

Our Lady of Hope

Catholic Church and School

Reverend Anthony J. Killian, Pastor

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



Gerónimo Antonio de Ezquerro, "The Visitation," by 1737

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

– James 1:17

December 12, 2021 | Third Sunday of Advent

Prayer

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.

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:

Robert Blain, The deceased members of the Sorbaro and Congelosi families, Paul Moller, Milan Jancovic, Amy Cincala, Kristin Grasson, Barbara Orandello, Noel Raj, Marlene Skowronek, Elise Chawaga, Paul Moller

For the Church and School and for those whose suffering is known only to God. We ask God to send his healing light upon those in need and to take those souls to him that have past.

To add a name to the parish prayer list, please visit 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 12 | *Third Sunday of Advent*

7:30 a.m. | † Marlene Kennedy family of Patrick Kennedy

9:00 a.m. | † Kathleen McGuth by OLOH Lectors

10:30 a.m. | Mass for the people

12:15 p.m. | † Kathy McGuth by Linda Graziano

Monday, December 13 | *St. Lucy Virgin & Martyr*

8:30 a.m. | † Laurie Berstene by Cheryl Forbes

Tuesday, December 14 | *St. John of the Cross*

8:30 a.m. | † Peter A. Kuo by The Regan Family

5:15 p.m. | † Maria Nguyen by Tu Tran

Wednesday, December 15 |

8:30 a.m. | † Wilma R. Frey by Tom and Fran Duncan

Thursday, December 16

8:30 a.m. | The Mutluck Family by Mary Mayhugh

Friday, December 17

8:30 a.m. | Miss Melissa Marchi by OLOH Class of 2020

Saturday, December 18

8:30 a.m. | † Sandra Kehrli by Virginia & Scott Rowell

5:00 p.m. | † Mary-Rose McCoville by Ethna O'Hare



Aaron de Sa, MIC



James Joseph



John Meyerhofer

Please pray for our Seminarians

Special Message



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Christmas Letter - 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord (Lk 2:11).

How blessed are we to celebrate with profound joy the birth of Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary and Joseph! He is "Light from Light," and for more than 2,000 years, we have walked in the light that he brought the world at his birth.

Born in the midst of darkness, Jesus' light heals the world. He calls us in turn to carry that light and, by his grace, to illuminate a world in desperate need of his compassion, love and healing. The Wise Men followed a star shining in the sky, and, because of their trust and faithfulness, they saw the face of Christ. Likewise, each time we choose to follow the Lord and share his light, he transforms us little by little, and we grow closer to the newborn King, the King of Kings.

As we reflect on the challenges we have experienced this past year, we should consider whether we journey through our circumstances like the Wise Men, journeying closer to God in trust. This Christmas season, reflect on the word Emmanuel, which means "God with us." No matter our challenges and experiences, God is with us and wants to accompany us on our earthly journey.

Throughout this Christmas season and into the coming year, we have a unique opportunity to welcome Christ into our lives more deeply. In anticipation of our Golden Jubilee in 2024, I have called for two preparatory years in advance. The first year, which began on November 21, is devoted to the Eucharist. I encourage you to participate in one of the many 40 Hours Eucharistic devotions taking place throughout the Diocese this Christmas season. In adoration of Our Lord, we remember that he truly is with us—he is Emmanuel.

At this time of great joy and celebration, let us ask Our Lord to help us grow in love of him and of our neighbor and to trust in him just as the Wise Men trusted in him. He is our Light, our God.

Please be assured of my prayers for you, and may the peace and abundant blessings that only Jesus can give be yours at Christmas, throughout the New Year, and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael F. Burbidge".

