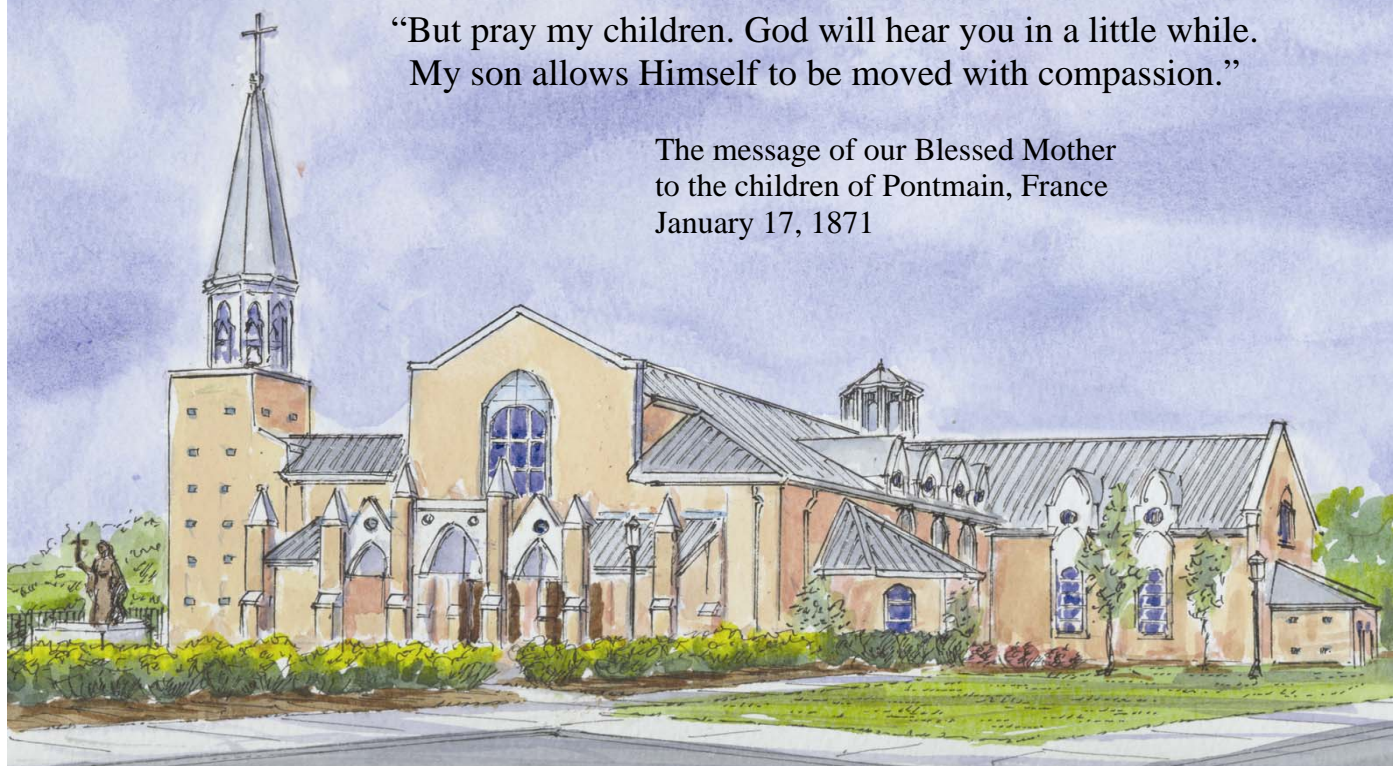


# Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church

“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  
Pat Sabas, Business Manager  
Ben Zumdahl, IT Manager  
Alfonso Pena, Facilities Supervisor  
Suzanne Yerks, Director of Music  
Andrew McGinley, Choir Director  
Nancy Burgess, Parish Secretary

## The Church & Parish Office

Address: 46639 Algonkian Parkway  
Potomac Falls, Virginia 20165  
Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.,  
Monday - Friday  
Telephone: 703-433-6770  
Website: [www.ourladyofhope.net](http://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.

