

# Our Lady of Hope

## Catholic Church and School

**Reverend Anthony J. Killian**, Pastor

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

**December 19, 2021 | Fourth Sunday of Advent**



*The Annunciation – Leonardo da Vinci (c. 1472)*

*“How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, “Your God reigns!”*

*– Isaiah 52:7*

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# 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](http://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:**

Colin Canavan, Anna Carillo, Amy Cincala, Mercy and Bill Delaney, Kristin Grasson, Odette Hand, Ann Hannah, Zachary Jefferies, Noel Raj, Kathy Schmitt, Marlene Skowronek, Elise Chawaga, Carol Finley, Taryn DeCicco and Peter Riester

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](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 19 | Fourth Sunday of Advent**

7:30 a.m. | † Carmella Marra for Barbara Principe

9:00 a.m. | † Bill Pruzensky for Virginia & Scott Rowell

10:30 a.m. | Alex Hess for Sabine Moller

12:15 p.m. | Mass for the People

### **Monday, December 20 |**

8:30 a.m. | † Leonard Kielbasa for Patrick Kennedy

### **Tuesday, December 21 |**

8:30 a.m. | † John P. Casey for The Quigley Family

### **Wednesday, December 22 |**

8:30 a.m. | † Kevin Dalmut for The OLOH School Staff

### **Thursday, December 23 |**

8:30 a.m. | † Bill Pruzensky for The Legion of Mary

### **Friday, December 24 |**

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

### **Saturday, December 25 |**

For the People of Our Lady of Hope



Aaron de Sa, MIC



James Joseph



John Meyerhofer

*Please pray for our Seminarians*



# Special Message



## Christmas and the Manger

DEAR PARISHIONERS OF OUR LADY OF HOPE,

One of my fondest memories of Christmas is the stable my father built which was always at the base of our Christmas tree. He cut a hole in the back so that a golden light would illumine the figurines of our set. Naturally, my gaze would linger on the infant Jesus together with Mary and Joseph. I used to spend a lot of time each year contemplating how beautiful it was. Thinking back, the manger was much more than a decoration, it was a focus of prayer.

Imagine my excitement when in the year of the Great Jubilee 2000, I had the privilege of visiting the very place tradition holds that Jesus was born – the cave in the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. To see the silver star that marks the birth and the manger where the Infant Jesus was laid – how marvelous! By God's grace, it remains an unforgettable memory.

In my Christmas visits to various churches, it is a blessing when it is possible to be close to the manger scene. To kneel at the rail and linger in prayer helps me focus on what the Season is all about – God's great love for us by sending his Son born of Mary. In an effort to afford this closeness to the manger, this year our parish nativity scene will be in the area of the baptistery. The space evokes the cave at Bethlehem. With kneelers present at the gate, we will be able to gaze more closely at the Infant Jesus and Mary and Joseph. It is my hope that many will visit the manger for prayer and contemplation. There we can renew the gift of ourselves to the Lord.

I take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Blessed and Happy Christmas!

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Father Killian

# **Saints of the Week**

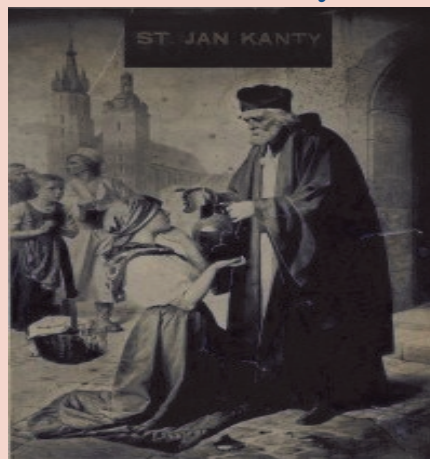
## **Who is St. Peter Canisius?? Dec 21st**



*<https://www.jesuits.global>*

“In 1565, the Vatican was looking for a secret agent. It was shortly after the Council of Trent and the pope wanted to get the decrees of the Council to all the European bishops. What would be a simple errand in our day, was a dangerous assignment in the sixteenth century. The first envoy who tried to carry the decrees through territory of hostile Protestants and vicious thieves was robbed of the precious documents. Rome needed someone courageous but also someone above suspicion. They chose Peter Canisius. At 43 he was a well-known Jesuit who had founded colleges that even Protestants respected. They gave him a cover as official "visitor" of Jesuit foundations. But Peter couldn't hide the decrees like our modern fictional spies with their microfilmed messages in collar buttons or cans of shaving cream. Peter traveled from Rome and crisscrossed Germany successfully loaded down with the Tridentine tomes -- 250 pages each -- not to mention the three sacks of books he took along for his own university! Born in Holland in 1521, Peter had edited and written several volumes on Church history and theology, been a delegate to the Council of Trent, and reformed the German universities from heresy. Called to Vienna to reform their university, he couldn't win the people with preaching or fancy words spoken in his German accent. He won their hearts by ministering to the sick and dying during a plague. The people, the king, and the pope all wanted to make Peter bishop of Vienna, but Peter declined vigorously and administered the diocese for a year. Peter died in December 21, 1597. He is known as the Second Apostle of Germany and was named a Doctor of the Church.” For more information visit, <https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php>

