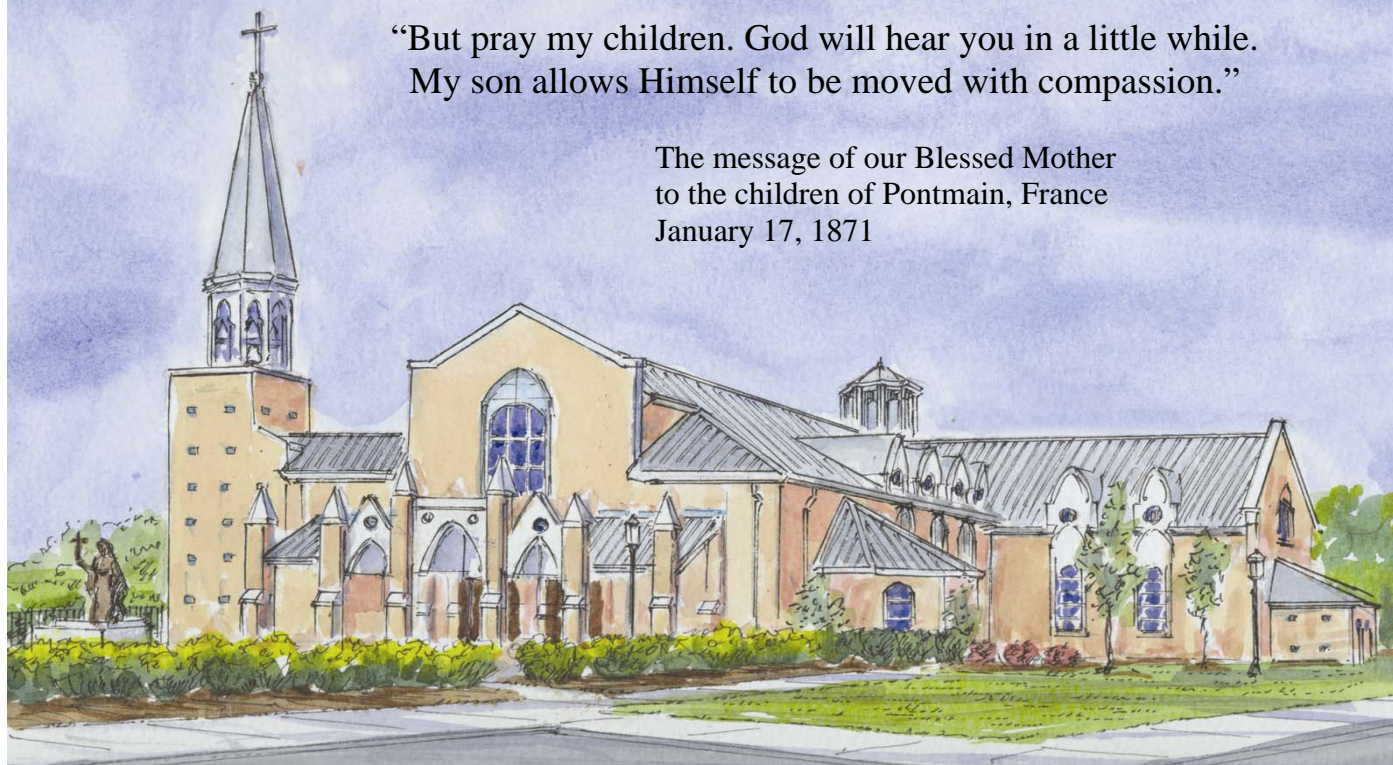


# Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church

“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](http://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.

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## Our Lady of Hope Catholic School

Mary Beth Pittman, School Principal  
Barb Halfmann, Administrative Assistant  
Address: 46633 Algonkian Parkway  
Potomac Falls, Virginia 20165  
Telephone: 703-433-6760  
Website: [www.school.ourladyofhope.net](http://www.school.ourladyofhope.net)

**MASSES OF THE WEEK**

**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>: 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

**Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>: Our Lady of Guadalupe**

6:45 a.m. ☩ Julia Martinez by the Kelly Family  
 8:30 a.m. ☩ Lucretia Sabas by Our Lady of Hope Catholic School

**Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>: St. Lucy**

6:45 a.m. ☩ Nick Oliver by the Russell & Marisa Garcia Families  
 8:30 a.m. Charlotte Billingsley by the Gilmore Family

**Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>: St. John of the Cross**

6:45 a.m. Charlotte Billingsley by Cathy Plummer  
 8:30 a.m. ☩ Sebastiano Del Borrello by the Emma Ditullio Family

**Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

6:45 a.m. ☩ Frank Marrichi by Our Lady of Hope Catholic School  
 8:30 a.m. ☩ Lucretia Sabas by the Gilmore Family

**Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

6:45 a.m. Susan Pruzensky by Cathy Plummer  
 8:30 a.m. Joseph Rome & Family by Ann M. Jones

**Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. ☩ Anne Hubbach by Kerry & Kevin Quinlan  
 5:00 p.m. ☩ Jennifer Snyder by the Borman Family

