

Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2016

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The Rev. Joseph W. Farrell, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Andy Usera, Deacon

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PARISH MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon.— Friday: 6:45 a.m.* & 8:30 a.m.
*(There is no 6:45 a.m. Mass on Federal Holidays.)

Saturday: 8:30 a.m.
5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., &
12:15 p.m.

Holy Days: As Announced

DEVOTIONS:

Adoration: Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Holy Hour: Thursdays from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Rosary: Following the 8:30 a.m. Daily Mass

CONFESSIONS:

Thursday: 7:30 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m.
and by Appointment

PARISH REGISTRATION

We invite you to register and become part of our parish community. Forms are available at the parish office or on the table in the narthex.

*"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)

MASSES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, December 18: Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. +Leonard Kielbasa by Patrick Kennedy
9:00 a.m. +Rudolph Milisits by the Hartmann Family
10:30 a.m. Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:15 p.m. +John Paul Popovich by the Long Family

Monday, December 19:

6:45 a.m. +Camilla Marra by Barbara Principe
8:30 a.m. +Thomas Harris by the Ward Family

Tuesday, December 20:

6:45 a.m. Heather Jensen by Bethany Sargis
8:30 a.m. +James Eichler by the Eichler Family

Wednesday, December 21:

6:45 a.m. +Gloria deVargas by Mary & Greg Gagne
8:30 a.m. Irene Thomas by Clyde & Marsha Slick

Thursday, December 22:

6:45 a.m. +Marion Quartarato by Cathy Hall
8:30 a.m. Synclaire Shoemaker by the Barshop Family

Friday, December 23:

6:45 a.m. +Mary Bonnette by the Labate Family
8:30 a.m. +Kathy Schiessl by Sherry Grasson

Saturday, December 24:

8:30 a.m. +Francis Unitis by Mary & Greg Gagne
5:00 p.m. The Farrell Family
7:30 p.m. The Saunders Family

Sunday, December 25: The Nativity of the Lord

12:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Parishioners
9:00 a.m. Paul & Clara Dugan
11:00 a.m. The Stanislawski Family

In a new exhibition, *God's Servant First: The Life and Legacy of Thomas More*, is now at the St. John Paul II Shrine in Washington, DC. The exhibit runs through March 31, 2017. For more information, please visit www.jp2shrine.org.

General Parish Information

What does it mean to be an active Catholic?

Frequently, those seeking to celebrate Marriage, have children baptized, or serve as sponsors for Confirmation or Baptism request a letter stating that they are parishioners and active, practicing Catholics. *To receive such a letter, one must be registered in the parish for at least 3 months, attend Mass regularly, and be committed to a stewardship of time, talent, and treasure.* We encourage all parishioners to become active in one of the parish organizations. In a community as large as Our Lady of Hope, one means of verifying participation is through the use of parish offertory envelopes. If you choose not to participate in the support of the parish, or are unable to contribute at this time, please at least note your prayerful support on your envelope and place it in the weekly offertory. We will then be aware of your continued participation, and you will not be noted as "inactive" on our parish roster.

Baptism & Baptism Class

To begin the process of having a child baptized, please contact the parish office for information. There is paperwork (Godparent forms/Information Sheet for the Sacramental Register) as well as a baptism class for parents to complete. Baptisms are held on Sundays at 1:30 p.m.

The baptism class is held monthly on Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. Our next class will be held on **December 17, 2016** in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Room. Please call the office to pre-register for this class.

First Communion

For Children: Generally, First Communion is received when a child is in Second Grade. Students in the RE Program are required to be registered for both first and second grade to begin preparation for the Sacrament. Please contact the Religious Education Office with questions.

Sacrament of Matrimony

In accordance with the regulations of the Bishop of Arlington, couples must contact a priest and begin preparation at least six months prior to the wedding. Parish registration and active participation for a minimum of 3 months is required *before* preparation may begin. Living together before marriage is sinful and harmful to the future marriage. Couples who are living together will be asked to live separately during the preparation time..

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We are excited to announce that our parish has subscribed to an exciting new online platform: **formed.org** with 24/7 access to the truth, beauty, and meaning of the Catholic faith anytime, anywhere. Use your tablet, computer or smartphone to access teaching from Dr. Scott Hahn, Dr. Edward Sri, Bishop Robert Barron, Dr. Tim Grey and much more. Visit formed.org and enter parish code **DMWYBP** on the homepage and create a personal account.

Support Seminarians

Seminarian Education Endowment Fund (SEEF) Matching Gift Campaign

Support our seminarians through the Seminarian Education Endowment Fund (SEEF). SEEF's income provides funding for expenses such as room, board, tuition, health insurance, and books, which total almost \$40,000 per seminarian. Please give generously and take advantage of a \$100,000 matching gift! Make checks payable to *Foundation for the CDA – SEEF*. Mail to The Foundation, 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 811, Arlington, VA 22203. Contact Bob Mueller at r.mueller@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2545 with questions.

