

# PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Culpeper, Virginia 22701  
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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  
[office@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com](mailto:office@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com)  
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**September 28, 2014**  
**“Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time”**

**Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week:**

**Sun. Sept. 28 8:00 AM- Frank Toomey (dec)**  
**Sun. Sept. 28 11:30 AM- Rexford Gile (dec)**  
**Sun. Sept. 28 4:00 PM- 4th Wedding anniversary of Jose Maricio Rosales and Norma Cartagena**

**Mon. September 29- Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels - Georgina Walsh (dec)**  
Readings: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14, Jn 1:47-51

**Tues. September 30- Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church - Connie Wiersberg (dec)**  
Readings: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23, Lk 9:51-56

**Wed. October 1- Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**  
Readings: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16, Lk 9:57-62

**Thurs. October 2- The Holy Guardian Angels**  
Readings: Jb 19:21-27, Mt 18:1-5, 10

**Fri. October 3- Weekday**  
Readings: Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5, Lk 10:13-16

**Sat. October 4 8:30 AM- Saint Francis of Assisi**  
Readings: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17, Lk 10:17-24

**Sat. October 4 6:00 PM- Propopulo**  
**(If you would like a Mass Intention said please call or stop by the office.)**

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**The Challenge to Forgive**

Reading I Ezekiel 18:25-28 (personal responsibility)  
Reading II Philippians 2:1-11 (imitating the humility of Christ)  
Gospel Matthew 21:28-32 (parable of the two sons)

**Key Passage** A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father? They said, "The first."

**Adult:** When have your actions not measured up to your promises? What was the outcome?

**Child:** Why is it important to follow through on your promises to others?

**ALTAR FLOWERS**



Altar flowers this weekend are in loving memory of Rexford Gile by Ann Gile.

**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, Linda Hemler, Elizabeth Hartwell, Betty Hescoc, Marilyn Hoffmann, Eileen Hunter, Alex Hyde, Mary Logan, Bryan Lorenz, Sherie McAlpine, Frank and Lucille McPhillips, Phillip Leo Mercer, Efrén Diaz Miguel, Jim Minihan, Beth Moreland, Mary Neureither, Marcia Peacock, Shawn Peet, Rich Rosado, Jerry Roy, Ines Sanchez, Roberto Sanson, 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:** Faithful God, we gratefully acknowledge that you are the giver of all things. You call us to share these gifts so that we may experience the joy and humility of giving to others. We pray that this very act of offering our gifts to you will enable us to be obedient disciples of your work. We are blessed to receive and to offer the message of salvation. Jesus Christ is Lord. Praise your holy name! Amen. *Philippians 2:1-13*

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Collection (9/21)	\$ 6,808.41
Collection – Faith Direct	\$ 900.00
Building Fund – Faith Direct	\$ 115.00
Foundation for the future	\$ 200.00

**Note:** our weekly goal is \$11,500.00

## THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

**FRIDAY DAILY MASS** on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> will be at Epiphany at 8:30am.

**WE WELCOME** into our parish family Mara Katherine Fischer, daughter of John & Katherine Fischer, who was baptized Sat. September, 20th.

**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 lounge (rooms 6 & 8) in the Parish Hall Facility 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.

**BIBLE STUDY** The Thursday morning Bible Study group will now be meeting in the lounge (rooms 6 & 8) in the Parish Hall Facility.

**CURSILLO GROUP** The Cursillo Group that meets on Tuesday morning will now be meeting in the lounge (rooms 6 & 8) in the Parish Hall Facility.

**HOLY SPIRIT INTERACTIVE (HSI)** Next meeting will be WEDNESDAY, Oct. 8, at 7:00 pm at the home of Steve and Ellie Johnston (857 Fox Den Road, Culpeper). Topic is "Suffering." All are welcome.

**SECOND COLLECTION** this weekend is for The 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](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code, VA226 or pick up an enrollment form from the parish office to get started!