## **Who is St. John of Kenty?? Dec 23rd**



*<http://www.saintjohnkenty.com/our-patron-st-john-of-kenty/>*

To most Catholics in this country, St. John from Kenty—otherwise known as John Kanty or John Cantius—is an obscure saint, but even in Europe, probably few people know of Pope John Paul II's deep and lifelong devotion to this professor saint. Only 13 miles from the Holy Father's own birthplace, John was born in the small southern Polish town of Kenty on June 24, 1390. At the age of 23, he registered for studies at the Jagiellonian University, located in the not too distant city of Krakow—then, the capital of the Polish Kingdom. Founded 1364 by royal decree, it was the same university at which astronomer, Nicolas Copernicus, would study almost 80 years later. Enrolled in the Department of Liberal Arts, John became a doctor of philosophy in 1418. During the following three years, he undertook further studies in preparation for the priesthood, while supporting himself by conducting philosophy classes at the university. Immediately following ordination, he accepted a position as rector at the prestigious school of the Canons Regular of the Most Holy Sepulcher in Miechow. That such a school would offer him this position at his relatively young age was evidence of John's exceptional intellect and talents. It was there in conducting formation classes for the young novices that he became firmly grounded in the writings and spirituality of St. Augustine. In 1429, a position became vacant in the Philosophy Department at the Jagiellonian University. John quickly returned to Krakow for the job, taking up residence at the university where he remained until his death. He also began studies in theology and after 13 long years of study intertwined with teaching and administrative duties as head of the Philosophy Department, He finally received his doctorate. Later, after the death of his mentor, the eminent theologian Benedykt Hesse, John assumed directorship of the university's Theology Department. As most learned men of his day, John spent many of his free hours hand copying manuscripts of the Holy Scriptures, theological tracts, and other scholarly works. Although only 26 volumes have survived to our time, their total of over 18,000 pages is a testament to his exceptional industriousness. During the course of his life in Krakow, John became well known among the city's residents for his generosity and compassion toward the poor, always sacrificing his own needs in order to help those less fortunate. He felt a special affinity toward needy students at the university, helping to care for their spiritual, physical, and academic needs. Whether it was in the classroom or in the pulpit, everyone knew him as a staunch defender of the faith and enemy of heretics. By the time the Master from Kenty died on December 24, 1473, the people of Krakow already considered him a very holy man. That his opinion was wholly justified can be evidenced by the numerous favors and miracles attributed to John's intercession beginning immediately following his death. Before long, John from Kenty became known widely throughout Europe, drawing pilgrims from many countries to his tomb in the university's Collegiate Church of St. Anne. Despite this, the process for his beatification did not begin until 150 years later. Finally, in 1676, Pope Clement XIII declared him a saint of the Roman Catholic Church, proclaiming October 20 as his feast day.





# 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





# Knights Corner



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WINTER COATS FOR KIDS CAMPAIGN

THANK YOU PARISHIONERS OF OUR LADY OF HOPE!

THE OUR LADY OF HOPE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WISH TO EXPRESS THEIR SINCERE GRATITUDE TO OUR PARISHIONERS AND OUR COMMUNITY FOR SUPPORTING THIS YEAR'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COATS FOR KIDS DRIVE. DUE TO THE EFFORTS OF OUR COUNCIL KNIGHTS, FAMILY VOLUNTEERS AND YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT WE WERE ABLE TO PURCHASE OVER 200 WINTER COATS FOR KIDS. THESE COATS WERE DISTRIBUTED TO 3 LOCAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND A LOCAL CHARITY FOR CHILDREN OF FAMILIES IN NEED.

THERE ARE MANY FAMILIES IN OUR SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES THAT USE THEIR SCARCE RESOURCES TO MEET THE MOST BASIC NEEDS AND CANNOT ALWAYS AFFORD THIS VITAL WINTER NECESSITY. THAT'S WHY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DEVELOPED THE COATS FOR KIDS PROGRAM, WHICH ALLOWS KNIGHTS ACROSS NORTH AMERICA THE OPPORTUNITY TO PUT THEIR FAITH INTO ACTION AND PURCHASE NEW WINTER COATS AT A DISCOUNT FOR CHILDREN IN NEED. MORE THAN 500,000 NEW WINTER COATS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA SINCE THE PROGRAM BEGAN IN 2009.

