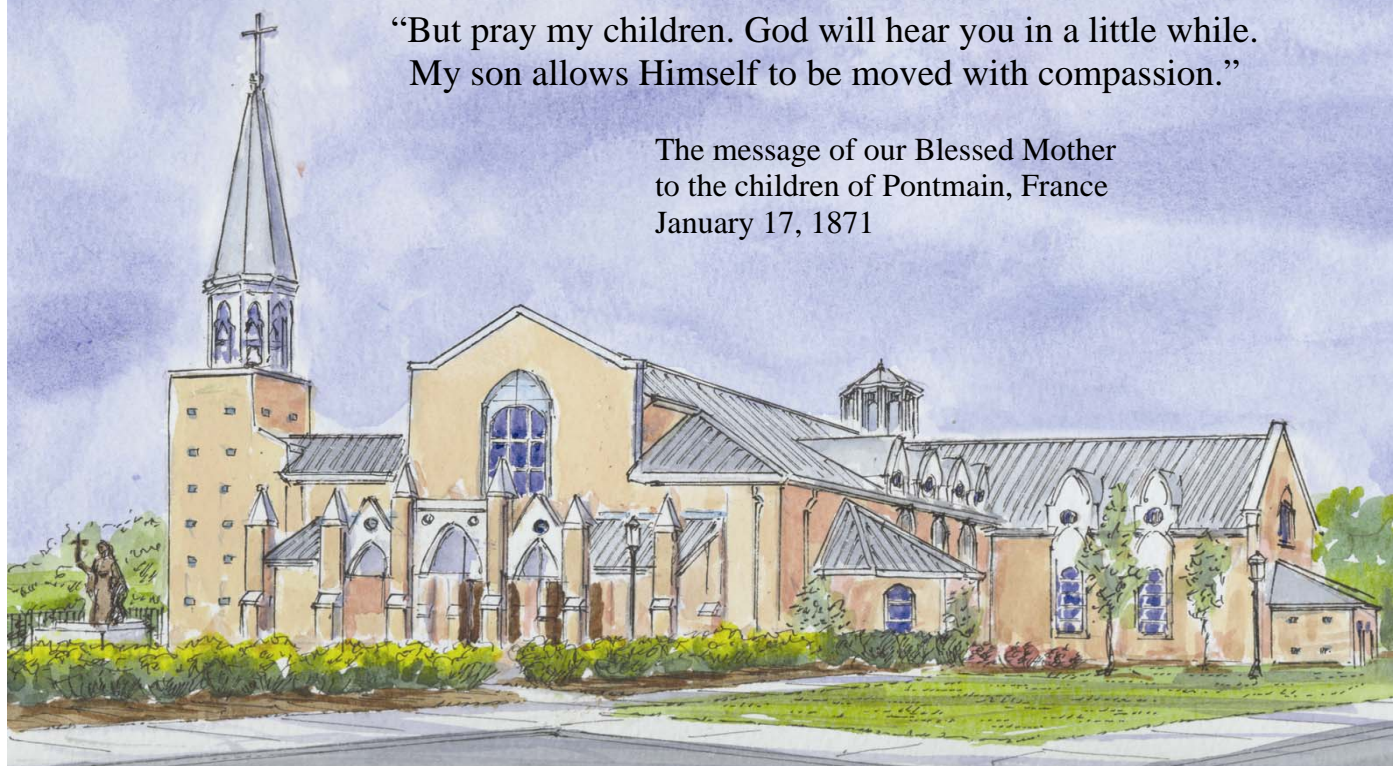


Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church

“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
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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
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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MASSSES OF THE WEEK

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

Monday, December 31st: Pope St. Sylvester I

8:30 a.m. Special Intention (Mass in Latin)
Monday December 31st: Vigil, Mary, Mother of God

5:00 p.m. Expectant Mothers and Their Babies
 7:30 p.m. Living and Deceased Parishioners

Tuesday, January 1st: Mary, Mother of God

9:00 a.m. Fr. Schierer's Intentions
 11:00 a.m. The Saunders Family

Wednesday, January 2nd: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

6:45 a.m. ☩ Thomas Radic by the Fallon Family
 8:30 a.m. Patrick & Cecilia Fallon by the Fallon Family

Thursday, January 3rd: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

6:45 a.m. ☩ Rose Grasson by John & Helen Grzechowiak
 8:30 a.m. ☩ Lucie & Wilhelm Loeffler by Regina Hart

Friday, January 4th: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

6:45 a.m. ☩ Maria Panlaqui by Russell & Marisa Garcia
 8:30 a.m. Tom & Lorri Krappweis by Denise Cordary

Saturday, January 5th: St. John Neumann

8:30 a.m. Fr. Michael Carmola by the Cordary Family
 5:00 p.m. ☩ Joseph M. Oliveri by Carol & Peter Oliveri

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

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.

