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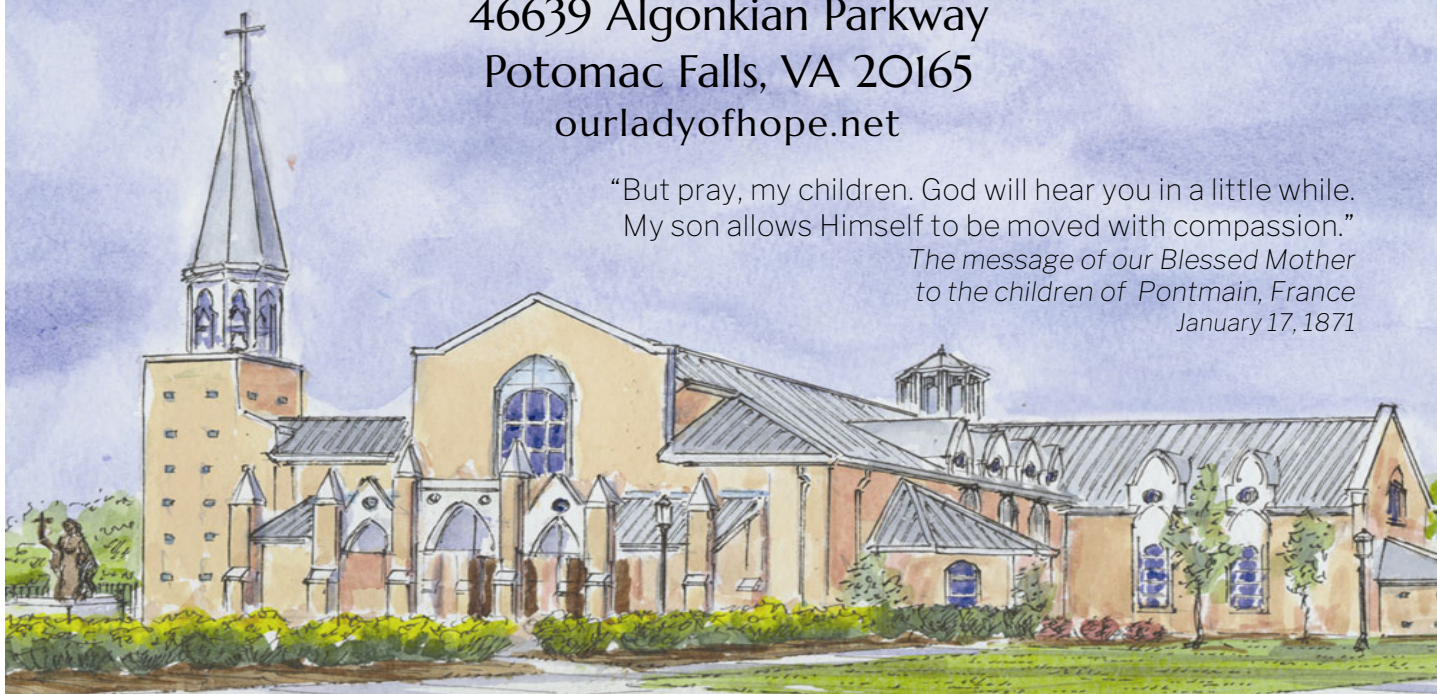
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"But pray, my children. God will hear you in a little while.
My son allows Himself to be moved with compassion."

*The message of our Blessed Mother
to the children of Pontmain, France
January 17, 1871*



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

Pastor

Reverend Anthony J. Killian

Parochial Vicar

Reverend Jordan M. Willard

Deacon

Deacon Marco M. Rajkovich

Parish Office

Monday-Friday

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

703-433-6770

Religious Education Office

Monday-Thursday

703-433-6564



**Our Lady of Hope
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A National Blue Ribbon School

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school@ourladyofhope.net

Principal

Mary Beth Pittman

Office Manager

Angela Matzke

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Evening

Sunday

5:00 p.m. (Vigil)

7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

12:15 p.m.

Daily Masses

Monday-Saturday

8:30 a.m.

