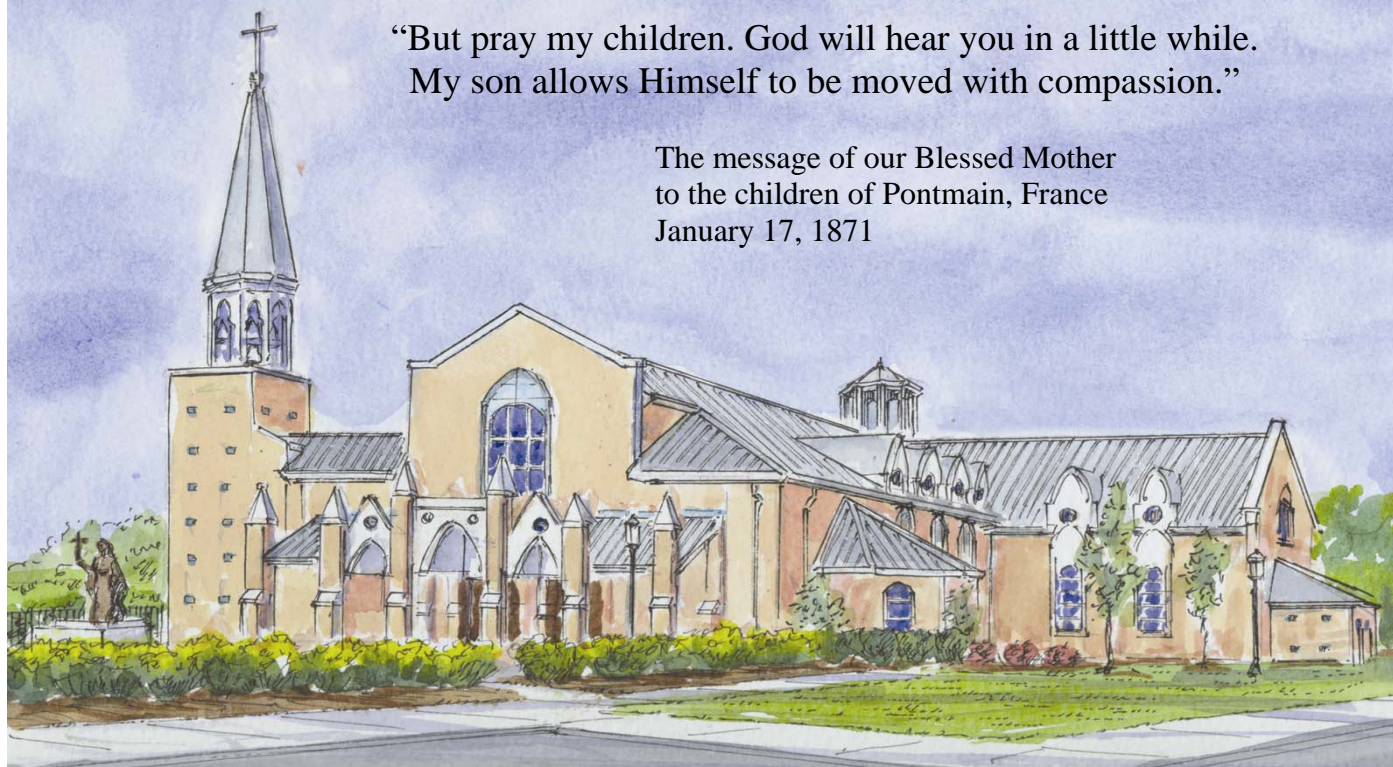


Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church

“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
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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

Mary Beth Pittman, School Principal
Angela Sus, Administrative Assistant
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MASSES OF THE WEEK

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

Monday, May 7th

6:45 a.m. Rev. Jerome Fasano
 8:30 a.m. ☩ Lino Frollo Quinto by Steven & Daniela DeFilippis

Tuesday, May 8th

6:45 a.m. ☩ Margaret Bitz
 8:30 a.m. Alfonso Pena by Lou Ann Gural

Wednesday, May 9th

6:45 a.m. ☩ Betty Eastbourn by the Lawson Family
 8:30 a.m. ☩ Susan Leszkiewicz by the Tatusko Family

Thursday, May 10th: St. Damien de Veuster of Molokai

6:45 a.m. ☩ Teofilo Centeno by the Garcia Family
 8:30 a.m. ☩ Mike Antonelle by the O'Connor Family

Friday, May 11th

6:45 a.m. ☩ Thomas Michael Neumann by the Falsetto Family
 8:30 a.m. Rev. William P. Saunders by Lou Ann Gural

Saturday, May 12th: Ss Nereus & Achilleus

8:30 a.m. Rev. William P. Saunders by the Saunders Family
 5:00 p.m. ☩ Anthony Savetteri by Peter & Carol Oliveri

Sunday, May 13th: Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30 a.m. The Licord Family by Frank Licord
 9:00 a.m. Mother's Day Novena
 10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
 12:15 p.m. ☩ Catherine & Matthew Walsh

PARISH GROUP COORDINATORS

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| 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.