**PRO-LIFE** "The greatest destroyer of peace is abortion."— Mother Teresa

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** Charlottesville is also taking part in a Prayer and Fasting, Peaceful Vigil to raise awareness about abortion. For more information please visit their website at [www.40daysforlife.com/charlottesville](http://www.40daysforlife.com/charlottesville)

**LEGION OF MARY** The Legion always realized that she (Mary) was no mere devotion in the Church, but a necessary part of Christianity itself, conjoined to Our Lord, and made by Him a condition of imparting His grace." (Frank Duff, Founder of the Legion of Mary) Our Lady imparts God's grace to us in our meetings on Wed. at 7 pm in the lounge (rooms 6 & 8) in the Parish Hall Facility.

**LIFECCHAIN PRAYER VIGIL** Come stand for the unborn. Pray for an end to abortion, and for our nation on Sunday, Oct. 5 from 2:00-3:30pm near the Culpeper Wal-Mart along James Madison Highway. Whole families welcome. RAIN OR SHINE! Bring water bottles, lawn chairs, strollers and umbrellas. Pro-life signs will be provided. Lifechain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals praying over our nation and an end to abortion. For more info please see [www.lifechain.net](http://www.lifechain.net) or call Dave @ (540) 825-2265.

## NEWS AND NEEDS

**ST.STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET** Needs for this week: box meals which contain meat, single serving microwave meals, any canned fruit, mixed vegetables or carrots, and empty medicine bottles (please, remove labels!).

**YARD SALE** Knights of Columbus will be holding a yard sale on Saturday, Oct 18. Item drop off will be held from Monday, Oct 13 to Friday, Oct 17. Call Joe Kratochvil at (540) 825-7273 and/or Mario Calvano (540) 829-0690 for help in picking up large items.

**CCD CONTINUES** If you have not registered your child yet, please do so as soon as possible. Classes meet from 9:30-10:45 at the church. Registration closes Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. Confirmation preparation is a two-year program. The first year of Confirmation is for 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Register online at: [www.showmyevent.com](http://www.showmyevent.com). A link is on our homepage of our website.

**RCIA** The next meeting (Session 4) will be held on Tuesday, Oct 7, at 6:45 PM in the annex. Please contact Bob Wiersberg with any questions 937-6143 H or 222-8672 C.

**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. Every Sunday from 6:30-8:00pm in the lounge (rooms 6 & 8) in the Parish Hall Facility. For more info contact Loretta Schlosser 727-2070.

**MUSIC** HEY KIDS!! Do you like to sing? 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 you!! Help make our First Reconciliation and Christmas Eve liturgies special for the rest of the kids in our parish! For more information please contact Mrs. Gina Rosetti at [540-937-2320](tel:540-937-2320) or [eprosetti@yahoo.com](mailto:eprosetti@yahoo.com)



is happy to announce that the interactive white boards

have been installed in all the classrooms. The preschool will also move to this technology format. **RACE FOR EDUCATION!** Our goal is to raise \$6,000.00, but we need your help! September 30th. The children will be writing letters to each potential sponsor the week of October 6th. Every class that has 100% of their labels returned by September 30th will receive a pizza party! **CONSIGNMENT SALE!** We are preparing for the fall consignment sale which will be Oct. 17th and 18th. Please donate new or used TENNIS BALLS and HANGERS. You can drop them off in the containers outside the Pavilion Building (by the garage doors in the lower lot).

### **AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA**

**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.

### **GRACE BEFORE MEALS**

A movement to bring people and families together in Christ through food and at the dinner table. Join Father Leo on Saturday, Oct 4 at St. Neumann Catholic Church. "Spiritual Combat" is for ages 12-25 and is free on a first come, first serve basis from 2-4pm. Vigil Mass will be at 5pm and then check-in for "Grace Before Meals" begins at 6pm. \$30 per ticket and \$15 per additional ticket. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Register at: <http://arlingtondiocese.org/gracebeforemeals/>

### **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

In our second reading it calls us to "complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing." Bring your marriage to a unity of heart. Restore, renew and rekindle your marriage at an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. 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](http://renewmarriage-vanorth.org) or contact us at [applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org) or 703-378-4150.

