

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.....Dir. of Religious Education
Miriam Medina.....Dir. of Liturgy/Hispanic Liaison
Danielle Gambale-Metz....Office Assistant-Notary
Theresa Watson.....Choir Director
John Flemming.....Heritage Choir Director
Julie Dawley.....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.....Business 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 13.

EPIPHANY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

1211 E. Grandview Avenue

Culpeper, VA 22701

Preschool: 3 & 4 year old

Elementary: K-5

Middle School: 6-8

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www.epiphanycatholicsschool.org

August 23, 2015

“Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time.”

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. Aug 23

- 8:00 AM For the People
- 11:30 AM + Margaret DiiBon
- 4:00 PM + Bernardo Chavez

Mon. Aug 24 + Wanda Gearing

Readings: Rv 21:9b-14, Jn 1:45-51

Tues. Aug 25 The deceased members of the St. Peter Julian prayer chain

Readings: 1 Thes 2:1-8, Mt 23:23-26

Wed. Aug 26 Antoinette Stevens (healing)

Readings: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32

Thurs. Aug 27 + Ron Jankowski

Readings: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51

Fri. Aug 28 Mary Semerling (12th birthday)

Readings: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13

Sat. Aug 29

Readings: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Mk 6:17-29

- 8:30 AM + Eleanor Kearney

- 6:00 PM Buddy Gamble (birthday)

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Christian Marriage”

Reading I Joshua 21:1-2, 15-17, 18 (reminder of the divine goodness)

Reading II Ephesians 5:21-32 (Christian wives and husbands)

Gospel John 6:60-69 (effect of the bread of life discourse)

Key Passage This is a great mystery, and I am applying it to Christ and the church. Each of you, however, should love his wife as himself, and a wife should respect her husband. (Ephesians 5:32-33)

Adult In what way has the example of Christian marriage (your own or that of another couple) helped you understand the relationship between Christ and his church?

Child What can you do for your family to show them Jesus' love and care?

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: Virginia Allen, Rita Bain, Ric Barklund, Mike Bosma, Joyce Bosworth, Amber Boutchyard, Loyal Bouchard, Josephine Borst, Betty Craven, Stathie Cuccherini, Bill Daley,

Pat Deighan, Joan Depue, James Driscoll, Inez Guneseppi, John Gwynn, Richard Hall, Rebecca Helsel, Alex Hyde, Jim Hyde, Mary Jackson, Mary Logan, Ana Magana, Phillip Leo Mercer, Jim Minihan, Beth Moreland, Mary Neureither, Sylvia Paditlla, Shawn Peet, Ariel Perez-Young, Donald Rediske, Marie Rediske, Max Rosado, Evelyn Sawyer, Suzann Southworth, Mildred Stewart, Lorain Smith, Virginia Smith, Jay Way, Margaret Williams, Jeremy Wilson, 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 O Lord of Hosts, we are so happy to offer you these monetary gifts. We recognize that we are able to worship here because of the generous giving of this congregation. Yet, our giving and our prayer extend beyond us. We pray that these offerings and tithes will be used to reach out to others in the community and around the world who need to find a joyful trust in you. "Happy is everyone who trusts in you." All praise and glory to you! Amen. *Psalm 84*

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

8/16 Collection:	\$ 6,908.68
Building Fund	\$ 50.00
Epiphany	\$ 95.00
Assumption	\$ 1,061.00

FAITH DIRECT *Faith Direct* makes it easy with our new app! Download it from the App Store or Google Play and use VA226 to start giving today!

NEW ADDRESS: ALL Bulletin inserts please email: bulletin@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com
Deadline is 3:30pm on Monday before.

Pope Francis: When we experience the merciful love of the Father, we are more able to share this joy with our neighbor.

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

ST. STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET This week we ask for shampoo, toothpaste, mac & cheese vegetable soup, any canned vegetable (no green beans please). Thank you!!

THANK YOU to all who attended the Parish Retreat on Saturday August 15th. Over 75 attended. Much was learned in regards to Evangelization and Hospitality. Thank you also for the many hands who helped to clean up. It is greatly appreciated.

LECTORS Your workbooks can be picked up in the Ushers room.

