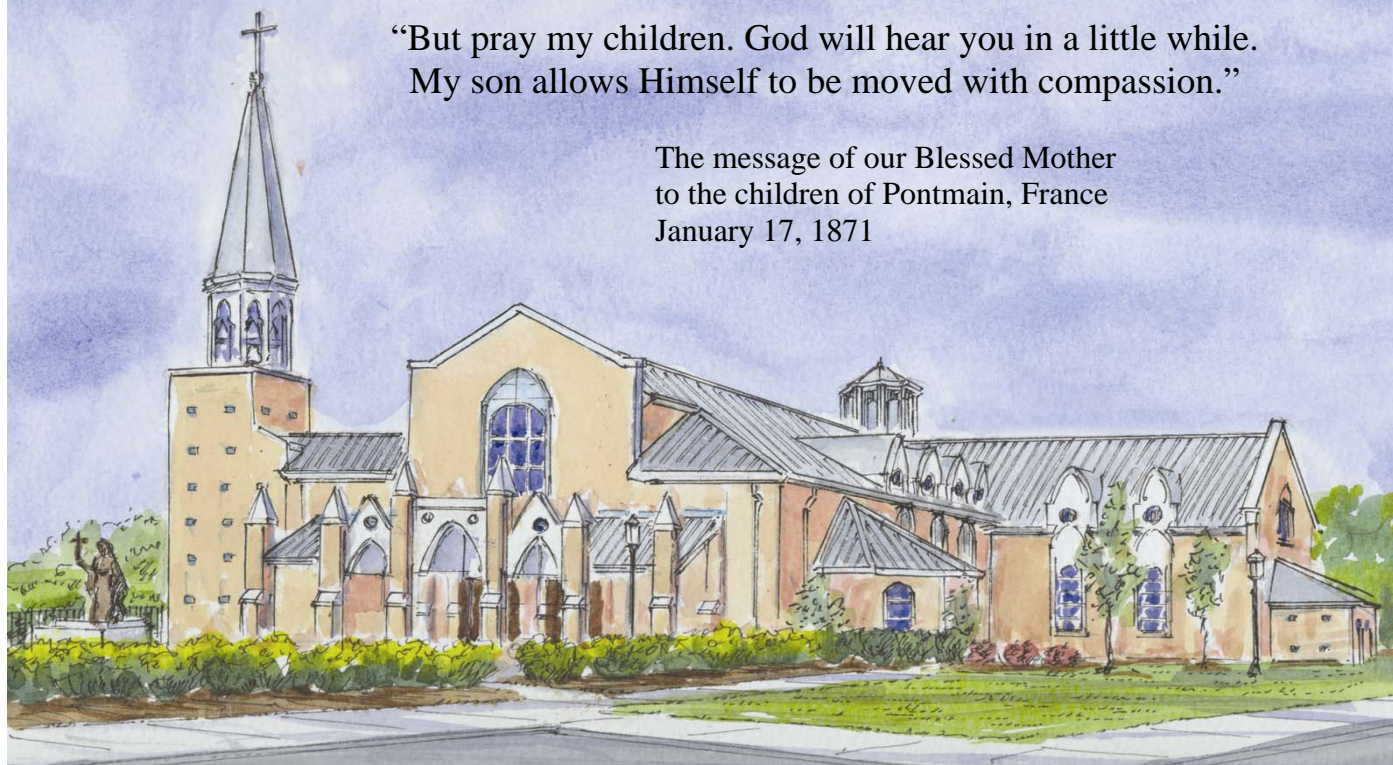


Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church

“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
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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
Barb Halfmann, Administrative Assistant
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MASSES OF THE WEEK

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

Monday, December 5th

6:45 a.m. † Marie Gallop by the Fallon Family
 8:30 a.m. † Helen & Cliff Gorski by Marie Reedy

Tuesday, December 6th: St. Nicholas

6:45 a.m. † Poor Souls in Purgatory by Patty Rodgers
 8:30 a.m. † Helen & Cliff Gorski by Marie Reedy

