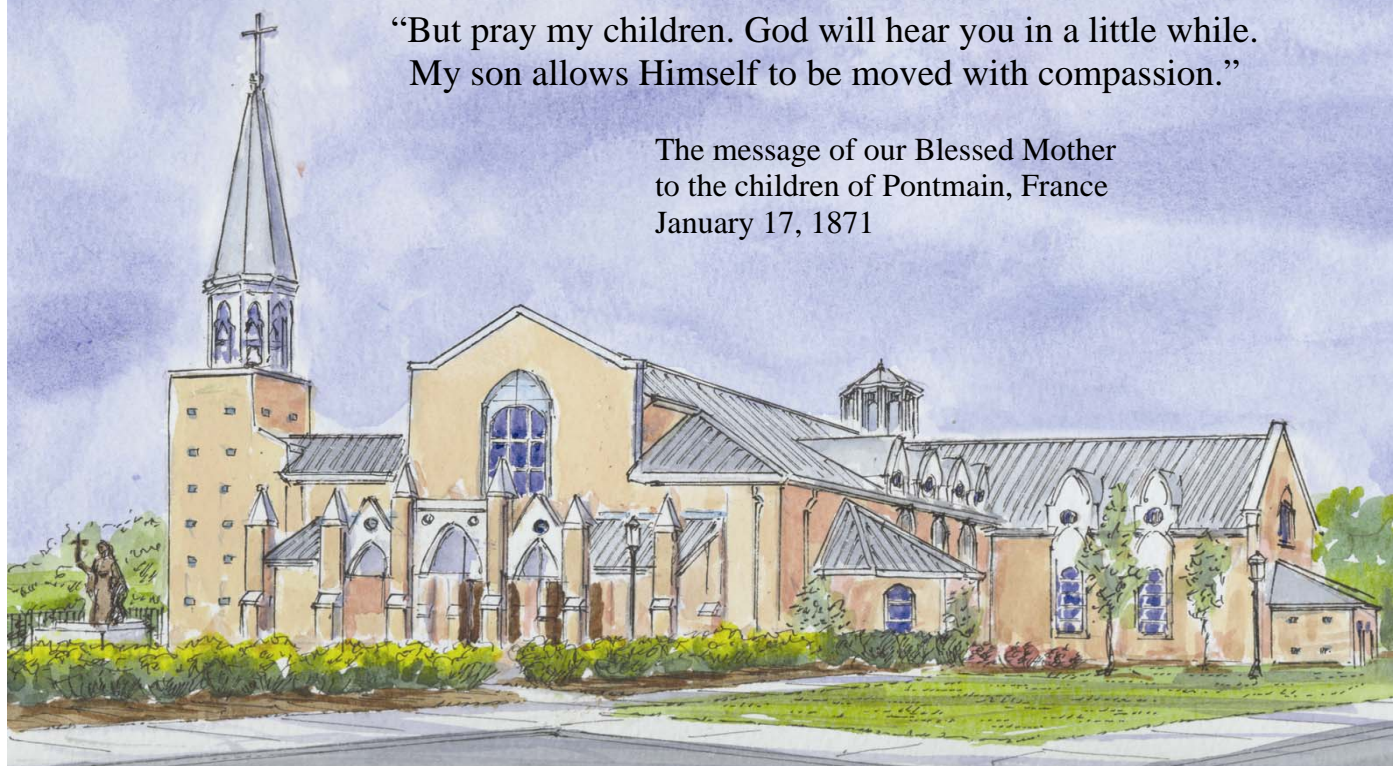


Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church

“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



Parish Staff

The Rev. William P. Saunders, Pastor
The Rev. William B. Schierer, Parochial Vicar
The Rev. Randolph W. Sly, Resident
Cathy Plummer, Director of Religious Education
Cathy Barshop, Religious Education & Youth
Ministry Assistant
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Suzanne Yerks, Director of Music
Nancy Burgess, Parish Secretary

The Church & Parish Office

Address: 46639 Algonkian Parkway
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Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.,
Monday - Friday
Telephone: 703-433-6770
Website: www.ourladyofhope.net

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.