*Special Congratulations to
Mr. and Mrs. Juan and Aurora Mortera
as they exchanged their vows
before God on August 15, 2015.*

SCHOLARSHIPS:

We would like to congratulate the following students for winning our Parish scholarships:

Fr. Leo Zonneveld for \$868.00 to Alexis Melendez

Fr. Maurice Du Castillon for \$749.00 Jamie Torres Moreno

Ladies Auxiliary for \$500.00 Sandra Chacon

Each winner also received \$166.00 from

The Knights of Columbus.

NEWS AND NEEDS

MUSIC MINISTRY-CHOIR REHEARSALS

BEGIN Brush off your vocal cords and start humming! Our **Heritage Choir** will resume weekly rehearsals on Tuesday, Sept. 1 from 7:15-8:00 pm in the church. Please contact director Mr. John Flemming at 540-222-5402 or bigpsyguy@aol.com. Our **Precious Blood Choir** will resume weekly rehearsals on Wednesday, Sept. 2 from 7:00-8:30 pm in the church. Please contact director Mrs. Theresa Watson at 540-229-5113 or usswatson6@yahoo.com. Both choirs welcome singers of middle school age and up. Contact hannahmasson@yahoo.com to find out how your talents can bless our parish!

BEST BUDDIES Join us for the first-ever Best Buddies Friendship Walk in the Capital Region on Saturday, October 17th! The walk benefits, people with and without Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD). Call **Danielle at 825-8945** or www.bestbuddiesvirginia.org for information.

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children or youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. Please contact the parish office at 825-8945.

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM This Fall, our parish adult faith formation program will explore the key people, important places, and early story of our faith. It will feature the DVD series entitled *The Footprints of God: The Story of Salvation from Abraham to Augustine*. *Abraham: Father of Faith and Works* is the topic of the first two sessions on **Sept. 13 and 20**. All adults are welcome to attend these interesting and informative sessions, which will be held from **9:40-10:40 am** on Sunday mornings in the Parish Hall. This is the same time as CCD, so parents are encouraged to set a good example and attend while their children are in class. Spanish language subtitles will also be provided.

MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Come and get lost in God's holy word with the Morning Bible Study on Thursday morning 9:30-11:30 beginning September 10th at the church. We will be studying Acts of the Apostles and will learn how our Holy Catholic Church was originally established and of the first stage of the spread of the Gospel after Our Lord's ascension. For information call **Joanna Madorma at 540-829-2235**

DIRECTORY PICTURES: Pictures are coming to a close. Next picture dates are **Sept 2 and 3rd**. You can call **Danielle** in the office 825-8945 or call 888-742-5823. Space is limited.

*****UPDATE***** IGNATIAN PRAYER GROUP

Come and join us as we deepen our understanding of our faith and how to pray. We meet at the church on Wednesdays, starting **Sept. 9, from 9:30-10:30 a.m.** This semester, we'll watch and study DVD's presented by Father Thomas J. Scirghi, S.J.: "Signs of God's Grace: A Journey through the Sacraments". Any questions please call **Sheila Bertrand at 540-219-3099.**

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to our panel speakers George Healey, Nat Medina, David Watson and Frank Walusek who graciously witnessed about their faith journeys and God's presence in their lives for our recent **Guys Night Out**. Hearing of how each has come to rely on the Lord to deal with the challenges of everyday life helped to remind us of the reality of God's presence in our lives and comfort in His constant guidance and love. It was a wonderful opportunity to share with our brothers-in-Christ. A special thanks for all the "guy" themed snacks. We look forward to another gathering next summer.

POPE FRANCIS IN PHILADELPHIA High School Youth in 9th to 12th grade for the 2015-2016 school year are invited to attend the Diocesan sponsored High School Youth Ministry Pilgrimage to Philadelphia to see Pope Francis and participate in the World Meeting of Families activities. The pilgrimage will take place **Friday, Sept. 25th through Sunday, Sept. 27th**. We have 25 slots reserved for youth of our parish. Contact **Mary** at **MaryPBCCYouthMinistry@yahoo.com** or **540.522.9254** for more information regarding the trip, mandatory registration forms and fees. Parishioners may assist us in this endeavor through your prayer support or being a financial sponsor through making a monetary donation to defray the cost of this life-changing pilgrimage. The diocesan fee is \$200.00 per youth and chaperone. Each youth is responsible for \$80.00.

