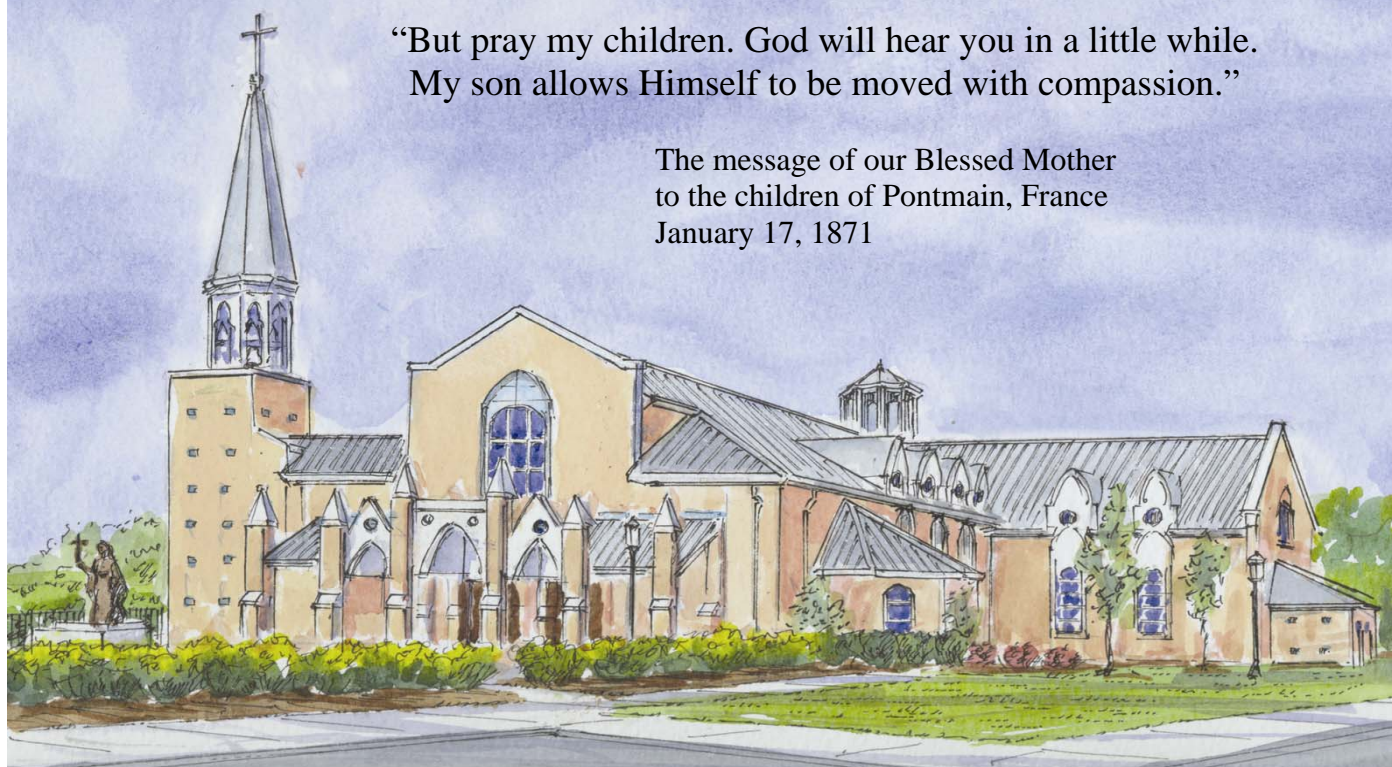


Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church

“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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Cathy Barshop, Religious Education Assistant
Monica Clarke, Youth Ministry Assistant
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Suzanne Yerks, Assistant Director of Music
Nancy Burgess, Parish Secretary

The Church & Parish Office

Address: 46639 Algonkian Parkway
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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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MASSSES OF THE WEEK**Sunday, March 11th: Third Sunday of Lent**

