

Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church

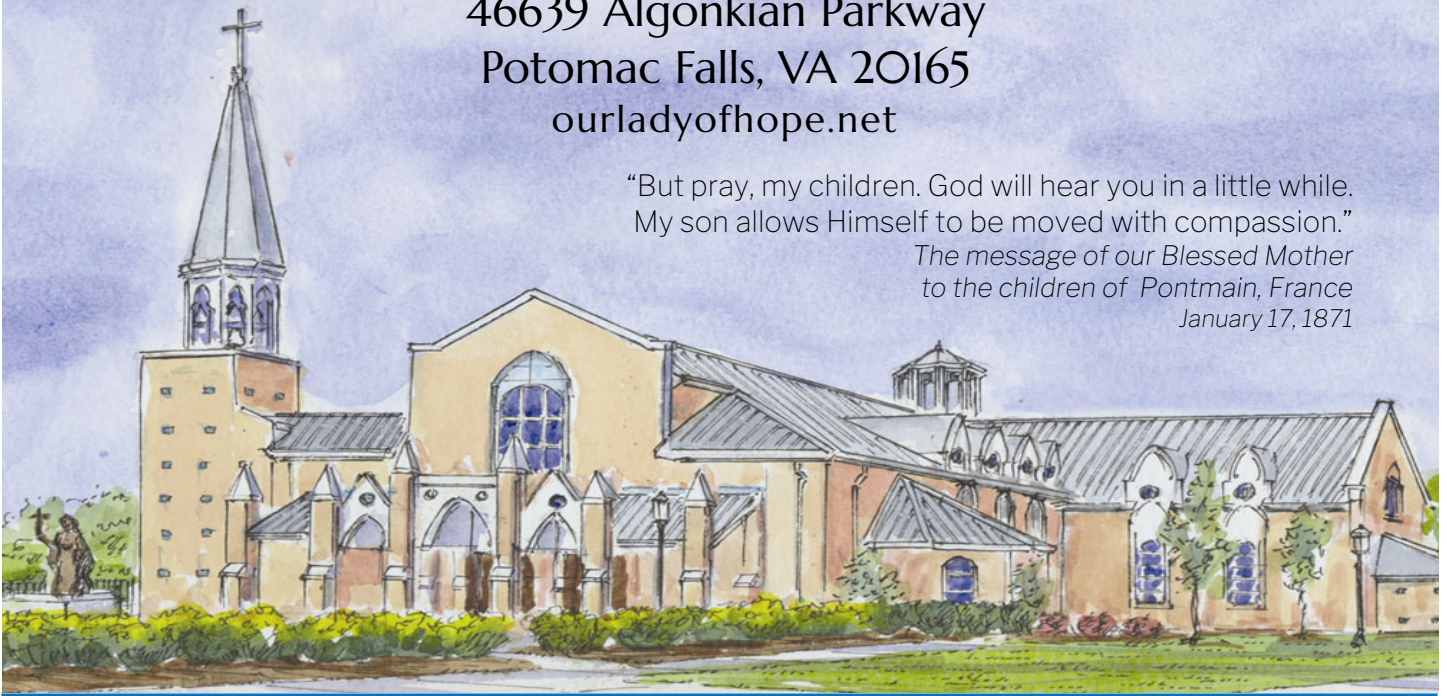
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"But pray, my children. God will hear you in a little while.
My son allows Himself to be moved with compassion."

*The message of our Blessed Mother
to the children of Pontmain, France
January 17, 1871*



Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020

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Parochial Vicar

Reverend Jordan M. Willard

Deacon

Deacon Marco M. Rajkovich

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Monday-Thursday

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A National Blue Ribbon School

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Sunday Masses

Saturday

5:00 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday

7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

12:15 p.m.

Daily Masses

Monday-Saturday

8:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance

Thursdays

7:00 p.m. until line ends

Saturdays

9:00 a.m. until line ends

By appointment: Call the office to schedule.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Thursdays

Rosary

Preceding the 8:30 a.m. daily Mass

Parish Registration

We invite you to register as part of our parish community.

Forms are available in the parish office or in the in the narthex.

Formed.org Parish Code: D M W Y B P

FaithDirect Parish ID: VA79

Text-to-Give: Text the amount you would like to give to 703-343-9211.

