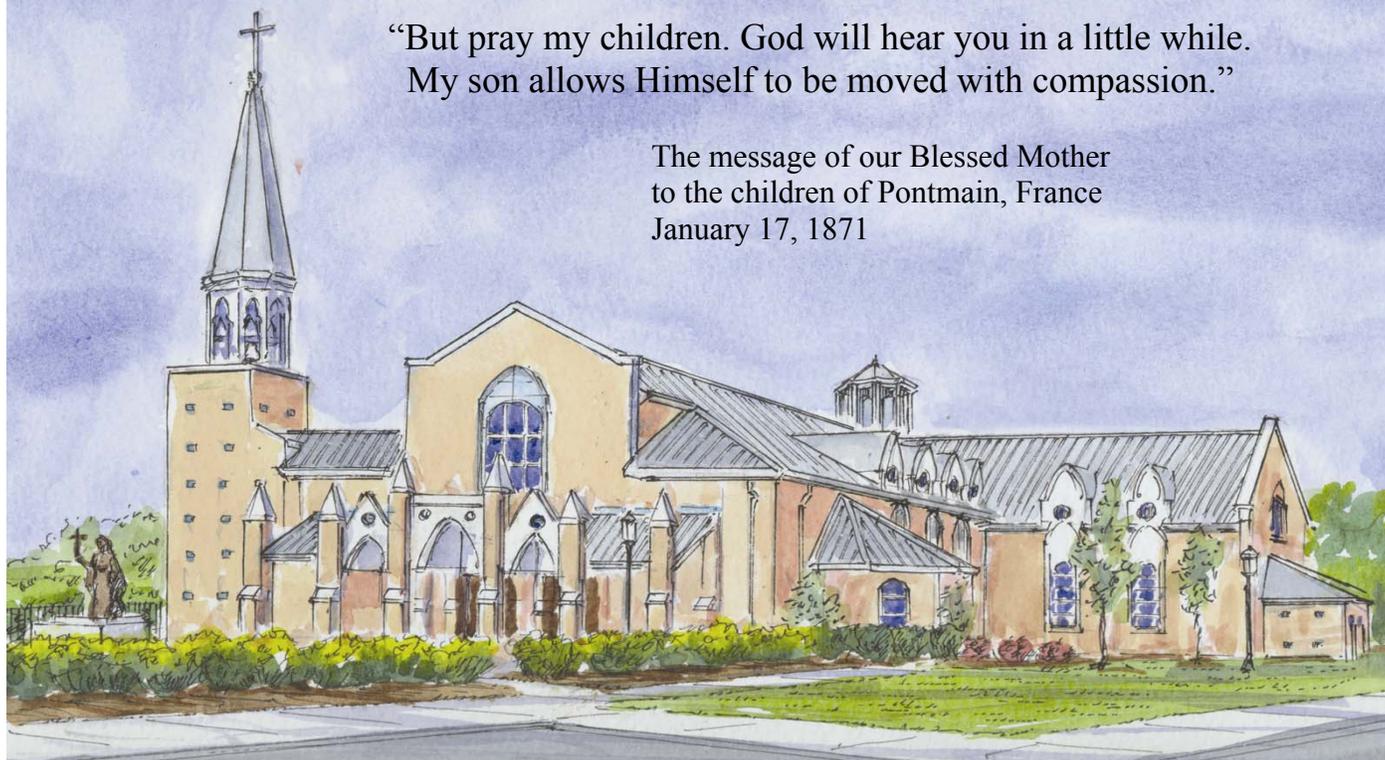


Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church

“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

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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

Mary Beth Pittman, School Principal
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MASSES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, April 29th: Fourth Sunday of Easter
 7:30 a.m. ☩ Marguerite Armbruster by Peter & Mary Linzmeyer
 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of Our Lady of Hope Knights of Columbus Council #12791
 10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
 12:15 p.m. ☩ Andrew Dobrzelewski by the Perkins Family

Monday, April 30th: Pope St. Pius V
 6:45 a.m. ☩ Eve Neary by Barbara Principe
 8:30 a.m. ☩ E. Robert & Helen McDonnel by the Thomas Family

Tuesday, May 1st: St. Joseph the Worker
 6:45 a.m. ☩ Bob Montague by Steve Tatusko
 8:30 a.m. Mary O'Connor by the O'Connor Family