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sundays: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. &
5:00 p.m.

Daily Masses

Monday - Friday at 6:45 & 8:30 a.m.
Saturday: 8:30 a.m.
On Federal Holidays Mass is at 8:30 a.m. only.

Sacrament of Penance

Confessions are heard on Saturdays after the 8:30 a.m. Mass, during the Thursday evening Holy Hour, and by appointment.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Holy Hour

Thursday evening from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Hope Catholic School

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MASSES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, January 27th: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. ☩ Jack Norman Risque by the Patton Family
 9:00 a.m. Fran Labate by the Pope Pius XII Scouts
 10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
 12:15 p.m. ☩ Luigi Merenda by Sal & Patti Merenda

Monday, January 28th: St. Thomas Aquinas

6:45 a.m. ☩ George Boyle by Teri Levine
 8:30 a.m. Kathy Williams by Cheryl Forbes

Tuesday, January 29th

6:45 a.m. ☩ Randy Will by Kathy Blackburn
 8:30 a.m. ☩ Georgette Dion by Donald & Claire Paine

Wednesday, January 30th

6:45 a.m. Carol Lavery by the R.E. Office
 8:30 a.m. Marie Buscema

Thursday, January 31st: St. John Bosco

6:45 a.m. ☩ Henry Danisewicz by Will Sardelli
 8:30 a.m. ☩ Gerald Rogers by Our Lady of Hope
 Knight's Council #12791

Friday, February 1st

6:45 a.m. ☩ Raymond Boswell by Andy & Michelle Altman
 8:30 a.m. ☩ Gertrude Riennerth by Barbara Principe

Saturday, February 2nd: The Presentation of the Lord

8:30 a.m. ☩ Joseph Principe by Barbara Principe
 5:00 p.m. ☩ Mr. and Mrs. Pietro DeCicco by Peter & Carol Oliveri

Sunday, February 3rd: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. In Praise & Gratitude
 9:00 a.m. ☩ Gerald Rogers by Barbara Principe
 10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
 12:15 p.m. ☩ Charles Droddy by Tom & Trish Daquano

PARISH GROUP COORDINATORS

Altar Flowers:	Jennifer McCabe	404-5580
Altar Servers:	Jeff Grado	477-9177
Altar Society:	Alfonso & Janeth Pena	406-9835
American Heritage Girls:		
	Heather Ward	571-331-4394
Birthright:	Marsha Slick	433-0034
Boy Scouts:	Gina DeCrisci-Farmer	406-2341
CYO Sports:	Ralph Peluso	729-3385
Girl Scouts:	Jennifer McCabe	404-5580
Homeschoolers:	Stacy Byrne	948-7845
Knights of Columbus:		
	John Jorgensen	282-3874
Ladies of Hope:	Marie Kennedy	433-0864
Lectors:	Paul Gilmore	444-2293
Legion of Mary:	Deborah Baird	430-8554
Pro-Life:	Bruce Gnatowski	433-5290
St. Joseph's League:		
	Mike & Vicki Egan	430-2651
Seniors:	Mary Ann Murphy	404-8677
Ushers:	John Grzechowiak	444-0023
Young Adults:	Megan White	843-685-5235

Sacrament of Baptism



Parish Registration and the Baptism class are required. Baptisms are held every Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the Church Baptistry. Please contact the parish secretary to register for the Baptism classes.

Plan to attend the classes before the birth of the child.

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 for at least 3 months, attend Mass regularly, and be committed to a stewardship of time, talent, and treasure.* We



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. 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.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for February

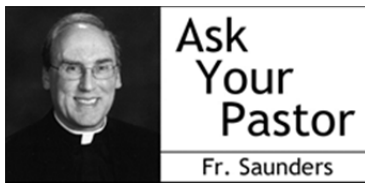


Migrant Families: That migrant families, especially the mothers, may be supported and accompanied in their difficulties. **Peace:** That the peoples at war and in conflict may lead the way in building a peaceful future.

