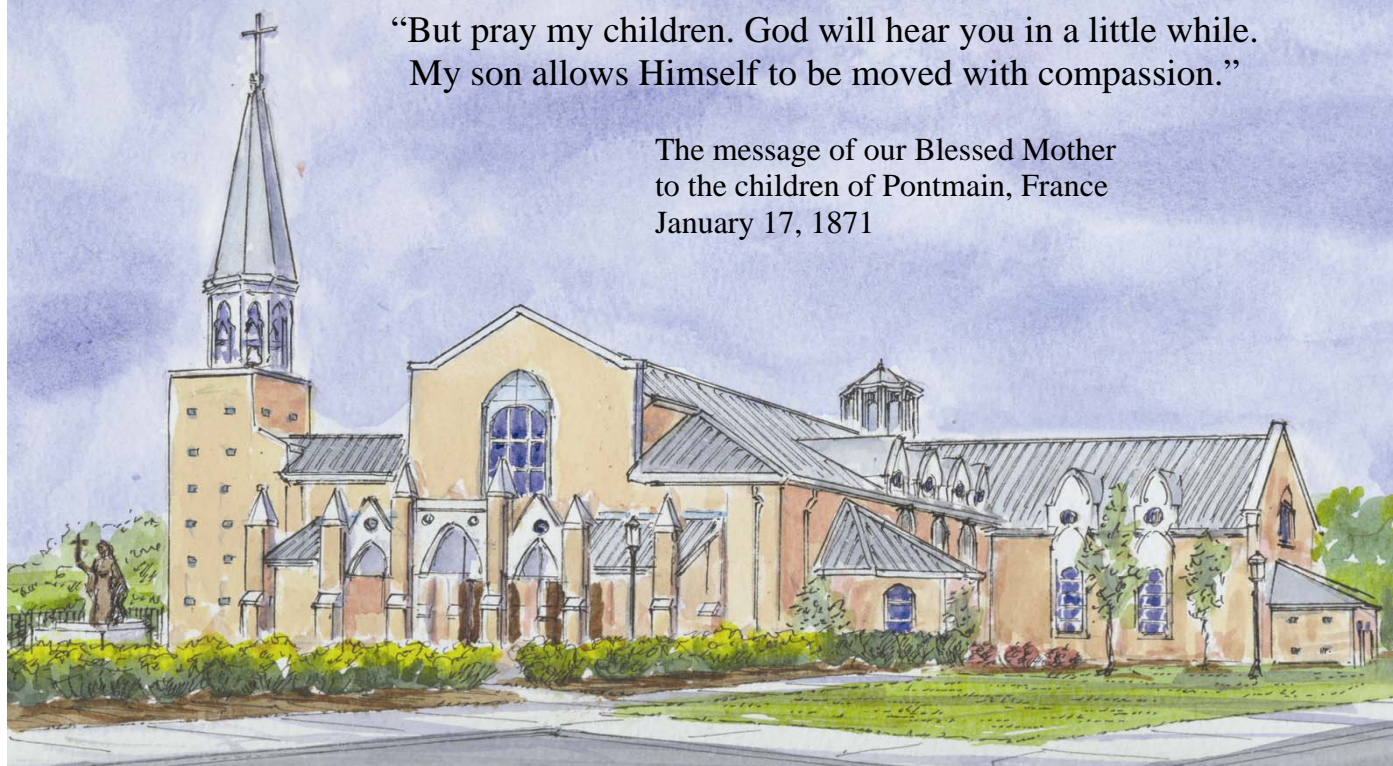


Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church

“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

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

Mary Beth Pittman, School Principal
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MASSSES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, December 16th: Gaudete Sunday

7:30 a.m. The Licord Family
 9:00 a.m. Viviane Castaneda by Cathy Plummer
 10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
 12:15 p.m. † Leo & Mary Walker by the Misurova Family

Monday, December 17th

6:45 a.m. Frank Remesch
 8:30 a.m. † Peter T. DeCicco by Peter & Carol Oliveri (Mass in Latin)

Tuesday, December 18th

6:45 a.m. Jamie Curtis
 8:30 a.m. The Skojec Children by Mom & Dad

Wednesday, December 19th

6:45 a.m. † Carmella Marra
 8:30 a.m. Reverend Jerome W. Fasano

Thursday, December 20th

6:45 a.m. † Ted Guzik by Lois Guzik
 8:30 a.m. † Grandparents of Darrell & Lynne Cordary

Friday, December 21st: St. Peter Canisius

6:45 a.m. † Joe Paterno by Mary & Eric Best
 8:30 a.m. † Jimmi Watson by Our Lady of Hope Catholic School Staff

Saturday, December 22nd

8:30 a.m. † Muriel & Larry Howe by Denise Howe
 5:00 p.m. † Bess & Earl Hart by Regina Hart

Sunday, December 23rd: 4th Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. † Kathy Schiessl by the Grasson Family
 9:00 a.m. † Dr. Alvin Tight by Tom & Barbara Tight
 10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
 12:15 p.m. Alexis Gruehn by Cathy Plummer

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.



