

Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 24, 2017

PARISH CLERGY:

The Rev. William P. Saunders, Pastor
The Rev. Joseph W. Farrell, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Andy Usera, Deacon

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PARISH MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday:

6:45 a.m.* & 8:30 a.m.

*(There is no 6:45 a.m. Mass on Federal Holidays.)

Tuesday & Thursday:

8:30 a.m. & 5:15 p.m.

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 5:00 p.m.
Benediction: 5:00 p.m.
Rosary: Following the 8:30 a.m. Daily Mass

CONFESSIONS:

Thursday: 7:00 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 24:

- 7:30 a.m. +Maria Jenes by Laura Robinson
9:00 a.m. +Betty F. Sobieski by Chip & Molly Carr
10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
12:15 p.m. +James Eichler by the Eichler Family
5:00 p.m. +Paul & Olga Dugan
7:00 p.m. +Paul & Clara Dugan
9:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

Monday, December 25: The Nativity of the Lord

- 9:00 a.m. The Farrell Family
11:00 a.m. The Saunders Family

Tuesday, December 26: St. Stephen, the First Martyr

- 8:30 a.m. +Robert Lynwood by Barbara Principe
5:15 p.m. NO MASS

Wednesday, December 27: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

- 6:45 a.m. NO MASS
8:30 a.m. +Joseph M. Oliveri by Peter & Carol Oliveri

Thursday, December 28: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

- 8:30 a.m. +Stan Plummer by Cathy Plummer
5:15 p.m. NO MASS

Friday, December 29:

- 6:45 a.m. NO MASS
8:30 a.m. +Vilma Kaufmann by Barbara Principe

Saturday, December 30:

- 8:30 a.m. +Frederick Dodrill, Sr. by Marian Dodrill
5:00 p.m. +Mary K. Steinemeyer by Peter & Carol Oliveri

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, 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 or electronic giving such as Faith Direct. 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, 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. Please call the office to pre-register for the next available 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.

Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA):

Adults who wish to receive Baptism, First Communion and/or Confirmation or enter the Church, are encouraged and invited to join the Inquiry Class, taught by Father Saunders, on Thursday evenings. Please contact the Parish Secretary or visit the parish website to register for this class.

Eucharistic Holy Hour

The Arlington Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima (the Blue Army) will sponsor a diocesan-wide Eucharistic Holy Hour on December 24 from 3-4 p.m. in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel at Our Lady of Angels Church, 13752 Mary's Way, Woodbridge. We hope you can join us to pray for world peace through the conversion of souls.

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Altar Servers:	Jeff Grado	477-9177
Altar Society:	Alfonso & Janeth Pena	571-375-2650
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Area Agency on Aging:	Rich Payne	887-9765
Birthright:	Mary Lynn Linzmeyer	431-2247
Boy Scouts:	Mark Lavery	202-302-5260
Cub Scouts:	Michael McIntosh	444-2316
Culture of Life:	Fran Black	726-1643
CYO Sports:	Raynelle Araque	404-3442
Empty Nesters & Seniors:	Therese Bracken	444-1977
	Donna Bongiovanni	443-6963
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:		
	Adam Stanislawski	657-3400
Girl Scouts:	Tricia Kershaw	450-0685
Gift Shop	Sherry Grasson	571-213-4620
Homeschoolers:	Heather Ward	571-331-4394
Jr. Legion of Mary:	Virginia Rowell	629-4168
Knights of Columbus:	Tom Hohn	406-2721
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
	Liz Andersen	571-269-5193
Parish Service Partnership:	Tess Torres	571-278-5736
Ushers:	John Grzechowiak	444-0023
Young Adults:	Josh Bickl	618-830-2399

Christmas Season Mass Schedule

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23: 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday, December 24: 7:30 a.m.,
 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m.



Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24: 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 30: 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday, December 31: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,
 10:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sunday, December 31: 5:00 p.m.
 Monday, January 1: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Watch the OLOH 10:30 am Mass Live

A live video stream of the OLOH Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass is available with a link located on the home page of the church website. Contact the church office for details.

Our Lady of Hope Catholic School



Save the Date!

Our Lady of Hope School will be hosting a Winter Open House on **January 31st** from 9:30—11:00 a.m. Applications for the 2018-2019 School Year will be available at this time.



Our Lady of Hope's young adult ministry, Fiat, invites all young adults, 18-39, to grow in Faith and Fellowship together. Fiat has a weekly book study on Mondays, a monthly devotion & social event, as well as a monthly food pantry service project, in addition to local pilgrimages, hikes, game nights, and other events throughout the year. To sign-up for our weekly newsletter and for more details, contact Fiat Young Adults at youngadults@ourladyofhope.net. The group meets on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas More Room. *All parishioners are welcome to join the young adults for **Sung Vespers** every First Friday in the church at 6:30 p.m.*

Religious Education 703-433-6564

The Religious Education Office is closed on Fridays.

Upcoming events:

Classes resume: January 2/3, 2018



From the Desk of the Pastor ...

Having weighed the suggestions of parishioners and the Parish Council, the following changes will be made for the weekday Mass schedule beginning this Advent, December 4th:

Monday	6:45 and 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday	8:30 a.m. & 5:15 p.m.
Wednesday	6:45 and 8:30 a.m.
Thursday	8:30 a.m. & 5:15 p.m.
Friday	6:45 and 8:30 a.m.

Also on Thursday, Adoration will begin after the 8:30 a.m. Mass, and Benediction will be at 5:00 p.m. There will be no Holy Hour, but confessions will be offered beginning at 7:00 p.m.

May God bless you,
Rev. William P. Saunders, Pastor

Fourth Sunday of Advent

“Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!” Luke 1:28.

