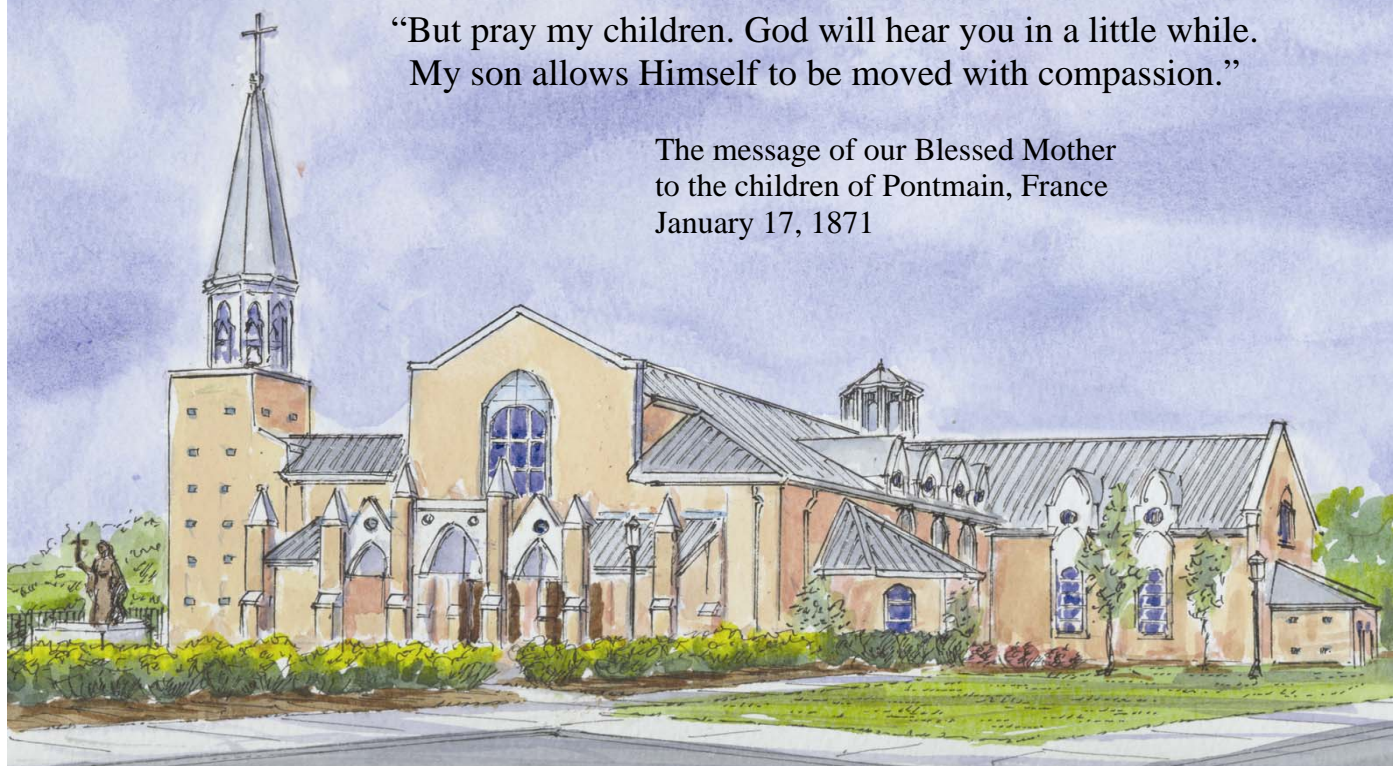


Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church

“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
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

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MASSES OF THE WEEK

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

Monday, December 24th

8:30 a.m. ☩ Stephen R. Tatusko by Margaret Tatusko
 (Mass in Latin)

Monday December 24th: Vigil of Christmas

5:00 p.m. ☩ Clara & Paul Dugan
 7:30 p.m. Sr. Maeve Nativitas, S.V.

Tuesday, December 25th: The Nativity of the Lord

Midnight: Living & Deceased Parishioners
 9:00 a.m. Nicholas Schierer
 11:00 a.m. The Saunders Family

Wednesday, December 26th

8:30 a.m. ☩ Robert Lynwood Rilee by Barbara Principe

Thursday, December 27th

8:30 a.m. ☩ Joseph Oliveri by Peter & Carol Oliveri

Friday, December 28th: The Holy Innocents

8:30 a.m. ☩ Marion Suzanne Damico by Vicki Lascomb

Saturday, December 29th: St. Thomas Becket

8:30 a.m. ☩ Vilma Kaufmann by Barbara Principe
 5:00 p.m. ☩ Mary Kay Stinemeyer by Carol & Peter Oliveri

Sunday, December 30th: The Holy Family of Jesus,

Mary & Joseph

7:30 a.m. ☩ Theresa Zawalik by the Fallon Family
 9:00 a.m. Our Lady of Hope Knights of Columbus
 Council #12791
 10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
 12:15 p.m. Rev. William B. Schierer by Lou Ann Gural

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.