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.





Missing Mass (Part III)

"I was visiting relatives recently, and sadly they do not attend Mass. I went to Mass, and reminded them that

missing Mass was a mortal sin. They said, 'Oh, that was in the old days. Missing Mass is no longer a mortal sin.' What do you say?"

... "The faithful have the obligation to attend Mass, unless they are seriously impeded."

Of course, serious circumstances arise which excuse a person from attending Mass, such as if a person is sick, has to deal with an emergency, or cannot find a Mass to attend without real burden. A pastor may also dispense a person from the obligation of attending Mass for serious reason. For instance, no one, including Our Lord, expects a person to attend Mass who is so sick he can not physically attend Mass or may pose a threat to the health of others; there is no virtue in further hurting one's own health plus infecting everyone else in the church. Or, in the case of a blizzard, a person must prudently judge whether he can safely travel to attend Mass without seriously risking his own life and the lives of the others. When such serious circumstances arise which prevent a person from attending Mass, he should definitely take time to pray, read the prayers and readings of the Mass in the Missal, or watch the Mass on television and at least participate in spirit. Keep in mind when such serious circumstances arise, a person does not commit mortal sin for missing Mass.

In examining this question, a person must really reflect on how valuable the Mass and the Holy Eucharist are. Every day, faithful Catholics in the People's Republic of China risk not only educational and economic opportunities but also their very lives to attend Mass. In mission territories, people travel many miles to attend Mass; an African missionary told me that some of his people walk 10 miles to come to Mass on Sunday, and then have to walk 10 miles back. They take the risk and they make the sacrifice because they truly believe in the Mass and Our Lord's presence in the Holy Eucharist.

When a person negligently "bags Mass," to go shopping, catch-up on work, sleep a few extra hours, attend a social event, or not interrupt vacation, the person is allowing something to take the place of God. Something becomes more valuable than the Holy Eucharist. Sadly, I have known families who could conveniently walk to the church but chose not to attend Mass; ironically though, they sent their children to the Catholic school. Yes, such behavior really is indicative of turning one's back on the Lord and committing a mortal sin.

God must come first in our lives. On Sunday, our primary duty is to worship God at Mass as a Church and to be nourished with His grace. The *Didascalia*, a third-century writing, exhorted, "Leave everything on the Lord's Day and run diligently to your assembly, because it is your praise of God. Otherwise, what excuse will they make to God, those who do not come together on the Lord's Day to hear the word of life and feed on the divine nourishment which lasts forever?" Yes indeed, what excuse will they make?

Book Club

Our current selection is, The Journey Home, My Father's Story of Cancer, Faith and Life-Changing Miracles, by Joseph M. Hanneman. We invite all interested **men and women** of the parish to read the book, and join us for a discussion in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Room on Tuesday, January 29th 7:00 p.m. For more information please contact Grace Jeglum at 703-404-0997 or gjeglum@gmail.com.



"A Knight to Remember" April 27th



Please save the date, Saturday, April 27, 2013 for the 8th Annual Our Lady of Hope Catholic School Dinner Auction Gala, "A Knight to Remember!" The event will be held at Belmont Country Club in Ashburn. To advertise your business, sponsor, or make a donation to this event, please contact the Auction Committee at auctioninfo@ourladyofhope.net.

Presentation of the Lord

On Saturday, February 2nd we celebrate The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Traditionally, on this date, candles are blessed for use in the coming year. Parishioners are invited to bring their candles to be blessed at the 8:30 a.m. Mass.



Throat Blessings

Throats will be blessed after all Masses on Sunday, February 3rd in honor of St. Blaise. We invoke St. Blaise in the blessing of throats asking him to protect us from ailments of the throat and every other illness.