Faith is a gift from God. Take time in silence and thank Him for all the gifts He has given you. Try to set aside any anger or resentment you have and really open your heart to receive the gift of God’s mercy and forgiveness. We can’t give what we don’t have. We need to receive God’s mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others.

**Area Agency on the Aging**

The following presentations will be offered at the Area Agency on Aging Office—20145 Ashbrook Place, Suite 170, Ashburn. Please RSVP for each to aaasupport@loudoun.gov or 703-771-5407.

January 20, 2018 12-1:30 p.m. **How to Plan and Pay for Long-Term Care Expenses.** By John P. Bennett of the Eveland Group at Merrill Lynch. Lunch will be served. Please **RSVP by 1/15/18.**

Youth Ministry**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 -

The next meeting will be **January 15:** This group meets at the school gym at 5:45 p.m. 8th Graders are welcome to join the High School Youth Group for these events.



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.

In an age where peace seems so elusive, we take comfort in the gift of Christmas: 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. When we open our hearts to Jesus and give our love to Him, when we live each day in His presence and follow His truth, then we will know peace in our lives and be His peacemakers in this world.

As your pastor, I thank you for your dedication, sacrifices, and hard work that enable this parish to be a sign of the Lord’s presence in this world and His instrument of peace. 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 our 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

This Week at a Glance**Sunday, December 24:**

7:30 a.m. Holy Mass
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
 10:30 a.m. Holy Mass
 12:15 p.m. Holy Mass
 5:00 p.m. Holy Mass
 7:00 p.m. Holy Mass
 9:00 p.m. Holy Mass

Monday, December 25:

9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
 11:00 a.m. Holy Mass

Tuesday, December 26: St. Stephen, The First Martyr

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass
 3:30 p.m. NO Junior Legion of Mary
 4:15 p.m. NO RE Classes
 5:15 p.m. NO Holy Mass
 6:00 p.m. NO RE Classes
 7:00 p.m. NO Rehearsal: 9:00 a.m. Sunday Choir
 7:30 p.m. NO Endow
 7:30 p.m. Youth Ministry—School Gym

Wednesday, December 27: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

6:45 a.m. NO Holy Mass
 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass
 9:15 a.m. NO Endow
 3:15 p.m. NO Children's Choir
 4:15 p.m. NO RE Classes
 7:00 p.m. NO Rehearsal: 10:30 a.m. Sunday Choir
 7:30 p.m. NO Bible Study

Thursday, December 28: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass
 9:00 a.m. NO Eucharistic Adoration
 5:00 p.m. NO Benediction
 5:15 p.m. NO Holy Mass
 7:00 p.m. NO Inquiry Class
 7:00 p.m. NO Confessions

Friday, December 29:

6:45 a.m. NO Holy Mass
 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass

Saturday, December 30:

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass and Confessions
 5:00 p.m. Holy Mass

Next Week at a Glance**Sunday, December 31:**

7:30 a.m. Holy Mass
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
 10:30 a.m. Holy Mass
 12:15 p.m. Holy Mass
 5:00 p.m. Holy Mass

Monday, January 1:

9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
 11:00 a.m. Holy Mass

Tuesday, January 2:

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass
 3:30 p.m. NO Junior Legion of Mary
 4:15 p.m. RE Classes
 5:15 p.m. Holy Mass
 6:00 p.m. RE Classes
 7:00 p.m. Rehearsal: 9:00 a.m. Sunday Choir
 7:30 p.m. NO Endow
 7:30 p.m. Youth Ministry—School Gym

Wednesday, January 3:

6:45 a.m. Holy Mass
 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass
 9:15 a.m. NO Endow
 3:15 p.m. Children's Choir
 4:15 p.m. RE Classes
 7:00 p.m. Rehearsal: 10:30 a.m. Sunday Choir
 7:30 p.m. NO Bible Study

Thursday, January 4:

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass
 9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration
 5:00 p.m. Benediction
 5:15 p.m. Holy Mass
 7:00 p.m. Inquiry Class
 7:00 p.m. Confessions

Friday, January 5:

6:45 a.m. Holy Mass
 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass
 6:30 p.m. Sung Vespers (First Friday of each month)

Saturday, January 6:

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass and Confessions
 5:00 p.m. Holy Mass



Save the Date!
Festa Italiana



Mark your calendars for **February 10, 2018!** The Festa Committee is gearing up for another wonderful mid-winter Festa! Tickets will be sold online soon.

**2 Minute Reflections
 and Weekly Challenges**
www.arlingtondiocese.org/2minutes2virtue



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Christmas, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate the birth of Our Lord and Savior, we are profoundly aware of the need to pray that His peace will reign in our world, in our nation, in our homes and in our lives. We are witnessing much turbulence, unrest and division in our midst. Yet, we do not despair. Our newborn King has shown us the way to peace and unity.

We pray that the leaders of our nation and those throughout the world will allow the Lord to guide their decisions, being ever mindful of the sacredness of all human life and the dignity of each and every human person. We pray that all people will recognize that they are united as God's holy family and respond by treating one another with charity and respect. In our own lives, we pray for the grace to love, honor and forgive each other. In a special way, may our prayer always lead us to seek peace not in the empty promises of the world but in the One who alone can sustain and protect us.

It is my hope and prayer that what we do at Christmas will continue throughout the New Year: to keep our relationship with the Lord our highest priority; to share our gifts and resources with all those in need; and to be instruments of His peace in our communities, workplaces and homes.

Please be assured of a special remembrance at the Masses I will celebrate on Christmas. Through the intercession of Mary our Mother and Saint Joseph, may Our Lord Jesus fill you with his choicest blessings at Christmas and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

Bishop Michael Burbidge

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington