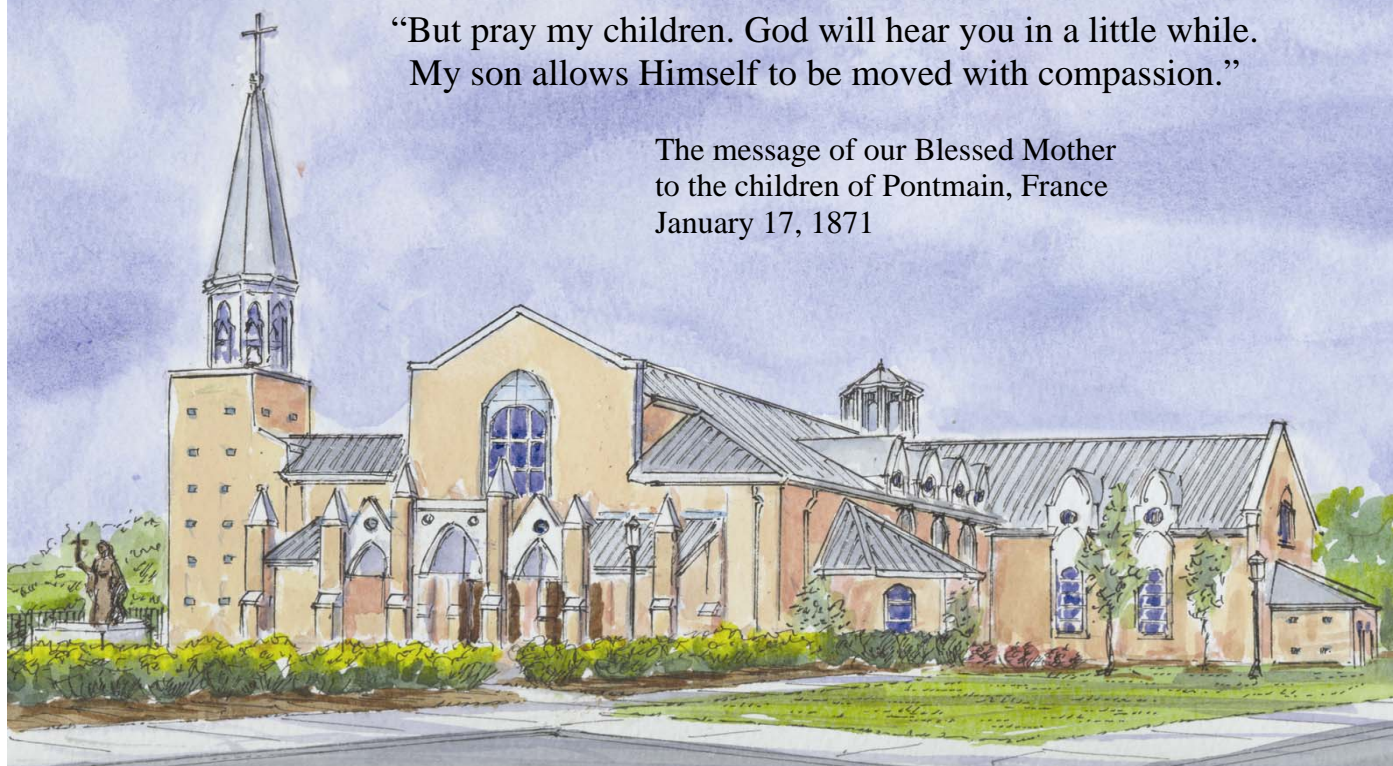


Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church

“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
The Rev. Randolph W. Sly, Resident
Cathy Plummer, Director of Religious Education
Cathy Barshop, Religious Education &
Youth Ministry Assistant
Pat Sabas, Business Manager
Ben Zumdahl, IT Manager
Alfonso Pena, Facilities Supervisor
Suzanne Yerks, 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, August 26th: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Thomas Haan by Fr. Schierer
 9:00 a.m. Michael Galdo by Fr. Schierer
 10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
 12:15 p.m. ☩ Britt Courtney

Monday, August 27th: St. Monica

6:45 a.m. ☩ Becky McHenry by the Kelly Family
 8:30 a.m. Monica Clarke by Sherrie Fuller
 (Mass in Latin)

Tuesday, August 28th: St. Augustine

6:45 a.m. ☩ James N. White by the White Family
 8:30 a.m. ☩ Adolph Link by Connie Woods

Wednesday, August 29th: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

6:45 a.m. ☩ David Rainoff by Connie Woods
 8:30 a.m. Ross Eckler by Lois Day

Thursday, August 30th

6:45 a.m. ☩ Patricia Howerton by Michael Burgess
 8:30 a.m. ☩ Larry Wasser by Karen & Bob Abt