7:30 a.m. ☩ Elizabeth Witz by the Check Family

9:00 a.m. ☩ Hector Bacallao

10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

12:15 p.m. ☩ Carmen Aquino by the Orosa Family

Monday, March 12th

6:45 a.m. ☩ Ralph M. DeGilio by his Family

8:30 a.m. ☩ Madeliene Sabo by the Macioce Family

Tuesday, March 13th

6:45 a.m. ☩ Margaret O'Hara by the Quigley Family

8:30 a.m. ☩ Matthew Reardon by the Sutherland Family

Wednesday, March 14th

6:45 a.m. ☩ Mark Grasson by the Grasson Family

8:30 a.m. ☩ Thomas Fsadni by the Borneman Family

Thursday, March 15th

6:45 a.m. ☩ Richard Tritch by Jerry & Sandy

8:30 a.m. ☩ Nina & Bill Emmons by the Skojec Family

Friday, March 16th

6:45 a.m. ☩ James Shannon Ganci by Tim & Kathy McInerney

8:30 a.m. ☩ Cecilia Sullivan by Gerald Sullivan

Saturday, March 17th: St. Patrick

8:30 a.m. Andrew Burgess by the Sabas Family

5:00 p.m. ☩ Chris Aldiosa by the Orosa Family

Sunday, March 18th: Laetare Sunday

7:30 a.m. ☩ Charles Monek by Barbara Principe

9:00 a.m. ☩ Sasha Nelson by the Nelson Family

10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

12:15 p.m. ☩ Mary Mullinax by the Borneman Family

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for March

General Intention: That the whole world may recognize the contribution of women to the development of society. **Missionary Intention:** That the Holy Spirit may grant perseverance to those who suffer discrimination, persecution, or death for the name of Christ, particularly in Asia.

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.



“Springtime in Paris!”

Friends of Our Lady of Hope School are invited to our 7th Annual Dinner Auction Gala on Saturday, April 28, 2012, 6:30-11:30 p.m. at Trump National Golf Club, in Lowes Island. You

may preview items, view event information, make a donation, and register to attend this event online at <http://oloh.maestroweb.com>. Registered attendees' names will be held at the door. Questions? Would you like to help sponsor or advertise at this event? Please contact the school office or e-mail the Auction Committee at olohauction2012@aol.com.

Music Ministry

What is the Latin music the Choir sang at the 10:30 a.m. Mass? At the Incensing of the Altar the choir has been singing verses from the ancient Latin hymn, *Audi Benigne Conditor*, which is from the Vespers Liturgy during Lent. The translation is as follows: Verse 1: Hear, O kind Creator, our prayers while we weep in this sacred fasting over forty days. Verse 2: Kind searcher of the heart, you know the weakness of our strength, to those who turn to you show pardoning grace. Verse 3: Much, indeed, have we sinned, but spare those who confess to you, and for the praise of your name, bring healing to the weak. Verse 4: Give our bodies self-control through abstinence; grant that fasting hearts may recede from faults. Verse 5: O most blessed Trinity, given undivided unity, we pray that we present to you fruitfulness in our fasting. During Communion this week, the choir sang *Super Flumina Babylonis*, by Palestrina. The text and translation come from Psalm 137 and are as follows: *Super flumina Babylonis, illic sedimus, et flevimus, dum recordaremur tui Sion, in salicibus in medio ejus, suspendimus organa nostra.* Beside the river Babylon, there we sat, and wept as we remembered you, Zion, in the willow tree, in the midst of it we hung up our harps.



Join us next Sunday at 7:00 pm for Solemn Vespers to celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph.

Spring Track

Our Lady of Hope Spring Track will begin practice on Sunday, March 18th at 3 p.m. on the Potomac Falls High School track. All 3rd - 8th graders enrolled in the parish school or CCD program are eligible to participate. Anyone interested, be at the track a little before 3 p.m. For further information, contact Paul Gilmore at pjgilmore@gmail.com.



Lent is Here!

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.

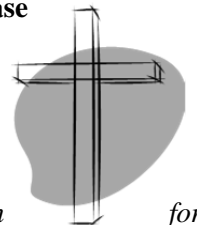
Support Our Youth Ministry!



