with us.

I ask for your support and prayers as we continue to grow our ministry to serve the children of this religious region. May you have a wonderful blessed summer. Principal James Oliver.

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 3rd and 4th CCD teacher and also two 8th grade aides. Please contact Pat Reed at 540-825-1339

CURSILLO will be having a Diocesan Ultreya/ picnic on July 25th at St. Peter's Catholic Church, keep an eye out for further details.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: We are happy to announce an exciting and fun bible school ahead. We invite your child to attend "Growing with the Saints" Vacation Bible that will be held on July 19th thru the 23rd. For further information please contact Mary Flemming at flemming_family@yahoo.com

WHERE IS GOD? How do I find him? How do I know all this stuff is true? Mark your calendars for **LADIES EVENING TEA:** for ladies of middle school age and up on Wednesday evening, July 8th at 7:00 pm and **GUYS PIZZA NIGHT:** for guys of middle school age and up on Wednesday evening, August 5th at 7:00 pm, both events in the parish hall. Come with your questions and doubts and hear the faith journeys of some ladies or guys who have walked similar or different paths to find answers to those same questions. Call Kathy at 825-8945 for more information.

CHRISTIANS ARE NETWORKING (CAN) If your job search is at a standstill call the CAN volunteers. We will be available every Tuesday evening by appointment, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the Precious Blood Parish Hall Facility Lounge. Christians are Networking (CAN) volunteers provide assistance with resume writing, job search, interview skills, and much more. Call now for your appointment 540-422-0907 or email culpepercan@gmail.com.

IHM CONFERENCE: Please join us for the Immaculate Heart of Mary Homeschool Conference on June 19th and 20th at the Fredericksburg Expo Center. Learn more about parenting and homeschooling from Catholic leaders in the field of education. Go to www.ihmconference.org for more information. Now is the time to gather the information to get your child started!!

**“God is not afraid of
new things!”
-Pope Francis**

AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Today's readings talk about God's children being plants that grow, flourish and bear fruit. Do we reflect this in our own lives and in our marriage relationship? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are on 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](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 email Danielle at gambale2@gmail.com

JOB OPENINGS:

Bishop Ireton High School in Alexandria, VA has an immediate opening for the position of Director of Instruction (Principal). We are looking for applicants with outstanding experience in secondary teaching and at least five years of executive administrative experience. Should you know a qualified individual who would make for an effective Catholic high school Principal, please direct him or her to <http://www.catholicjobs.com/job/5998119939>, or to Sandi Day, Executive Assistant to the Head of School, at days@bishopireton.org.

Epiphany Catholic School is looking for a Preschool aide for the 4 year class. If you have any interested please contact the school at 540-825-9017.

Can Your Faith Grow Like a Mustard Seed?

What can mustard seeds teach us about the kingdom of God? The tiny mustard seed literally grew to be a tree which attracted numerous birds because they loved the little black mustard seed it produced. God's kingdom works in a similar fashion. It starts from the smallest beginnings in the hearts of men and women who are receptive to God's word. And it works unseen and causes a transformation from within. Just as a seed has no power to change itself until it is planted in the ground, so we cannot change our lives to be like God until God gives us the power of his Holy Spirit.

The Lord of the Universe is ever ready to transform us by the power of his Spirit. Are you ready to let God change you by his life-giving Word and Spirit? The kingdom of God produces a transformation in those who receive the new life which Jesus Christ offers. When we yield to the Lord Jesus and allow his word to take root in us, our lives are transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. Paul the Apostle says, *"we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us"* (2 Corinthians 4:7). Do you believe in the transforming power of the Holy Spirit?

It is up to us to sow this mustard seed in our minds and let it grow within us into a great tree of understanding reaching up to heaven and elevating all our faculties; then it will spread out branches of knowledge, the pungent savor of its fruit will make our mouths burn, its fiery kernel will kindle a blaze within us inflaming our hearts, and the taste of it will dispel our unenlightened repugnance. Yes, it is true: a mustard seed is indeed an image of the kingdom of God. Christ is the kingdom of heaven. Sown like a mustard seed in the garden of the virgin's womb, he grew up into the tree of the cross whose branches stretch across the world. Crushed in the mortar of the passion, its fruit has produced seasoning enough for the flavoring and preservation of every living creature with which it comes in contact. As long as a mustard seed remains intact, its properties lie dormant; but when it is crushed they are exceedingly evident. So it was with Christ; he chose to have his body crushed, because he would not have his power concealed....

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"Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and transform me into the Christ-like holiness you desire. Increase my zeal for your kingdom and instill in me a holy desire to live for your greater glory."

<http://www.rc.net/wcc/readings/jun14.htm>

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