Live stream Schedule:

Sunday: 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

ourladyofhope.net/stream

Monday-Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

MASSES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, December 13:

7:30 a.m. +Marlene Kennedy by Patrick Kennedy
9:00 a.m. +Peter Kuo by the Regan Family
10:30 a.m. Mass for the People of Our Lady of Hope
12:15 p.m. The Sorbara and Congelosi Families by the Harden Family

Monday, December 14: *St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

8:30 a.m. +Holy Souls in Purgatory by Russ and Jeanne Hayward

Tuesday, December 15:

8:30 a.m. Brian and Carissa O'Connor by the Skojec Family

Wednesday, December 16:

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

Thursday, December 17:

8:30 a.m. The de Sa Family by the Long Family

Friday, December 18:

8:30 a.m. +Nina and Bill Emmons by the Skojec Family

Saturday, December 19:

8:30 a.m. +Carmella Marra by Barbara Principe

5:00 p.m. +Catherine Stimpfel by Diane Randazzo and Family

*To schedule a Mass for 2021, please visit the parish office.
The 2022 Mass book will open in April 2021.*

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ENVELOPE CHANGES

In order to save on printing and other administrative costs, Debt Reduction envelopes will be printed monthly instead of weekly, beginning this December. We hope that you will continue the same generous level of giving, just in a more convenient manner. You may give your monthly Debt Reduction offering at any Mass throughout the month. We have also added monthly mail-back envelopes for parishioners who may be attending Mass online. Parishioners who give via FaithDirect will not be affected by these changes.

PARISH INFORMATION

What does it mean to be an active Catholic? Those seeking to celebrate Marriage, have children baptized, or have a letter signed to serve as sponsors for Confirmation or Baptism should be parishioners and active, practicing Catholics. *To be considered active, one must have been registered in the parish for at least three 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, our most effective means of verifying active 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 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.

PREPARING FOR SACRAMENTS

Baptism & Baptism Class: Baptisms are held on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. The baptism class for parents is held one Saturday a month at 11:00 a.m. Please call the Parish Secretary to pre-register for the next available class.

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 three months is required *before* preparation may begin. Couples who are living together will be asked to live separately during the preparation time as living together before marriage is sinful and harmful to the future marriage.

First Communion: For Children: Generally, First Communion is received when a child is in second grade. Preparation for First Communion is a two year process, and students must complete both first and second grade classes before receiving Holy Communion. Please contact the Religious Education Office with questions.

Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA): Adults who wish to receive Baptism, First Communion, and/or Confirmation are invited to attend the Inquiry Class on Thursday evenings. Please contact the Parish Secretary or visit the website to register.

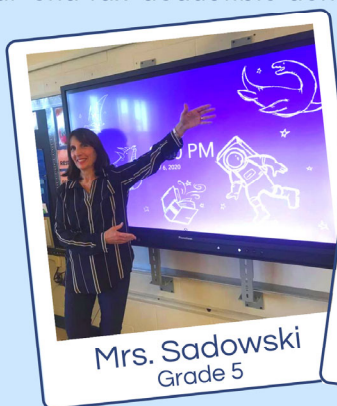
GIVING TUESDAY *update*



Thank you for your generosity this past Giving Tuesday!

Your spirit of gratitude and generosity is making a difference right here in our parish community. We've raised \$14,000 so far! These funds go directly towards equipping our teachers with the tools they need. Having up-to-date, reliable technology is more important than ever, whether the Crusader students and teachers are in the classroom together or learning digitally. What does that look like? Most recently, we installed a new ActivPanel smart board in Mrs. Sadowski's classroom (fifth grade), and purchased a new laptop for Mr. Daughtrey (grades 5-8 Humanities and grade 6 Math).

It's not too late to make a difference in your parish community. Visit ourladyofhope.net/give and make a year-end tax-deductible donation today!



Mrs. Sadowski
Grade 5



Mr. Daughtrey
Humanities 5-8/Math 6



Our Lady of Hope Catholic School
Educating for Eternity

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Today is the annual Parish Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington. Their personal mission is to serve the poor with Christ's love and compassion. Your support of this collection is vital. Please prayerfully consider supporting those cared for across our large diocese. If you are not able to make a gift today, please make a gift in next week's collection and note Catholic Charities on the memo line of your check. You may also make a donation online at www.cdda.net/donate/ChristmasCollection.



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
5:00* p.m.	9:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m.	11:00 a.m.
9:00 p.m.	

All Christmas Masses will be available via live stream.

*In years past, the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass has been our most crowded Mass. Due to current capacity limits, *the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass will require reservations this year.* Visit ourladyofhope.net/christmas to make a reservation for your household. *All other Masses are open seating.* Should you choose to attend Mass in person†, please keep in mind that participants are expected to adhere to current COVID protocols, including wearing a face covering while in the church and following social distancing guidelines.

Please be sure to subscribe to our parish newsletter! Should restrictions change, this is our fastest, most reliable means of keeping you up-to-date. Not on the list? Sign up at tinyurl.com/LOH-email.

†Bishop Burbidge has retained the dispensation from attending Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation for all the faithful of the Diocese during this time, which includes the Solemnities of the Immaculate Conception, Christmas, and Mary, Mother of God. If you or those for whom you care are "vulnerable" to infection or the serious effects of coronavirus, please join us via live stream.

