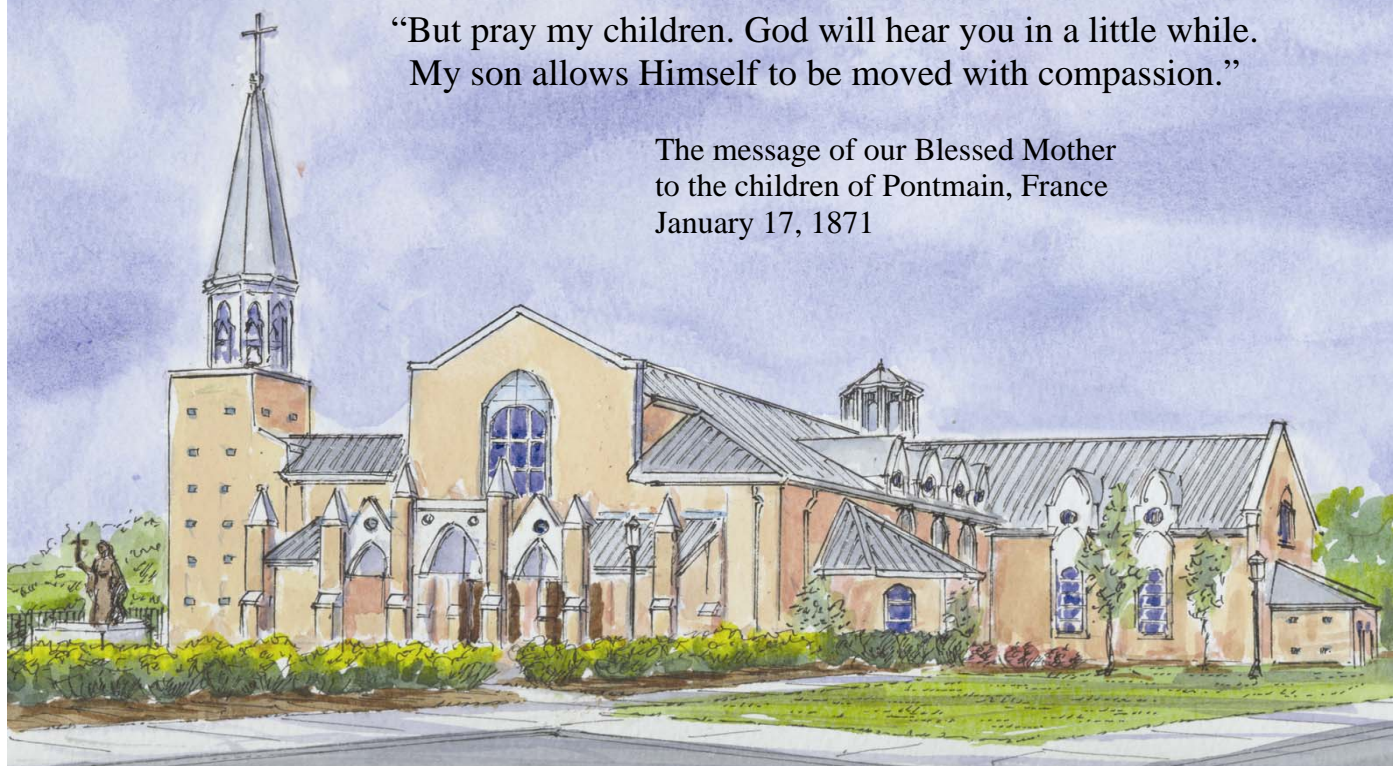


Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church

“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
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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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MASSSES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, September 16th: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. ☩ Theresa Zawalick by Laura Danbom
 9:00 a.m. ☩ George V. Mastapeter by the Mastapeter Family
 10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
 12:15 p.m. ☩ Phyllis Boudreau by Joe & Barbara Orandello

Monday, September 17th: St. Robert Bellarmine

6:45 a.m. Matthew & Maureen Skojec by Mom & Dad
 8:30 a.m. ☩ Paul Scally by Mr. & Mrs. John Callaghan (Mass in Latin)

Tuesday, September 18th

6:45 a.m. ☩ Leslie Marie Mills by Michael Burgess
 8:30 a.m. ☩ Juanita Morales by the Peña Family

Wednesday, September 19th: St. Januarius

6:45 a.m. ☩ Arnold Mattei, Sr. by Bob Venezia
 8:30 a.m. ☩ Jim Martin by Alyce Martin

Thursday, September 20th: Ss Andrew Kim Tae-Gon,

Paul Chong Ha-Sang and Companions

6:45 a.m. ☩ Charles & Anna Monek by Barbara Principe
 8:30 a.m. ☩ Dr. Frank Oliver by Dr. & Mrs. Novak, Jr.

Friday, September 21st: St. Matthew

6:45 a.m. ☩ Nina & Bill Emmons by Pam & Lou Skojec
 8:30 a.m. ☩ Bobby Isquith by Robert & Ana Isquith

Saturday, September 22nd

8:30 a.m. ☩ Maria R. Linza by the Hempenius Family
 5:00 p.m. ☩ Charles Coyle by Chuck and Donna Bongiovanni

Sunday, September 23rd: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. ☩ Kelsey Kramer by the Kelly Family
 9:00 a.m. ☩ Oscar Rodriguez by Jose & Ilka Diaz
 10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
 12:15 p.m. ☩ Charles Coyle by Sherry Grasson

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:	Megan White	843- 685-5235



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 Baptistery. 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

“Was baptism a common practice in the Jewish tradition before John the Baptist?”