Parish Group Coordinators

Altar Servers:	Jeff Grado	477-9177
Altar Society:	Alfonso & Janeth Pena	571-375-2650
American Heritage Girls:	Heather Ward	571-331-4394
Area Agency on Aging:	Rich Payne	887-9765
Birthright:	Mary Lynn Linzmeyer	431-2247
Boy Scouts:	Al Pacifico	727-7773
Cub Scouts:	Michael McIntosh	444-2316
Culture of Life:	Fran Black	726-1643
CYO Sports:	Raynelle Araque	404-3442
Girl Scouts:	Tricia Kershaw	450-0685
Gift Shop	Sherry Grasson	571-213-4620
Homeschoolers:	Stacy Byrne	948-7845
Jr. High Youth:	Stacy Byrne	948-7845
Knights of Columbus:	Paolo Verrone	240-994-8082
Ladies of Hope:	Marie Kennedy	433-0864
Lectors:	Paul Gilmore	444-2293
Legion of Mary:	Deborah Baird	430-8554
Mom's Group	Christina Bongiovanni	917-301-3287
Parish Service Partnership:	Tess Torres	571-278-5736
Seniors:		
Ushers:	John Grzechowiak	444-0023
Young Adults:	Josh Bickl	618-830-2399

Faith Direct

In this season of Advent, we are continuously preparing ourselves for the celebration of Christ's birth. Why not help our own parish prepare for the coming New Year by signing up with Faith Direct? By supporting Our Lady of Hope through Faith Direct, both you and our parish can save some time and peace of mind this holiday season. Already using Faith Direct? Don't forget to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account. Please visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: VA79. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

A Huge Thank You

The OLOH Mom's Group would like to offer a huge thank you for the incredible generosity to their Fall Toy and Book Drive. A total of 323 books will be donated to Catholic Charities in Leesburg for the children of the families who are assisted daily. Additionally, the toys donated for use by the various parish groups netted so many toys that the extra toys filled an entire bin to be given to Toys for Tots. May you be blessed for your kindness!

Religious Education 703-433-6564

The Religious Education Office is closed on Fridays.

Please note the following dates:

Dec 20/21: Christmas Holiday

Dec. 27/28: Christmas Holiday

Jan. 13: Confirmation Paperwork Due

Jan. 22: First Communion Parents Meeting, Penance workbook due

Youth Ministry 703-433-6770 Youth@ourladyofhope.net

Upcoming High School Youth Group Events

Each Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., the youth group meets in the school gym for a half-hour of fun and fellowship followed by a topical presentation and discussion. Then, from 9-10 p.m., open gym is available for anyone wishing to stay.

Mother Teresa Mondays:



Meet at the school at 5:45 p.m. 8th Graders are welcome to join the High School Youth Group for these events. Dates are as follows:

12/19: Activities with Adults with disabilities

From Scrooge's Desk

A Time for Giving

This year, Christmas falls on a Sunday. I remember in my early priesthood, I said to my first Pastor, Msgr. Hendrick, "This is great. Christmas falls on a weekend. We won't have 4th Sunday of Advent, Christmas, Holy Family Sunday, New Year Day/Solemnity of Mary, and Epiphany Sunday all jammed into two weeks!" Msgr. Hendrick replied in his refined Southern accent, "Well, Father, some day when you are a pastor, you will realize you miss out on two collections by having Christmas and New Year's on a weekend!"

With that said, I rely on your generosity this Christmas. Normally, our Christmas collection has been targeted for our parish debt. I am happy to report that we now owe \$3.9 million on our mortgage. Remember, the whole construction project was \$20 million, and the loan was \$9.5 million. Because of the sacrifices of so many, we have enjoyed our church, school, church hall and parish offices since 2005/2006. I am truly grateful for whatever extra sacrifice you can make this Christmas.
Father Saunders

From Santa's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

On that first Christmas, the angels praised God, saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth to men of good will." The shepherds came and adored the newborn Savior.

We must not only celebrate but also treasure the gift of Christmas in our hearts. And that gift is simply Jesus, true God who became true man, who came to reveal perfectly God's truth and love to us, who died and rose for our salvation, and who founded a Church—a family—where His presence continues in both Word and Sacrament. Treasure and reflect on the gift of Jesus and the faith you share in Him as a member of the Catholic Church.

To treasure this gift, we must strive to conform our wills to the will of God, as did our Blessed Mother Mary. This is what we pray in the "Our Father." When our intellect and will is united with our Lord's will, we find peace in our lives, our homes, and in our world. As the old song goes, "Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with ME." Therefore, open your life to the grace of God by making time each day for prayer, by reading Sacred Scripture and the teachings of our Church, by having a stronger devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and the Holy Mass, by regularly making a self-examination of conscience and going to Confession, and doing those good works for those entrusted to our care and for those in need.