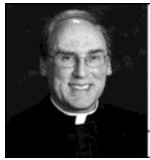
Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for December

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 are the ‘O Antiphons’ Recited in Advent as Part of the Liturgy of the Hours?”
(Part III)

Let's now look at each antiphon with just a sample of Isaiah's related prophecies:

Radix Jesse: “O Flower of Jesse's stem, you have been raised up as a sign for all peoples; kings stand silent in your presence; the nations bow down in worship before you. Come, let nothing keep you from coming to our aid.” Isaiah had prophesied, “But a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom (11:1).” And, “On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious (11:10).” Remember also that Jesse would be of the house and lineage of David and be born in David's city, Bethlehem (Micah 5:1).

O Clavis David: “O Key of David, O Royal Power of Israel controlling at your will the gate of Heaven: come, break down the prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death; and lead your captive people into freedom.” Isaiah had prophesied, “I will place the Key of the House of David on His shoulder; when he opens, no one will shut, when he shuts, no one will open (22:22),” and “His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, from David's throne, and over His kingdom, which he confirms and sustains by judgment and justice, both now and forever (9:6).”

O Oriens: “O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.” Isaiah had prophesied, “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shown (9:1).” (See Next Week for Part IV)

40th Annual March for Life – 2013

Save the date of January 25, 2013 and join us for the March for Life. Email Bruce Gnatowski at Life@ourladyofhope.net to sign up for the free bus or visit our website, www.ourladyofhope.net.

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. *Please pray for Elizabeth Ann Reed.*

Parish Christmas Schedule



Christmas Eve Masses

December 24th
5:00 (Children's Choir) and 7:30 p.m.

December 25th
Christmas Mass at Midnight
(Adult Choir)

Christmas Morning Masses
9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

December 24th, 26th, 27th, 28th, & 31st
There will be no public 6:45 a.m.

Mass. Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. only

Mary, Mother of God

December 31st

New Year's Eve Vigil Mass
5:00 and 7:30 p.m.

January 1st
Masses at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Knights of Columbus

Keep Christ in Christmas

Please support the “Keep Christ in Christmas Campaign” and purchase your cards at the sales table located in the narthex.



Christmas Tree Sale

Stop by the lower parking lot on the weekend to pick from our selection of great trees.



Annual Toy Drive

The Knights of Columbus is having their annual Toy Drive thru **December 16th**. 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.



Friendly Reminder

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

703-433-6564

THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE IS
CLOSED ON FRIDAYS

THERE ARE NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES
FROM DECEMBER 18TH THROUGH JANUARY 1ST.
CLASSES RESUME ON JANUARY 2ND.

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

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.



Gift Shop

The gift shop is offering our Annual Parish Ornament of the Holy Family and the 2012 White House Ornament! Stop by after the weekend Masses for that perfect Christmas Gift!

Book Club

The Our Lady of Hope Book Club is back! 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.

Giving via Faith Direct

In this Advent Season, a time of both joyful anticipation and penitential preparation, we should consider how we are prioritizing our time and treasure. Now is a great time to consider enrolling in the *Faith Direct* eGiving program. It will not only save you and our parish staff time during these busy months, but will help you ensure your support of our parish is there even when you can't be. You can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net using our church code: VA79, or by mailing a paper enrollment form available in the parish office.

Second Collection

The collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious was \$5,285.10 and \$2,558.10 for the Campaign for Human Development. *Thank you to all who contributed so generously to these collections!*

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.)

December 17th – Sportsplex

January 7th – Falcon's Landing

Tuesday Night Youth Group Meetings

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

No Youth Group December 25th & January 1st!

WorkCamp 2013

Please return your application *this* weekend to participate in the 2013 WorkCamp experience. Questions? Contact Fr. Schierer or the Parish Office ASAP.

Junior High Youth Group Meeting

All 7th and 8th graders are encouraged to attend the Junior High Youth Group meeting *this* Sunday, December 16th in the school gym. We will meet from 6:30-8 p.m.

"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.



Confession before Christmas

Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of our Savior at Christmas. The remaining opportunities for confession before Christmas include Tuesday, December 18th, beginning at 7 p.m., Thursday, December 20th, (during the Holy Hour) beginning at 7 p.m., and Saturday, December 22nd, immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Please make receiving sacramental forgiveness a priority in your Christmas preparation.



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.