### **OUR LADY'S MISSIONARIES OF THE**

**EUCHARIST** Invites you to a retreat, "A Time Apart with Jesus to Grow in Your Spiritual Life." WHEN? November 7-9, 2014. WHERE? Ave Maria Retreat, Doylestown, PA. The retreat includes Daily Eucharist, Eucharist Adoration, conferences on Catholic Spirituality, Prayer with Sacred Scripture, Liturgy of the Hours, and much more! For more info please contact Loretta Schlosser at (540) 727-2070.

**HELP AFTER ABORTION** 2014 Healing retreats for women. Compassionate, non-judgmental and confidential. One Day Retreat: Saturday, Oct 4. Weekend Retreat: Friday, Nov 14-Sunday, Nov 16. Please visit [www.helpafterabortion.org](http://www.helpafterabortion.org) or call (888) 456-4673.

**Pope Francis:** The Lord is always there waiting to give us His love: it is an amazing thing, one which never ceases to surprise us!

## Christ's Action

The Holy Mass is the holiest thing we have here on earth. Why? Because it is the action of Christ. He offers himself for us, as he offered himself on the Cross. He sacrifices himself for us. That is why we say that the Mass is the same Sacrifice as that of the Cross renewed in an unbloody manner on the altar. On the altar just on the Cross, Christ offers his body and blood for us. The difference is that on the Cross his body and blood were visible to the eyes of those who were present, while in the Mass they are hidden under the appearances of bread and wine. But they are really present. This is the great fact. In each Mass, Christ is really present and renews the Sacrifice of the Cross.

The holy Eucharist is the "mystery of faith." Without faith, all you would see is bread and wine being offered, no more. Without faith, the most you could see in this is a gesture, a symbol, nothing more. With faith you know that at the moment of the Consecration — which is when the priest says, "This is my body," "This is the cup of my blood" — the bread and wine are changed into the body and blood of Jesus Christ who is then really present as God and as Man sacrificing himself for us on the altar as he sacrificed himself on the cross. If you come to Mass without faith, or with little faith you will easily get distracted and perhaps even bored. What a sad thing to get bored with Christ's sacrifice! Would we have been bored if we had been present at Calvary? If we hadn't faith, perhaps we would. Or at least we would have completely failed to understand what the death of that Man nailed to the cross really meant. Stir up your faith. And then you will always be amazed at the Mass.

### **Consecration**

The most solemn moment of the Holy Mass is the consecration. Up to that moment what is on the altar is bread and wine. From the moment when the priest pronounces the words of the consecration — "This is my body"; "This is the cup of my blood" — what is in the altar is the body and blood of Jesus Christ. Of the bread and wine nothing remains except the appearances. But, under those appearances, God is really present. All of this is

done by the power of God. Jesus Christ is God become Man and he can do anything. He can even change a little bread and wine into his own body and blood so that it can be our offering and sacrifice: and also, if we are fit to receive him, so that it can be our food.

The priest raises the host and the chalice. And we adore. Appearances will not deceive us if we have faith. With the eyes of our body we only see bread. But with the eyes of faith — which is how the Christian soul sees — we see and recognize our Lord himself. Let us express our faith. You remember those words of Saint Thomas, "My Lord and my God." Many people repeat them quietly to themselves at the moment of the elevation. Thomas wished to see the glorious Body of the risen Jesus. Then he proclaimed his divinity. Our Lord said to him, "Thomas, you believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe." Let us proclaim our faith in the real presence of Jesus in the host, relying for proof on his infallible word.

### **Consecration — Communion**

This is the moment of the Mass when we have to be most awake, putting heart and soul into many acts of faith and love and adoration. Because Christ is at last on the altar. There is no longer any bread or wine. By the miraculous process of transubstantiation all of it has been changed into the body and blood of Jesus Christ, God become Man. Our Lord is really present with his humanity and his divinity, offering himself for us on the altar just as he offered himself for us on the cross.

<http://www.catholiceducation.org/articles/religion/re0673.html#03>