Parish Holy Day Schedule



There will be no public 6:45 a.m. Mass on December 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 Schedule

The Parish Office will be closed January 1st. It will be open regular hours on January 2nd. Please plan accordingly.

"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.



Citizenship Classes

Hogar Hispano is having registration for Citizenship Classes on January 3rd at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church from 6-8 p.m. in Atonement Hall. The cost is \$40, which includes 12 weeks of classes, books, and flashcards. You must bring your green card to register. On January 12th, Hogar Hispano will be filling out applications for citizenship at Christ the Redeemer. The cost for the application is \$30. For more information, please call 703-534-9807, ext. 252.



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.

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Father Randy W. Sly, In Residence*

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.



Breakfast and Mass with the Ladies of Hope

Please join the Ladies Sacred Heart First Fridays Group on January 4th 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, January 5th in the parish hall. 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 life, my fortress;
he is my stronghold, my savior
my shield, my place of refuge --
PSALM 44:1-2*

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.



**Ask
Your
Pastor**
Fr. Saunders

“Who were the Magi?”

The Gospel of Matthew mentions the Magi who came from the East to worship the newborn Christ child (Mt 2:1-

12). Exactly who the magi were, though, remains somewhat of a mystery.

Oftentimes, the English translations of the Bible use the word "astrologers" for "magi." In Greek, the original language of the Gospel, the word magos (magoi, plural) has four meanings: (1) a member of the priestly class of ancient Persia, where astrology and astronomy were prominent in Biblical times; (2) one who had occult knowledge and power, and was adept at dream interpretation, astrology, fortune-telling, divination and spiritual mediation; (3) a magician; or (4) a charlatan, who preyed upon people using the before-mentioned practices. From these possible definitions and the description provided in the gospel, the Magi were probably Persian priest-astrologers who could interpret the stars, particularly the significance of the star that proclaimed the birth of the Messiah. (Even the ancient historian Herodotus (d. 5th century B.C.) would attest to the astrological prowess of the priestly class of Persia.)

More importantly, the visit of the Magi fulfilled the prophecies of the Old Testament: Balaam prophesied about the coming Messiah marked by a star: "I see him, though not now; I behold him, though not near: A star shall advance from Jacob and a staff shall rise from Israel..." (Nm 24:17). Psalm 72 speaks of how the Gentiles will come to worship the Messiah: "The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts, the kings of Arabia and Sheba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay Him homage, all nations shall serve Him" (Ps 72:10-11). Isaiah also prophesied the gifts: "Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord" (Is 60:6).

St. Matthew recorded that the Magi brought three gifts, each also having a prophetic meaning: gold, the gift for a king; frankincense, the gift for a priest; and myrrh — a burial ointment, a gift for one who would die. St. Irenaeus (d. 202) in his *Adversus haereses* offered the following interpretation for the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh respectively: King, God and Suffering Redeemer as well as virtue, prayer, and suffering.

Traditionally, we think of the three Magi as the three kings. We usually have the three kings in our nativity sets. We even sing, "We three kings of orient are..." Here the three gifts, Psalm 72 and the rising star in the East converge to render the Magi as three kings traveling from the East.

Actually, the earliest tradition is inconsistent as to the number of the Magi. The Eastern tradition favored twelve Magi. In the West, several of the early Church fathers — including Origen, St. Leo the Great and St. Maximus of Turin — accepted three Magi. An early Christian painting in Rome found at the cemetery of Sts. Peter and Marcellinus depicts two magi, and at the cemetery of St. Domitilla, four. (See next week's bulletin for Part II)

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

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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

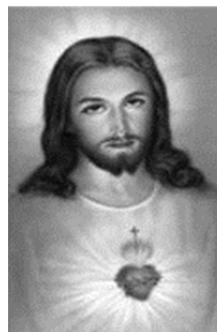
January 21st – Sportsplex

Tuesday Night Youth Group Meetings

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

No Youth Group 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.

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.

Second Collection

The Catholic Charities Collection was \$4,365.10. Thank you for your support and generosity.