

PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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EPIPHANY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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MASSES

Saturday: 6:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00 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-6)
12:15 – 1:30 p.m. (7-12)

EPIPHANY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Preschool: 3 & 4 year old
Elementary: K-5
Middle School: 6-8

www.preciousbloodcatholicchurch.org



December 8, 2013
“Second Sunday of Advent”

LORD HEAR THE PRAYER FOR OUR SICK,



Especially: Ric Barklund, Nancy Baudhuin, May Boyer, Danny Call, Elizabeth Carlton Occhiogrosso, Cynthia Davies, Kate Driscoll, Bill Daley, Pat Diibon, Sue Doetzer, Gloria Driscoll, Jackie Fancher, Regan Flemming, Ryleigh Flemming, Tom Hertz, Betty Hescoc,

Eileen Hunter, Alex Hyde, Linda Ingerski, Wendy Kamal, Ann Kroenert, Bryan Lorenz, Fred Minier, Jim Minihan, Marcia Peacock, Shawn Peet, Mary Russell, Rich Rosado, Jerry Roy, Ines Sanchez, Roberto Sanson, Yrene Rey, Cissy Staiger, Holly Stanukenas, Tracey and Frank Toomey, Cheryl Weagle and Jane Wolfe 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.**



ALTAR FLOWERS Please note!

Altar flowers are available for requests for most weekends in December. Please call the rectory office, if interested.

WE WELCOME into our parish family Emma Setareh Lopez Mejia, daughter of Jose Lopez and Rosa Mejia; Kylie Navarrete, daughter of Pedro Navarrete and Guadalupe Guerrero; Nury Gonzalez, daughter of Carlos Gonzalez and Carmen Saravia; Carlos Emmanuel Gonzalez, son of Carlos Gonzalez and Carmen Saravia; and Nathalia Elizabeth Reyes, daughter of Julio Reyes-Dimas and Karla Lopez-Dimas who were all baptized Saturday, Nov. 23rd.

RCIA the next class is December 10th The topic will be "The Articles of Faith." This is an introduction to the Creed of the Church. Please pray for: Rachael Potts and Shawn Reckemmer as they prepare for full Acceptance into the Catechumenate. Please also pray for Joyce Sites-Baez as she is welcomed as a candidate for full communion.

ST.STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET: Needs are: saltines, hand soap, and beef stew.

ALUMINUM COLLECTION will be next weekend. Please bring your aluminum. No steel cans please.



ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE CELEBRATION will be tomorrow, December 9th, at 7:00 p.m. There will be several priests available to hear confessions.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Dec. 9- Joe Mehalek (dec)
Dec. 10 – pro populo
Dec. 11 – pro populo
Dec. 12 – Virginia Smith (healing)
Dec. 13 – pro populo
Dec. 14 – 8:30 AM pro populo
Dec. 14 - 6:00 PM pro populo
Dec. 15 - 8:30 AM- Howard Shaw (dec)
Dec. 15 - 11:00 Nicholas Hutsco (dec)

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Lord, it's so easy for us to hold on tightly to the money we earn. Help us to realize that you alone gave us the ability to do our jobs and to earn the money that we do. Help us to be open-handed in our giving to show our thanks to you. Bless these gifts.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Offertory Collection (11/24)	\$9,723.57
Offertory Collection (12/1)	\$10,163.71
Thanksgiving	\$993.47
Epiphany	\$431.00
Building Fund	\$1,122.50
Campaign for Human Development	\$1,117.29
Faith Direct	\$1,255.00

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be selling Christmas cards after each Mass starting 10/26/13 until 12/15/2013 or until supplies run out. Thank you for your support. They even have cards in Spanish.

ANGEL TREE PROGRAM Reminder that gifts need to be wrapped and returned by today December 8th.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY

is the patronal feast of the United States. It is Monday, Dec. 9th. This year it is not a holy day of obligation. There will be an 8:30 AM Mass with the Epiphany School.



The month of December will be very busy for our Epiphany students. They

will be involved in a variety of service projects. Our middle school students will lead us through prayer during Advent, Letter writing for Santa for Seniors, Toy and Food drive, visiting the nursing home and Ensemble Christmas Performance at Culpeper Country Club. If you would like to help the students in their activities, please donate nonperishable food items to the school during the next two weeks.

They can be dropped off at church on Sundays in the donation bins. In order to raise money for its charitable works, Epiphany's National Junior Honor Society will be having a bake sale the week of December 8-13. First, drop by our table at mass on December 8th for cookies, brownies, lemon squares, and more! Bring your small bills and your sweet tooth. Then, NJHS will be selling goodies to the students December 9-13 at lunch. All proceeds will go toward future service projects.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER John the Baptist tells us to reform our lives. Learn how to use the graces of your Sacrament of Marriage to renew your marriage and draw closer to God. Let the Lord strengthen, renew and rekindle your marriage by attending one of the upcoming weekends on Feb. 21-23, Sept 11-14, Nov. 14-16 in Herndon. April 11-13 in Fredericksburg. Early registration is recommended. www.renewmarriage-vanorth.org or call 703-378-4150.

LEGION OF MARY The weekly meetings of the Legion are temporarily suspended. It is vital that all **Auxiliaries** continue with their prayers for the Legion. Thank you for this very important aid!

THE ALTAR SOCIETY requests evergreen donations beginning December 19th, to be used for our church floral decorations. We request pine, fir, cypress, spruce, boxwood, nandina, holly, snowberries, magnolia cutting, etc. You can leave the greens at the main outside church door entrance to the right side. If you have questions, please call Ellie Johnston at 301-648-3186.

PRO-LIFE: Life is a gift that God has given us. That life is present in the pre-born; no human hand should ever end that life.

LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS are having a mini-bazaar and bake sale after the Masses in the Hallway. Do stop in for Christmas goodies and other surprises.

WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT On Dec. 11th will be the first of a two-part series featuring Fr. Robert Barron's Catholicism DVD series. This first series features, "Amazed and Afraid: The Revelation of God Become Man." For more information contact Steve Hemler at srhemler@yahoo.com. Join us in the Parish Hall at 7 PM.

POVERTY AND MISSION COMMITTEE will be assisting another church with the Culpeper Heat Shelter the week of Dec. 15-21 and possibly again in Jan. This shelter provides lodging, meals, and worship to the homeless in our community during the cold winter months in conjunction with other faith communities. If interested, contact Darren Caprarese at cappo1@comcast.net.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE There will be a special celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe on **Thurs. Dec. 12th**. *Las Mañanitas* (music and singing) and Holy Rosary will start at 4 AM with Mass at 5 AM. 6-7 AM will be fellowship in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

FIRST RECONCILIATION for our second graders will be Saturday, Dec. 14th at 10 AM.

FAITH DIRECT What a great gift it would be to me if you would enroll in the *Faith Direct* eGiving program. *Faith Direct* allows you to have your generous Sunday and second collection donations deducted directly from your bank or credit card account. I have complete trust in *Faith Direct's* security and there is no cost to you to participate! You can sign up at www.faithdirect.net and use our church code **VA226** or get a paper enrollment form from the office.

Pope Francis: It's God's hands who caress us in our moments of pain and who comforts us. I could never imagine those hands giving us a slap, Never. Never. Even when he scolds us, he does it with a caress.