

# 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

We beginning our classes **NEXT WEEK, Sept 13<sup>th</sup>**. Please sign up in the office.

## EPIPHANY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

1211 E. Grandview Avenue  
Culpeper, VA 22701  
Preschool: 3 & 4 year old  
Elementary: K-5  
Middle School: 6-8  
[office@epiphanycatholicsschool.org](mailto:office@epiphanycatholicsschool.org)  
[www.epiphanycatholicsschool.org](http://www.epiphanycatholicsschool.org)

September 6, 2015

“Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time.”

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

**Sun. Sept 6**

- 8:00 AM For the People
- 11:30 AM John Semerling
- 4:00 PM + Gilberto Benavides

**Mon. Sept 7 Anne Stromp (healing)**

Readings: Col 1:24-2:3; Lk 6:6-11 **Labor Day**

**Tues. Sept 8 + Gretchen Brunner**

Readings: Mi 5:1-4a; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

**Wed. Sept 9 Maria Patrick (birthday)**

Readings: Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26

**Thurs. Sept 10 Patty Schneider (special intention)**

Readings: Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38

**Fri. Sept 11 Anita Brown (healing)**

Readings: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42

**Sat. Sept 12**

Readings: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49

- 8:30 AM Nathan Rodney Royse (birthday)

- 6:00 PM + Nettie Wheaton Harting

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**“Time Rich in Faith”**

**Reading I** Isaiah 35:4-7 (Israel’s deliverance)

**Reading II** James 2:1-5 (against favoritism)

**Gospel** Mark 7:31-37 (healing of a deaf-mute)

**Key Passage** Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? (James 2:5)

**Adult** When has your faith in Jesus enabled you to speak out on an issue of importance?

**Child** How do you welcome the words of Jesus into your heart?

**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.

**ALL** Bulletin inserts please email: [bulletin@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com](mailto:bulletin@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com)

**Deadline is 3:30pm on Monday before.**



LORD HEAR THE PRAYER FOR

OUR SICK Especially: Virginia Allen, Rita

Bain, Ric Barklund, Mike Bosma, Joyce Bosworth, Amber Boutchyard, 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, Brissa LaMatta, Luciana LaMatta, Charlotte Larson, Mary Logan, Kriss Cordero Luna, 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.**

*“Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?”*

*(James 2:5)*

What is important-being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society teaches us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith we know that material things really do not matter and we are more willing to share what we have.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

8/30 Collection:	\$ 8,530.51
Building Fund	\$ 20.00
Epiphany	\$ 100.00

**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!

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

**SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>** the office will be closed for Labor day. We will reopen **Sept. 8 at 8:30 am.**

ST. STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET This week we need any canned vegetable, soups, pancake mix, pancake syrup, single serve microwave meals.

SECOND COLLECTION There will be a second collection on **Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>** for Religious Education.

CCD TEACHERS will have a meeting **Wednesday Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 pm** in the Parish Hall.

ALTAR SOCIETY is excited to start their regular meeting schedule. They will meet on Friday **Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:15** in the Parish Hall.

HOLY SPIRIT INTERACTIVE (HSI) Next meeting will be **Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 7:00 pm** at the home of **Joe and Alane Greyson** (16596 Wayland Road, Culpeper). Please call **703-595-6085** for directions. Topic is "Revolutionary." Come and listen to Aneel Aranha as we take a look at Jesus like we have never seen him before. It will shake you to the core. All are welcome.

MUSIC MINISTRY Children's choir practices resume next Sunday! All singers in grades 2 through 7 who love to sing and love God can combine these loves & serve our parish at the same time! Practices will be held in the CCD classroom #1 each Sunday from 10:50-11:20 am. Please contact Mrs. Gina Rosetti at 540-937-2320 [eprossetti@yahoo.com](mailto:eprossetti@yahoo.com). Teen acoustic musicians and singers who wish to join our acoustic group **One Voice** may contact Ms. Megan Canavan at [onevoicepbcc@aol.com](mailto:onevoicepbcc@aol.com) or 727-1022. Teen and adult singers who wish to serve in our **Heritage Choir** may contact Mr. John Flemming at [bigpsyguy@aol.com](mailto:bigpsyguy@aol.com) or 540-222-5402. Teen and adult singers and instrumentalists who wish to serve in our **Precious Blood Choir** may contact Mrs. Theresa Watson at [usswatson6@yahoo.com](mailto:usswatson6@yahoo.com) or 540-229-5113. For overall information about our music ministry, please contact our Director of Music Mrs. Hannah Masson at [hannahmasson@yahoo.com](mailto:hannahmasson@yahoo.com) or 540-229-5113.

LADIES AUXILIARY of the Knights of Columbus are back in action after a lovely summer, we will be meeting on **Sept. 8 at 10am** in the parish hall.

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, **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**.

