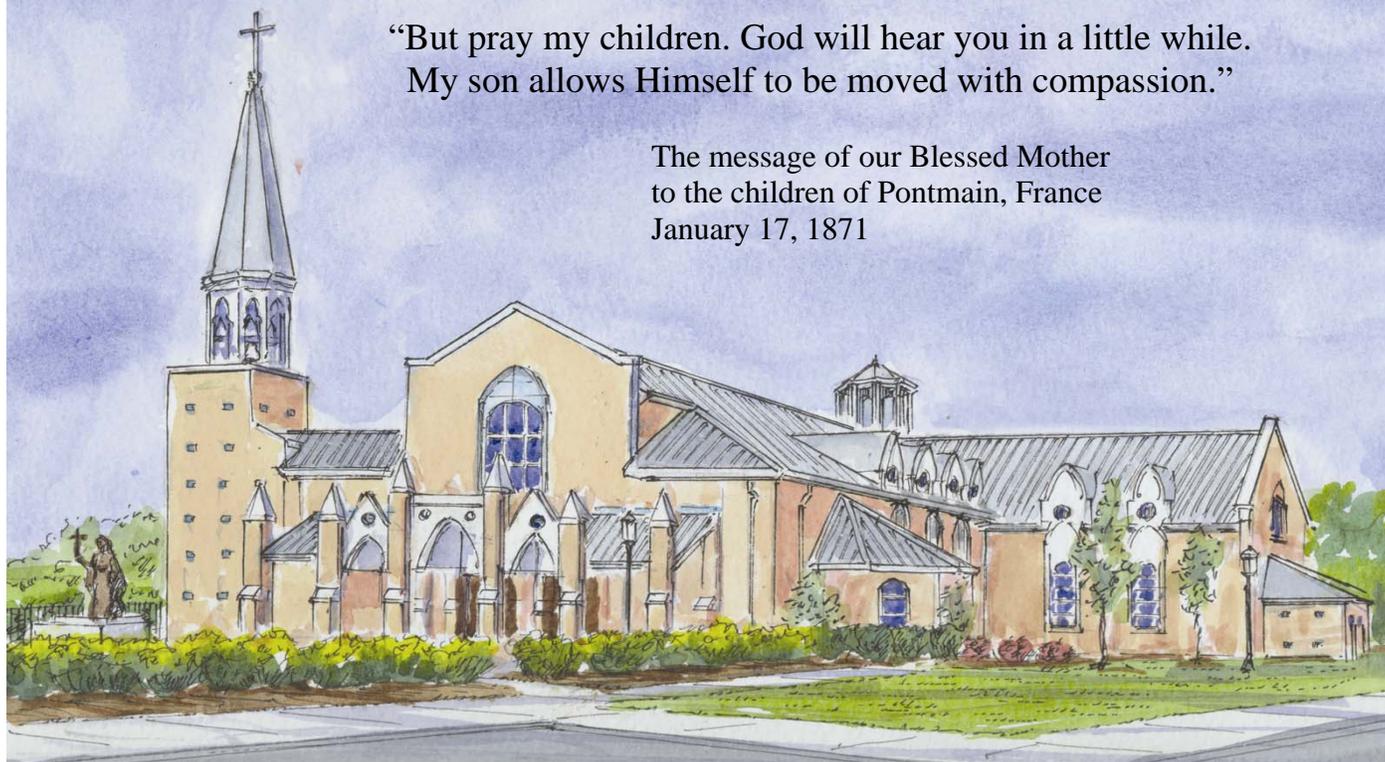


Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church

“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
Cathy Plummer, Director of Religious Education
Cathy Barshop, Religious Education Assistant
Monica Clarke, Youth Ministry Assistant
Pat Sabas, Business Manager
Ben Zumdahl, IT Manager
Alfonso Pena, Facilities Supervisor
Michael Galdo, Director of Music
Suzanne Yerks, Assistant Director of Music
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.

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, February 19th: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. ☩ Chester Schuler by Betty & Paul Altman
 9:00 a.m. ☩ Marian Gallagher by Paul & Kendra Moloney
 10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
 12:15 p.m. The Skojec Children by Mom & Dad

Monday, February 20th

8:30 a.m. ☩ Virginia Byrnes by John & Doris Del Cecato

Tuesday, February 21st: St. Peter Damian

6:45 a.m. ☩ Holy Souls in Purgatory by Steve & Jamie Skojec

8:30 a.m. Jeff Grado by Francisco Stender

Wednesday, February 22nd: Ash Wednesday

6:45 a.m. ☩ Holy Souls in Purgatory by Pam Skojec

8:30 a.m. ☩ Warren Guerin by Joan Bystrowski

5:00 p.m. No Mass – Ashes Distributed Only

7:30 p.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

Thursday, February 23rd: St. Polycarp

6:45 a.m. The Galdo Family by the Stender Family

8:30 a.m. Alfonso Pena by Francisco Stender

Friday, February 24th

6:45 a.m. ☩ Poor Souls in Purgatory by Patty Rodgers

8:30 a.m. The Schnese Family by the Fallon Family

Saturday, February 25th

8:30 a.m. Lou Ann Gural by Sherrie Fuller

5:00 p.m. ☩ Joseph Oliveri by Peter & Carol Oliveri

Sunday, February 26th: First Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. ☩ Sally Audrey Licord by Frank Licord

9:00 a.m. ☩ Chester Schuler by the Altman Family

10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

12:15 p.m. ☩ Mary Catherine Clarke by the Skojec Family

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for February



General Intention: Access to Water

That all peoples may have access to water and other resources needed for daily life. **Missionary Intention:**

Health Workers. That the Lord may sustain the efforts of health workers assisting the sick and elderly in the world's poorest regions.