2013 Bishop's Lenten Appeal Begins!

This month, many of us will receive a mailing from Bishop Loverde regarding the 2013 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). The theme for the 2013 BLA is "*Stepping out in Faith: Love Revealed.*" After reflecting upon the blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge of support to this important appeal that funds many programs and ministries that serve the people in our diocese. ***Step out in Faith!***



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

703-433-6564

**THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE IS
CLOSED ON FRIDAYS**

Winter Calendar Highlights

February 2nd: Catechist/Aide Workshop
February 26th & 27th: First Penance and Lenten
 Confessions
March 5th & 6th: Confirmation Pre-Test

Our Lady of Hope Catholic School Open House

Our Lady of Hope Catholic School will hold an Open House for prospective families on Wednesday, January 30th from 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m. There will be a brief presentation about the school followed by guided tours. Please join us to learn about all the wonderful opportunities our school has to offer your child! Application packets for the upcoming 2013-2014 school year will be available at this time. For more information, please contact the school office at 703-433-6760. You may also, visit us on our website at www.crusaders.ourladyofhope.net.

The Weather Outside is Frightful!

When Loudoun County Schools close because of inclement weather, the 6:45 a.m. Mass will be cancelled. Call the parish office recording (703-433-6770) for the status of the 8:30 a.m. Mass.



Young Adults

Winter Book Study – Join us on Mondays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Room for our Book Study. We are currently reading, The Lamb's Supper, by Scott Hahn.

Join us on Facebook to receive all the latest event invitations! www.facebook.com/groups/flatyoungadults/

Girl Scout Cookies

Girl Scouts will be selling cookies after all Masses the weekend of February 9th & 10th. Stop by and get your favorite Thin Mints, Samoas, Tagalongs, and more. Cookies are \$4 per box. Girl Scout Cookies freeze well, so stock up. Proceeds support Our Lady of Hope Girl Scouts.

Presentation on Faith - February 2nd

Fr. Paul Scalia will present a talk on Having Faith & Keeping the Faith at Our Lady of Hope on February 2nd at **11 a.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome to attend.** Rediscover and renew your relationship with Christ and His Church!



YOUTH MINISTRY

703-433-6770

Youth@ourladyofhope.net

Like us on Facebook – “OLOH Youth Group”

High School Youth

(9th -12th Graders)

Mother Teresa Mondays - *(meet in parking lot at 5:45 p.m.)*

February 4th – Falcon’s Landing

February 18th – Sportsplex

Tuesday Night Youth Group Meetings

Tuesdays from 7:30-9 p.m. in the school gym!

Junior High Youth Group

Our next meeting is Sunday, January 27th from 6:30-8 p.m. in the school gym.

Breakfast and Mass with the Ladies of Hope

Please join the Ladies Sacred Heart First Fridays Group on February 1st for our First Friday Mass and Breakfast. We will attend the 8:30 a.m. Mass and have breakfast together at Delia’s in Countryside. Please meet in the narthex after Mass or at the restaurant. All women of the parish are welcome! For additional information, please contact Cheryl Forbes at Cheryl.forbes@gmail.com.

Monthly Men’s Conference – “Man to Man”

All men are invited to the next meeting of “Man to Man” from 7 – 8:15 a.m., Saturday, February 2nd in the parish hall. The topic this month is, “Preparing for Lent.” We will have coffee and donuts and break in time for the 8:30 a.m. Mass followed by the Sacrament of Penance.



Catholic Distance University

The Diocese of Arlington is a Partner with CDU. This partnership means that all members of the Arlington Diocese can take noncredit online courses and seminars at Catholic Distance University for just \$30. Courses include the five part series on the *Catechism* and all of CDU’s online seminars. Learn more at www.cdu.edu/Arlington-Diocese/index.html.

Please Pray For...

The full list of the sick and homebound of our parish is on our website, www.ourladyofhope.net. Please call the parish office to have a name added or removed. *Please pray for Patrick Kane and Fran Walsh.*