

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
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-12)

EPIPHANY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

1211 Grandview Avenue
Culpeper, VA 22701
Preschool: 3 & 4 year old
Elementary: K-5
Middle School: 6-8

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September 21, 2014
“Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time”

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week:

Sun. Sept. 21 8:00 AM – John McGovern (dec)

Sun. Sept. 21 11:30 AM-

Sun. Sept. 21 4:00 PM- Bernardo Chavez (dec)

Mon. September 22- Ann Chemi (dec)

Readings: Prv.3:27-34 Lk 8:16-18

Tues. September 23- St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Readings: Prv. 21:1-6, 10-13 Lk 8:19-21

Wed. September 24- Wanda Gearing (dec)

Readings: Prv. 30:5-9 Lk 9:1-6

Thurs. September 25 – Alvoy Depue (dec)

Readings: Eccl. 1:2-11 Lk 9:7-9

Fri. September 26- Ruby Baker (dec)

Srs. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Readings: Eccl. 3:1-11 Lk 9:18-22

Sat. September 27 8:30 AM –St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

Readings: Eccl. 11:9-12:8 Lk 9:43b-45

Sat. September 27 6:00 PM – Bernardo Chavez (dec)

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

**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
God's generosity**

Reading I Isaiah 55:6-9 (seeking the Lord)

Reading II Philippians 1:20-24, 27 (spreading the gospel)

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16 (the laborers in the vineyard)

Key Passage [The landowner] said "Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?"

Adult: What lessons do you draw from today's Gospel? How has God been generous to you in this way?

Child: Who is generous to you, even when you do not always deserve it?

ALTAR FLOWERS



Altar flowers this weekend are in memory of John McGovern by Mary Ann McGovern

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: Sam Aitken, Frederic

Althor, Hector Baez, Lisa Ballard, Ric Barklund, Taylor Bartley, Xavier Van Bastelaer, Dr. Tom Calhoun, Michael Combs, Roger Corum, Cynthia Davies, Bill Daley, Sue Doetzer, James Driscoll, Jackie Fancher, Regan

Flemming, Ryleigh Flemming, Bill Goetz, Billy Hall, Elizabeth Hartwell, Betty Hescoc, Marilyn Hoffmann, Eileen Hunter, Alex Hyde, Mary Logan, Bryan Lorenz, Sherie McAlpine, Frank and Lucille McPhillips, Phillip Leo Mercer, Efen Diaz Miguel, Jim Minihan, Beth Moreland, Mary Neureither, Marcia Peacock, Shawn Peet, Rich Rosado, Jerry Roy, Ines Sanchez, Yrene Rey, Cissy Staiger, Ray Tap, Joyce Vosworth 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: Knowing God, you have given us a never-wanting future. Yet, we often forget the nature of your divine gift. We become entangled in the snares of self-centeredness. Today, we joyfully share these many offerings as a way to release ourselves from being self-focused to being God-focused. In the name of your loving Son, we pray. Amen. Matthew 20:1-16

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Collection (9/14)	\$ 7,586.76
Faith Direct	\$ 7,939.00
Religious Ed Collection	\$ 891.35
Religious Ed-Faith Direct	\$ 317.00
Building fund (9/14)	\$ 252.00
Building Fund –Faith Direct	\$ 298.00
Epiphany (9/14)	\$ 134.00
Epiphany-Faith Direct	\$ 72.00
Foundation for the Future	\$ 535.00

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

FRIDAY DAILY MASS on Sept. 26th will be at Precious Blood at 8:30

PRECIOUS BLOOD T-SHIRTS Loved the t-shirts? Didn't have money with you and still want a shirt? They are available in the Rectory office. Stop by and pick yours up today. Only \$10 "In Him we live and move and have our being" Acts 17:28

ST IGNATIUS PRAYER STUDY GROUP If you wish to learn more about the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, please join us on Wednesdays in the rectory meeting room from 9:30-10:30 AM. We use the DVDs by Fr. Timothy Gallagher and follow up with discussion that helps us in our spiritual development. Call Catherine Murphy at 825-7734.

HOLY SPIRIT INTERACTIVE (HSI) Next meeting will be WEDNESDAY, Sept. 24, at 7:00 pm at the home of Steve and Ellie Johnston (857 Fox Den Road, Culpeper). Topic is "Trial By Fire." All are welcome.

SECOND COLLECTION next weekend is for Catholic University of America.

FAITH DIRECT: With the arrival of autumn, I'd like to invite you to join *Faith Direct*, our parish's electronic eGiving program. Our to-do lists can get lengthy this back-to-school season, but *Faith Direct's* eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week - no more envelopes to find and checks to write before you go to Mass. Enroll today by visiting www.faithdirect.net and use our church code, VA226 or pick up an enrollment form from the parish office to get started!

LEGION OF MARY "Come, bring your mite of talent; we will teach you to develop it and use it through Mary for the glory of God." (Fr. Thomas O'Flynn C.M., former Spiritual Director of the Legion of Mary). Our meetings are on Wed. at 7 pm in the rectory basement near the playground. Legion works are many and different.

PRO-LIFE "He who denies that human life begins with conception does not need to contend with religion, but science. To deny this certainty of biology is not to express a lack of faith, but a lack of

basic knowledge of human genetics, something that is even known by the general public." Ecuadorian Federation of Societies of Gynecology and Obstetrics.

PREGNANCY CENTER DESSERT RECEPTION Make your reservation now to attend the 17th Candlelight Fundraising Dessert Reception on Oct. 18th. Benefiting the Pregnancy Center in Culpeper. It will held at the Daniel Technology Center at 7 PM. For more information contact Dave Craven at 825-2265.

NEWS AND NEEDS

ST.STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET This week: canned chicken/chicken helper, gravy, pancake mix/syrup, individual oat meal packs.