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.

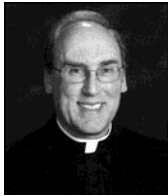


Sacrament of Matrimony



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.



Ask Your Pastor

Fr. Saunders

“How did the Apostles know that our Lady did not die and was assumed into Heaven?”

Unfortunately, we do not have an abundance of evidence. St. John Damascene (d. 749) recorded an interesting story concerning the Assumption: “St. Juvenal, Bishop of Jerusalem, at the Council of Chalcedon (451), made known to the Emperor Marcian and Pulcheria, who wished to possess the body of the Mother of God, that Mary died in the presence of all the Apostles, but that her tomb, when opened, upon the request of St. Thomas, was found empty; wherefrom the Apostles concluded that the body was taken up to heaven.”

What is most important is that since the earliest days, the Church has defended the Assumption on two counts: Since Mary was sinless and a perpetual virgin, she could not suffer bodily deterioration, the result of original sin, after her death. Also, if Mary bore Christ and played an intimate role as His mother in the redemption of man, then she must likewise share body and soul in His resurrection and glorification.

Note that the solemn definition in *Munificentissimus Deus* does not specify whether Mary physically died before being assumed or just was assumed having fallen in a death-like sleep (i.e. dormition); instead, the solemn definition reads, “Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life...” The Catechism, also quoting the Byzantine Liturgy, states: “The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son’s resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians: ‘In giving birth you kept your virginity; in your Dormition you did not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the source of Life. You conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death’” (#966). In sum, the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church of the Second Vatican Council taught, “Finally, the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, when her earthly life was over, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords, and conqueror of sin and death” (#59).



Coffee with Fr. Schierer – May 8th

All are invited for coffee and fellowship after the 6:45 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, May 8th in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Meeting Room.

**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.

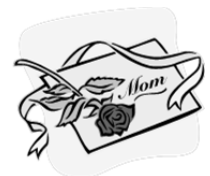


**Knights of Columbus
Parish Picnic – Save the Date**

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.



Upcoming Classes at Catholic Distance University

Celebrate the joy of the Easter Season by growing in your knowledge of what it means to be Catholic. As a diocesan partner, all members of the Arlington diocese can experience CDU noncredit seminars for just \$30.

Upcoming class:

The True Story of the Crusades – Begins May 7th with Matthew Bunson, D.Min – Learn more about the famed Crusading era in this seminar that will focus on the causes and conduct of the major crusades and their impact on the Church and the world. Learn more at www.cdu.edu/Arlington-Diocese/index.html.

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 19 – First Holy Communion Mass

Confirmation Class 2011-2012 (8th graders)Sept. 7th – 6-10 p.m. - Confirmation RetreatSept. 8th – 9:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. – Confirmation Retreat**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**.

Quo Vadis and Fiat Days Camp

Go to www.arlingtonvocations.org to get a camp registration packet for your son or daughter. These camps are for high school students (rising freshmen-rising seniors). Fiat Days (young women) runs July 15-19 and Quo Vadis Days (young men) runs July 29-August 2. The cost is only \$100, and spots are filling quickly. Contact the Office of Vocations for more information at 703-841-2514.

**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.

Friendly Reminder

Please remember to notify the parish office if your phone number or address changes. You may also notify us of changes online, by visiting the parish web site at www.ourladyofhope.net and click on “Parishioner Update Form.”

YOUTH MINISTRY

703-433-6770 Ext. 142

High School Youth*(9th -12th Graders)***Tuesday Youth Group** *(Meet in Gym)*

May 8th – 7:30 – 9 p.m. –
Catechesis “Getting to Know Your Mother”

May 15th – 7:30 – 9 p.m. – **Prayer & Confession**

May 22nd – 7:30 – 9 p.m. – **“Random”**

May 30th – 7:30 – 9 p.m. – **End of year PARTY!**



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.

