

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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July 6, 2014
“Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time”

THIS WEEK WE WELCOME Father Gus Gordon from Food for the Poor who will be celebrating with us today.

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week:

Sun. July 6 8:30 AM – Doris Yates (dec)

Sun. July 6 11:00 AM- Pat DiiBon

Mon. July 7- Ann Kroenert (dec)

Readings: Hos 2:16, 17b, 21-22 Mt 9:18-26

Tues. July 8- Jim Minihan (healing)

Readings: Hos 8:4-7 11-13 Mt 9:32-38

Wed. July 9- Leo Sheehan (dec)

St Augustine Zhao Rong and companions, martyrs

Readings: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 Mt 10:1-7

Thurs. July 10 - Jack Corcoran (dec)

Readings: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9 Mt 10:7-15

Fri. July 11 - LeRoy Girard dec

St. Benedict, Abbot

Readings: Hos 14:2-10 Mt 10:16-23

Sat. July 12- 8:30 AM Ann Kroenert (dec)

Is 6:1-8 Mt 10:24-33

Sat. July 12 6PM - Ann Kroenert (dec)

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

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I Zechariah 9:9-10 (restoration under The Messiah)

Reading II Romans 8:9, 11-13 (indwelling of the Spirit)

Gospel Matthew 11:25-30 (Jesus and his Father)

Key Passage Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Matthew 11:28-29)

Adult: When has Jesus refreshed you when you felt burdened by problems?

Child: What burden do you need Jesus to help you carry?

MASS INTENTIONS AND ALTAR FLOWERS



are available for many of the upcoming weeks. See rectory office to schedule an intention.

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, Lisa Ballard, Ric Barklund, Taylor Bartley, Danny Call, Dr. Tom Calhoun, Clairmont family, Michael Combs, Roger Corum, Cynthia Davies, Bill Daley, Sue Doetzer, Jackie Fancher, John Farrelly, Regan Flemming, Ryleigh

Flemming, Wanda Gearing, Bill Goetz, Ian Gross, Billy Hall, Ann Harrison, Betty Hescox, Kate Dillon Hogan, Eileen Hunter, Alex Hyde, Mary Logan, Bryan Lorenz, Sherie McAlpine, Frank McPhillips, Phillip Leo Mercer, Efren Diaz Miguel, Jim Minihan, Beth Moreland, Mary Neureither, Marcia Peacock, Shawn Peet, Rich Rosado, Jerry Roy, Ines Sanchez, Roberto Sanson, Yrene Rey, Mary Lyn Sheehan, Cissy Staiger, Ray Tap, Tracey Toomey, 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 Promise, many of us have trouble discerning the Living Christ in our lives. Use these gifts to quiet the traffic and turmoil of life's stresses. Enable us through our faithful giving to discover a deeper reverence for Jesus' gentle and humble message. Lift our heavy burdens, so we can prayerfully respond to the peace and the calm repose that you provide for us today and forever. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen. *Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30*

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Due to the printing deadline we are unable to give you the offertory collection of June 29th.

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

CONGRATULATIONS to Robert and Lillian Schiltz who are celebrating their 68th wedding anniversary today.

HOLY SPIRIT INTERACTIVE (HSI) will be meeting **Tues. July 9th** and discussing "Dangerous Prayers." Currently during the summer months we meet at the Johnston home. Call for directions (540-829-8125.)

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

FAITH DIRECT: With summer here, 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.

PRO-LIFE "It is God who gives life. Let us respect and love human life, especially vulnerable life in a mother's womb."
Pope Francis



FIRST COMMUNION banners and pictures may be picked up from the church foyer. Mrs. Law's 3rd grade class saint reports are also available.

MOM'S GROUP will meet during June and July at Yowell Meadow park every Wed from 9-11. All aged children are welcome

PETER'S PENCE Thank you for your generous support of our Holy Father's work in the Peter's Pence Collection. Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help the Holy Father provide essential relief to people in need. Your generosity is an act of solidarity with the universal Church, answering the call to become a witness of charity. May God bless you.

SECOND COLLECTION Next week our parish will take up a Collection for the Solidarity Fund for the

Church in Africa. While those in the region are inspired by the faith, they face the challenges of high rates of poverty and unemployment, in addition to illiteracy and inadequate education. The Solidarity Fund supports essential pastoral projects throughout the continent that nourish the people of this growing Church. Please give generously in next week's Collection.

COLLEGE STUDENTS Every Thursday in June and July we will meet for 8:30am mass, Rosary at 9am, then breakfast at Chick-fil-a at 9:30. More events are being planned for the summer including hikes and a bar-b-q. Check the website for updates.

NEWS AND NEEDS

ST.STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET mac and cheese, peanut butter, rice and pasta side dishes, canned chicken and chicken helper.

MUSIC. KEYBOARDISTS NEEDED to share their talents with our parish. If you've had at least 3 years of piano lessons, you can most likely play the music we sing each week. God is asking not just for ability but availability! Share your time and talents with our parish and our Lord. We need you! Please contact Mrs. Hannah Masson at 540-229-5329 or hannahmasson@yahoo.com. We also need a BASS PLAYER for our acoustic group "One Voice". Please contact onevoicepbcc@aol.com for more information.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held **Sun. July 27th through Thurs. July 31st** for children ages PreK-4 to 4th grade. A sign-up sheet will be available on the RADIX bulletin board in the church foyer. Our theme this year is "Circus of the Stars: Spotlight on the Father". There will be an informational planning meeting on Sunday, July 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall for youth (5th through 12th grade) and VIRTUS compliant adults willing to volunteer to help with VBS. Please contact Mary Flemming at 540.522.9254 or MaryPBCCYouthMinistry@yahoo.com for more information.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS for the Father Maurice duCastillon and Father Leo Zonneveld

scholarships are available in the vestibule. Applications are due to the rectory by **July 20th**.

