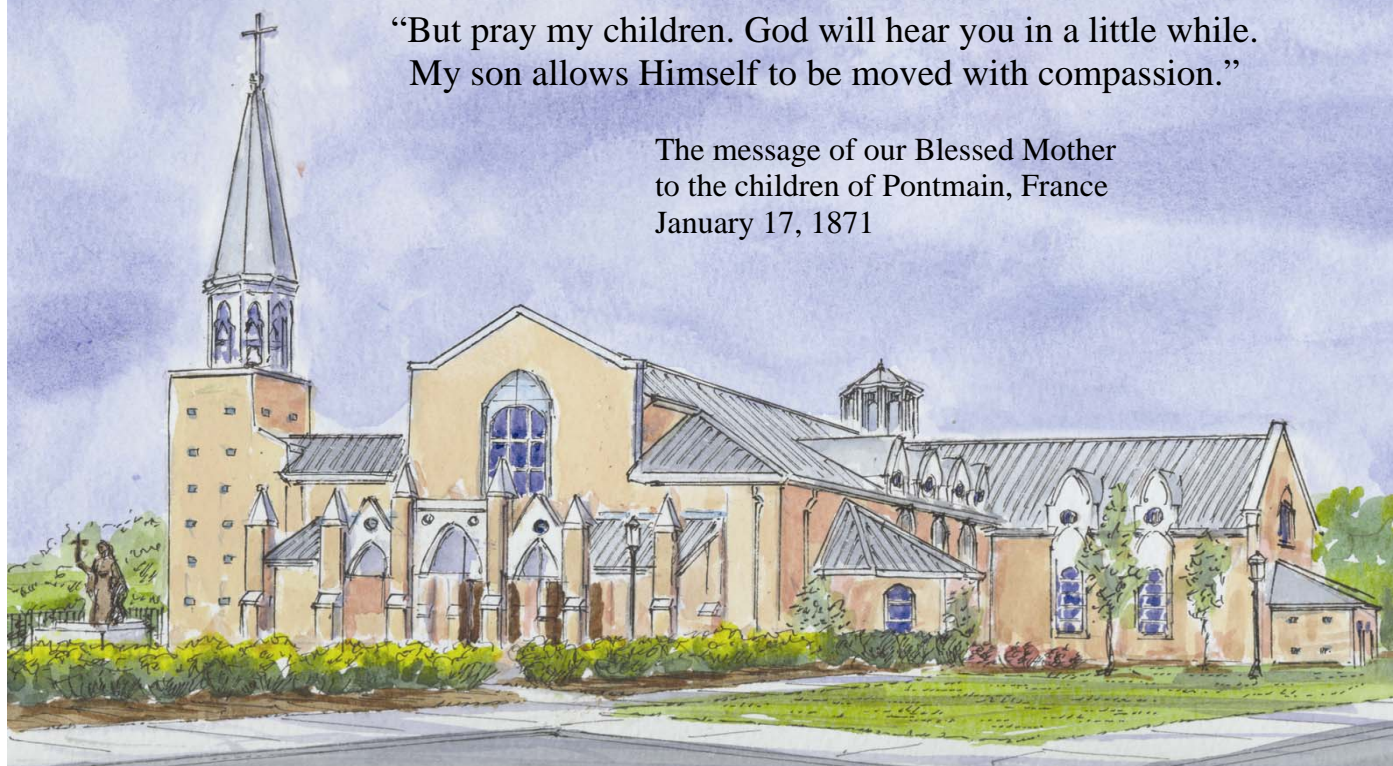


Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church

“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
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The Church & Parish Office

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Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.,
Monday - Friday
Telephone: 703-433-6770
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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 6th: The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 a.m. ☩ Frank Licord by Cecelia Noonan
 9:00 a.m. ☩ Becky McHenry by Cathy Plummer
 10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
 12:15 p.m. ☩ William Arena by Chuck & Donna Bongiovanni

Monday, January 7th: St. Raymond of Penafort

6:45 a.m. Jayne Donohue by the R.E. Office
 8:30 a.m. Miriam Earl by Cheryl Forbes

