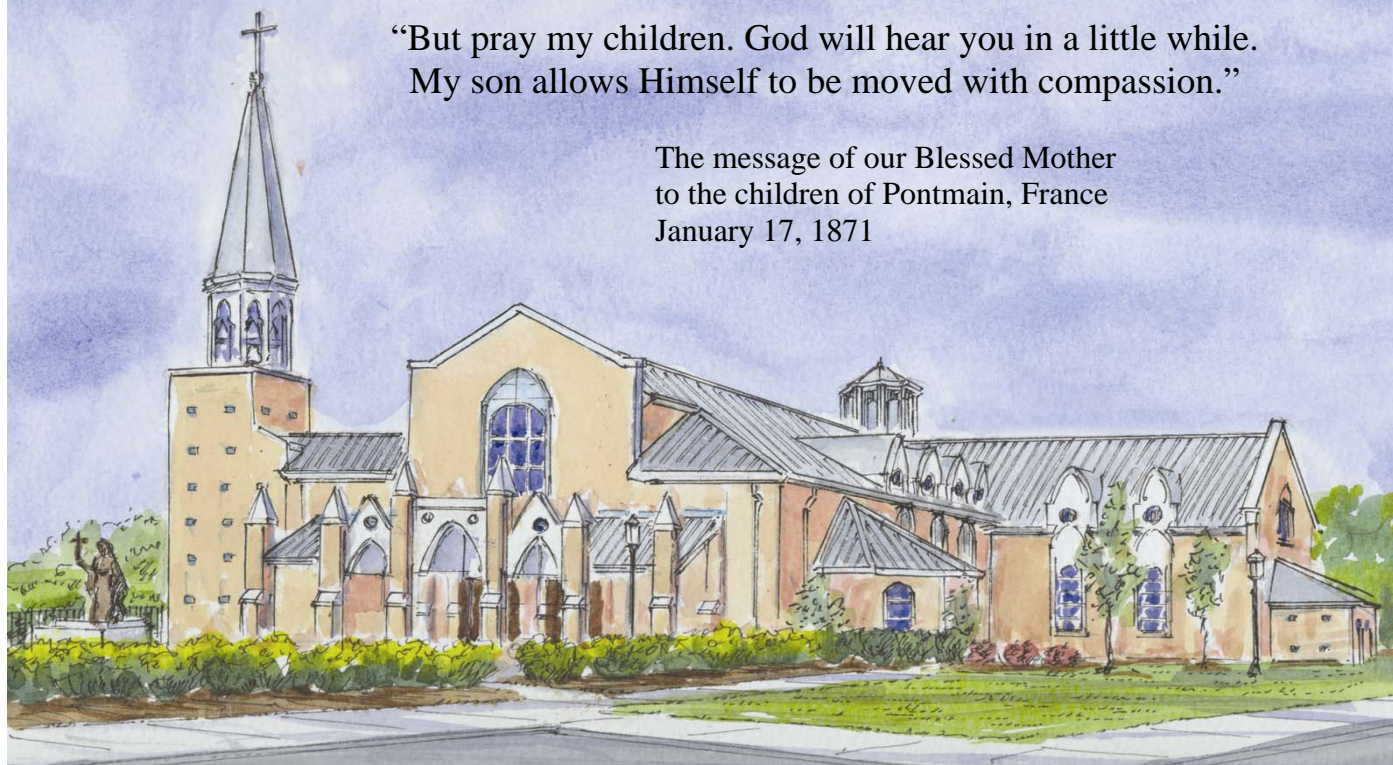


Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church

“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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Suzanne Yerks, Assistant Director of Music
Nancy Burgess, Parish Secretary

The Church & Parish Office

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Monday - Friday
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Web Bulletin: <http://virginia.catholic.org/ourladyofhope>

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, November 27th: First Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. ☩ Sally Audrey Licord by Frank Licord
 9:00 a.m. Carole Chambers by Vincent & Marie Buscema
 10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
 12:15 p.m. ☩ Cornelio Gotera by the Orosa Family

Monday, November 28th

6:45 a.m. ☩ Letty Gepte by the Orosa Family
 8:30 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Pete Rome & Family by Ann M. Jones