The following Masses are available via
live stream at ourladyofhope.net/stream

Sunday: 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Monday-Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance

Thursdays

Saturdays

By appointment:

7:00 p.m. until line ends

9:00 a.m. until line ends

Call the office to schedule.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays 9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

Rosary

Preceding the 8:30 a.m. daily Mass

Parish Registration

If you are not registered, please pick up a form in the parish office or
from the information rack in the narthex.

Text-to-Give: Text the amount you would like to give to 703-343-9211.

MASSES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, May 9:

7:30 a.m. +Marlene Kennedy by Renee Williams
9:00 a.m. Mother's Day Novena
10:30 a.m. +George Esposito by the Hess Family
12:15 p.m. Mass for the People of Our Lady of Hope

Monday, May 10: *St. Damien de Veuser*

8:30 a.m. Mother's Day Novena

Tuesday, May 11:

8:30 a.m. Mother's Day Novena

Wednesday, May 12: *St. Nereus and Achillius; St. Pancras*

8:30 a.m. Mother's Day Novena

Thursday, May 13:

8:30 a.m. Mother's Day Novena

Friday, May 14: *St. Matthias, Apostle*

8:30 a.m. Mother's Day Novena

Saturday, May 15: *St. Isadore*

8:30 a.m. Mother's Day Novena
5:00 p.m. +Allen Taylor by Eve Taylor

The 2022 Mass book is now open. For more information on requesting a Mass, please visit ourladyofhope.net/mass-intentions

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OFFERTORY GIVING ALERT

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." - John 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider him your friend? Jesus says that if we love him, we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical or out of obligation, or do you share freely out of love?

The parish relies on your stewardship; particularly to the offertory. Our thanks to all who regularly support our parish. If you have been unable to make in-person weekly offerings, we prayerfully request that you consider signing up for Faith Direct and setting up your recurring offertory donation. You can use Faith Direct from your computer, phone or tablet for recurring and one-time gifts. Sign up today by visiting membership.faithdirect.net/VA79, or text Enroll to (703) 343-9211.

Those seeking to celebrate Marriage, have children baptized, or have a letter signed to serve as sponsors for Confirmation or Baptism should be parishioners and active, practicing Catholics. **To be considered active, one must have been registered in the parish for at least three months, attend Mass regularly, and be committed to a stewardship of time, talent, and treasure.** Please visit ourladyofhope.net or contact the parish office for more information.

Baptism: Parents desiring baptism for their child should call the office to begin preparation, preferably before the baby arrives. Parish registration is required, as well as a preparation class for parents.

Marriage: Please contact the office at least six months in advance of your desired date. Couples must have an initial meeting with the priest *before* setting any date or making any reservations for reception venues or with other churches.

Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor Certificates:

Those seeking a sponsor certificate should call the office to set a time to come and sign the form in the presence of a priest.

Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA): Adults who wish to receive Baptism, First Communion, and/or Confirmation are invited to attend the Inquiry Class on Thursday evenings. Please contact the Parish Secretary or visit the website to register.

Whether you
hold your children
in your heart,
in your arms,
or *in your dreams,*
may God bless you
this Mother's Day
and always.



Happy Mother's Day
from the
Our Lady of Hope
Clergy & Staff

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This week's second collection is for parish needs. This annual collection helps Our Lady of Hope cover the cost of on-going maintenance. Just like you have at home, the church has many items that need constant maintenance and occasional repair. Our facilities team works hard to keep air conditioning and heat working properly for your comfort, ensuring the parking lot is free of potholes, and taking care of unexpected repairs (like when our sign on Cascades Parkway was taken out by a snowplow this winter!). We appreciate your generous support in helping us maintain our beautiful church home.

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WE'RE HIRING!

Our Lady of Hope Catholic School is seeking a principal for the next academic year. The successful candidate must be a faith-filled, practicing Catholic with a strong commitment to the Catholic philosophy of education and the new evangelization. Applicants must possess proven educational, managerial, communication, and leadership skills. To view the full job listing and to apply, please visit arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-schools/career and submit a complete application packet by May 15, 2021.

Congratulations to the following parishioners of Our Lady of Hope named to the Honor Roll at Paul VI High School!