Tuesday, January 8th

6:45 a.m. ☩ Sophie Michaels by the Saunders Family
 8:30 a.m. ☩ Sr. Mary Margaret Singer by the Cordary Family

Wednesday, January 9th

6:45 a.m. Kristen Gebhardt by Paul & Trish Gilmore
 8:30 a.m. Theresa & Chris Baker by Megan Cordary

Thursday, January 10th

6:45 a.m. ☩ Gertrude Rieneerth by Dave & Sherrie Fuller
 8:30 a.m. ☩ Grace Kelly Dinn by the Rowell Family

Friday, January 11th

6:45 a.m. Ollie Melvin by Paul & Trish Gilmore
 8:30 a.m. ☩ Vera Rebecca Rylance by Paul & Trish Gilmore

Saturday, January 12th

8:30 a.m. ☩ Mary Jane Murphy by Rudy & Laura Danbom
 5:00 p.m. ☩ Mr. & Mrs. Dominic Oliveri by Peter & Carol Oliveri

Sunday, January 13th: The Baptism of the Lord

7:30 a.m. John Forbes by Cheryl Forbes
 9:00 a.m. ☩ Matthew Crew by the Crew Family
 10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
 12:15 p.m. ☩ Billy Arena by Joe & Barbara Orandello

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 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 January



General: That in this Year of Faith Christians may deepen their knowledge of the mystery of Christ and witness joyfully to the gift of faith in him. **Missionary:** That the Christian communities of the Middle East, often discriminated against, may receive from the Holy Spirit the strength of fidelity and perseverance.

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.





Ask Your Pastor

Fr. Saunders

Who were the Magi?" (Part II)

Since the seventh century in the Western Church, the Magi have been identified as Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. A work called the *Excerpta et Collectanea* attributed to St. Bede (d. 735) wrote, "The magi were the ones who gave gifts to the Lord. The first is said to have been Melchior, an old man with white hair and a long beard... who offered gold to the Lord as to a king. The second, Caspar by name, young and beardless and ruddy complexioned... honored Him as God by his gift of incense, an oblation worthy of divinity. The third, black-skinned and heavily bearded, named Balthasar ... by his gift of myrrh testified to the Son of Man who was to die." An excerpt from a Medieval saints calendar printed in Cologne read, "Having undergone many trials and fatigues for the Gospel, the three wise men met at Sewa (Sebaste in Armenia) in A.D. 54 to celebrate the feast of Christmas. Thereupon, after the celebration of Mass, they died: St. Melchior on Jan. 1, aged 116; St. Balthasar on Jan. 6, aged 112; and St. Caspar on Jan. 11, aged 109." The Roman Martyrology also lists these dates as the Magi's respective feast days.

Emperor Zeno brought the relics of the Magi from Persia to Constantinople in 490. Relics (whether the same or others) appeared in Milan much later and were kept at the Basilica of St. Eustorgius. Emperor Frederick Barbarossa of Germany, who plundered Italy, took the relics to Cologne in 1162, where they remain secure to this day in a beautiful reliquary housed in the Cathedral.

Even though some mystery remains to the identity of the Magi, the Church respects their act of worship: The Council of Trent, when underscoring the reverence that must be given to the Holy Eucharist, decreed, "The faithful of Christ venerate this most holy sacrament with the worship of *latria* which is due to the true God... For in this sacrament we believe that the same God is present whom the eternal Father brought into the world, saying of Him, 'Let all God's angels worship Him.' It is the same God whom the Magi fell down and worshiped, and finally, the same God whom the apostles adored in Galilee as Scripture says" (*Decree on the Most Holy Eucharist*, 5).

As we celebrate Christmas and the Feast of the Epiphany, we too must be mindful of our duty to adore our Lord through prayer, worship and self-sacrificing good works. St. Gregory Nazianzen (d. 389) preached, "Let us remain on in adoration; and to Him, who, in order to save us, humbled Himself to such a degree of poverty as to receive our body, let us offer not only incense, gold and myrrh..., but also spiritual gifts, more sublime than those which can be seen with the eyes" (*Oratio*, 19).



Many Thanks!

