

# Our Lady of Hope

## Catholic Church and School

Reverend Anthony J. Killian, Pastor

Reverend Jordan M. Willard, Parochial Vicar | Mrs. Jeanne Canavan, Principal



Nicolas Poussin, "St. John the Baptist Baptizes the People," 1635

*"A voice of one crying out in the desert:  
Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths."*

December 5, 2021 | Second Sunday of Advent



# Pray

We gather weekly for Sunday Mass, participate in worship and the Sacraments, and strive to make personal daily prayer an integral part of our individual faith lives throughout the week.



## Adorers Needed

**Thursdays | 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Our Lord waits for you in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Stop by Adoration on Thursdays between 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. to spend some quiet time with Him. If you would like to become a scheduled weekly adorer, please sign up at the table in the narthex. Learn more at [ourladyofhope.net/adoration](http://ourladyofhope.net/adoration).

## Prayer Intentions

Please pray for those who serve our community and our country, and for those in our parish who are sick or homebound.

### For those in need of prayers:

Colin Canavan, Anna Carillo, Amy Cincala, Elise Chawaga, Mercy and Bill Delaney, Taryn DeCicco, Rose Follett, Kristin Grasson, Anne Hannah, Odette Hand, Zachary Jefferies, Mark Naftzger, Angela Neslon, JoAnn Nelson, Barbara Orandello, Noel Raj, Kathy Schmitt, Marlene Skowronek, and for those whose suffering is known only to God.

### For those who have died:

Gloria Backlund Zamarripa, and for all the poor Souls in Purgatory.

To add a name to the parish prayer list, please visit [ourladyofhope.net/prayer](http://ourladyofhope.net/prayer).

## Mass Times

Monday-Friday | 8:30 a.m.

Saturday | 8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m. Vigil

Sunday | 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m.

& 12:15 p.m.

## Adoration

Thursday | 9:00am-8:00pm

## Confession Times

Thursday | 7:00 p.m.

Saturday | 9:00 a.m.

3:30-4:30 p.m.

By Appointment

## Weekly Mass Intentions

### Sunday, December 5 | *Second Sunday of Advent*

7:30 a.m. | Sorbara & Congelosi Families by the Harden Family

9:00 a.m. | Mass for the People of Our Lady of Hope

10:30 a.m. | † Paul Moller by Sabine Moller

12:15 p.m. | † Milan Jancovic by the Neely Family

### Monday, December 6

8:30 a.m. | Bishop Michael Burbidge by Andrea & Peter Bendo

### Tuesday, December 7 | *St. Ambrose*

8:30 a.m. | Mary Orosa by the Orosa Family

### Wednesday, December 8 | *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:30 a.m. | † Victorino Basco by the Orosa Family

7:00 p.m. | Living and Deceased Parishioners of Our Lady of Hope

### Thursday, December 9

8:30 a.m. | † Kathleen McGuth by Fran & Espe Labate

### Friday, December 10

8:30 a.m. | Roseann Meier by the OLOH Class of 2020

### Saturday, December 11

8:30 a.m. | † Virginia Byrnes by Kathy Byrnes

5:00 p.m. | † Mary Jane Bradley by the Regan Family



**Aaron de Sa, MIC**



**James Joseph**



**John Meyerhofer**

*Please pray for our Seminarians*





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## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*"Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you;  
blessed are you among women."*

**Wednesday, December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be offered at 8:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

*"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.  
May it be done to me according to your word."*

### Second Week of Advent

#### Lectio Divina

Read Mark 1:1-8 two or three times.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John... proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me... I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Reflection:

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

<https://portlanddiocese.org/sites/default/files/files/advent-2017-lectio-divina-02-english-2.pdf>







# Knights of Columbus

In Service to One,  
In Service to All



The Our Lady of Hope Knights of Columbus want to thank our parishioners and our community for supporting the **Cajun Food Festival**. Due to the efforts of the Knights, volunteers and your support we raised close to \$1800 for Birthright of Loudoun County.

## Birthright

Birthright of Loudoun will use these this donation to support programs that promote life and aid mothers that are expecting, as well as, a host of other services such as free pregnancy testing, confidential help, legal and professional counseling referrals, and various services that support mothers and their needs.

We are pleased to support such organizations that promote a culture of life by providing life-saving services to mothers in need. We are blessed to be part of a Catholic family and Order that contributes precious time and treasure to stand strong against parts of our society that do not support faith, life, and our future.

**THANK YOU!**

## Sweats for Vets

The Knights of Columbus and the Ancient Order of Hibernians are teaming up with VFW Post 1177 in Leesburg for their annual Sweats for Vets event. Donations help veterans at the VA Medical Center in Martinsburg, WV.

For more information contact Tim Melia at 703-220-6283 or [Tim@TheMeliaTeam.com](mailto:Tim@TheMeliaTeam.com).

## SWEATS FOR VETS

Drop off a set of new, unwrapped sweats in the box in the narthex. Monetary donations are also welcome and can be dropped off at the parish office.