Tuesday, November 29th

6:45 a.m. ☩ Christian Donovan by the Daquano Family
 8:30 a.m. Scott & Kelly Johnson by Vern & Candy Wilson

Wednesday, November 30th: St. Andrew

6:45 a.m. ☩ Sebastiano Del Borrello by the Emma DiTullio Family
 8:30 a.m. David Ihrig, Sr. by William & Nancy Bence

Thursday, December 1st

6:45 a.m. Heather Rodarmer Lynn
 8:30 a.m. ☩ Lucretia Sabas by Joseph & Barbara Orandello

Friday, December 2nd

6:45 a.m. ☩ Al Schiessl by Sherry & Kristin Grasson
 8:30 a.m. ☩ Anthony Smith by the Orosa Family

Saturday, December 3rd: St. Francis Xavier

8:30 a.m. ☩ Emilio Alvarado by Robert & Ana Isquith
 5:00 p.m. ☩ Pasquale Buccieri by Diane & Peter Buccieri

Sunday, December 4th: Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. Special Intention by Laura Danbom
 9:00 a.m. Immacolata Quinto by Steven & Daniela DeFilippis
 10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
 12:15 p.m. ☩ Dr. A. B. Gardner by Ann M. Jones

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
Mom's Faith Formation Group:		
	Carla Galdo	430-3814
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 December



General Intention: That all peoples may grow in harmony and peace through mutual understanding and respect.

Missionary Intention: That children and young people may be messengers of the Gospel and that they may be respected and preserved from all violence and exploitation.

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.

Knights of Columbus**Food Drive – Ongoing**

The Knights will have a bin in the narthex throughout the months of November and December for non-perishable food items. You may drop them off *anytime* to help families in need.

Family Night with the Caps

Family Night with the Washington Capitals is Friday, December 9th at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$65 each or \$80 with transportation. The bus will leave from the lower church parking lot at 5 p.m. Due to limited seating, please contact Grand Knight, Andy Altman soon, at altman5@msn.com to purchase a ticket.

Keep Christ in Christmas

The annual “Keep Christ in Christmas” card sales begin after all Masses this weekend. Stop by the table in the narthex to get your cards for friends and family.

Christmas Trees

The annual Christmas tree sale lasts through December 18th. Stop by the lower parking lot to pick from our selection of great trees.

Saturdays – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Sundays – Noon – 6 p.m.

**Toy Drive**

The annual Toy Drive runs through December 18th. Toys must be unwrapped and may be dropped off in the narthex. Please help us reach our goal of **750** toys for children in need.

**Ladies of Hope Morning of Recollection**

The Ladies of Hope invite you to join them for a Morning of Recollection on December 3rd from 8:30 until noon. Our guest speakers will be Mrs. Barbara Curtis and our Pastor, Reverend William P. Saunders. Our theme this year is **Joyful Anticipation**. We hope you will give yourself the gift of joining us! A donation of \$10 is requested to cover the continental breakfast that will be provided. To register or to obtain additional information please contact Sherry Grasson at 703-430-2006 or Peggy Kearney at peggy_earney@msn.com or 703-444-1341.

Call to Vocations

“Father, we are the work of Your hands.” Is God’s work in you to be of service to Him as a priest, deacon, or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Brian Bashista at b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org or 703-841-2514 or call Fr. Saunders or Fr. Schierer.

Proclaim the Good News

All Catholic adults are invited to a Patricians meeting for a presentation and discussion of this topic in the **parish meeting room** on Saturday, December 3rd at 10 a.m. Jesus said, “*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.*” (Mt 28:19) How do we as Catholics prepare ourselves to go out and proclaim Jesus Christ to all peoples? This meeting is an opportunity to grow in your knowledge of the Catholic faith in a prayerful, family setting. Sponsored by the Legion of Mary, Spiritual Director Father Schierer will provide guidance to our discussion. Refreshments will be provided.

Gift Shop

The gift shop is offering the 2011 White House Ornament for \$18 this year. Please stop by and pick one up! The shop is well stocked for Advent. We have Advent Calendars, candles, and wreaths, as well as some lovely Advent meditation books. You might even find that perfect Christmas gift! You can shop after the weekend Masses.

**Ladies of Hope First Friday Mass & Breakfast**

Please join the Ladies of Hope for First Friday Mass and breakfast. Our next Mass and breakfast is Friday, December 2nd. We’ll attend the 8:30 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.