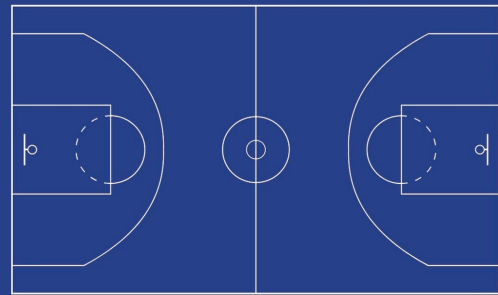
DUE TO YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY, THE OUR OLOH KNIGHTS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PURCHASE OVER 500 COATS BETWEEN LAST YEAR AND THIS YEAR TO HELP KIDS STAY WARM IN THE WINTER WHEN A CHILD'S FAMILY DOES NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES TO ADEQUATELY MEET THIS NEED. WE ARE BLESSED TO BE PART OF A CATHOLIC FAMILY AND ORDER THAT CONTRIBUTES PRECIOUS TIME AND TREASURE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OUR PARISH AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES. AGAIN, WE THANK YOU!!!

OUR LADY OF HOPE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #12791



THE OLOH KNIGHTS ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THE UPCOMING KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCILS SPONSOR THE FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 9-14 TO PROVIDE AN ATHLETIC OUTLET AND ENCOURAGE THE VALUES OF SPORTSMANSHIP AND HEALTHY COMPETITION. KIDS COMPETE WITHIN THEIR OWN GENDER AND AGE, AND PROGRESS FROM LOCAL LEVEL TO DISTRICT, REGIONAL AND STATE/PROVINCE COMPETITION. THE COMPETITION WILL BE HELD AT THE OLOH SCHOOL GYM, MONDAY, JANUARY 17TH. MORE INFORMATION FOR TIMING AND REGISTRATION WILL BE IN THE PARISH BULLETIN AND WEB SITE OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS.



## 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).**



# Announcements

## 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 into the poor box by the front door going into the church or you can also sign up for Faith Direct at 866- 507-8757



## 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](mailto:katypabst@gmail.com) to reserve your spot. More information to follow.*

## 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)



Our Lady of Hope is in need of ushers for the 09:00 AM and 12:15 PM mass. If you'd like to help out at our parish please email [grzecho7@gmail.com](mailto:grzecho7@gmail.com). We thank you for your time and efforts at our wonderful parish, and look forward to seeing you all on Sunday.

## YOUTH GROUP

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

Youth Group is open to all high school students.



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



# Additional Information



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.

## OUR LADY OF HOPE INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Our Lady of Hope School follows the closure/delay policy of Loudoun County Schools. If Loudoun County Schools are closed, our school will be closed.

The Parish Office will follow Loudoun County Government. If Loudoun County Government is closed, the parish office will be closed.

All Masses will be celebrated in the Church, unless it is impossible for the priest to get to the Church. If you wish to be notified in advance, please contact William Goedde in the Parish Office at [secretary@ourladyofhope.net](mailto:secretary@ourladyofhope.net)

# New

# Adventures

# Awaiting

**St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church**  
11 Irving Ave  
Colonial Beach, VA 22443

November of 2022 Father Eric Shafer will be holding a group visiting to Greece and Turkey. He would like to extend an invite to member of Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church to join him. This will be a 13 Day Pilgrimage from November 9th-21st.

#### Itinerary

2 Nights in Istanbul, 1 night in Kavala, Thessaloniki and Kalambaka.  
3 Day cruise to Mykonos, Patmos, Crete and Santorini. Cost is

Ph (804) 224-7221 or 1-888 544-4461  
Please Email John Tagnesi : [Jtag1964@verizon.net](mailto:Jtag1964@verizon.net)

**\$4999 Total**  
**\$450 Deposit**



# Our 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

46639 Algonkian Parkway  
Potomac Falls, VA 20165  
Monday - Friday | 9:00am-5:00pm  
703-433-6770 |

## Parish Clergy

### **Pastor**

Fr. Anthony Killian  
frkillian@ourladyofhope.net

### **Parochial Vicar**

Fr. Jordan Willard | x128  
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### **Permanent Deacons**

Deacon Marco Rajkovich  
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Deacon Thomas Wadolowski  
deacon.tom@ourladyofhope.net

## Parish Staff

### **Director of Religious Education**

Jackie Regan | x124  
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### **Religious Education Assistant**

Ashley Cristofaro | x129  
acristofaro@ourladyofhope.net

### **Business Manager**

Pat Sabas | x140  
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### **Facilities Manager**

Alfonso Peña | x131  
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### **Parish Admin Assistant**

Will Goedde | x126  
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### **Director of Music**

Suzanne Yerks | x134  
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### **Youth Ministry Assistant**

Shaun Silk | ssilk@ourladyofhope.net

## 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

Please call the parish office for more information, or email  
secretary@ourladyofhope.net.

## Find Us on Social Media



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You are not alone.



### **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