Wednesday, December 7th: St. Ambrose

6:45 a.m. † Ed Strzelecki by the Hempenius Family
 8:30 a.m. † Anne Hubbach by Joseph & Barbara Orandello

Thursday, December 8th: The Immaculate

Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:45 a.m. Margaret Ann Gentges by the Ladies of Hope
 8:30 a.m. † Victorino Basco by the Orosa Family
 5:00 p.m. † Evelyn Brady by the Orosa Family
 7:30 p.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

Friday, December 9th: St. Juan Diego

6:45 a.m. Nancy Patricia Bence by William Bence
 8:30 a.m. Pam Skojec

Saturday, December 10th

8:30 a.m. † Lucretia Sabas by the Burgess Family
 5:00 p.m. Zoe DeFilippis by "Mom & Dad"

Sunday, December 11th: Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. † Josephine Wieland by Frank Licord
 9:00 a.m. Patricia Fimian by John & Dorothy Germain
 10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
 12:15 p.m. Salvatore Quinto by Steven & Daniela DeFilippis

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 Baptistery. 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**Monthly Meeting**

The monthly Council Meeting is this Tuesday, December 6th in the parish meeting room at 7:30 p.m. Knights' families are invited to join in praying the Rosary at 7 p.m.

Food Drive – Ongoing

The Knights will have a bin in the narthex throughout the month of 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 at altman5@msn.com to purchase a ticket.

Keep Christ in Christmas

The annual “Keep Christ in Christmas” card sales continues 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.

Inquiry Class

This week, the subject for The Inquiry Class, taught by Fr. Saunders, is, “*Mary and the Saints.*” The class meets in the parish hall from 8-9 p.m. on Thursdays through March.

**A Time of Devotion and Renewal**

We are drawing near to the end of the 33-day period of prayerful preparation for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary as set forth by St. Louis Marie de Montfort. Join Fr. Schierer, Thursday, December 8th, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary after the 7:30 p.m. Mass to

make your Consecration. A reception will follow in the St. Thomas More Meeting Room.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 8th marks the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be offered at **6:45 and 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 and 7:30 p.m.** Please make the extra sacrifice to attend Mass in honor of our Blessed Mother, full of grace and conceived

without original sin, who gave her life to be the Mother of our Savior.

Advent Penance Service

Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of our Savior at Christmas. On **Wednesday, December 14th** at 7:30 p.m., several priests will be available to hear private confessions. Each person will have the option of either “face to face” or “anonymous” confession. Please make this opportunity to receive sacramental forgiveness a priority in your Christmas preparation.

**Second Collection**

The collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious was \$5,614. Thank you for your support and 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. Cecilia, & 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.

Old Missals

Any old missals you no longer wish to keep, must be burned, buried, or archived. Our gift shop has a bin where you can leave your old missals for proper disposal.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

703-433-6564

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 were 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 were due

February 12 - Second Parent/Confirmandi Meeting
 March 6 and 7 – Confirmation Pre-Test
 May 5 – Confirmation Exam, 9 a.m.

Rosary Group

The Rosary Group meets the 2nd Thursday of each month in the parish hall from 9:30-11 a.m. Bring your children and join us for prayer and fellowship. For more information, call Nicole Detorie at 720-938-6730. The next meeting date is December 8th.

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. The book may be purchased in the gift shop.

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 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 6th, 7:30-9 p.m. –Bible Study –Please bring an unwrapped toy for "Toys for Tots"

December 13th, 7:30-9 p.m. – Evangelization: Bringing Christ into Loudoun County High Schools

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

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

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.**

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.

Adoration Chapel at St. Veronica Catholic Church

"Peace I leave you, My peace I give you..." Our Lord is continuously present in the Chapel at St. Veronica's in Chantilly, from 9 a.m. Monday throughout the week, day and night, until 8 a.m. Saturday. You may commit to an hour a week as a regular visitor adorer by contacting Peggy Diewald at 703-709-9318 or peggy@thediewalds.net.

Gift Shop

Stop by the Gift Shop after the weekend Masses for your Christmas Shopping. We have many wonderful gifts for sale.