CCD STARTS TODAY. Classes will meet from 9:30-10:45 at the church. Registration closes Oct. 31st. Confirmation preparation is a two-year program. The first year of Confirmation is for 8th graders. Register online at: www.showmyevent.com. A link is on our homepage of our website.

RCIA Those needing sacraments or wishing to join the church are invited to the RCIA Session 3 on Tuesday, Sept 23, at 6:45 PM in the rectory meeting room. Please contact Bob Wiersberg 937-6143 H or 222-8672 C.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN! Our Children's Choir will resume weekly rehearsals on October 5 from 12:45-1:30 pm in the parish hall. Singers in grades 2-7...we need your talents and spirit to help fill our liturgies for First Reconciliation and Christmas Eve with comfort and joy! For more information please contact Mrs. Gina Rosetti at 540-937-2320 or eprossetti@yahoo.com

C.A.N. JOB MINISTRY Appointments are available from 6:30-8:30pm every second and fourth Tuesday. Please call 703-944-8515 to reserve your appointment.



Epiphany Catholic School is again offering pansies for sale. These incredible

flowers, planted in the fall, last through the winter and triple in size in spring. They are absolutely gorgeous, but don't take our word for it. Just ask everyone that comes back year after year for these fabulous plants. Let your family and neighbors know that our Pansy Sale is underway with orders being taken until Monday, September 29th, with delivery at the school after 10:00 AM on Monday, October 6th. If you need further information please contact Linda Ingerski at 571-643-2264.

THE DANIEL PLAN The Bible teaches us that our bodies are very important to God and he wants us to take care of them. The Daniel Plan is 40 days to healthier life by Rick Warren. Come and see what it is all about. Sunday Sept. 14th 6:30-8:00pm in the annex. For more info contact Loretta Schlosser 727-2070.

AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

The second reading calls us to "conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ". A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend helps your marriage to be a sign for the world. The next weekends are 14-16 Nov 2014 and 20-22 Feb 2015 in Herndon. For more information or to apply, visit our website at renewmarriage-vanorth.org

SEPARATED? DIVORCED? WIDOWED?

Coping, a six week recovery program for separated, divorced, widowed individuals, begins on Sunday evening, October 19, 2014 from 6 – 8 p.m. at St. Phillips Catholic Church in Falls Church, VA and is designed to help people move ahead with their lives after the trauma of losing their spouse. Cost is \$5 per session, payable at the door. For more information about Coping, call Gerri Ellenberger 703-670-4845, Mike Bermudez 703-577-8204, email CopingRebuilding@hotmail.com or go to <http://www.copingrebuilding.com>.

The Pro-Life Club of St. Michael the Archangel High School cordially invites you to a special, on-campus screening of the movie "40." This free presentation will take place Wednesday, September 24th, at 7 p.m. The address is 6301 Campus Drive, Fredericksburg, VA.

Risk Jesus '14 – A Diocesan Evangelization Conference

"The beginning of fall provides us with an opportunity for a fresh start," writes Bishop Loverde. "While you prepare for this new season, will you renew and rediscover your faith?" Join Bishop Loverde at Hylton Memorial Chapel in Woodbridge on September 27 for a unique opportunity to deepen your faith and invite a friend or family member. Former atheist Jennifer Fulwiler and Anglican convert Fr. Dwight Longenecker will talk about the "before" and "after" of their encounter with Christ and His Church, and how this encounter has transformed their lives on a daily basis. Our own Fr. Juan Puigbo will also speak, and music will be provided by acclaimed singer-songwriter Marie Miller. So take the first step – Risk Jesus, and invite a friend, family member, neighbor or colleague to join you! Tickets are \$25, with the option for a second ticket at no cost and additional tickets at \$10 each. For more information or to register, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/riskjesus.

Pope Francis: God's faithfulness is stronger than our unfaithfulness and our infidelities.



Pope Francis: Marriage is not fiction, Christ's love sustains couples

To the simple strains of a harp, twenty grooms made their way up the central nave of St Peter's Basilica with their mothers, followed by twenty brides dressed in white accompanied by their fathers.

In his Homily, which preceded the Rite of Marriage, the Holy Father, taking his cue from the morning's readings offered a real or non-fictional, as he called it, view of married life.

He said, that in the first reading from the Book of Numbers, we can imagine families led by Moses journeying through the desert. Families he noted, "are the first place in which we are formed as persons and, at the same time, the 'bricks' for the building up of society."

But just like in Sunday's liturgy, families and indeed spouses, the Pope said, can become "impatient on their journey of conjugal and family life.

"The hardship of the journey, he added, causes them to experience interior weariness; they lose the flavour of matrimony and they cease to draw water from the well of the Sacrament. Daily life becomes burdensome, even 'nauseating'."

Pope Francis explained that the cure for those couples who have succumbed to the dangerous temptation of discouragement, infidelity, weakness, and abandonment, is the love of Christ.

It is that love, the Holy Father stressed, which has blessed and sanctified the union of husband and wife, and is able to sustain their love and to renew it when, humanly speaking, it becomes lost, wounded or worn out.

The love of Christ, the Pope continued "can restore to spouses the joy of journeying together." This is what marriage is all about, he said, "a man and woman walking together, wherein the husband helps his wife to become ever more a woman, and wherein the woman has the task of helping her husband to become ever more a man."

He also underlined that marriage is a demanding journey, it is not "fiction"! "It is the Sacrament of the love of Christ and the Church, a love which finds its proof and guarantee in the Cross."

He concluded his Homily with some advice to the couples, reiterating that if a couple argues they should never end the day without making peace with each other.

<http://www.news.va/en/news/pope-francis-marriage-is-not-fiction-christs-love>