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## Our Lady of Hope Catholic School

Mary Beth Pittman, School Principal  
Angela Sus, Administrative Assistant  
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Telephone: 703-433-6760  
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**MASSES OF THE WEEK**

**Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

7:30 a.m. ☩ Frank and Sally Audrey Licord  
 9:00 a.m. ☩ Mr. & Mrs. John Bednarczyk by the Steven Russell Family  
 10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners  
 12:15 p.m. Herman Hickman by Kristin Grasson

**Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**

6:45 a.m. ☩ William Bettyas, Sr. by John & Phyllis Osterholz  
 8:30 a.m. ☩ Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Oliveri by Peter & Carol Oliveri (Mass in Latin)

**Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**

6:45 a.m. ☩ Milagros Magat by Rosa Bella Wyson  
 8:30 a.m. Carole Chambers by Vincent & Marie Buscema

**Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**

6:45 a.m. ☩ Marie Wooten by Knights of Columbus Council #12791  
 8:30 a.m. ☩ Frank Sack by Connie Woods

**Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**

6:45 a.m. ☩ Nancy Stern by Knights of Columbus Council #12791  
 8:30 a.m. Chris Sonnhalter

**Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>: St. Andrew**

6:45 a.m. ☩ Gertrude Reinerth by the Skojec Family  
 8:30 a.m. Andrew & Kelly Woods by Connie Woods

**Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

8:30 a.m. ☩ Telesforo & Cirilo Ayson by Gerry & Teresa Jumat  
 5:00 p.m. ☩ Pasquale Buccieri by Diane & Peter Buccieri

**Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

7:30 a.m. Special Intention by Laura Danbom  
 9:00 a.m. ☩ Al Schiessl by the Grasson Family  
 10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners  
 12:15 p.m. Chris Melnick by Cathy Plummer

**PARISH GROUP COORDINATORS**

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

**General Intention:** That migrants throughout the world may be welcomed with generosity and authentic love, especially by Christian communities. **Missionary Intention:** Christ, light for all humanity. That Christ may reveal himself to all humanity with the light that shines forth from Bethlehem and is reflected in the face of his Church.

**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

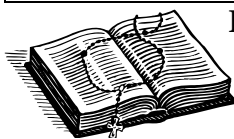
Fr. Saunders

### “What is purgatory and why is it needed?” (Part IV)

Protestants have difficulty with the doctrine of Purgatory for basically

two reasons: First, when Martin Luther translated the Bible into German in 1532, he removed seven books of the Old Testament, including the two Books of Maccabees, where at least implicitly the purification of the soul is found. Second, John Calvin preached that we had lost our free will due to Original Sin and that God had predetermined whether a soul was saved or damned; therefore, if we cannot choose to sin and if our eternal destiny is predetermined, who needs a Purgatory? In all, the Protestant leaders cast aside centuries of Christian Church teaching when they denied the doctrine of Purgatory.

In Crossing the Threshold of Hope, Pope John Paul II related God's “living flame of Love” spoken of by St. John of the Cross with the doctrine of Purgatory: “The ‘living flame of love,’ of which St. John speaks, is above all a purifying fire. The mystical nights described by this great Doctor of the Church on the basis of his own experience corresponds, in a certain sense, to Purgatory. God makes man pass through such an interior purgatory of his sensual and spiritual nature in order to bring him into union with Himself. Here we do not find ourselves before a mere tribunal. We present ourselves before the power of love itself. Before all else, it is Love that judges. God, who is Love, judges through love. It is love that demands purification, before man can be made ready for that union with God which is his ultimate vocation and destiny.”



### Bible Study

Every Wednesday we have a Bible Study on The Acts of the Apostles, led by Fr. Randy Sly. Please meet in the parish hall at 7:30 p.m. and bring your Bible. The study is open to all adults. *\*\*Please note: Come as often as you can, but you are not required to attend every week.\*\**

### Thank you!

American Heritage Girls Troop VA1975 would like to thank parishioners for sponsoring wreaths to adorn graves at Arlington National Cemetery. All parishioners are invited to lay wreaths at the cemetery on December 15<sup>th</sup> as part of *Wreaths Across America's* nationwide remembrance of our veterans. The opening ceremony begins at 9:30 a.m. For more information, please visit <http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>.

### Friendly Reminder

Please do not bring any food or drink into the Church. Thank you!

### 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, December 1<sup>st</sup> in the parish hall. This month's topic is “Man as Provider – Being a Man After God's Own Heart.” We will have coffee and donuts and break in time for the 8:30 a.m. Mass followed by the Sacrament of Penance.



Blessed be the Lord, my rock,  
who trains my arms for battle,  
who prepares my hands for war. He  
is my love, my fortress;  
he is my stronghold, my savior  
my shield, my place of refuge--  
PSALM 144:1-2

### Donate Altar Flowers

Donations are now being accepted for altar flowers for 2013. Do you have a loved one, birthday or anniversary you would like remembered at Mass? Donating altar flowers is a lovely way to do this. Donations and intentions will be listed in the weekly bulletin. Altar flower donations are \$125 and all donations are tax deductible. For more information, please contact Jennifer McCabe at 703-404-5580 or [McCabeJK@aol.com](mailto:McCabeJK@aol.com). Forms are also available in the narthex.

