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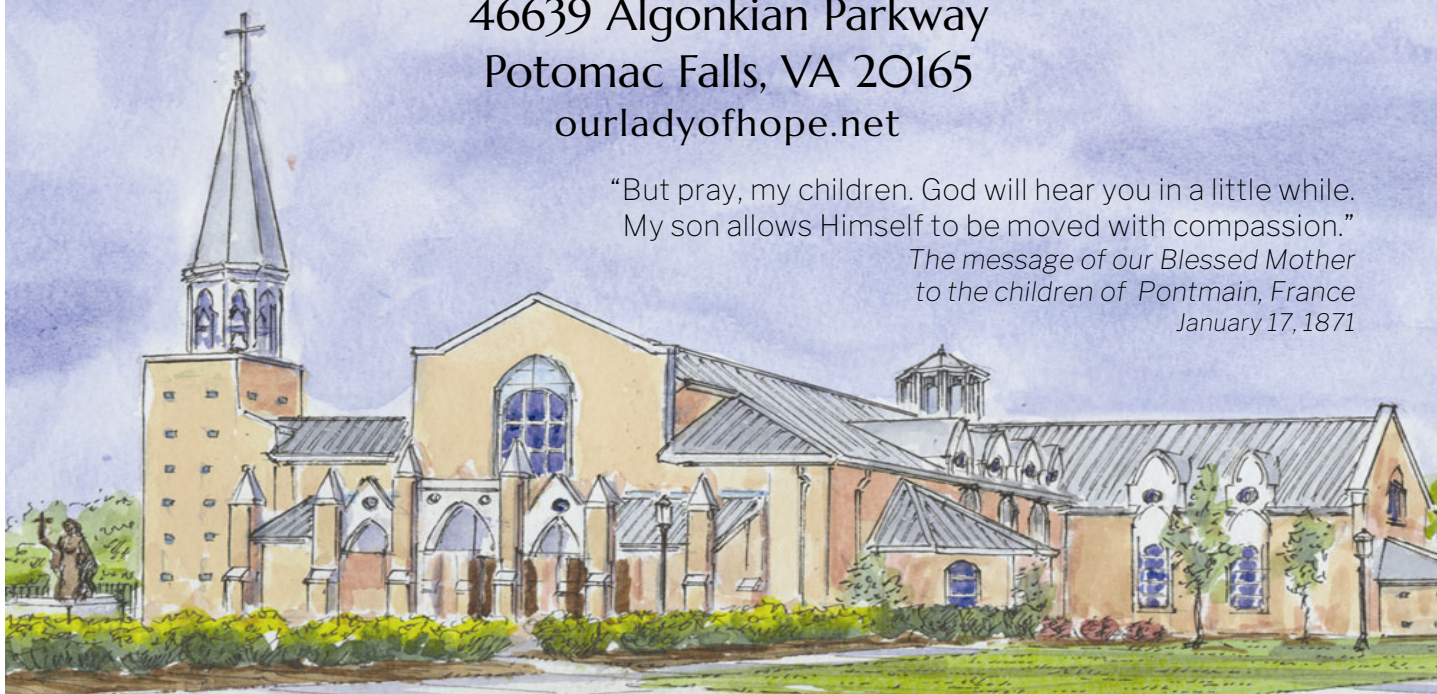
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"But pray, my children. God will hear you in a little while.
My son allows Himself to be moved with compassion."