Daniela Angarita*	Angelo Pilande*	Melissa Vinh*
Erin Barrett	Cecilia Pugsley*	Claudia Zandi
Reagan Barrett*	Sebastian Said	
Anna Gallagher	Griffin Sheedy	*Principal's
Landan Grange	Jeffery Sheridan	Honor Roll
Catherine Jones	Jack Sullivan	
Matthew Koehler	Chase Tollefson	

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

The Associates of St. John Bosco Scholarship is now open and accepting applications! The Associates of St. John Bosco offer scholarships to undergraduate students who demonstrate an intense desire to serve the Church in some capacity after graduation. They are pleased to offer three scholarships in the amount of \$3,500 and one scholarship, the Vincent T. Vaccaro Education Scholarship, in the amount of \$5,000 to a student who will be engaged in education or work with young adults after college. The application is due May 18. For more information, please visit asjb.org/scholarship-program.

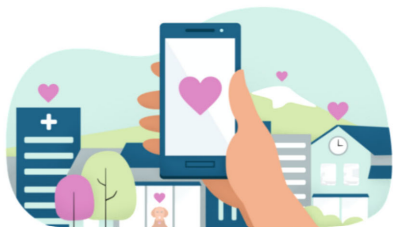
READ AND REFLECT

WHO NEEDS LOVE?

Part of the first reading from Acts that we don't hear is a vision Peter has, in which God tells him that all foods are OK to eat; no longer are some unclean. He later realizes that the vision was a symbol that all people are "clean," Gentiles as well as Jews. All are called to have faith in Jesus. Not all of the early Christians understood. The Jewish Christians were shocked that the Holy Spirit would give gifts, such as speaking in tongues, to Gentiles, especially Gentiles who had not been baptized!

The distinction between Gentile and Jewish Christians doesn't seem very important today. But we still need to follow St. Peter's example of sharing our faith in Jesus. We seem to be more interested in converting other Christians than in bringing non-Christians to the faith. Does that mean we should drag any non-believers we meet to church on Sunday?

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ATTENTION CLASS OF 2021!

The Associates of St. John Bosco invites rising college freshmen to attend a College Night at one of the following parishes:

June 30 - St. Michael's

July 7 - Nativity

July 21 - St. Mary's Old Town (held at St. Mary's Lyceum)

July 28 - St. Mary's Fredericksburg (held at Holy Cross Academy)

College Nights are free to all students and provide resources and support for keeping your Catholic faith when entering college this fall. Catholic student representatives from George Mason, UVA, the University of Mary Washington, William & Mary, Virginia Tech and other private and public schools will be on hand to share their experiences of being a Catholic college student. This is a great opportunity to network with other Catholic students and to receive resources for the transition to college only a few months away. The Nights begin at 7:00 PM, and students are encouraged to wear their college t-shirt to the event!

To register for one of the College Nights and for additional information, visit our website at asjb.org. Registration is limited to 50 students per night.

** Our College Nights will be held according to all Virginia Covid-19 Guidelines for social distancing and group size.*

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REMINDERS FOR ATTENDING MASS

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SPRING 2021

Wear a Mask

All those ages 5 and older should wear a mask while in the church building. Please help your brothers and sisters in Christ feel comfortable returning to Mass by honoring this request.



Social Distance

Maintain at least six feet between your household & the next. Most full-length pews can accommodate more than one family. If you are seated in a pew with extra space, please scoot down so that others can be seated while maintaining proper distancing.

Receive Communion in the Hand

Please prayerfully consider receiving Communion on the hand during this time as a sacrificial act of love offered for the person receiving after you.



Dispensation

Bishop
Burbidge's

dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation remains in place.

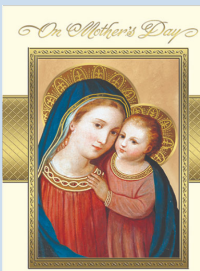
READ AND REFLECT CONTINUED

Should we brag about how much we love God?

