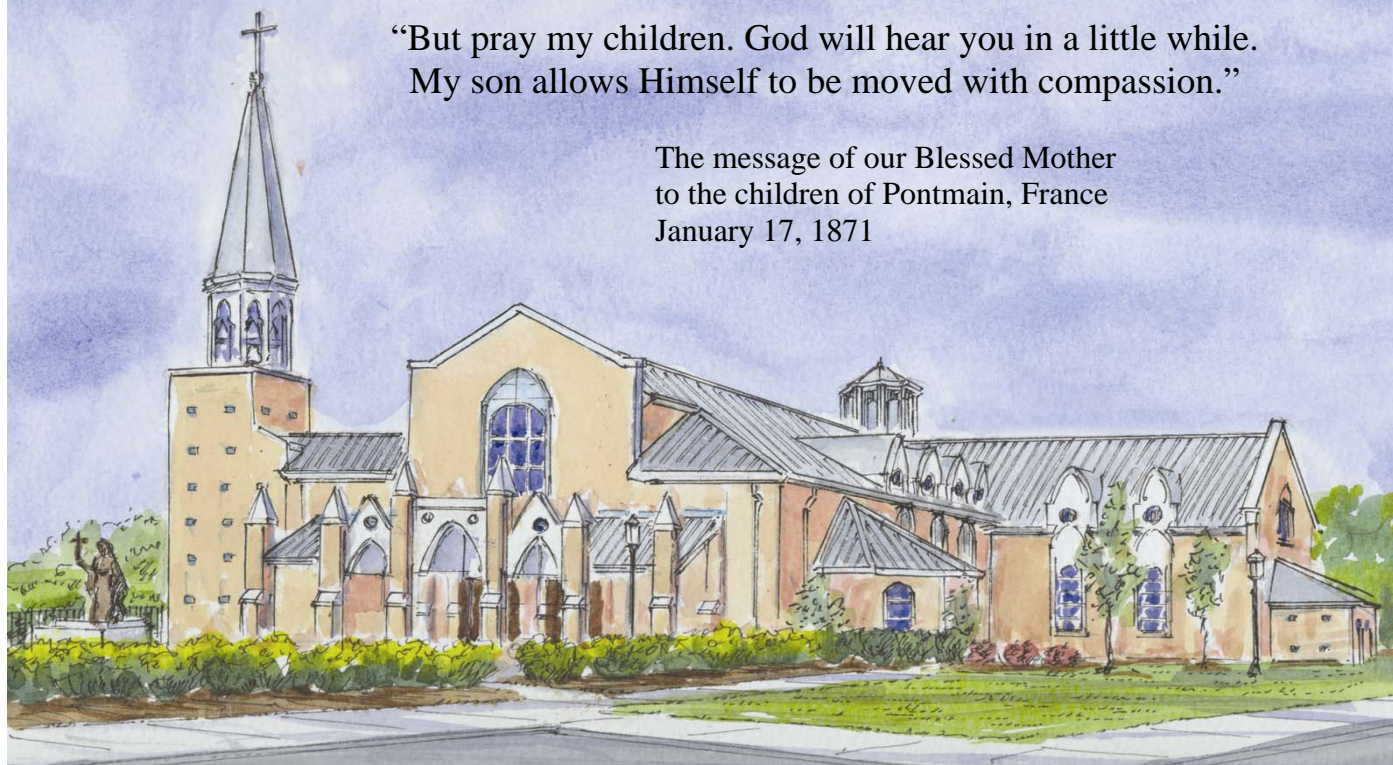


Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church

“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
Ben Zumdahl, IT Manager
Alfonso Pena, Facilities Supervisor
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

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MASSES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, December 18th: Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. ☩ Muriel & Larry Howe by Denise Howe
 9:00 a.m. ☩ Joseph Babarsky by the Babarsky Family
 10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
 12:15 p.m. The John LaGuardia Family by the Richard Russell Family

Monday, December 19th

6:45 a.m. Rev. Jerome Fasano
 8:30 a.m. ☩ Carmella Marra by Barbara Principe

Tuesday, December 20th

6:45 a.m. ☩ Mary Theriault
 8:30 a.m. ☩ William J. Prior by the Oyama Family

Wednesday, December 21st: St. Peter Canisius

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

Thursday, December 22nd

6:45 a.m. ☩ Frank Licord
 8:30 a.m. John & Dorothy Germain by Ann M. Jones

Friday, December 23rd: St. John of Kanty

6:45 a.m. Abby Shoemaker by the Barshop Family
 8:30 a.m. ☩ Kathy Schiessl by Sherry & Kristin Grasson

Saturday, December 24th

8:30 a.m. ☩ Grandparents of Lynne & Darrell Cordary by Lynne & Darrell Cordary

Vigil of Christmas

5:00 p.m. The Schierer Family
 7:30 p.m. ☩ Clara & Paul Dugan

Sunday, December 25th: The Nativity of the Lord

Midnight Living & Deceased Parishioners
 9:00 a.m. Fr. Schierer's Intention
 11:00 a.m. The Saunders Family

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.

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 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.



Knights of Columbus**Toy Drive – Still Time!**

The Knights of Columbus toy drive ends this Sunday, December 18th. Please drop off an unwrapped toy in the narthex and help us meet our goal of 750 toys for children in need. Thank you!

**VIRTUS Seminar**

Our Lady of Hope is hosting a VIRTUS seminar on Monday, January 9th from 6-10 p.m. in the parish hall. If you have not yet attended a seminar, but are planning to volunteer in an activity that involves substantial contact with children (Religious Education, Scouts, School activities, etc.), please register for this seminar. You must pre-register at www.virtus.org before attending. Please contact Ben Zumdahl with any question at 703-433-6570 or bzumdahl@ourladyofhope.net.