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic Fraternal Organization putting faith into action to help families and parishes grow closer to God. Our OLOH Council 12791 provides numerous ways to volunteer and help the needy. The Knights are also a strong community of support for the men of the parish. For more information, email [KOC12791@gmail.com](mailto:KOC12791@gmail.com).

## YOUTH GROUP

Tuesday Nights | 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

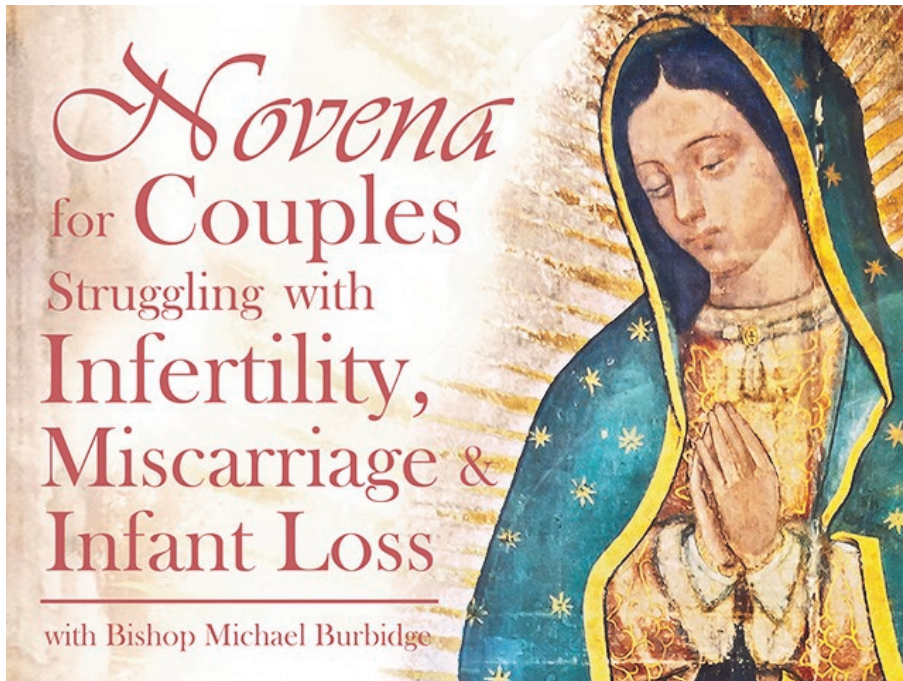
Youth Group is open to all high school students.



[facebook.com/OLOHYouth](https://facebook.com/OLOHYouth)



[@oloh\\_youthgroup](https://www.instagram.com/oloh_youthgroup)



You are invited to join Bishop Burbidge in a Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe, offered for the intentions of couples struggling with infertility, miscarriage or early infant death.

The novena begins on Saturday, December 4 and concludes on Sunday, December 12, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Bishop Burbidge will also be offering a Mass for this intention in his private chapel.

To submit your intentions and to find the novena prayers, visit [OurFruitfulLove.com](http://OurFruitfulLove.com)

## Days of Recollection for Men and Women Discerners

Could Christ be calling you to the priesthood or religious life? Take a step to find out and enjoy some quiet prayer time this Advent.

Both are Sunday December 19: the Men's Day of Recollection is with diocesan seminarians and Franciscan Friars; the Women's Day of Recollection is with the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy.

These events are for those 18-35 years old interested in deepening their prayer life and exploring their vocation. F

or more information and to register contact the Office of Vocations, 703-841-2514 or [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org). Deadline to register is Friday, December 10.

## Gift for Life

Please give a Gift for Life this season to help Gabriel Project fund a mother's maternity care. An expectant mother wrote: "I learned I was pregnant and knew that I needed support and prayer. Gabriel Project helped me with rent, and my 'Angels' helped with items for the baby and rides. They also provided much needed support, encouragement and prayer." For more information and/or to donate, visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife)



## Volunteers Urgently Needed in Sterling!

Catholic Charities is currently seeking volunteer ESOL teachers for the upcoming semester. Training and materials are provided. No previous experience or second language required! If interested, please email [ewd@ccda.net](mailto:ewd@ccda.net) or call (571) 208-1572.





# Faith Formation



**The Church** was founded for the purpose of spreading the kingdom of Christ throughout the earth for the glory of God the Father, to enable all men to share in His saving redemption, and that through them the whole world might enter into a relationship with Christ (Pope Paul VI, *Apostolicam Actuositatem*, 1965).

**Evangelization** is the Church's deepest identity. It brings the good news of the Gospel to all who seek the life-giving message of faith in Jesus Christ.

**Catechesis** nourishes, forms and deepens the faith one receives through the ministry of the Church.

Both work together to hand on the Word of God intended to inform the faith community and candidates for initiation into the Church about the teachings of Christ, transmitted by the Apostles to the Church. It involves the lifelong effort of forming people into witnesses to Christ and opening their hearts to the spiritual transformation given by the Holy Spirit (<https://www.usccb.org/>).