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 Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>** 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**

### NEWS AND NEEDS

CHURCH PICNIC Annual church picnic is coming up! We've got games, prizes, raffles, moon bounces, soccer challenges, lots of good meats to be cooked up by our Knights, and tremendous fellowship scheduled for **Sunday, 9/13, 3-6:30pm, at the Epiphany school grounds-1211 Grandview Ave, Culpeper(rain or shine)**. Pack your chairs, canopies and *FAVORITE SIDE DISH to share!* Flavors of many ethnic backgrounds are encouraged because our theme is: **EMBRACE THE WORLD!** Contact: [canavan22701@comcast.net](mailto:canavan22701@comcast.net)

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOCCER

CHALLENGE: All boys and girls ages 9-14 are invited to participate in the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge. The local competition will be held Sunday, **Sept. 13 at 5pm** at Epiphany Catholic School (during the parish picnic). There is no cost to participate. For more information, contact Eddie Petrovitch ([epetro10@comcast.net](mailto:epetro10@comcast.net)) or Michael Watts ([WattsDVM@yahoo.com](mailto:WattsDVM@yahoo.com)).

BEST BUDDIES Join us for the first-ever Best Buddies Friendship Walk in the Capital Region on Saturday, **Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>**! The walk benefits, people with and without Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD). Call **Danielle at 825-8945** or [www.bestbuddiesvirginia.org](http://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 Sunday mornings **Sept. 13 and 20 at 9:40 until 10:40** am in the parish hall. All adults are welcome to attend these interesting and informative sessions. 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.

BIBLE TIMELINE STUDY We may be changing the meeting day from Monday to Tuesday. Monday on the calendar looks packed. Look for the Bible Timeline insert next week for the final word. Remember, we want to get 10 episodes done before Thanksgiving and stop until January, 2016 comes. You will also need a bible and a Catechism of the Catholic Church for the course. Everyone has those, no? Mac McPhillips 540/547-2123 [machimself@gmail.com](mailto:machimself@gmail.com)

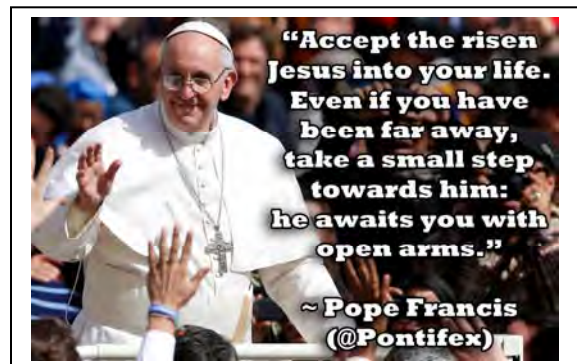


*Great things are happening at Epiphany! This week we welcomed 142 K-8 students to our wonderful school, and on September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> we will begin preschool with another 33 students to our beautiful building. It is exciting to see Epiphany grow! The start of the 2015-16 school year was fantastic! We look forward to a great 2015-16 school year and working with the wonderful teachers and students in our religious learning community.*

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@yahoo.com](mailto:fhcpreciousblood@yahoo.com). Parish contact: **Julie- [canavan22701@comcast.net](mailto:canavan22701@comcast.net)**.

AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER  
Jesus healed the deaf man. Through faith, Jesus can bring wholeness to your marriage. Renew, refresh and rekindle your marriage on one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are on 18-20 September in Herndon or 13-15 November in Herndon. For more information or to apply, visit our website at [renewmarriage-vanorth.org](http://renewmarriage-vanorth.org) or [703-378-4150](tel:703-378-4150).



# Why Do Catholics Cross Their Head, Lips, and Heart at Mass?

by [Life Teen](http://lifeteen.com/blog/why-do-catholics-cross-their-head-lips-heart-mass/) <http://lifeteen.com/blog/why-do-catholics-cross-their-head-lips-heart-mass/>

During Mass, we make a little cross on our head, lips, and heart, because these outward gestures made with our bodies are pointing to an inward prayer that is happening in our hearts.

When the Gospel is about to be read, the priest says: 'A Reading from the Gospel according to St \_\_\_\_.' The congregation then responds, 'Glory to You Oh Lord,' making a small cross with their thumb over their forehead, lips, and chest.

Remember, the cross itself is a sign of redemption in and through Jesus Christ. When we make this sign of the cross, in any form, it's an outward act to profess our inward faith in the Trinity. This sign declares that, through our baptism, we belong to God.

The reason for making a cross during this period of the Mass is to highlight the importance of the Word of God we are about to hear.

St. Paul taught us,

'For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart' ([Hebrews 4:12](#)).

**In the outward sign of crossing our forehead, lips, and heart, we are asking that the Word of God to pierce our mind, lips, and hearts.**

We cross our forehead so that the Word of God may be in our thoughts and purify our minds. We cross our lips so that our speech may be holy and incline us to share the Gospel with others. And we cross our hearts to invite God to strengthen our love for Him and others. All of this is so that we might know, proclaim, and love Jesus Christ all the more.

So next time you're at mass and the Gospel is about to be proclaimed pray that 'The word of God be ever in my mind, proclaimed by my lips, and pierce my heart leading me to deeper communion with you, Jesus.'