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 GROUP COORDINATORS

Altar Flowers:	Jennifer McCabe	404-5580
Altar Servers:	Jeff Grado	477-9177
Altar Society:	Alfonso & Janeth Pena	406-9835
American Heritage Girls		
	Diane Harvey	406-6040
Birthright	Marsha Slick	433-0034
Book Club	Linda Neri	430-3952
Boy Scouts:	Gina DeCrisci-Farmer	406-2341
Columbian Squires:		
	Jon MacGoy	887-3107
CYO Sports:	Ralph Peluso	729-3385
Girl Scouts:	Jennifer McCabe	404-5580
Homeschoolers:	Stacy Byrne	948-7845
Knights of Columbus:		
	Andy Altman	404-0182
Ladies of Hope:	Peggy Kearney	444-1341
Lectors:	Paul Gilmore	444-2293
Legion of Mary	Deborah Baird	430-8554
Outreach:	Donna Bongiovanni	346-1152
Pro-Life:	Maureen Whalen	669-4457
St. Joseph's League:		
	Mike & Vicki Egan	430-2651
Ushers:	John Granata	571-643-2212
Young Adults:	Jennifer Wilson	401-4440



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.

Save the Date- April 28, 2012!

Please save the date, Saturday, April 28, 2012, for the 7th Annual Our Lady of Hope Catholic School Dinner Auction Gala, “*Springtime in Paris!*” The event will be held at Trump National Golf Club right here in Potomac Falls! If you would like to advertise your business, sponsor, or make a donation to this event, please contact the Auction Committee at olohauction2012@aol.com.

**Parish St. Patrick’s Day Party**

Join your fellow parishioners for fun food and entertainment at the third annual Saint Patrick’s Day Party held Saturday March 10th, 6 p.m. Tickets are on sale in the narthex after all Masses. For more information and online tickets sales, please visit, www.oloh-council.org/stpats.

Ladies of Hope Lenten Soup Supper

The Ladies of Hope invite you to a Lenten Soup Supper on Friday February 24th at 6 p.m. in the parish hall. Come and enjoy a variety of soups and breads before participating in the Stations of the Cross at 7:30. Please contact Peggy Kearney at peggy_earney@msn.com or 703-444-1344 with questions. We hope to see you there.

Ladies of Hope Trip

Please mark your calendars for a day trip to DC on Saturday, March 24th. We will take a deluxe motor coach to HILLWOOD, the estate and beautiful gardens of Marjorie Merriweather Post, heiress to the Post Cereal Company. Visit Marjorie’s magnificent Russian and French art and furniture collections. Please call Marilyn Mahieu with questions at 703-574-8414.

ICC Lecture at Our Lady of Hope – February 26th

Join the Institute of Catholic Culture as we enjoy an evening filled with faith, food, and spiritual discovery. Learn about and taste traditional Lenten foods, discuss our Lenten observances, and learn how to get the most of our Lenten journey. The evening begins at 6 p.m. in the parish hall with Rt. Rev. Joseph Francavilla and Chef Sandy Greeley. All are welcome to attend this free event. No reservations required. Bring your Bible!

Book Club

Our current selection is, Left to Tell, by Immaculée Ilibagiza. We invite all interested women of the parish to read the book and join us for a discussion in the parish meeting room on **March 27th at 7:30 p.m.** For more information contact Linda Neri at gramsneri@aol.com or 703-430-3952.

**Lent is Coming!**

Wednesday, February 22nd, marks **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of Lent. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses, 6:45 & 8:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. At 5 p.m. there will be distribution of ashes only (no Mass).

Stations of the Cross will be offered each Friday during Lent at 2:15 and 7:30 p.m. in the Church. Take time to participate in this venerable tradition of the Church and meditate on our Lord’s sacrifice for our sins.

Confessions will be heard every Wednesday evening during Lent from 6:30-8 p.m. beginning February 29th.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

All through Lent, we will offer Adoration from after the Thursday, 8:30 a.m. Mass throughout the day and into the evening, ending at 6:45 a.m. on Friday. A Holy Hour will be offered and Confessions will be heard from 7-8 p.m. on Thursday evening. Adorers are needed, especially men to fill the late night, early morning hours! Please sign up in the narthex.