## What is the Immaculate Conception?

The Immaculate Conception is a Catholic dogma that states that Mary, whose conception was brought about the normal way, was conceived without original sin or its stain.

It's important to understand what the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception is and what it is not. Some people think the term refers to Christ's conception in Mary's womb without the intervention of a human father; but that is the Virgin Birth. Others think the Immaculate Conception means Mary was conceived "by the power of the Holy Spirit," in the way Jesus was, but that, too, is incorrect.

The essence of original sin consists in the deprivation of sanctifying grace, and its stain is a corrupt nature. Mary was preserved from these defects by God's grace; from the first instant of her existence she was in the state of sanctifying grace and was free from the corrupt nature original sin brings.

When discussing the Immaculate Conception, an implicit reference may be found in the angel's greeting to Mary. The angel Gabriel said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you" (Luke 1:28). The phrase "full of grace"... expresses a characteristic quality of Mary... The grace Mary enjoyed was not a result of the angel's visit. In fact, Catholics hold, it extended over the whole of her life, from conception onward. She was in a state of sanctifying grace from the first moment of her existence.

<https://www.catholic.com/tract/immaculate-conception-and-assumption>





# Christmas Season

## Mass Schedule

### Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24th

5:00 p.m. Vigil of Christmas  
7:00 p.m. Vigil of Christmas  
9:00 p.m. Mass

### Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

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

*There will be no Confessions or Evening Mass on Christmas Day.*

### Feast of the Holy Family, Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>

Normal Sunday Mass Schedule

### Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, Saturday, January 1, 2022

*The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God is not a holy day of obligation this year.*

*There will be no Confessions on New Year's Day.*

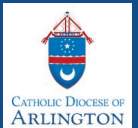
8:30 a.m. Mass  
5:00 p.m. Vigil for the Solemnity of the Epiphany

### Solemnity of the Epiphany, Sunday, January 2, 2022

Normal Sunday Mass Schedule



## Support Group



## EnCourage

### *Help for the parents of children experiencing sexual identity confusion*

The Diocese of Arlington is starting a support group for the parents of children aged 22 and younger who are reporting gender dysphoria or have embraced a “trans” or “non-binary” identity. The group is part of the EnCourage apostolate.

Standing by the true teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, EnCourage members support one another and their loved ones through discussion, prayer, and fellowship. Facilitated by psychologist Dr. Frank Moncher and Fr. Stephen Schultz, the group will meet in person monthly.

Please email [encourage@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:encourage@arlingtondiocese.org) or call 571-732-1011 to speak with Fr. Schultz and get information about the meetings.



# Giving Back



## Faith Direct Donor Match Program

Our online giving partner Faith Direct is offering us a wonderful matching gift program. For every first gift from a new recurring donor that is added between November 1 and December 31, 2021, they will match that first gift, up to \$50, with a maximum match of \$1,000. For our parish to be eligible for the matching gift, a giver must set up more than one installment and the first recurring gift must be processed through Faith Direct by December 31, 2021. If you haven't enrolled in online giving yet, now is the time! It's a great way to support Our Lady of Hope.

Visit the Faith Direct website at [faith.direct/VA79](https://faith.direct/VA79) to sign up for online giving, or reach out to the Faith Direct Customer Support team at 866-507-8757.



## PRAISE & WORSHIP

*for healing and conversion in families*

**Tuesday, December 14, 2021**

Join us for prayer, praise and worship on Tuesday, December 14th at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Fairfax from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Fr. James Waalkes will lead us in prayer along with musicians Valerie and Rocco Repetski. Our special intention is pray for conversion and healing in families.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. All are welcome.

To join us live from home, please visit <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/healingandconversion/>

## 2021 Angel Tree

When you take a tag from the angel tree, you are supporting moms who chose life! Please return unwrapped gifts to the tree or parish office by December 20th. Donations will support two local pro-life pregnancy centers: A Woman's Choice and Birthright.







# Connect

We invite you to register as a part of our parish family! Our parish staff is here to serve you, and we are happy to assist you with sacramental inquiries, getting involved in parish life, or whatever else you need.

## Parish Office

46639 Algonkian Parkway  
Potomac Falls, VA 20165  
Monday - Friday | 9:00am-5:00pm  
703-433-6770 | [hello@ourladyofhope.net](mailto:hello@ourladyofhope.net)

## Parish Clergy

### Pastor

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## Sacraments

### 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.

### Accessibility and Special Needs

Low gluten hosts are available for those who have been diagnosed with Celiac disease. Please check in at the sacristy at least 15 minutes before Mass to inform the priest celebrating the Mass. At Communion, please approach the sanctuary first before Communion is distributed to others.

Assisted listening devices are available for anyone in need. Please ask an usher for assistance.



## Advertising

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You are not alone.



### Pregnant & Need Help?

Help is available at 703-841-3810, or visit [helpforpregnantwomen.org](http://helpforpregnantwomen.org)

### Healing after abortion?

Find compassionate, non-judgemental, confidential, hope and healing at 703-841-2504 or visit [helpafterabortion.org](http://helpafterabortion.org)