Wednesday, May 2nd: St. Athanasius
 6:45 a.m. ☩ Charlie Coyle by Connie Woods
 8:30 a.m. ☩ Paul Möller by Sabine Morson

Thursday, May 3rd: Ss. Philip and James
 6:45 a.m. ☩ John J. Kelly, Sr.
 8:30 a.m. Eleanor Glasser by Vincent & Marie Buscema

Friday, May 4th
 6:45 a.m. ☩ Mrs. Juana Quiros by the Our Lady of Hope Catholic School Staff
 8:30 a.m. Monica Check by the Check Family

Saturday, May 5th
 8:30 a.m. The Skojec Children by Mom & Dad
 5:00 p.m. ☩ Jack, James, Edward & Bob Fitzgerald by Kelli Fitzgerald

Sunday, May 6th: Fifth Sunday of Easter
 7:30 a.m. Special Intention by Laura Danbom
 9:00 a.m. ☩ Mark Grasson by the Crew Family
 10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
 12:15 p.m. Teresa Sonenbrot

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.



Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for May

General Intention: That initiatives which defend and uphold the role of the family may be promoted within society. **Missionary Intention:** That Mary, Queen of the World and Star of Evangelization, may accompany all missionaries in proclaiming her Son, Jesus.



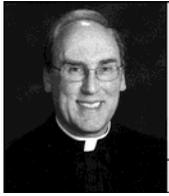
Sacrament of Matrimony

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.



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.



Ask Your Pastor

Fr. Saunders

“How do I obtain an indulgence for a deceased relative?”

Since the earliest times of the Church, indulgences have been

granted, especially when penances were much more severe than today. The Church prescribed various prayers or practices which really were a penance performed to heal the hurts caused by sin and alleviate the temporal punishment for sin in purgatory. A healthy spiritual practice is to do penance, like fasting or abstaining from meat on Friday. Indulgences are another good way of doing penance; an official listing of indulgences may be found in the Enchiridion of Indulgences (Manual of Indulgences). Of course, a person must also be sincere in performing the indulgence, pray for the intentions of the Holy Father, receive sacramental absolution in Penance, and receive Holy Communion close to the same time (within a week) of performing the indulgence.

Along this same understanding, an indulgence may be applied to the faithful departed, namely the Poor Souls in Purgatory. Looking to the example of Christ who died for our sins, all members of the Church must help each other on the way of salvation through prayers and good works. Just as we pray for each other here on earth and we too rely on the prayers of the saints in Heaven, the Poor Souls rely on our prayers and good works to help atone for the hurts of their sins. Pope Paul VI taught, “Thus there is indeed a perennial bond of charity and an abundant exchange of all goods among the faithful, whether they have already taken possession of the heavenly home, or expiate their failings in Purgatory, or are still on their pilgrimage on earth; thereby, all the sins of the entire mystical Body are expiated and the divine justice is placated; and the divine mercy is moved to forgiveness so that the contrite sinners be brought sooner to the full fruition of the goods of God’s family” (Apostolic Constitution, #5). We must not forget to offer prayers and other penances for the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

Therefore, concerning the relative in question, a person may sincerely perform an indulgence and offer it for the benefit of the deceased loved one. We leave the rest to the Lord and rely on His infinite mercy.

Mass and Breakfast with the Ladies of Hope



Please join the Ladies of Hope on May 4th for our First Friday Mass and Breakfast. We will attend the 8:30 a.m. Mass and have breakfast together at a restaurant of our choice. Please meet in the narthex after Mass. All women of the parish are welcome! Please contact Cheryl Forbes at Cheryl.forbes@gmail.com for additional information.

Congratulations, Master Catechists!



Congratulations to E. Lee Alner, Eileen Quigley Alner, Emily Borman, Lou Ann Gural, Lisa Orosa, and Cathy Plummer, who have completed the two-year Master Catechist Training Program. They will be awarded Master Catechist Certification at a graduation liturgy on Monday, May 24th at 7:30 p.m. at All Saints Catholic Church in Manassas.

Ladies of Hope

Polly, Put the Kettle On...