Regulations for Fasting and Abstinence are as follows: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of penance observed by both fasting (only one full meal during the day) and abstinence from meat. All other Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence; we forgo the eating of meat to make ourselves conscious of our Lord’s sacrifice of Himself for our sins. The law of fasting is binding for those who are 18 years old but not yet 60; the law of abstinence is binding for those 14 years of age and older.

A Time of Devotion and Renewal for Lent

Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary, as set forth by St. Louis Marie de Montfort, is a beautiful exercise to increase your spirituality and ability to truly serve our Lord Jesus Christ. Consecration consists of a 33-day period of prayerful preparation followed by the actual Act of Consecration itself. The daily meditations and prayers take approximately 15 minutes per day. Join Fr. Schierer in the parish hall at the first of five weekly meetings on Sunday, February 19th at 1:30 p.m. to prepare for Total Consecration on March 25th. To learn more, go to www.ourladyofhope.net, click on, “Communities” for the “Total Consecration” webpage.

Weekly Bible Study

A weekly Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark meets at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays, in the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Meeting Room. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

703-433-6564

The Religious Education Office is closed on Fridays.



Coat Drive a Great Success!

Many thanks to all the parishioners who contributed so generously to the recent Coat Drive sponsored by the Wednesday, 6 p.m. Confirmation Class. A total of **557** coats as well as 12 pairs of gloves, eight scarves, and two umbrellas were collected. Donations were given to Women Giving Back and the Good Shepherd Alliance, both agencies servicing homeless in the local area. A special thanks, also, to the catechists, Chris Melnick and Dennis Kelleher and their students.

Religious Education Calendar Highlights

First Communion Class

- February 28 & 29 – First Penance
- March 1 – First Penance for parish school students.
- March 27 & 28 – First Communion Workbooks due
- May 5 – First Communion Retreat
- May 19 – First Holy Communion Mass

Confirmation Class

- March 6 and 7 – Confirmation Pre-Test
- May 5 – Confirmation Exam, 9 a.m.

8th Grade Service Project

The 8th Grade CCD class which meets on Tuesday at 4:15 p.m., is collecting food for the Missionaries of Charity's Easter Breakfast for the Poor. This is their Confirmation Service Project, where they will offer this Corporal Work of Mercy to the less fortunate. We are in need of pancake mix (just add water), pancake syrup, cans of corn, and sugar (1lb). Please help us help the Missionaries of Charity by donating any of these items. Donations will be collected February 12th-19th, and can be dropped off in the boxes in the north transept and the narthex. Thank you for your generosity, and may God Bless you.

2012 Diocesan Men's Conference!



On March 3rd, the third annual Men's Conference will take place at St. Joseph parish in Herndon. At this year's conference, men will be inspired by great Catholic speakers, reflect on evangelization & apologetics in their own lives and in the world at large, and gather together with their brothers in Christ. Confirmed speakers include: Dr. Paul Thigpen, former Evangelical pastor and best-selling author; Msgr. Stuart Swetland, Flynn Chair of Christian Ethics, Mount St. Mary's University; and our own *Fr. William Saunders*. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Paul Loverde. For more information or to register, go to www.arlingtondiocese.org/men.

YOUTH MINISTRY

703-433-6770 Ext. 142

High School Youth

(9th -12th Graders)

February 20th, Mother Teresa Monday – Meet in the parking lot at 5:45 p.m. to travel to Sportsplex

March 5th, Mother Teresa Monday – Meet in the parking lot at 5:45 p.m. to travel to Falcons Landing

“Are you capable of risking your life for someone? Do it for Christ.” – Blessed John Paul II

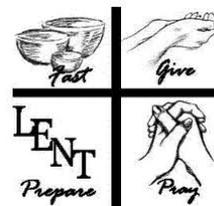
Tuesday Youth Group

(Meet in Gym)

February 21st, 7:30-9 p.m. – Mardi Gras, Preparing for Lent

February 28th, 7:30-9 p.m. – Confession and Adoration

March 6th, 7:30-9 p.m. – Bible Study



Junior High Youth Group

(7th and 8th Graders)

February 19th, 6:30-8 p.m. – Meet in parish hall

“Let us then, my brethren, endure in hope. Let us devote ourselves, side-by-side with our hoping, so that the God of the entire universe as He beholds our intention, may cleanse us from all sins, fill us with high hopes from what we have in hand, and grant us the change of heart that saves. God has called you, and you have your calling.” – St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Please Pray For...

The list of the sick and homebound of our parish has moved to our website, 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 Mary Jane Nero.**



President's Day

The parish office will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2012 in observance of President's Day.

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



Eucharistic Adoration – Adorers Needed!

Thursday 9 a.m. – Friday 6:45 a.m.

Thank you to all adorers who visit with our Lord, your dedication is most appreciated.

However, Eucharistic Adoration still has a need for scheduled adorers, especially during Lent when Adoration continues throughout the night. Some slots have opened up due to adorers moving out of state, snow birds, etc. Please prayerfully consider scheduling an hour with our Lord. Sign-up sheets are on the Adoration Table in the narthex.