Second Collection

The collection for World Mission Sunday was \$3,064. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Office of Vocations Events**Quo Vadis (High School Young Men)**

Saturday, December 10th, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception & Franciscan Monastery Visit.

Women’s Discernment Group (Age 17 & Older)

Sunday, December 11th, “Nun Run” - Visit to Daughters of St. Paul, Poor Clare’s, Dominicans of St. Cecelia, & Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist.

Men’s Discernment Group (Age 17 & Older)

Saturday, December 17th, Diocese of Arlington Vocations Day of Discernment (Franciscan Monastery, Washington, DC)

For information, click on “Events Calendar” at www.arlingtonvocations.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

703-433-6564

First Outreach Project – Many Thanks!

Thank you for your overwhelming generosity providing children's snack items for the LINK Food Pantry, which services our needy neighbors in Herndon, Sterling, and Ashburn.

Before the first session was over, a second huge bin needed to be rolled over to the school lobby!

A special thank you to Daniel Wright, a teen parishioner at Potomac Falls High School, who has volunteered to coordinate all our Outreach Projects for the second year in a row – schedule, advertise, set up, inventory, and deliver all donations!

Religious Education Calendar Highlights

December 13 & 14 – Report cards issued

December 20, 21, 27 & 28 – No Classes – Christmas Break

January 3 – Festival of Lessons and Carols, 6 p.m.

First Communion Class

December 1 – Application, Sacramental fee, Baptismal Certificate due

January 29 – Second Parent Meeting, after 12:15 Mass

January 29 – First Penance Workbooks due

February 28 & 29 – First Penance

March 1 – First Penance for parish school students.

March 27 & 28 – First Communion Workbooks due

May 5 – First Communion Retreat

May 19 – First Holy Communion Masses

Confirmation Class

December 1 - Application, Sacramental fee, Baptismal Certificate due

February 12 - Second Parent/Confirmandi Meeting

March 6 and 7 – Confirmation Pre-Test

May 5 – Confirmation Exam, 9 a.m.

Inquiry Class

This week, the subject for The Inquiry Class, taught by Fr. Saunders, is, *“The Last Things: Death, Judgment, & Everlasting Life.”* The class meets in the parish hall from 8-9 p.m. on Thursdays through March.

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. New additions will remain in the bulletin for two weeks, and then move to the online list where the person's name will remain until we are asked to remove it. Please call the parish office to have a name added or removed.

YOUTH MINISTRY

703-433-6770 Ext. 142

High School Youth Group Events*(9th -12th Graders)*

December 5th, Mother Teresa Monday – Meet in the parking lot at 5:45 p.m. to travel to Falcon's Landing

Tuesday High School Youth Group*(Meet in Gym)*

November 29th, 7:30-9 p.m.: Advent Traditions

December 6th, 7:30-9 p.m.

December 13th, 7:30-9 p.m.

WorkCamp 2012

Any teen interested in attending WorkCamp, who was not able to attend the information meeting, may call Youth Ministry for information and/or an application. Applications must be turned in by December 11th.

Junior High Youth Group*(7th & 8th Graders)*

December 18th, 6:30-8 p.m.: Junior High Youth Group Meeting. **Meet in the Parish Hall.**

Be The Match Bone Marrow Registry Drive

Be The Match Registry offers thousands of patients a second chance at life by finding compatible bone marrow donors. Our Lady of Hope will hold a donor drive on **Sunday, December 4th** from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the parish hall. We hope to find a donor for seven-year-old parishioner Joey Angel. Joey has severe aplastic anemia and needs a bone marrow transplant. Joining the *Be The Match Registry* involves signing-up and providing a swab of your cheek cells for testing. You will be contacted if you are ever a match. There is no cost to join; however, donations cover testing and maintaining the Registry. Questions? Contact Tricia at 703-450-0685 or tjoneskershaw@aol.com.

**First Saturday Devotion**

The great promise of Our Lady of the Rosary at Fatima, *“...I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary and keep me company for 15 minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me.”* Please join us the First Saturday of every month to obtain the intercessory prayer of Our Lady and to help make reparation for the offenses committed against her Immaculate Heart. Mass is at 8:30 a.m. followed by Rosary and confessions.