The Ladies of Hope will be honoring our Blessed Mother during the month of May by hosting a Marian Tea on Saturday, May 12th. Please join your “sisters in Christ” for a leisurely tea party which will be held in the parish hall at 11:30 a.m. All ladies from the ages of 3 to 103 are invited to this special event. Please invite another female relative or friend to come along with you. Seating will be limited, and we want to make sure that we have enough water boiling for our teapots. Reserve your seats by purchasing your tickets after one of the Masses during the weekends of April 28/29 and May 5/6. The price per ticket is \$5 for little ladies, ages 3 years to 7 years; and \$8 for young ladies 8 years and up. For additional information, please call Peggy Kearney at 703-444-1341.



Knights of Columbus

Food Drive

The monthly food drive for InterFaith of Loudoun is next weekend. Please leave your non-perishable food items in the marked bins before Mass.

Parish Picnic – Save the Date



The annual Parish Picnic will be June 10th. Please mark your calendar! Watch the bulletin for details.

Mother’s Day Novena

A Novena of Masses will be offered for all mothers, living and deceased, beginning on Mother’s Day, May 13th. If you would like to have your mother remembered, please complete an envelope available at the Church entrance and return it in the collection basket, to an usher, or to the parish office. This is a wonderful way to show our love for our mothers.



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. You can find the registration form at www.ourladyofhope.net.

Religious Education Calendar Highlights**First Communion Class**

May 5 – First Communion Retreat

May 19 – First Holy Communion Mass

Confirmation Class 2011-2012 (8th graders)

May 5 – Confirmation Exam, 9 a.m. (parish hall)

Sept. 7th – 6-10 p.m. - Confirmation RetreatSept. 8th – 9:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. – Confirmation Retreat**Confirmation Class 2012-2013 (7th graders)**

May 6th – Parent and Confirmandi Meeting immediately following the 12:15 Mass – parish hall

May 22nd & 23rd – Last Day of Classes**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 Abigail Dussol, Robin Harvey, & Doris Sanders.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for holy vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially in our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If you are considering such a vocation, contact Fr. Brian Bashista at b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org or 703-841-2514, or call Fr. Saunders or Fr. Schierer.

**Eucharistic Adoration****Thursdays, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.**

Please prayerfully consider becoming a scheduled adorer and spending an hour with our Lord (weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly). Feel free to stop by the table in the narthex to schedule your visit. Thank you.

YOUTH MINISTRY

703-433-6770 Ext. 142

High School Youth*(9th -12th Graders)***Tuesday Youth Group** *(Meet in Gym)***May 1st – 7:30 – 9 p.m. – Bible Study**

May 7th, Mother Teresa Monday – Meet in the parking lot at 5:45 p.m. to travel to Falcons Landing

May 21st, Mother Teresa Monday – Meet in the parking lot at 5:45 p.m. to travel to Sportsplex

WorkCamp Needs One Male Leader

WorkCamp crew leaders are adults age 25 or older who work well with high school teens. Each adult leader is assigned to a team of five teens, and his primary role is to ensure the safety and well-being of the youths, to minister to them, and to help them grow in their faith, at the job site during the day as well as at Home Base in the evening. If you are interested in attending WorkCamp as an adult leader with our parish, please contact the Youth Ministry Office.

Attention Young Adults!

All young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to join the Our Lady of Hope Young Adults for great fellowship and fun at our monthly events. For more information, contact Jenni at 703-401-4440 or OLHYoungAdults@gmail.com.

Spring Book Study – Discover Orthodoxy, by G.K. Chesterton with our book study which meets through June 28th. Meet in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Room at Our Lady of Hope on Thursday evenings at 8:00 p.m. following the weekly Holy Hour.

Senior Trips

August 19-27 – Visit Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island. Tour Prince Edward Island, Anne of Green Gable's home, Peggy's Cove, the Halifax waterfront and many more. The \$1,373 cost includes motor coach and all taxes.

September 19-20 – Sights & Shrines of Philadelphia with Fr. Drummond. The \$289 cost includes motor coach, overnight lodging, daily breakfast, lunch & dinner. Pick-up is at Cascades Senior Center. Please call Mary Ann at 703-404-8677 for information or to register.

**Saintly Quote**

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire." — *St. Catherine of Siena* – Feast Day April 29th

