

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
Toni-Ann Gambale, Office Assistant
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
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November 9, 2014
“The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica”

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week:

Sun. Nov. 9 8:00 AM – Deceased Auxiliaries and Deceased Active Legionnaires

Sun. Nov. 9 11:30 AM – Eddie Halliday (dec)

Sun. Nov. 9 4:00 PM – Roberto Cortes Cuevas (dec)

Mon. November 10 – Bill & Julie Canavan’s 24th Anniversary – St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Readings: Titus 1:1-9, Lk 17:1-6

Tues. November 11 – The Ladies Auxiliary Anniversary – St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

Readings: Titus 2:1-8, 11-14, Lk 17:7-10

Wed. November 12 – Diana Artura (special intention) – St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

Readings: Titus 3:1-7, Lk 17:11-19

Thurs. November 13 – For the People – St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Readings: Phlm 7-20, Lk 17:20-25

Fri. November 14 – Helen Craven (dec)

Readings: 2 Jn 4-9, Lk 17:26-37

Sat. November 15 8:30 AM – For the People

Readings: 3 Jn 5-8, Lk 18:1-8

Sat. November 15 6:00 PM – Art Crocker (dec)

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

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Reading I Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

Reading II 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17

Gospel John 2:13-22

Key Passage: “But he was speaking about the temple of his Body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.”
John 2:21-22

Adult: Our body is the temple of God. Are you treating His temple the best way you can? If not, how could you treat His temple better?

Child: What is one way you can take care of your body better?

ALTAR FLOWERS are available for request. Please stop by the office.



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, Jan Ambrose, Hector Baez, Lisa Ballard, Ric Barklund, Amber Bouchard, Dr. Tom Calhoun, Michael Combs, Roger Corum, Katherine Craig, Cynthia Davies, Bill Daley, James Driscoll, Jackie Fancher, Regan Flemming, Ryleigh Flemming, Bill Goetz, Billy Hall, Elizabeth Hartwell, Elizabeth Hartwell, Betty Hescox, Marilyn Hoffmann, Eileen Hunter, Alex Hyde, Mary Logan, Bryan Lorenz, Frank and Lucille McPhillips, Phillip Leo Mercer, Efen Diaz Miguel, Jim Minihan, Beth Moreland, Mary Neureither, Marcia Peacock, Shawn Peet, Jerry Roy, Adelfa Salvador, Ines Sanchez, 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: Lord of Wisdom, we faithfully believe in the promise of your Heavenly Kingdom. Yet, we allow our personal living to determine our personal giving. Enable us to be generous givers whose giving is not controlled by our personal wants. Awaken our spirit to the knowledge that we have a limited time to give to your ministries. We pray in the name of your Son, who will come again as Jesus the Christ. Amen. *Matthew 25:1-13*

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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| Collection (11/2) | \$ 9,581.83 |
| Retirement Fund for Religious | \$ 3,211.59 |
| Building Fund | \$ 1,233.00 |
| Epiphany School | \$ 655.00 |
| All Saints | \$ 892.00 |

QUARTERLY COLLECTION (July-Sept. 2014)

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| Collection | \$ 139,090.63 |
| Budget | \$ 149,500.00 |

MONTHLY COLLECTION (October 2014)

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| Collection | \$ 45,920.32 |
| Budget | \$ 46,000.00 |

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

FRIDAY DAILY MASS on Nov. 14th will be held at Epiphany.

ST. IGNATIUS PRAYER STUDY GROUP will meet Wednesdays in the lounge (rooms 6 & 8) in the Parish Hall Facility from 9:30-10:30 AM.

EXODUS BIBLE STUDY will meet Thursday morning, Nov. 13th for Lesson 10.

BEGINNERS BIBLE STUDY will start in January. More information to follow. If you have questions please contact Mac McPhillips at (540) 547-2123.

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, Nov. 12, at 7:00 pm at Brown and Harris Wealth Management Office at 311 S East St. (Note: this is a change in location). Topic is "Fishing Jesus Style." All are welcome.

SECOND COLLECTION for November 23rd will be for the Campaign for Human Development.

FAITH DIRECT: Want to make a change this fall? Have you signed up for eGiving through Faith Direct yet? It is the most convenient and secure way to make your weekly offering to Precious Blood Parish. You could make a one-time contribution or set up automatic contributions to save you time. Please visit, www.faithdirect.net and use our Parish Code, VA226. Paper enrollment in the office!