Those who are "vulnerable" are:

- over the age of 65,
- have existing heart or lung conditions,
- have diabetes, and/or
- are otherwise immunocompromised.

If you feel sick in any way, are coughing, or are sneezing frequently, please avoid public gatherings, including liturgical celebrations.

HYMNS

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ENTRANCE: LIFT UP YOUR HEADS

Musica Sacra. . . Collection of Psalm and Hymn Tunes, and Chants, Bath, c. 1789
Georg Weissel, 1590-1635; Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
Behold the King of glory waits!
The King of kings is drawing near;
The Savior of the world is here.

O blest the land, the city blest,
Where Christ the ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes
To whom this King of triumph comes!

Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple set apart
From earthly use for heav'n's empy,
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.

So come, my Sov'reign, enter in!
Let new and nobler life begin;
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on
Until the glorious crown be won.

OFFERTORY: COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

Christian F. Witt's Psalmody Sacra, Gotha, 1715 | Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art:
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child, and yet a king.
Born to reign in us forever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

COMMUNION: PEOPLE, LOOK EAST

French Carol
Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-1965, Text used by permission of David Higham Associates

People, look East. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love the Guest is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare
One more seed is planted there.
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flow'r may flourish.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love the Rose is on the way.

Birds, though you long have ceased to build,
Guard the nest that must be filled.
Even the hour when wings are frozen
He for fledgling time has chosen.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love the Bird is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim.
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love the Star is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Him, who brings new life to earth.
Set ev'ry peak and valley humming
With the word, "The Lord is coming."
People, look East, and sing today:
Love the Lord is on the way.

RECESSIONAL: O COME, DIVINE MESSIAH

French Carol, 16th cent. Simon J. Pellegrin, 1663-1745; Tr. by Mary of St. Philip, 1825-1904

O come, divine Messiah!
The world in silence waits the day
When hope shall sing its triumph,
And sadness flee away

Refrain:

Dear Savior, haste.
Come, come to earth,
Dispel the night and show thy face,
And bid us hail the dawn of grace.
O come, divine Messiah;
The world in silence waits the day
When hope shall sing its triumph,
And sadness flee away.

O thou, whom nations sighed for,
Whom priests and prophets long foretold,
Wil break the captive fetters;
Redeem the long-lost fold.

Shalt come in peach and meekness,
And lowly will thy cradle be;
All clothed in human weakness
Shall we thy Godhead see.

READ AND REFLECT

The readings this week bear a certain similarity to those of last week—we hear a prophecy from Isaiah that is reiterated by John the Baptist in Mark's Gospel—but today the focus is different. Last week John told us to repent. Today he is the light leading us to God. Today is also known as "Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday," as the reading from First Thessalonians commands us to "Rejoice in the Lord always." We are to rejoice. Right now. Combined with last Sunday, this seems like a mixed message. "Which is it? Repenting or Rejoicing?" But John is telling us that one leads to the other. As we prepare for the coming of our Savior we must first repent and then rejoice.

A LITTLE GOOD NEWS

Many years ago, Canadian singer Ann Murray had a hit song that spoke of her frustrations as she listened to the radio and read the headlines. She sang that "we sure could use a little good news today." It strikes me that this is the message that the readings want us to leave with this week. The Gospel Antiphon proclaims, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because God has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor" (from Isaiah 61:1 and Luke 4: 18). John the Baptist is here to testify to the light, to the Good News.

WILL THE REAL MESSIAH PLEASE STAND UP?

The Jewish people were waiting for their messiah, they were waiting for a hero. They prodded John several times trying to figure out what his role actually was, and to see what he knew. It became a guessing game. He tried to say nothing, but finally answered in a humble fashion, "I am not he." He baptized with water as a means of leading people to the coming Christ and helping them to prepare.

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ISAIAH 61:1-2A, 10-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor,
to heal the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives
and release to the prisoners,
to announce a year of favor from the LORD
and a day of vindication by our God.
I rejoice heartily in the LORD,
in my God is the joy of my soul;
for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation
and wrapped me in a mantle of justice,
like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem,
like a bride bedecked with her jewels.
As the earth brings forth its plants,
and a garden makes its growth spring up,
so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise
spring up before all the nations.

RESPONSORIAL VERSE

Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

R. (Is. 61:10b) My soul rejoices in my God.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
In all circumstances give thanks,
for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.
Do not quench the Spirit.
Do not despise prophetic utterances.
Test everything; retain what is good.
Refrain from every kind of evil.
May the God of peace make you perfectly holy
and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body,
be preserved blameless for the coming of our
Lord Jesus Christ.
The one who calls you is faithful,
and he will also accomplish it.

JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28

A man named John was sent from God.
He came for testimony, to testify to the light,
so that all might believe through him.
He was not the light,
but came to testify to the light.
And this is the testimony of John.
When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests
and Levites to him
to ask him, "Who are you?"
He admitted and did not deny it,
but admitted, "I am not the Christ."
So they asked him,
"What are you then? Are you Elijah?"
And he said, "I am not."
"Are you the Prophet?"
He answered, "No."
So they said to him,
"Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us?
What do you have to say for yourself?"
He said: "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert,
'make straight the way of the Lord,'"
as Isaiah the prophet said."
Some Pharisees were also sent.
They asked him,
"Why then do you baptize
if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?"
John answered them,
"I baptize with water;
but there is one among you whom you do not recognize,
the one who is coming after me,
whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."
This happened in Bethany across the Jordan,
where John was baptizing.

HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINES

As we approach the holiday season, bulletin deadlines are earlier than usual. Below are the deadlines for the remainder of the year. Please be sure your request is submitted to Laurie in the parish office no later than 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Date

January 3

Submission Deadline

Wed., December 16

ANGEL TREE

The 2020 Our Lady of Hope Angel Tree supports the Gabriel Project (Pregnancy Assistance), Project Rachel (Healing Ministry), A Woman's Choice (Pregnancy Assistance), and St. Margaret of Cortona (Transitional Family and Maternity Housing Program). Please take a card or tag from the tree. Return your unwrapped gift, with the tag securely attached, to the tree in the narthex by Sunday, December 20. Monetary & gift card donations should be mailed using the envelope provided or dropped off in the parish office.



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He somehow avoided the trappings of success that would turn his light on himself. Today he remains a road sign for us, pointing out Christ our Light.

We all want someone to rescue us, and most likely to fix the mistakes and errors that we continue to make as individuals and as nations. Much of that is human nature. Would there be as much fascination with superheroes if this were not the case? How many times do you as an adult turn to your folks for advice, or wish you could talk to a deceased parent? Some need help emotionally, others spiritually, others financially. The reality is that it is tough to get your "ducks in a row" and always has been. Today's encouraging message is for us to always look to the Light for our help. May we always be like John the Baptist and testify how Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, has been our Savior.

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for all those who serve our community and country, and all the sick & homebound members of our parish. Please also pray for vocations and for all the priests in our diocese, especially our parish seminarians: Aaron de Sa, James Joseph, and John Meyerhofer.



For those in need of prayer: Anna Carillo, Rocina Daez, Mercy Delaney, Kristin Grasson, Brenda Kubicki, Jane Marinich, Lillian Mehan, Bruce Nelson, JoAnn Nelson, Leigh Perkins, the Pos Family, Bill & Susan Pruzensky, Kathy Schmitt, the Simon Family, Kenny and Joy Stevens, and for those whose suffering is known only to God.

For those who have died: Joanne Sullivan, Helen Przybyla, and for all the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

Visit ourladyofhope.net/prayer to add a name to the prayer list.

GROUPS AND MINISTRIES

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Pregnant and need help?

Help is available through the Gabriel Project at 703-841-3810 or visit at helpforpregnantwomen.org

Want to help? Email info@h4pw.org

Healing after the choice?

Find compassionate, non-judgmental, confidential hope & healing through Project Rachel at 703-841-2504, or visit helpafterabortion.org



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Consider a gift of stock as a donation to our parish or diocese. In exchange for a gift of long-appreciated securities (stock), you can receive an income tax deduction and avoid capital gains taxes on the gift. For more information, call 703-841-3819 or visit arlingtondiocese.org

SWEATS FOR VETS

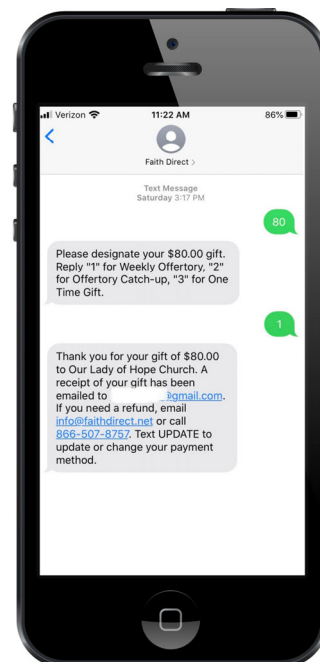
The Knights of Columbus and Ancient Order of Hibernians are teaming up with VFW Post 1177 in Leesburg for their annual Sweats for Vets event. Drop off a set of new, unwrapped sweats in the box in the narthex and support a veteran at the VA Medical Center in Martinsburg, WV. Monetary donations are also welcome. Learn more at ourladyofhope.net/give.

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