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington



Saints of the Week

“Lucy, Saint, a virgin and martyr of Syracuse in Sicily, whose feast is celebrated by Latins and Greeks alike on December 13 According to the traditional story, she was born of rich and noble parents about the year 283. Her father was of Roman origin, but his early death left her dependent upon her mother, whose name, Eutychia, seems to indicate that she came of a Greek stock. Like so many of the early martyrs, Lucy had consecrated her virginity to God, and she hoped to devote all her worldly goods to the service of the poor. Her mother was not so single-minded, but an occasion offered itself when Lucy could carry out her generous resolutions. The fame of the virgin-martyr Agatha, who had been executed fifty-two years before, in the Decian persecution, was attracting numerous visitors to her relics at Catania, not fifty miles from Syracuse, and many miracles had been wrought through her intercession. Eutychia was therefore persuaded to make a pilgrimage to Catania, in the hope of being cured of a haemorrhage, from which she had been suffering for several years. There she was in fact cured, and Lucy, availing herself of the opportunity, persuaded her mother to allow her to distribute a great part of their riches among the poor. The largess stirred the greed of the unworthy youth to whom Lucy had been unwillingly betrothed, and he denounced her to Paschasius, the Governor of Sicily. It was in the year 303, during the fierce persecution of Diocletian. She was first of all condemned to suffer the shame of prostitution; but in the strength of God she stood immovable, so that they could not drag her away to the place of shame. Faggots were then heaped about her and set on fire, and again God saved her. Finally, she met her death by the sword. But before she died she foretold the punishment of Paschasius and the speedy termination of the persecution, adding that Diocletian would reign no more, and Maximian would meet his end. So, strengthened with the Bread of Life, she won her crown of virginity and martyrdom.”

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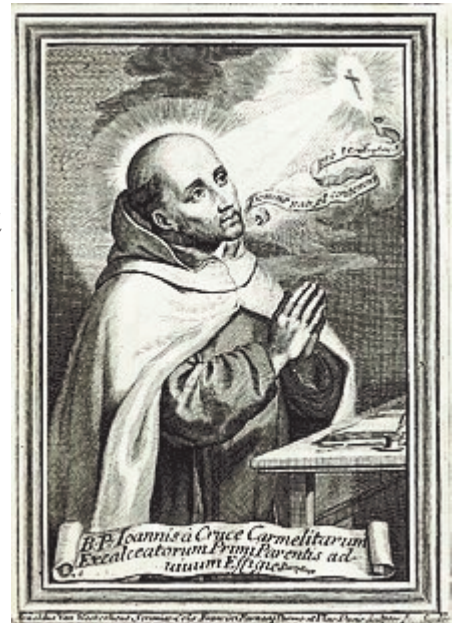


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Who is St. John of the Cross? Dec. 14th

“John of the Cross, Saint, Doctor of mystic theology, b. at Hontiveros, Old Castile, June 24, 1542; d. at Ubeda, Andalusia, December 14, 1591. John de Yepes, youngest child of Gonzalo de Yepes and Catharine Alvarez, poor silk weavers of Toledo, knew from his earliest years the hardships of life. The father, originally of a good family but disinherited on account of his marriage below his rank, died in the prime of his youth; the widow, assisted by her eldest son, was scarcely able to provide the bare necessities. John was sent to the poor school at Medina del Campo, whither the family had gone to live, and proved an attentive and diligent pupil; but when apprenticed to an artisan, he seemed incapable of learning anything. Thereupon the governor of the hospital of Medina took him into his service, and for seven years John divided his time between waiting on the poorest of the poor, and frequenting a school established by the Jesuits. Already at that early age he treated his body with the utmost rigor; twice he was saved from certain death by the intervention of the Blessed Virgin.

Anxious about his future life, he was told in prayer that he was to serve God in an order the ancient perfection of which he was to help to bring back again. St. John was ordered by his provincial to return to the house of his profession (Medina), and, on his refusing to do so, owing to the fact that he held his office not from the order but from the Apostolic delegate, he was taken prisoner in the night of December 3, 1577, and carried off to Toledo, where he suffered for more than nine months. He made



Portrait of Saint John of the Cross by Arnold van Westerhout

good his escape in a miraculous manner, August, 1578. During the next years he was chiefly occupied with the foundation and government of monasteries at Baeza, Granada, Cordova, Segovia, and elsewhere, but took no prominent part in the negotiations which led to the establishment of a separate government for the Discalced Carmelites. After the death of St. Teresa (October 4, 1582), when the two parties of the Moderates under Jerome Gratian, and the Zelanti under Nicholas Doria struggled for the upper hand, St. John supported the former and shared his fate. St. John fell seriously ill while there dying just 10 years later. The body, still incorrupt, as has been ascertained within the last few years, was removed to Segovia, only a small portion remaining at Ubeda; there was some litigation about its possession. A strange phenomenon, for which no satisfactory explanation has been given, has frequently been observed in connection with the relics of St. John of the Cross.”