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



11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 13, 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



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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, June 13

- 7:30 a.m. Mass for the People of Our Lady of Hope
9:00 a.m. Chevalier Family by the Dyak Family
10:30 a.m. +Marlene Kennedy by Patrick Kennedy
12:15 p.m. Deceased Members of the Taylor Family by Eve Taylor

Monday, June 14:

- 8:30 a.m. Paule Ford by Catherine K. Doud

Tuesday, June 15:

- 8:30 a.m. +Matt Angel by the Skojec Family

Wednesday, June 16:

- 8:30 a.m. +Margaret Melia by Aimee Waltz

Thursday, June 17:

- 8:30 a.m. Pres. Donald Trump by Anthony Meyerhofer

Friday, June 18:

- 8:30 a.m. +Margaret Melia by the Bongiovanni Family

Saturday, June 19:

- 8:30 a.m. Fr. Timothy Tarnacki by Peter & Andrea Bendo
5:00 p.m. +Salvatore Violante by Diane & Peter Buccieri

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

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil." - 2 Corinthians 5:10

We are all accountable for all of the gifts God has given us - our time, our talent and our treasure; everything we have and everything we are. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what did we do with the gifts we were given. How will you respond?

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.

The altar flowers are offered to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
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AROUND THE DIOCESE

Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce This powerful retreat focuses on discovering our true identity as children of God, overcoming the effects of parental divorce, and forgiving our parents. The weekend includes presentations, small group sharing, adoration, spiritual direction, and Mass. The retreat will take place from Friday, July 30 at 6:00 p.m. through Sunday, August 1, at 1:30 p.m. Cost: \$350. Late registration (starting June 16): \$400. Register at arlingtondiocese.org/healingretreat

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK

Each year, the Catholic Church in the United States recognizes Religious Freedom Week, **June 22-29**, as an opportunity to celebrate this founding freedom of our nation, as well as the work that must be done to ensure religious freedom remains a priority. The theme for this year is Solidarity in Freedom. As our religious rights increasingly come under attack, it is critical that we consider the invitation of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to pray, reflect, and take action on religious liberty. Now, more than ever, we need Solidarity in Freedom. To learn more about Religious Freedom Week 2021 and how you can participate, visit: arlingtondiocese.org/religiousfreedomweek2021/

FATHER'S DAY NOVENA

**June 20
to June 28**

Cards for the Father's Day Novena are available on the tables in the back of the church. Please place the outer envelope, with your offering and the names of those you would like remembered in the novena, in the collection basket or return it to the parish office.



**SIGN UP FOR A
SUNDAY
MINISTRY**

Visit ourladyofhope.net/sunday-sign-up
to learn about opportunities to serve!



READ AND REFLECT

Today's scriptures connect the towering cedars of Lebanon from the prophet Ezekiel to the mustard plant of the famous parable of Jesus. Both plants represent the Kingdom of God. Both are also to be understood as symbols of the Church, where "birds of every kind shall dwell" (Ezekiel 17:23) and shelter in the cedar's branches, and the shade of the mustard plant's large branches provide dwelling for the "birds of the sky." Even today's psalm tells of the just one who is like a cedar flourishing in the house of the Lord.

Now, the Church is not the Kingdom, but rather a sacrament, a visible sign of it. They co-exist in the here-and-now but also in the "not yet." As Paul reminds us, we must constantly work to continue building and growing the Kingdom by everyday good works of "the just one." So we are all birds and just ones.

"LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD..." The Gospel of Mark is nothing if not a testament to the power of parables to illustrate the Good News through story. Jesus was a master storyteller, who understood the importance of using images and concepts to which his listeners could relate. A seed, a mustard plant, would symbolize one of Mark's signature focuses: the Kingdom of God.

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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.*

HUGE CHILDREN'S CONSIGNMENT SALE



Consign and shop for baby and children's clothing, accessories, toys, books, videos, games, furniture, and so much more at Little Flower Consignments.

June 18 & 19

St. Theresa Catholic School, Ashburn

littleflowerconsignments.org

Many changes have been made to provide a safe shopping experience. Registration is required, but admission is free! Register to volunteer or consign your items, or make a reservation to shop at littleflowerconsignments.org. All proceeds are donated to Divine Mercy Outreach, a ministry whose goal is to demonstrate the mercy of Christ by supporting those in need throughout the local community.