Parish Christmas Schedule



December 24th Christmas Eve

Masses

***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.

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

Parish Office Christmas Schedule

The Parish Office will be closed December 24-26 and January 1st. It will be open regular hours December 27th, 28th & 31st. Please plan accordingly.



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.*

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.



Dear Parishioners,

This October 11th, Pope Benedict inaugurated the "Year of Faith," and challenged each of us not only to renew our faith but also to commit ourselves to a new evangelization, making Christ present through our witness in a meaningful way to others. The Holy Father reminded us that Christ is "the door" who leads us to the Father. Sadly, like that first Christmas, some have closed the door of their hearts to Him, the newborn savior. How can we open these closed, even locked, hearts to the Savior?

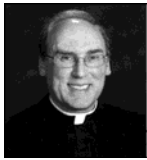
We must open ours. We must commit ourselves to live in the spirit of Christmas each day by living in the presence of Christ. Make prayer a critical part of your day. Read and meditate upon Sacred Scripture, especially the Gospel: read one chapter of the New Testament each day—about a 10 minute undertaking—and you will have read the whole New Testament this year. Study the teachings of our Church: Read two pages of the Catechism each day—about a 10 minute undertaking—and you will have read the whole Catechism this year. Have a stronger devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and the Holy Mass. Regularly make a self-examination of conscience and go to Confession monthly. And, do those good works for those entrusted to our care and for those in need. Prompted by the Holy Spirit and aided by God's grace, such a spiritual regimen will foster an intimate relationship with our Lord this year. May the Lord find our hearts open like our Blessed Mother Mary, St. Joseph, the Shepherds, and the Magi who welcomed our Lord that first Christmas, and make His dwelling place within them. Living the Spirit of Christmas will be the "knock" that may cause others to open their own hearts.

Lastly as your pastor, I treasure the gift of you and the dedication, sacrifices, and hard work you have shown to make this parish a beacon of Christ's love. In particular, I thank those who serve in the various ministries and organizations. On behalf of Father Schierer, Fr. Sly, and all of the Staff at Our Lady of Hope, I wish each of you a blessed and joyous Christmas and New Year! Please be assured of my prayers for your intentions and a remembrance at Holy Mass. May the peace, joy, and love of the Holy Family be present in your lives each day of the New Year.

May God bless you,

Rev. William P. Saunders

Rev. William P. Saunders, Pastor



**Ask
Your
Pastor**
Fr. Saunders

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

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

O Rex Gentium: “O King of all the nations, the only joy of every human heart; O Keystone of the mighty arch of man, come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust.” Isaiah had prophesied, “For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.” (9:5), and “He shall judge between the nations, and impose terms on many peoples. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again.” (2:4)

O Emmanuel: “O Emmanuel, king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Savior of all people, come and set us free, Lord our God.” Isaiah had prophesied, “The Lord himself will give you this sign: the Virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.” (7:14) Remember, “Emmanuel” means “God is with us.”

According to Professor Robert Greenberg of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, the Benedictine monks arranged these antiphons with a definite purpose. If one starts with the last title and takes the first letter of each – Emmanuel, Res, Oriens, Clavis, Radix, Adonai, and Sapientia – the Latin words **ero cras** are formed, meaning, **“Tomorrow, I will come.”** Therefore, the Lord Jesus, whose coming we have prepared for in Advent and whom we have addressed in these seven Messianic titles, now speaks to us, “Tomorrow, I will come.” So the “O Antiphons” not only bring intensity to our Advent preparation, but also bring it to a joyful conclusion.

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.



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!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

703-433-6564

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

THERE ARE NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES THROUGH JANUARY 1ST.

CLASSES RESUME ON JANUARY 2ND.

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!

No Youth Group December 25th & January 1st!

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 on January 6th.

Call to Vocations

“It is by God’s will that we have been sanctified.” How is God calling you to grow in holiness? If He may be inviting you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact Father Brian Bashista at 703-841-2514 or b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org or call Fr. Saunders or Fr. Schierer.