Friday, August 31st

6:45 a.m. ☩ Becky McHenry by Karen & Bob Abt
 8:30 a.m. ☩ Kathleen by Mary Ann Murphy

Saturday, September 1st: The Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 a.m. ☩ Margarita Z. Valdez by the Castaneda Family
 5:00 p.m. ☩ Jerome Lemanski by Faith Lemanski

Sunday, September 2nd: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. ☩ Francis Zawalick by Theresa Zawalick
 9:00 a.m. ☩ Hortense Gutierrez by Her Daughter
 10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
 12:15 p.m. Christopher Pelczar by Fr. Schierer

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
Book Club:	Linda Neri	430-3952
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
Outreach:	Donna Bongiovanni	346-1152
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:	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.

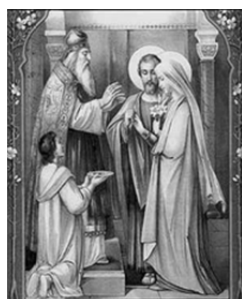


Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for September

General Intention: That politicians may always act with honesty, integrity, and love for the truth. **Missionary Intention:** Help for the Poorest Churches. That Christian communities may have a growing willingness to send missionaries, priests, and lay people, along with concrete resources, to the poorest Churches.



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 should one hold their hands during the Lord’s Prayer at Mass?”

Customarily, one folds their hands in prayer when saying the “Our Father.” However, no particular gesture is prescribed. Nevertheless, some parishes have introduced a congregational holding of hands during the “Our Father” and then a raising of those hands during “For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever,” which tempts me to say, “Touch down.” So let’s look at what the Church teaches.

Throughout the Mass, various gestures are prescribed for both the priest and the faithful worshippers. For example, we begin and end Mass by making the Sign of the Cross; during the Confiteor, we strike our breast; we sign ourselves with the cross on the forehead, lips, and heart at the proclamation of the Gospel; during the Creed, we bow at the words professing our faith in the incarnation of our Savior; we kneel during the Eucharistic Prayer and after the Lamb of God; and we receive Holy Communion either on the tongue or the hand. All of these prescribed physical gestures help make the act of worship at Mass one which involves our whole being, body and soul, thought, words, and actions. They also help create a spiritual disposition to receive our Lord in Word and Sacrament. Moreover, these gestures are prescribed, just as the readings from Sacred Scripture and the Order of the Mass are, to make the Sacrifice of the Mass a unified act of worship throughout the whole Church— in a sense, every Catholic is doing the same thing, the same way. To find the rubrics (regulations which govern the Mass) concerning these gestures, one may turn to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal.

However, in all of the liturgical documents for the universal Church or of those particular ones issued by the United States Bishops Conference, nowhere is the holding of hands during the Lord’s Prayer mandated. Frankly, this gesture arose among the various liturgical innovations in the aftermath of Vatican Council II. Perhaps the holding of hands was introduced with good intentions to highlight the unity of the congregation as they pray, “Our Father,” not “My Father.” Yet, if unity is the key, then should we not be holding hands throughout the entire Mass? *(For part two see next week’s bulletin)*

Talk at St. Francis de Sales

All are invited to attend a talk given by State Senator Richard Black on Monday, August 27th at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall of St Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Purcellville. He is the first in what will be a series of speakers. We hope to see you there.

Dear Parishioners,

Sadly, Michael Galdo, our Music Director since 2008, informed me on August 14th, that he had accepted a new position at St. Francis de Sales in Purcellville, beginning September 1st. We wish him our best and thank him for his dedicated service to the parish. During his tenure here, we have all benefitted from the beautiful music at our Masses.

Suzanne Yerks, who has been a member of the parish since the beginning – Summer 2000 – and involved in our music program as pianist, organist, and director for the 9 a.m. Mass, will assume the responsibilities as the Director of Music.

Father William P. Saunders

Altar Flowers

The Altar flowers are donated by the Pittman Family in celebration of the start of the new school year.

American Heritage Girls

American Heritage Girls is registering girls for the 2012-2013 year. AHG is a Christ-centered scouting organization for girls in grades K-12 which focuses on badge work, community service, social activities, and girl leadership opportunities. Meetings are held in the parish hall. To register or learn more about AHG, contact Heather Ward at homeward05@aol.com or 571-331-4394.

Boy Scouting

Boy Scout Troop 572 sponsored by Our Lady of Hope is starting up a new scouting year. Boy Scouts is open to boys 6th grade through 18 years of age. If your son is interested in earning Merit Badges, monthly campouts, hikes and religious medals please contact Gina DeCrisci-Farmer at thefarmers5@verizon.net. We meet every Monday night in the Parish Hall. For more information see <http://www.troop572.org>.