In Antiquuum Ministerium, Pope Francis' recent Apostolic Letter, the Holy Father emphasized the importance of recognizing "the lay men and women who feel called, by virtue of their baptism, to cooperate in the work of catechesis." Inspired by these words, we're excited to shine a light on our Catechists. As we highlight the dedicated parishioners who are helping spread "the hope that is in them" (1 Pet 3:15) with our youngest brothers and sisters in Christ, we hope you will be inspired to grow in your own witness of the Faith.



PAM SKOJEC
Grade 2 Catechist

First Communion preparation would not be the same without Pam Skojec. She has been a Catechist for over 30 years, mostly second grade but recently middle school as well. A teacher at heart, she has taught art at Our Lady of Hope School, Holy Family Academy, St. Sebastian High School, St. John Bosco Hybrid School,

and to homeschool groups. She uses her artistic talents in the classroom, drawing scenes while telling stories from the Bible or about the saints. Students love her engaging teaching style, her patience, and her sense of humor. She is inspired by Bishop Fulton Sheen, Fr. Mike Schmitz, and her own 6th grade religion teacher, Fr. Queen, who made religion come to life.

As a mother of 6 grown children, Pam sacrifices time and effort to religious education, but she reaps the rewards. "Getting to know the great kids who come is a wonderful benefit, but watching them grow in knowledge and love of the Lord is beyond price." To those who are thinking of volunteering, "Everyone should teach at least once. It makes you realize how much more you have to learn and how important it is."



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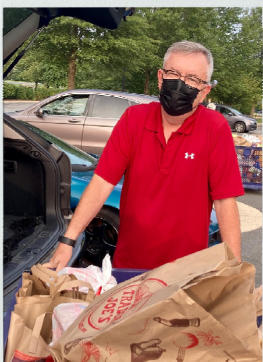
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Be a Knight.**

Learn more about what it means to be a Knight of Columbus at Our Lady of Hope by visiting ourladyofhope.net/KofC



Be the **INSPIRATION**
with KOVAR

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: Anna Carillo, Rocina Daez, Bill and Mercy Delaney, Kristin Grasson, Odette Hand, Roberto Huidor, Zachary Jefferies, Angela Nelson, JoAnn Nelson, Annabelle Nikzad, Barbara Orandello, Rose Follett, Kathy Schmitt, Marlene Skowronek, and for those whose suffering is known only to God.

For those who have died: Todd Faxon, Will Casey Purvis, 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

We walk
by faith
not by
sight
2 Corinthians

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completely and sit
waiting, content with
the grace of God.

St. Romuald

11th-century Italian nobleman who left his worldly life behind to live as a hermit. He founded the Camaldolese monastic order.

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June 19

READ AND REFLECT CONTINUED

Centuries earlier, the prophet Ezekiel proclaimed most poetically to the Israelites, recently liberated from Babylonian captivity, that their God was still their hope, their comfort, their rescue, and their shelter. Those refugees would understand the image of the towering cedar as a symbol of their kingdom, cut down, fallen, captured. By restoring their kingdom, their God was giving them a new creation (the replanted shoot) and a new covenant.

THY KINGDOM COME . . . Ezekiel said that God would tear off “a tender shoot” (17:22) for this replanting. What does this sound like? Why, Advent, of course, and specifically the words of the prophet Isaiah: “A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom” (Isaiah 11:1); and again in Isaiah’s Messianic texts we hear: “He grew up before us like a tender shoot” (53:2). Jesse was the father of the great king David and, as we know, Jesus came to be that tender shoot, that blossom, the new Davidic King whose throne, the cross, was once a tree.

God’s incarnation in Jesus, born fully human, is the fulfillment of the promise to Ezekiel of the renewed and restored cedar, the new Kingdom. That new creation and covenant exists for us in the Church, through the Holy Spirit making the seed planted within us grow, flourish, and spread. Thus we have the faith and courage to be that visible sign of the Kingdom bringing hope and renewal to the world. We must live Kingdom lives before we can convince others to do so.

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