**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>: 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

**PARISH GROUP COORDINATORS**

<b>Altar Flowers:</b>	Jennifer McCabe	404-5580
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Jeff Grado	477-9177
<b>Altar Society:</b>	Alfonso & Janeth Pena	406-9835
<b>American Heritage Girls</b>		
	Diane Harvey	406-6040
<b>Birthright</b>	Marsha Slick	433-0034
<b>Book Club</b>	Linda Neri	430-3952
<b>Boy Scouts:</b>	Gina DeCrisci-Farmer	406-2341
<b>Columbian Squires:</b>		
	Jon MacGoy	887-3107
<b>CYO Sports:</b>	Ralph Peluso	729-3385
<b>Girl Scouts:</b>	Jennifer McCabe	404-5580
<b>Homeschoolers:</b>	Stacy Byrne	948-7845
<b>Knights of Columbus:</b>		
	Andy Altman	404-0182
<b>Ladies of Hope:</b>	Peggy Kearney	444-1341
<b>Lectors:</b>	Paul Gilmore	444-2293
<b>Legion of Mary</b>	Deborah Baird	430-8554
<b>Mom's Faith Formation Group:</b>		
	Carla Galdo	430-3814
<b>Outreach:</b>	Donna Bongiovanni	346-1152
<b>Pro-Life:</b>	Maureen Whalen	669-4457
<b>St. Joseph's League:</b>		
	Mike & Vicki Egan	430-2651
<b>Ushers:</b>	John Granata	571-643-2212
<b>Young Adults:</b>	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****Family Christmas Party**

The Knights' Family Christmas Party is Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall, after the 5 p.m. Mass. All Knights and their families are encouraged to attend. The Council will provide the main course and drinks. Families, A-L are asked to bring a side dish, and families, M-Z are asked to bring a dessert. There will be caroling and a visit by Brother S. Claus! Please bring an unwrapped toy for our final weekend of collecting Toys for Tots.

**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.

**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 18<sup>th</sup>. 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 18<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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

Please save the date, Saturday, April 28, 2012, for the 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:olohauction2012@aol.com).

**Office of Vocations Events****Men's Discernment Group (Age 17 & Older)**

Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, Diocese of Arlington Vocations Day of Discernment (Franciscan Monastery, Washington, DC) For information, click on "Events Calendar" at [www.arlingtonvocations.org](http://www.arlingtonvocations.org).

**Advent Penance Service**

Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of our Savior at Christmas. On **Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**VIRTUS Seminar**

Our Lady of Hope is hosting a VIRTUS seminar on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.virtus.org) before attending. Please contact Ben Zumdahl with any question at 703-433-6570 or [bzumdahl@ourladyofhope.net](mailto:bzumdahl@ourladyofhope.net).

**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 [bernierpp@verizon.net](mailto:bernierpp@verizon.net) or Phil Arcoria at 410-260-6166 or [parcoria@earthlink.net](mailto:parcoria@earthlink.net) to attend the next monthly meeting at St. Catherine of Catholic Church.

**Over the River and Through the Woods...**

Due to an outpouring of generosity and prayer from our parishioners, a total of 120 freshly baked pies and 33 dozen freshly baked dinner rolls traveled over different branches of water and various hills to the less fortunate in our region. Catholic Charities in Leesburg, House of Mercy in Manassas, Christ House in Alexandria, and last but not least, Blessed Mother Teresa's Gift of Peace House in Washington, D.C., all received dozens of pies and rolls. Additionally, original Thanksgiving cards created by children of our parish were presented to the recipients. The Ladies of Hope and the preceding organizations are very grateful and appreciative of your support with this outreach project. Numerous people were touched by your gracious donations, talents, and good wishes. Thank you!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

703-433-6564

**The Religious Education Office is closed on Fridays.****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**

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.

**Catholic Senior Clubs & Trips**

There are two local senior clubs. One is the , “Over 50 Club” which meets at St. Catherine of Siena in Great Falls, and the other is the, “50 Plus Club,” which meets at St. Thomas a Becket in Reston. Upcoming Senior Trips include:

**A Cruise out of Baltimore to the Bahamas**, May 13<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. Reservations are due **December 15<sup>th</sup>**.

**The Philadelphia Flower Show** – March 11<sup>th</sup>, with a Hawaiian lunch and a show aboard the historic Clipper Ship, transportation, and flower show admission for \$115.

**Sight and Sound Theater production of, “JONAH,”** on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Package includes dinner for \$119.

**Toby’s Dinner Theater for, “The King and I,”**- March 25<sup>th</sup>, with lunch for \$89.

**For information or reservations**, call Mary Ann at 703-404-8677. (You do not need to be a member of a club to travel.)

**Thank You for Supporting Be the Match!**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Be the Match Bone Marrow Registry Drive on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Talk on the Incarnation**

The Legion of Mary invites everyone to the parish hall on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. to hear Fr. Saunders speak on “The Incarnation.” Please sign up in the narthex, if you plan to attend.

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

703-433-6770 Ext. 142

**High School Youth Group Events***(9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Graders)*

**December 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-9 p.m.** – *Catechesis on Evangelization*



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

**December 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 – 9 p.m.** - *Prayer – Meet in Parish Hall*

**December 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 – 9 p.m.** – *Christmas Caroling and Gift Exchange*

**WorkCamp 2012**

**Applications must be turned in by December 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**Junior High Youth Group***(7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders)*

**December 16<sup>th</sup>, 4-4:45 p.m.** - **Christmas Caroling!**  
 We will meet at 4 p.m. at Sunrise at Countryside (45800 Jona Drive) Please join us!

*There will be no meeting on December 18<sup>th</sup>.*

**December 29<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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 & Robert McNamara***

**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 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. For more information contact Linda Neri at [gramsneri@aol.com](mailto:gramsneri@aol.com) or 703-430-3952. The book may be purchased in the gift shop.