<https://www.catholic.com/encyclopedia/john-of-the-cross-saint>

Christmas Schedule

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 25th

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 26th

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



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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 or call 571-732-1011 to speak with Fr. Schultz and get information about the meetings.



Knights



Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Winners

The Our Lady of Hope Knights of Columbus are pleased to announce the Winners and Runners-up of the 2021 Council Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest. This year we had a fantastic turn out of poster entries which were very competitive, and we would like to congratulate all the children that participated. The 1st place posters will advance to the District level competition.

Age 5 - 7 1ST Place Emma Cristofaro (Photo 1)

2nd Place Camila Dove

3rd Place Isabela de Castro

Age 8 -10 1st Place Leah Silk (Photo 2)

2nd Place Diego de Castro

3rd Place Benjamin Koehler

Age 11 -14 1st Place Kameron Smith (Photo 3)

2nd Place Fiona Ryan

3rd Place Tara Lavery

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.

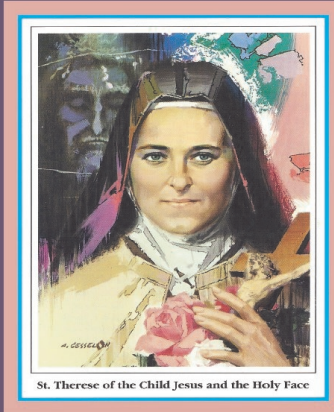
SWEATS FOR VETS

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.

Announcements

St. Therese of Lisieux

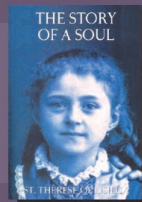


WOMEN'S SILENT RETREAT

Friday through Sunday
January 7–9, 2022
San Damiano Retreat Center
White Post, Virginia

Thérèse's spiritual doctrine is easily understood and can be practically applied in our very occupied, day-to-day lives. Her counsel can ably assist us in enduring and embracing difficulties in prayer, overcoming scruples, and patiently putting up with people who challenge us!

Join us on a silent retreat to read and rest, think and pray with Jesus and Thérèse. All participants will receive a copy of Saint Therese's autobiography *Story of a Soul*, and we'll work well into her book and ponder the deep wisdom of her "Little Way."



Retreat cost is \$285. Registration and payment are due by December 15th. Cost includes room, meals and book. Make checks payable to Our Lady of Hope with S.D. Retreat 1/22 in the memo. There are ONLY 28 slots. We cannot hold rooms without payment. Mail checks to: Marie Kennedy, 11403 Fairfax Drive, Great Falls, VA 22066 Email: olohadiesofhope@gmail.com

St. Thérèse is a magnificent manifestation of "the Feminine Genius" and a "Wise Woman" in the fullest sense of the words. Pope St. Pius X called her "the Greatest Saint of modern times" before Pope St. John Paul the Great declared her a "Doctor of the Universal Church."

YOUTH GROUP

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

Youth Group is open to all high school students.



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Poor Box – There is an abundant need for assistance in our community. Please consider contributing to our Poor Box ministry. All donations go directly to the care of those in need. You can send a check in the mail with "For the Poor" written on the note line, you can drop the money or checks

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



March for Life January 21st, 2022. The Parish has rented 2 busses for the day. Spaces will be filling up fast. We will be meeting at the church @ 9:45am on January 21st.

Please contact Katy Pabst at #310 683 9430 or katypabst@gmail.com to reserve your spot. More information to follow.

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 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.



Directory

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

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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.



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Pregnant & Need Help?

Help is available at 703-841-3810, or visit helpforpregnantwomen.org

Healing after abortion?

Find compassionate, non-judgemental, confidential, hope and healing at 703-841-2504 or visit helpafterabortion.org