Today's gospel gives us a hint at what we can do to bring others to Christ. Jesus makes it sound simple: Love one another as I love you. (Jn 15:12) Remember that God's love for us comes first. That's why the Gentiles in the first reading received the gifts of the Spirit before they were baptized. The second reading from John tells us that love is not people loving God; it's that God loved us first, enough to send his Son to die for us. We may think that we have chosen to love and follow Jesus, but as the gospel tells us, Jesus chose us before we ever chose him. So maybe that part about loving others as Jesus loves us is not so much about being willing to die for those you love. It may just be our willingness to love others without requiring that they love us first.

How can we do that? I can introduce myself to someone new to the parish that I see in church. I can offer to help the poor without waiting for the pastor to beg. I can be courteous to other drivers, letting them go in front of me in heavy traffic. I can make a priority of seeing what I can do for others, instead of what they can do for me. Perhaps part of our daily prayer can be asking God to show us who needs our love today.

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA



It's not too late to include your mom in our Mother's Day Novena! Cards for the Mother's Day Novena of Masses are available on the tables in the back of the church. This is a beautiful way to honor our mothers, both living and deceased. Please return your offerings to the marked basket in the back of the church or to the parish office.

Mother's Day Novena Masses will be celebrated May 9–17.

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for all those who serve our community and country, and all the sick and homebound members of our parish. Please also pray for vocations and for all the priests in our diocese, especially our parish seminarians: Aaron de Sa, James Joseph, and John Meyerhofer.



For those in need of prayer: Julia Badolato, Anna Carillo, Rocina Daez, Bill and Mercy Delaney, Margaret Ann Gentges, Kristin Grasson, Odette Hand, Zachary Jefferies, Szasz Marton Lajos, JoAnn Nelson, Barbara Orandello, Evelyn Reyes, Janos Roppanto, Kathy Schmitt, Marlene Skowronek, Timothy Watts, and for those whose suffering is known only to God.

For those who have died: Bob F. Smith, father of Bronte Smith; Raoul Orosa, brother of JC Orosa, and for all the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

Visit ourladyofhope.net/prayer to add a name to the prayer list.



Pregnant and need help?

Help is available through the Gabriel Project at 703-841-3810 or visit at helpforpregnantwomen.org

Want to help? Email info@h4pw.org

Healing after the choice?

Find compassionate, non-judgmental, confidential hope & healing through Project Rachel at 703-841-2504, or visit helpafterabortion.org

**God is not Solitude, but Communion;
he is Love, and therefore communication,
because love always communicates;
indeed, it communicates itself in
order to encounter the other.**

Pope Francis

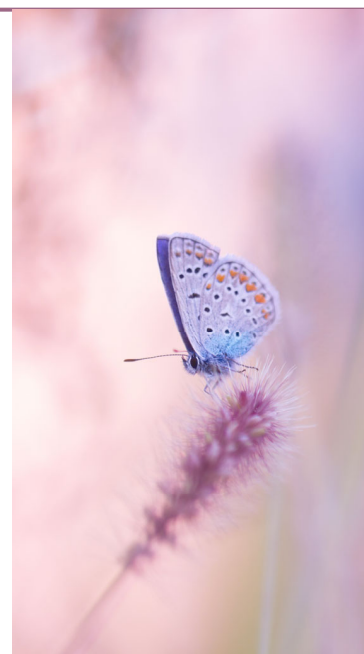
World Communications Day 2019

Next week our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Arlington to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit uscgb.org/cc.

The Arlington Diocese Council of Catholic Women recognizes that Mother's Day can be difficult for women struggling with infertility and pregnancy loss. We want you to know that there is support, fellowship, and encouragement available to you, no matter what your journey to motherhood looks like.

Divine Mercy Care and Tepeyac OB/GYN is offering an infertility support group named *Hannah's Hope* every second Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at their offices in Fairfax. Join them to find fellowship, prayer, and support. To RSVP for *Hannah's Hope*, please email Megan and Sandra at hannahshope2021@gmail.com.

The Diocese of Arlington's Office of Marriage, Family, and Respect Life also offers resources and support to those who experience pregnancy loss and infertility. To learn more, please visit arlingtondiocese.org/family-life/find-support/pregnancy-loss-and-infertility



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