NEW ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM Our parish is offering interesting and informative adult education and faith formation sessions on Sunday mornings in the Parish Hall from 9:40-10:40am, while CCD classes are being held. Today's topic is "*Near-Death Experiences and Life in Heaven After Death*" The topic for Sunday Nov. 16th is "*Islam and Christianity: A Comparison and Contrast*." All adults are welcome and urged to attend, including those with students in the CCD program.

Pope Francis: "Being humble helps us share the burdens of others."

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ENCYCLICAL ON THE EUCHARIST: ST. POPE JOHN PAUL II "The worship of the Eucharist outside of Mass is of inestimable value as it is strictly linked to the celebration of the Eucharistic sacrifice. It is pleasant to spend time with Him to lie close to His breast like the Beloved Disciple and to feel the infinite love present in His heart." St. Alphonsus Liguori wrote, "Of all the devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us."

NEWS AND NEEDS

OFFICE CLOSED The office at Precious Blood Catholic Church will be closed on Tuesday, November 11th in honor of Veteran's Day.

THE ANNUAL MISSIONHURST THANKSGIVING will again be celebrated here, at Precious Blood, with entertainment to follow at Epiphany Catholic School on Thursday, Nov 20th at 1pm.

ALTAR SOCIETY will have its next meeting Friday, Nov 14th following daily mass. Please meet in the lounge of the Parish Hall Facility (rooms 6 & 8).

THE LADIES AUXILIARY of the Knights of Columbus will celebrate their anniversary Tuesday, Nov. 11th at the 8:30am mass with breakfast to follow at IHOP.

ALUMINUM COLLECTION will be held next Sunday, November 16th.

HOLY HOUR for All the Faithful Departed, Monday, November 10 at 7:00 pm. Let us join in prayer before our Lord as we pray for eternal rest to shine upon our loved ones who have gone before us in faith and for all the souls in purgatory awaiting their deliverance into His perpetual light.

ST. STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET Needs for this week: condiments, pasta & potato side dishes (no mashed), hand soap, shampoo, shaving items, toothbrushes and toothpaste. ***"BUY A BIRD" PROGRAM: Around \$15 per turkey but any monetary contribution is appreciated. Please mail checks with "Thanksgiving" in the memo line to Culpeper Food Closet, P.O. Box 343, Culpeper, VA 22701. Please, do not mail or donate whole turkeys. ***

RCIA The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov 11, at 6:45 PM in the ANNEX. Please contact Bob Wiersberg with any questions 937-6143 H or 222-8672 C.



The Lord has blessed all of us with many talents.

These talents can help serve your parish school. Use your gifts, your talents, to help change the lives of our students. These talents are a wonderful blessing. Developing your talents can be a source of accomplishment. Follow Jesus' example and use your gifts to reach out to others. For example: help tutor afterschool, participate in your school's maintenance of building and fields, expertise in IT, tile, and carpentry just to name a few. We could also use help in our beautification project with the Mary garden and pavilion landscaping. Volunteer to take care of a flowerbed around the school. Wonderful opportunities are available to volunteer your time and your unique talent. On a feasible level, the school can benefit substantially with many volunteer projects that save financial resources for the school and parish.

 **Epiphany's 13th Annual Gala!**

Please join Epiphany Catholic School for a night of dinner, dancing, games and auctions on November 22nd from 5pm to 11pm at the school.

- Individual Tickets - \$55
 - Party Table (reserves for 8 individuals) - \$500
 - Corporate Table (includes 8 tickets, prominent seating, and an ad in the Gala Program) - \$1,000
- Please contact Mary at marela123@gmail.com for tickets.

MUSIC *November 10* is the feast of **St. LEO THE**



GREAT who wrote that: "Peace is the first thing the angels sang. Peace is the mark of the sons of God. Peace is the

nurse of love. Peace is the mother of unity. Peace is the rest of blessed souls. Peace is the dwelling place of eternity." May peace always be the first and greatest hymn that we sing each week as we gather together as one body in Christ.

AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND Fr Brendan Bartlett, Parochial Vicar at Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ Church in Winchester, VA will lead a 9-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land from August 17-25, 2015. More info will be in next week's bulletin!