We wish to thank all of the parishioners who sent greetings and various "goodies" for Christmas. We even had a few "spirits" visit. We certainly will not starve or be left with a chill during these cold days of winter. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and the love behind your gift. Please know we are sending our staff to Weight Watchers for January. May God bless you, and please be assured of our prayers.

Father William P. Saunders, Pastor
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 Father Randy W. Sly, In Residence

"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.



Thank You

A very special thank you to everyone who made a donation for our Christmas poinsettias which made our Church even more beautiful this Christmas. Please remember them in your prayers.

8 Week Study: A Biblical Walk through the Mass

Please join us to watch and discuss the DVD series by Dr. Edward Sri, beginning on Monday, January 7th at 6:30 p.m. For information, location, and directions, please contact Marsha Slick at 703-433-0034 or chsmss2@live.com.

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting the monthly Parish Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 13th after the 7:30, 9 and 10:30 a.m. Masses. Please plan to join your fellow parishioners. These breakfasts are supported by your donations.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**703-433-6564****THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE IS
CLOSED ON FRIDAYS****Winter Calendar Highlights**

January 15th: Confirmation paperwork due
January 27th: Mandatory First Communion Parents' Meeting in parish hall (after the 12:15 Mass)
February 2nd: Catechist/Aide Workshop
February 26th & 27th: First Penance and Lenten Confessions
March 5th & 6th: Confirmation Pre-Test

From the Office of Vocations***Fiat Group Nun Run – January 19***

Ever wonder what a convent is like? Join other high school women on a trip to visit with the sisters at several local convents. Call the Office of Vocations at 703-841-2514 or e-mail, vocations@arlingtondiocese.org by Monday, January 14th.

National Vocation Awareness Week—January 13-19

The Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week January 13-19, 2013. The annual event marks a time for parishes to consider their role in promoting the vocations of priesthood, diaconate, and religious life to Catholics deciding on their future.

**Diocesan Men's Conference-March 2nd!**

Dr. Peter Kreeft and Fr. Thomas Joseph White, O.P., will be speaking at the 2013 Men's Conference on March 2nd, at St. Joseph in Herndon. This year's conference, entitled, "*Fact or Fiction: Knowing & Loving Your Catholic Faith*," will explore commonly misunderstood aspects of the Catholic faith. Breakfast, lunch and Mass with Bishop Loverde are included. Please visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/men for more information and to register.

Diocesan Women's Conference-March 9th!

The Rev. Paul Scalia, Delegate for Priests, and Gloria Purvis Scott, host of EWTN series, "Authentically Free at Last," will be speaking at the 2013 Women's Conference on Saturday, March 9th, at St. Joseph in Herndon. This year's conference is entitled "*Encountering Jesus, Responding with Love*." Bishop Loverde will celebrate the opening Mass. Breakfast and lunch are included. Please visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/women for more information and to register.

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.)*

January 7th – Falcon's Landing

January 21st – Sportsplex

Tuesday Night Youth Group Meetings

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

Youth Group Resumes This Week!

A New Year's Resolution for the Year of Faith

Want to start the New Year in a way that will transform your work, your marriage, your family, and your life? Are you ready to learn the quickest, surest, and easiest way to holiness? Join us on **January 9th** as we begin a 33-day preparation for **Consecration to Jesus through Mary**. Each day we'll learn from four great Marian giants: **St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa, and Blessed John Paul II**. They'll teach us the secrets to drawing closer to the Heart of Jesus through the Heart of Mary. If you want to transform your relationship with Christ, this is a perfect New Year's Resolution. **Sign up this Sunday, January 6th!**

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.

**40th Annual March for Life – 2013**

Save the date of January 25, 2013 and join us for the March for Life. to sign up for the free bus, email Bruce Gnatowski at Life@ourladyofhope.net.

You may also sign up on our parish website, www.ourladyofhope.net. The bus will leave Our Lady of Hope at 11 a.m. and should return at approximately 5 p.m.

Please Pray For...

The full list of the sick and homebound of our parish has moved to our website, www.ourladyofhope.net. Please use the "Faith" tab and then, "Please Pray For..." to view the full list. Please call the parish office to have a name added or removed.