All Saints Church in Manassas has invited us to participate in their 5-car raffle again this year. Prizes include five 2012 vehicles from Koon's of Manassas (Honda Civic Hybrid, Honda Accord, GMC Sierra Truck, Honda CRV Sport Utility and Honda Odyssey Van). One \$5.00 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all five vehicles plus \$20,000 in cash prizes. This is a fundraiser to benefit teens from our parish who are attending WorkCamp this summer. Tickets have been mailed to each family. **You may also purchase tickets after Mass this weekend.**

From the House of Mercy

“...On behalf of the families and staff of House of Mercy, we would like to thank you and Our Lady of Hope Parish for the tremendous support you gave us during the 2011 Christmas season...You have truly been an instrument of mercy and compassion to our families and community. Please keep us in your prayers, and be assured of our continued prayers...” - Letter from House of Mercy to Fr. Saunders. **Please visit the Lenten Cross in the narthex to continue your support.**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

703-433-6564

The Religious Education Office is closed on Fridays.**Vacation Bible School this Summer!**

Mark your calendar and join us for Vacation Bible School this summer! The session will run from June 18th through June 22nd, 9 a.m. - noon daily. ***Come Aboard the Vatican Express with St. Jerome!*** All rising first graders through rising fifth graders are welcome – stay tuned for details!

Religious Education Calendar Highlights**First Communion Class**

March 27 & 28 – First Communion Workbooks due

May 5 – First Communion Retreat

May 19 – First Holy Communion Mass

Confirmation Class

May 5 – Confirmation Exam, 9 a.m.

Fiat Group Nun Run – March 18

Ever wonder what a convent is like? Join other high school young women on a trip to several local convents and begin to discern your vocation. Contact the office of Vocations at vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or 703-841-2514 by Monday, March 12th.

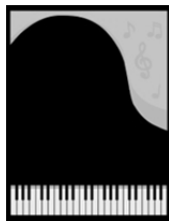
**St. Joseph's Day Celebration**

The Ladies of Hope invite you to join them for their annual St. Joseph's Day celebration on Sunday, March 18, 2012. We will begin our evening in the church at 7:00 p.m. with Vespers and Benediction followed by a St. Joseph's Day celebration in the Parish

Hall. Please consider joining us to honor our dear St. Joseph. Contact Peggy Kearney at: 703-444-1341, or at: peggy_earney@msn.com, or Angelina Crew at: angelinacrew@aol.com for additional questions.

Eric Genuis Concert on April 22nd

The Ladies of Hope are pleased and honored to announce the sponsorship of an Eric Genuis concert on Sunday, April 22, 2012 at 7 p.m. in the Church. Eric Genuis is an internationally acclaimed composer and virtuoso pianist who has traveled the world. Eric brings to light the role of music and the arts on culture throughout history and the power they have to bring hope and healing to the human soul. His concerts proclaim a pro-life message. Please watch for additional details in the bulletin in the upcoming weeks. Contact Peggy Kearney at: 703-444-1341, or at: peggy_earney@msn.com with questions.

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

703-433-6770 Ext. 142

High School Youth(9th -12th Graders)

March 19th, Mother Teresa Monday – Meet in the parking lot at 5:45 p.m. to travel to Sportsplex

April 2nd, Mother Teresa Monday – Meet in the parking lot at 5:45 p.m. to travel to Falcons Landing

Tuesday Youth Group

(Meet in Gym)

"In failing to confess, Lord, I would only hide You from myself, not myself from You."

--Saint Augustine

March 13th, 7:30-9 p.m. –

Catechesis on the Sacrament of Penance - God's gift of Mercy

March 20th, 7:30-9 p.m. – Prayer, Adoration, Confession

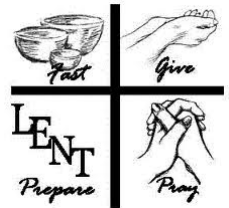
March 27th, 7:30-9 p.m. – Guys: "How to pray like a man." Girls: "How to be a daughter of Christ." JPII Sr. Bernadette, M.G. will join us!

Junior High Youth Group – 7th & 8th Graders

(Meet in parish hall)

March 18th, 6:30-8 p.m. – "Understanding"**March 24th** – Parish Hall

"Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin. All hope consists in confession. In confession there is a chance for mercy. Believe it firmly. Do not doubt, do not hesitate, never despair of the mercy of God. Hope and have confidence in confession." --St. Isidore of Seville

**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.

**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.