Girl Scouts



Girl Scouts is registering girls for the 2012-13 year. Girl Scouts is open to girls ages 5-18 who are interested in fun, friendship, and adventure. Our

Lady of Hope School currently has troops for girls through grade 6. All Girl Scouts are invited to earn the religious medals available through the Catholic Committee on Scouting. Five different religious medals are available. Earning these medals strengthens the values taught by the Church and emphasized in Girl Scouting. To learn more, please contact Jennifer McCabe at 703-404-5580 or mccabejk@aol.com.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

703-433-6564

THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE IS
CLOSED ON FRIDAYS**Religious Education Registration**

Registration for the 2012-2013 school year is in full swing! All required forms can be downloaded from the parish website at ourladyofhope.net.

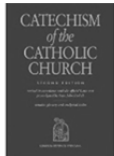
*Reminder—late fee of \$30 per family is now in effect.
(Late Fee does not apply to newly registered families)*

Important Dates

Sept. 7th—6-10 p.m. - Confirmation Retreat
Sept. 8th—9:30 a.m.—6 p.m. – Confirmation Retreat
Sept. 11th & 12th—Religious Education Classes Begin
Sept. 20th—8 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal
Sept. 21st—7:30 p.m. - Confirmation Liturgy
Oct. 23rd & 24th—Formation in Christian Chastity
Nov. 10th—8 a.m.-4 p.m. – Diocesan Catechetical Conference

Bible Study

Every Wednesday we have a Bible Study on The Acts of the Apostles, led by Fr. Randy Sly. Please meet in the parish hall at 7:30 p.m. and bring your Bible. The study is open to all adults. For August 29th, please read chapter two.

**Everything you wanted to know about the Catholic Church but were afraid to ask.**

Fr. Saunders will conduct the weekly “Inquiry Class” beginning **Thursday, September 27th**, at 8:00 p.m. in the parish hall. This one hour class is designed for those who want to know more about the Catholic Faith and may be considering becoming Catholic, and for those Catholics who want a refresher course. Please call the parish office to register so that we can make adequate provisions for everyone.

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 “Parish” tab and then, “Please Pray For...” to view the full list. Please call the parish office to have a name added or remove. Please pray for Marjorie Doyle, Miklos Nagy, and Joseph F. Souza.

Nine-Week Program for Divorced Catholics-Fall 2012

The program for men begins on September 12th. The women’s program begins September 13th. Please see www.arlingtondiocese.org/familylife/documents/DCN_W2012poster.pdf for information.

YOUTH MINISTRY

703-433-6770

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.)*

September 3rd – Falcon’s Landing

September 17th - Sportsplex

High School Youth Ministry resumes its weekly schedule this Fall, starting on Tuesday, September 11th. All high school teens are welcome and encouraged to participate in our parish program. Sessions are held on Tuesdays from 7:30-9 p.m. in the gymnasium and as otherwise announced.

According to Diocesan policy, all new volunteers are required to submit the necessary Diocesan paperwork prior to volunteering. Also required is the VIRTUS course. You may sign up and register at www.virtus.org today! Contact the parish office or Fr. Schierer to volunteer.

Retreat for Women

Please join the Franciscan University of Steubenville DC Alumni Chapter as we gather to pray, reflect, relax, and receive. Our retreat will begin in the Our Lady of Hope Parish Hall after the 8:30 a.m. Mass and confessions on Saturday, September 22nd. Jeanette DeMelo, Editor in Chief of the National Catholic Register, will speak to us on, “The Grandeur of the Ordinary Life.” Jayd Henricks, Director of Government Relations at the USCCB, will speak to us about, “The HHS Mandate, Rights of Conscience and the Power of Prayer.” The cost is \$50 per person. This will include breakfast, lunch and wine. All women are welcome, so bring your friends and fellow parishioners! To register and for more information go to <http://dcretreat.eventbrite.com/>.

The Holy Eucharist-Explained!

The Church directs our attention during the four Sundays of August to the Most Holy Eucharist by reading the Bread of Life Discourse in Chapter 6 of St. John’s Gospel. Our parish priests are using their homilies during these four weeks to delve into the meaning of the Eucharist. Topics such as preparation for Mass, Transubstantiation, and Communion with God and each other will all be covered. Watch these homilies on the Church YouTube channel, download the podcasts on iTunes, listen directly on the website, or buy an audio CD in the Gift Shop. More information and links to all these formats are on www.ourladyofhope.net.