LEGION OF MARY We meet on Wednesdays at 7 pm in the rectory basement. Come and try us out!



DIocese of Arlington Scholarship Foundation provides scholarships to low income new students who want to enroll in our diocesan Catholic schools. Donors to the foundation may claim a 65% tax credit of their monetary donation. For more information contact Jeanne Combos at J.Combos@arlingtondiocese.org

ATTENTION ALL JOB SEEKERS CAN job ministry offers to help you develop your own personal job marketing plan, job search skills development in such areas as resume refining and development, Internet searches, networking, marketing yourself, and interviewing techniques, and a support group where participants exchange networking ideas.

AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

HISPANIC PILGRIMAGE Please join Fr. Jaffe, Madre Maria and the Diocesan Office of Vocations for the annual Hispanic Pilgrimage to Pray for Vocations on **Saturday July 19, 2014**. The bus will depart Queen of Apostles 6:30am and return at 9:00pm. Cost is \$20 per person, and transportation is provided. Bring your lunch, and bring money to pay for dinner on the way home. The day will include rosary, prayer, Mass, Stations of the Cross, confessions, songs, games and a movie. This year we'll be going to the Shrine of St. Joseph in New Jersey. For more information or to register, contact: Daniela Zurita: flackita@yahoo.com, 703-732-7782.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
The next weekends are Sep 12-14,

Pope Francis: There is so much indifference in the face of suffering. May we overcome indifference with concrete acts of charity.

My yoke is easy... (Mt 11:30)

in Herndon, VA. For more information visit our website at renewmarriage-vanorth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or 703-378-4150.

HELP WANTED the diocese is currently looking for a communications director and a bilingual staff writer. For more details visit http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Communications_Director.aspx http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Bilingual_Staff_Writer.aspx

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

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER As Jesus prayed to his Father, He said, "I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do." Do we glorify God on earth by living out our marriage vows faithfully? Restore, renew and rekindle your marriage on an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. See www.renewmarriage-vanorth.org.

GETTING MARRIED? One of the requirements for marriage preparation (Pre-Cana) is attending a conference for the engaged. They fill up quickly! Before registering, please get approval from your marriage preparation priest or deacon. For more information, call the Office of Family Life at (703) 841-2550 or visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/familylife/marriage.php.

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Jesus presents himself in today's Gospel as the ultimate fulfillment of this longing. And he sharpens our hunger for it through the paradoxical image of the "easy yoke." How can a yoke ever be easy? The dual purpose of yokes gives us a clue. On the one hand, yokes serve to link a draught animal to a heavy burden, like a plow. In this sense, a yoke seems wholly negative; it only adds to our heaviness and toil. But yokes do not link animals only to their load; yokes also link animals to one another. That's how a pair of oxen came to be called a "yoke of oxen," because a yoke fixes the two oxen side by side. Yokes don't just serve to **impose** burdens; they also serve to **distribute** burdens.

This dual purpose suggests, in turn, two ways of understanding Jesus' command to take his yoke. We can imagine Jesus strapping the heavy cargo of moral and spiritual perfection to our necks and walking away. And it's true that it requires effort to be a Christian: Jesus doesn't hide this fact. But we know that Jesus cannot mean this alone, since he reproaches the Pharisees elsewhere for "tying heavy burdens on men's backs" without "lifting a finger to help them" (Mt 23:4).

No, there is a second way to imagine taking on Christ's yoke: namely, becoming Christ's yokefellow, stepping into the yoke that he already shoulders. Here we imagine Jesus in the yoke alongside us, distributing the weight onto his own shoulders. Both images capture a part of what it means to cooperate with grace in the Christian life.

But this second aspect is the one that, in my experience, we most easily forget. Our conscience rarely allows us to forget the

first—that Christianity sets a high moral bar. We all know that Jesus didn't stop at commanding his followers not to commit adultery and not to kill. He went deeper. He insisted that they stop entertaining lustful thoughts that they let go of grudges. This is all true. But sometimes when we go about tackling our sins of weakness, we forget that we do not face them alone. When temptations of lust, or anger, or laziness beset us, we may grit our teeth and violently mobilize our will against them. But this rarely works all of itself. And Jesus knows this. That's why he commands us in no uncertain terms: "*Come to me* all you who labor ..."

Often, when we struggle with a pattern of sin, it's because there's a deeper cause, some fear or insecurity that we have not yet brought to Christ for healing. Bring this fear to Christ in prayer. When you do so, Christ will say, "Fear not." Christ will love you, support you and give you strength.

This is what it means to take on Christ's yoke: to strive to live the fullness of the law's demands—yes—but never to do so alone. It means to allow Christ to stand in the yoke alongside us, to allow him to shoulder the greater part of the burden. Christ's yoke is easy because, at heart of Christian discipleship, we find not a law, but a person, a person who is "meek and humble of heart" (Mt 11:29), a person who loves us and shoulders our load. Thanks be to God.

<http://whosoeverdesires.wordpress.com/2011/07/02/homily-for-the-14th-sunday-of-ordinary-time-year-a/>