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER "Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" Do you treat your spouse like a temple of God. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on 20-22 Feb 2015 in Herndon or 17-19 Apr 2015 in Fredericksburg. For more information or to apply, visit our website at renewmarriage-vanorth.org or contact us at 703-378-4150.

PLACEMENT TESTING 8th grade students attending public schools or non-Catholic private schools who are interested in attending Catholic High Schools in the Diocese of Arlington need to take a placement test. The test is **REQUIRED** for:
-Bishop Ireton High School, Alexandria
-Bishop O'Connell High School, Arlington
-Paul VI High School, Fairfax
-Pope John Paul the Great High School, Dumfries
Testing will take place on Saturday, Dec 6 (Snow Date - Dec 13) from 8:30am-12pm. The test can be taken at any of the 4 schools listed above for a fee of \$35. Students must fill out a High School Placement Test Registration Form (available under "School Forms" at <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/catholicschools/parents.php>). The registration form must be submitted to the test site **no later than Thursday, December 4, 2014**. The \$35.00 fee should accompany the form.

ST. JOHN PAUL OPEN HOUSE All are invited to the Fall Open House at St. John Paul the Great Catholic High School on Sunday, Nov 16th from 1-4pm. Meet the entire team of educators, tour the beautiful building, and learn more about John Paul's successful programs and welcoming community. A presentation begins at 1:15pm in the Theatre. Pep-rally and House games begin at 3pm. For more information, please visit jpthegreat.org or call (703) 445-0300.

SUPPORT MOTHERS IN NEED Catholic Charities baby closet urgently needs diapers in all sizes (1 to 6), wipes, baby formula (Similac), baby shampoo, baby lotion and new baby clothing. Please bring donations to the Chancery Office at 200 N Glebe Rd, Suite 505, in Arlington, or to the Baby Closet at 10639 Courthouse Rd, in Fredericksburg.

Christians in the Gray Area

An examination of conscience regarding our speech, as St Paul proposes, will help us to answer an essential question about ourselves: Are we Christians of light, of darkness, or worse, are we gray Christians? Pope Francis asked this question during Mass at Santa Marta on Monday morning, 27 October.

Pope Francis explained that there are **three types of Christians**. Those who are full of **light** and serve God. Then, the so called '**dark Christians**' who live in sin. The third type, said the Pope, are **gray Christians**.

"Are our words hypocrisy? Taking a little from here, a little from there, to fit in with everyone? Then they are vacuous, of no substance, empty. Are they vulgar words, trivial, or worldly? A dirty, obscene word? These four [types] of words are not of the children of light, they are not the Holy Spirit, they are not of Jesus, they are not words of the Gospel ... this way of talking, always talking about dirty things or of worldliness or emptiness or hypocrisy".

"Paul says: 'Be imitators of God, walk in love; walk in goodness; walk in meekness. Those who walk in this way ... 'Be merciful - says Paul - forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ. Be, then, imitators of God and walk in love', that is, walk in mercy, forgiveness, love. And these are the words of a child of light".

There is a third group of Christians", Pope Francis explained, "that is the most difficult and complex of all: the neither light nor dark Christians". And these "are gray Christians", who "are on this side one time, and on the other" at another time. Such that, speaking of them, people say: "is this person okay with God or with the Devil?" And they say this because these Christians are "always in a gray area: they are lukewarm" and "they are neither luminous nor dark".

So, the Pope said, "the Lord is harsh with Christians of grayness". And it's no use to justify in self-defense, "I am a Christian, but I don't overdo it".

These gray people, in fact "do much harm, because their Christian testimony is a testimony that, in the end, sows confusion, sows a negative testament". And Paul is particularly clear in this regard: "once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light". Paul says "children of light" and "not children of darkness, not children of grayness".

The passage of St Paul, Francis concluded, is a good thermometer for reconsidering "our language". And it may be helpful to answer these questions: "How do we speak? Which of these four [types of] words do we speak with? Obscene words, worldly, vulgar words, vacuous words, hypocritical words?" And the answer to these questions, the Pope added, should suggest another question: "Am I a Christian of light? Am I a Christian of darkness? Am I a Christian of grayness?" This practical examination of conscience will help us "to take a step forward, to encounter the Lord".

<http://www.news.va/en/news/mass-at-santa-marta-christians-in-a-gray-area>