In the first chapter of John,

the priests sent by the Pharisees asked John the Baptist why he was baptizing. What was their frame of reference on baptism? Is there an equivalent in the Jewish tradition? Did they understand what he was doing with baptism?”

St. John the Baptizer was performing a Jewish ritual washing symbolizing the repentance of sins. Such washings were common in Jewish practice. Even the priests would wash before offering sacrifice in the Temple, symbolically showing a repentance and forgiveness of sins. St. John’s baptism is only symbolic.

St. John, however, mentions clearly in the gospels that the Messiah will baptize by water and the Holy Spirit. The Sacrament of Baptism that we receive is an Easter sacrament, meaning it conveys the grace which has been given to us through our Lord’s passion, death, and resurrection. Through baptism, a person is reborn, regenerated, given a new life of grace with all sin forgiven: he becomes a child of God, a member of the church, and one who shares in the saving mystery of our Lord.

Knights of Columbus

Parish Commitment Sunday with Pancakes!



This Sunday, September 16th, after all Masses, the Knights of Columbus, will be hosting a pancake breakfast in the parish hall. Our parish organizations will be present to provide information about their organizations and to welcome new

volunteers. This is a great opportunity to consider a way in which to serve your parish while enjoying a wonderful pancake breakfast. Free will donations accepted for the breakfast.

Blood Drive

The Knights are sponsoring a blood drive this Sunday, September 16th in the parish meeting room from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. You may sign up after all Masses. Please give the “gift of life!”



Senior Trip – Hotel Hershey Overnight–Dec. 12 - 13

This package includes a stop at the outlets on the way up, then reception, dinner and show, a ride through the Christmas lights, then overnight at Hotel Hershey with their famous breakfast. We will visit Chocolate World and finish with a wine tasting nearby. \$344 –double. Contact Mary Ann at 703-404-8677.

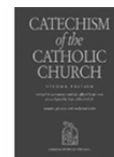


Anglican Use Mass at 5 p.m. on Sundays!

Beginning September 16th, Fr. Randolph Sly will offer an **Anglican Use Mass** at Our Lady of Hope at 5:00 p.m. each Sunday. All Catholics are invited to attend. And yes, this Mass will fulfill your Sunday obligation!

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.



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/>.

Ladies of Hope

The Ladies of Hope will have their first meeting of the year on Tuesday, Sept 25th in the parish hall at 7:30 p.m. All women of the parish are invited. The theme for this year is “Growing in Virtue.” We will be designing memory pages and personalized book marks. Please bring pictures of Churches you have visited or of your family to incorporate on your page. For details please contact Marie Kennedy at dken5854@aol.com. Celebrate our Church community with faith, food and fun!

Welcome Deacon Thomas Haan

We welcome back Deacon Thomas Haan, a Transitional Deacon with the Diocese of Lafayette, Indiana, studying at Mt. St. Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. Deacon Haan will be assisting in the parish this year. Please be sure to give him a warm welcome!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

703-433-6564

THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE IS
CLOSED ON FRIDAYS**Important Dates**

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 September 19th, please read chapter

four. ****Please note: Come as often as you can, but you are not required to attend every week.****

**Crusader CYO Basketball**

Become part of your Catholic community's exciting basketball program, open to all boys and girl, grades 4-8 (league) and 2-3 (developmental). Your child must attend the parish school or religious education program to participate. Please contact CYO Director, Ralph Peluso for a registration packet and volunteer information at 703-729-3385 or ralphpeluso@verizon.net.

**Sanctuary Tours of St. John's in Leesburg**

Come see the newest beautiful Church in our diocese! Join us now through October 6th for Saturday morning tours of our beautiful new sanctuary at 55 Oakcrest Manor in Leesburg. Tours begin in the narthex just after the 9 a.m. Mass, and are offered according to the following schedule:

September 22 nd	9:45 to noon
September 29 th	No Tours – sanctuary in use
October 6 th	9:45 to noon

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 Albert V. Dapolito and Harry P. Dunn.**

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

703-433-6770

Youth@ourladyofhope.net

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 17th – Sportsplex

October 1st – Falcon's Landing

It's not too late to join High School Youth Group! 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.

Junior High Youth Starts September 16th!(7th and 8th graders)

Junior High Youth Group starts this Sunday evening, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. All 7th and 8th graders are welcome. The first meeting is in the School Gym.

Youth@ourladyofhope.net.

Attention Young Adults!

All married and single young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to join the *Fiat Young Adults* for great fellowship and fun at our monthly events. Contact Megan at FiatYoungAdults@gmail.com or 843-865-5235 For more information.

Potluck Supper – Join us for food and fellowship in the Our Lady of Hope parish hall this Sunday, September 16th at 6 p.m. Please bring a covered dish to share, drinks will be provided.

Fall Hike– Help us usher Fall in with a hike on the Maryland Heights Trail in Harper's Ferry, WV. Meet in the Narthex at Our Lady of Hope following the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Saturday, September 22nd. Please be sure to bring a bottle of water and a sack lunch.

Fall Book Study – Join us in reading the book, Men, Women, and the Mystery of Love, by Dr. Sri which explores Blessed Pope John Paul II's, Love and Responsibility. The 11-week study begins on Monday, September 17th and continues on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton room at Our Lady of Hope. Contact fiatyoungadults@gmail.com for more details.

Friendly Reminder

We are in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Please refrain from talking before and after Mass so others can pray in quiet. Our large narthex is a great place to greet each other before and after Mass.