Lastly as your pastor, I treasure the gift of you and the dedication, sacrifices, and hard work you have shown to make this parish a beacon of Christ's love. In particular, I thank those who serve in the various ministries and organizations. On behalf of Father Farrell and all of the Staff at Our Lady of Hope, I wish each of you a blessed and joyous Christmas and New Year! Please be assured of my prayers for your intentions and a remembrance at Holy Mass. May the peace, joy, and love of the Holy Family be present in your lives each day of the New Year.

May God bless you,

Rev. William P. Saunders, Pastor

Campaign for Human Development Collection

The Campaign for Human Development Collection was \$2,135.10. *Thank you for your support and generosity.*

This Week at a Glance**Sunday, December 18:**

Knights of Columbus Food Drive

1:30 p.m. Baptisms –Church

2:00 p.m. CYO Basketball-Gym

2:00 p.m. SPRED – Hall, STM Room, SEAS Room

6:15 p.m. Jr. High Youth Ministry-GYM

7:00 p.m. Simbang Gabi Mass & Reception –Church & Hall

Monday, December 19:

6:45 a.m. Holy Mass

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass

5:30 p.m. CYO Basketball –GYM

5:45 p.m. Mother Teresa Monday—School Gym

7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary – SEAS Room

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 572 Meeting –Hall

7:30 p.m. Young Adults – St. Thomas More Room

Tuesday, December 20:

6:45 a.m. Holy Mass

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass

3:30 p.m. Jr. Legion of Mary—St. Thomas More Room

5:30 p.m. CYO Basketball –GYM

7:00 p.m. Rehearsal- 9:00 a.m. Sunday Choir –Music Office

7:30 p.m. Youth Ministry – School Gym

Wednesday, December 21:

6:45 a.m. Holy Mass

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass

9:00 a.m. Endow-Hall/SEAS Room/STM Room

3:00 p.m. Children’s Choir –Loft

5:30 p.m. CYO Basketball –GYM

7:00 p.m. Rehearsal- 10:30 a.m. Sunday Choir –STM Room

7:30 p.m. Bible Study—Parish Hall

Thursday, December 22:

6:45 a.m. Holy Mass

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass

9:00 a.m. Adoration

5:00 p.m. CYO Basketball –GYM

7:30 p.m. Holy Hour, Confessions, Benediction

Friday, December 23:

6:45 a.m. Holy Mass

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass

5:00 p.m. CYO Basketball –GYM

6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Meeting -Parish Hall

Saturday, December 24:

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass and Confessions

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass

7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass

Next Week at a Glance**Sunday, December 25:**

9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

11:00 a.m. Holy Mass

Monday, December 26:

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass

3:30 p.m. American Heritage Girls—STM Room

5:45 p.m. Mother Teresa Monday—School Gym

7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary – SEAS Room

7:30 p.m. Young Adults – St. Thomas More Room

Tuesday, December 27:

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass

7:00 p.m. Rehearsal- 9:00 a.m. Sunday Choir –Music Office

7:30 p.m. Youth Ministry – School Gym

Wednesday, December 28:

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass

3:00 p.m. Children’s Choir –Loft

7:00 p.m. Rehearsal- 10:30 a.m. Sunday Choir –STM Room

7:30 p.m. Bible Study—Parish Hall

Thursday, December 29:

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass

Friday, December 30:

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass

Saturday, December 31:

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass and Confessions

5:00 p.m. New Year’s Eve Vigil Mass

Simbang Gabi Masses

Join hundreds of parishioners from across the diocese for a special, long-standing Catholic Filipino cultural tradition, Simbang Gabi. This 9-day Novena is to spiritually prepare for the birth of Christ, and started December 15th and will end on December 23rd with Mass celebrated by Bishop Burbidge. This year’s theme is “Our Hope: The Coming of God’s Light.”

Simbang Gabi at Our Lady of Hope

Everyone is invited to Simbang Gabi on December 18th at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Hope. This is celebrated in the Philippines and also among the Filipino “diaspora” all over the world. The main Celebrant is Fr. Farrell. A reception will follow in the parish hall. For more information or to help out, please call Noemi Carmack at 703-579-5435 or Judy Trozado at 703-314-4735. This Mass fulfills your Sunday obligation.

*Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church
Christmas Schedule*



December 24th:

8:30 a.m. Daily Mass

9:00 a.m. Confessions

December 24th : Christmas Eve Masses

5:00 (Children's Choir)

7:30 p.m. (Cantor)

December 25th:

*Christmas Mass at Midnight
(Choir & Orchestra)*

Christmas Morning Masses

9:00 a.m. (Choir)

11:00 a.m. (Choir & Orchestra)

December 24th, 26th -30th & January 2nd

*Daily Mass will be celebrated at
8:30 a.m. only*

December 31st : Mary, Mother of God

Vigil Mass -5:00 p.m.

January 1st: Mary, Mother of God

7:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

12:15 p.m.

*The parish office will be closed December 26, 2016 and
January 2, 2017.*