**Save the Date- April 28, 2012!**

Please save the date, Saturday, April 28, 2012, for the 7th Annual Our Lady of Hope Catholic School Dinner Auction Gala, “*Springtime in Paris!*” The event will be held at

Trump National Golf Club right here in Potomac Falls! If you would like to advertise your business, sponsor, or make a donation to this event, please contact the Auction Committee at olohauction2012@aol.com.

Welcome, Our Lady of Guadalupe!

Please take time to visit the new shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego, erected in the garden area near the crucifixion scene. This shrine, as with the others, reminds us of Mary’s role as the Mother of our Lord Jesus (The Holy Family Shrine), her faithful love as she stood at the foot of the cross (the Crucifixion scene), and now, having been assumed into Heaven, her maternal love for each of us (Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine). Also, we are inspired by the example of St. Joseph, St. John the Apostle, and St. Juan Diego. Take time to use these sacred images to help in meditation.

The parish thanks those who contributed the funds necessary for the erection of the shrine: the Knights of Columbus, Joseph and Linda Zuccari, Fred Bauer, Marsha and Clyde Slick, and Rudy and Laura Danbom.

Second Collection

The Campaign for Human Development Collection was \$3,164. *Thank you for your support and generosity.*

Parish Christmas Schedule**Christmas Eve Masses****December 24th**

5:00 (Children’s Choir) and 7:30 p.m.

December 25th

Christmas Mass at Midnight with Lessons and Carols beginning at 11 p.m. (Full Choir)

Christmas Morning Masses

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Octave of Christmas**December 26th – 30th**

There will be no public 6:45 a.m. Mass. Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. only

December 31st**Mary, Mother of God (New Year’s Eve Vigil Mass)**

5:00 p.m.

January 1st**Mary, Mother of God (New Year’s Day)**

Masses at 7:30, 9 and 10:30 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

Parish Office Christmas Schedule

The Parish Office will be closed from 11:30-2:30 on Thursday, December 22nd. It will be closed Friday, December 23rd, Monday, December 26th, and Monday, January 2nd. It will be open regular hours December 27th-30th. Please plan accordingly.

Special Speaker at O’Connell High School

Immaculée Ilibagiza, Rwandan genocide survivor, and author of the book, *Left to Tell*, will give a presentation on the power of faith and forgiveness on Wednesday, February 1st at 7 p.m. in the Bishop O’Connell High School auditorium. The public is invited to this event which is sponsored by the O’Connell PTO. Admission is free. Read more about her inspiring story at www.bishopoconnell.org/lefttotell. Bishop O’Connell is located at 6600 Little Falls Road in Arlington. For more information, call 703-237-1400.

Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of Hope

Adorers are needed for all shifts on Thursdays between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Please prayerfully consider spending one hour with our Lord in the most Blessed Sacrament. See sign-up

sheets at the Adoration table in the narthex.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

703-433-6564

The Religious Education Office is closed on Fridays.

Religious Education Calendar Highlights

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

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

First Communion Class

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

February 12 - Second Parent/Confirmandi Meeting

March 6 and 7 – Confirmation Pre-Test

May 5 – Confirmation Exam, 9 a.m.

Dominican Laity – Are you being called?

Are you being called to a deeper understanding of Faith and Truth? If you think God is offering you the grace of a vocation to an active consecrated life, consider the charism of being a member of the Dominican Laity (Third Order). Share in our apostolic mission by study, prayer, and preaching, in keeping with our state as members of the laity. Contact Paul Bernier at 571-340-0940 or bernierp@verizon.net or Phil Arcoria at 410-260-6166 or parcoria@earthlink.net to attend the next monthly meeting at St. Catherine of Catholic Church.



Book Club

Our current selection is, The Great Divorce, by C. S. Lewis. We invite all interested women of the parish to read the book and join us for a discussion in the parish meeting room on January 24th at 7:30 p.m. For more information contact Linda Neri at gramsneri@aol.com or 703-430-3952.

Thank You for Supporting Be the Match!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Be the Match Bone Marrow Registry Drive on Sunday, December 4th. Over 200 joined the Registry! We are extremely grateful for the financial support and prayers for Joey Angel and his family. Thank you for your generosity.

YOUTH MINISTRY

703-433-6770 Ext. 142

High School Youth Group Events

(9th -12th Graders)

December 19th, Mother Teresa Monday – Meet in the parking lot at 5:45 p.m. to travel to Sportsplex

Tuesday High School Youth Group

(Meet in Gym- Unless noted otherwise)

December 18th: Donut Sunday – Meet Fr. Schierer in the Elizabeth Ann Seton Room after the 9 a.m. Mass!



December 20th, 7:30 – 9 p.m. - Prayer – Meet in Parish Hall

December 27th, 7:30 – 9 p.m. – Christmas Caroling and Gift Exchange

Junior High Youth Group

(7th & 8th Graders)

There will be no meeting on December 18th.

December 29th, 6-9 p.m. – Christmas Party! Bring a gift (\$5 value) to the parish hall. Junior High friends are welcome.

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. **Please pray for Patti Dobrzelewski, Sarah Kyea-Andoh, Robert McNamara, and David Murphy**



Save the Date - Annual Catholic Charities Ball



The 2012 Catholic Charities Ball will be held Friday, February 10th at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, in Tysons corner. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend this special evening celebrating 30 years of service to those in need in the Diocese of Arlington. For More information, please go to www.cdda.net, contact Barbara Caudle at ccbball2012@gmail.com or call 703-937-3988.

Gift Shop

There is still time to finish up your Christmas shopping in our Gift Shop. Stop by after Mass for all those last minute gifts.