CCD NEEDS We are almost ready for CCD that begins on **September 13**, we are looking for **2 adult aides**. Please contact **Pat Reed at 540-825-1339**

CHURCH PICNIC will be on **September 13**, at the Epiphany School Grounds.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be serving breakfast Aug. 30th. \$5/person \$20/family. After 8 AM Mass.

BIBLE TIMELINE STUDY A 24 episode Bible Timeline Study, Monday evening, **September 14th @ 7 PM** facilitated by **Mac Mc Phillips**. Participation will cost \$40 for personal materials that can be ordered from the parish office. The study focuses on 12 time periods using 14 of the narrative books - 12 OT, 2 NT - to get an understanding of Salvation History. Further details will be published.



Great things are happening at Epiphany! We are happy to let you know that we have closed registration in both Kindergarten and Fourth Grade, and have very limited space in preschool. We are also proud to be recognized by the Culpeper community as the Best Private School, the Best Elementary School, the Best Middle School and the Best Preschool, along with the Best Teacher (Carol McNamara) and the Best Secretary (Debbie Hoffman). This is truly a reflection of why our enrollment has increased by 65% since June 2014! This growth would not have been possible without the support of our Precious Blood community.

As we continue with our August Appeal, we thank all of you that have made a contribution to make Catholic Education accessible to families in our region of the Diocese. Your gift helps us hand down our faith to the next generation and the future of our church right here in Culpeper. We thank you for your continued prayers and support.

FHC PRECIOUS BLOOD HOMESCHOOL GROUP: Faith, Hope & Charity home-school-church-community network is available to families interested in homeschooling for all grade levels. We have a calendar of events, fellowship, stewardship, devotions and more. Contact: **fhcpreciousblood@yahogroups.com** to be in the know! Parish contact: **canavan22701@comcast.net**.

5 Types of Prayer

Heavenly Father, I offer you this day all that I shall think or do or say, uniting it with what was done by Jesus Christ, your only Son. Amen.

1) **Thanksgiving** - Giving God the thanks He deserves. We were created and redeemed by Him yet He continues to bless us and love us. God is deserving of all respect, yet this type of prayer is the least common one. What would happen if you one day you couldn't give thanks to God? What would happen if you suffered from a horrible condition and could no longer give God thanks? Remember to thank Your One God for His unexplainable love and blessings. The greatest expression of thanksgiving should be after one receives the Eucharist.

2) **Petition** - This is probably the most common type of prayer. We bring our requests before God for ourselves, our family, or our friends. At Mass petitions are read, but petitions can be said anytime or anywhere. Prayer doesn't have to be limited to one place. Some people do not believe in attending the Holy Mass. They say "God is everywhere". Yes, but He is everywhere in different ways. God is truly present in the Eucharist - the most real presence of Our Lord on this earth. While we can pray anywhere the greatest prayers are those before the Eucharist, where the veil between Heaven and earth is at its thinnest.

3) **Persevering Prayer** - These are the prayers for the deepest intentions of our heart. If we pray night and day for this intention then this is persevering prayer. Job persevered in his prayers as illustrated in the Old Testament. I will go as far to say that all persevering prayers are answered as our Lord said, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" (Matthew 7:7)

4) **Intersession** - These prayers are very similar to those of petition, but there is a distinct difference. In prayers of intercession we are asking praying for others. These are the one type of prayer that includes the saints. We can ask these servants of God already in Heaven to pray for us just as we ask our friends on earth to pray for us.

5) **Meditative prayer** - This is the most simple of prayers. In these we don't say anything. We simply meditate on God's love and mercy. These prayers are very common in those quiet moments of Eucharistic Adoration. Just being one with Our Lord is the greatest gift.

Angel of God – Prayer to Guardian

Angel

Angel of God,
my guardian dear,
to whom God's love commits me here,
ever this day,
be at my side,
to light and guard,
to rule and guide.
Amen.

Prayer of St. Patrick

Christ shield me this day:
Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every person who
thinks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in the ear that hears me