### Holy Land Woodcarvers

December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, there will be a display of handmade olivewood carvings from the Holy Land in the parish hall. These carvings are made by the Christians of Bethlehem who use them as their source of income. You can support them by purchasing some of these beautiful carvings after Mass.



### Ladies of Hope Morning of Recollection - Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>!

The Ladies of Hope invite you to join them in the parish hall December 8<sup>th</sup> after the 8:30 a.m. Mass, for a Morning of Reflection, until noon. Our guest speakers will be our Pastor, Reverend William P. Saunders and Olivia Gans Turner, pro-life advocate. A donation of \$10 is requested. Please bring a gift to donate to Birthright. To register or to obtain additional information, please contact Marie Kennedy at [dken5854@aol.com](mailto:dken5854@aol.com) or 703-433-0864. We hope you will give yourself the gift of joining us!



### Please Pray For...

The full list of the sick and homebound of our parish has moved to our website, [www.ourladyofhope.net](http://www.ourladyofhope.net). Please use the “Parish” tab and then, “Please Pray For...” to view the full list. Please call the parish office to have a name added or removed. *Please pray for Christine Farmer.*



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

703-433-6564

THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE IS  
CLOSED ON FRIDAYS

**Attention Young Adults!**

All young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to join the Fiat Young Adults for great fellowship and fun at our monthly events. For more information, contact Megan at [FiatYoungAdults@gmail.com](mailto:FiatYoungAdults@gmail.com)

**Fall Book Study**—Join us in reading the book, Men, Women, and the Mystery of Love by Dr. Sri on Monday's, 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Hope.

**Young Adult Ski Retreat 2013**

Join Young Adults from around the diocese for a weekend of skiing and winter fun at Seven Springs Resort in Pennsylvania, **February 8-10!** Visit the following: <https://sites.google.com/site/stmarkya/home/ski-retreat>.

The registration form and **\$100 (non-refundable) deposit** are due by **December 5th**. Please see the registration form for details or visit [www.facebook.com/events/488675094498991](http://www.facebook.com/events/488675094498991). For more information, please contact Jenni Wilson or Angie Pometto at [YASkiTrip@gmail.com](mailto:YASkiTrip@gmail.com) or 703-938-5656. This event is sponsored by St. Mark and FIAT Young Adult Groups.

**Explore the Year of Faith**

As the Church celebrates the Year of Faith, the U.S. bishops' Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth is providing resources for families, including tips for keeping Sundays holy and centered on family, prayers and devotionals for the family, and ideas for building the presence of the Church in the home. The resources are available online at [www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization/year-of-faith/year-of-faith-family-resources.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization/year-of-faith/year-of-faith-family-resources.cfm).

**The Votive Candles**

Our votive candle stands are located by the Sacred Heart statue in the north transept. We light a candle before a statue or sacred image of our Lord or of a saint. The light signifies our prayer offered in faith coming into the light of God. With the light of faith, we petition our Lord in prayer, or petition the saint to pray with us and for us to the Lord. The light also shows a special reverence and our desire to remain present to the Lord in prayer even though we may depart and go about our daily business. Parents are reminded to please watch your children around the votive candles. We don't want any bonfires or burned little fingers. The suggested offering is \$1 per candle.

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

703-433-6770

Youth@ourladyofhope.net

Like us on Facebook – “OLOH Youth Group”

**High School Youth**(9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Graders)

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

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Falcon's Landing

**December 17<sup>th</sup>** – Sportsplex

**Tuesday Night Youth Group Meetings**

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

**Junior High Youth Group Meeting**

All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to attend the next Junior High Youth Group meeting on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> in the school gym. We will meet from 6:30-8 p.m.

**Knights of Columbus****Annual Toy Drive**

The Knights of Columbus will be having their annual Toy Drive November 24<sup>th</sup> thru December 16<sup>th</sup>. Toys must be unwrapped and may be dropped off in our bin in the Narthex. Please help us make our goal of **750** toys for children in need."

**Gift Shop News**

The gift shop is offering our Annual Parish Ornament of the Holy Family and the 2012 White House Ornament! The shop is well stocked for Advent. We have Advent Calendars, candles, and wreaths, as well as some lovely Advent meditation books. You might even find that perfect Christmas gift! You can shop after the weekend Masses.

**A Prayer to Christ the King**

O Jesus Christ, I acknowledge Thee as universal King. All that has been made, has been created for Thee. Exercise all Thy rights over me. I renew my baptismal vows, renouncing Satan, his pomps and his works; and I promise to live as a good Christian. In particular do I pledge myself to labor, to the best of my ability, for the triumph of the rights of God and Thy Church. Divine Heart of Jesus, to Thee do I proffer my poor services, laboring that all hearts may acknowledge Thy Sacred Kingship, and that thus the reign of Thy peace be established throughout the whole universe. Amen.