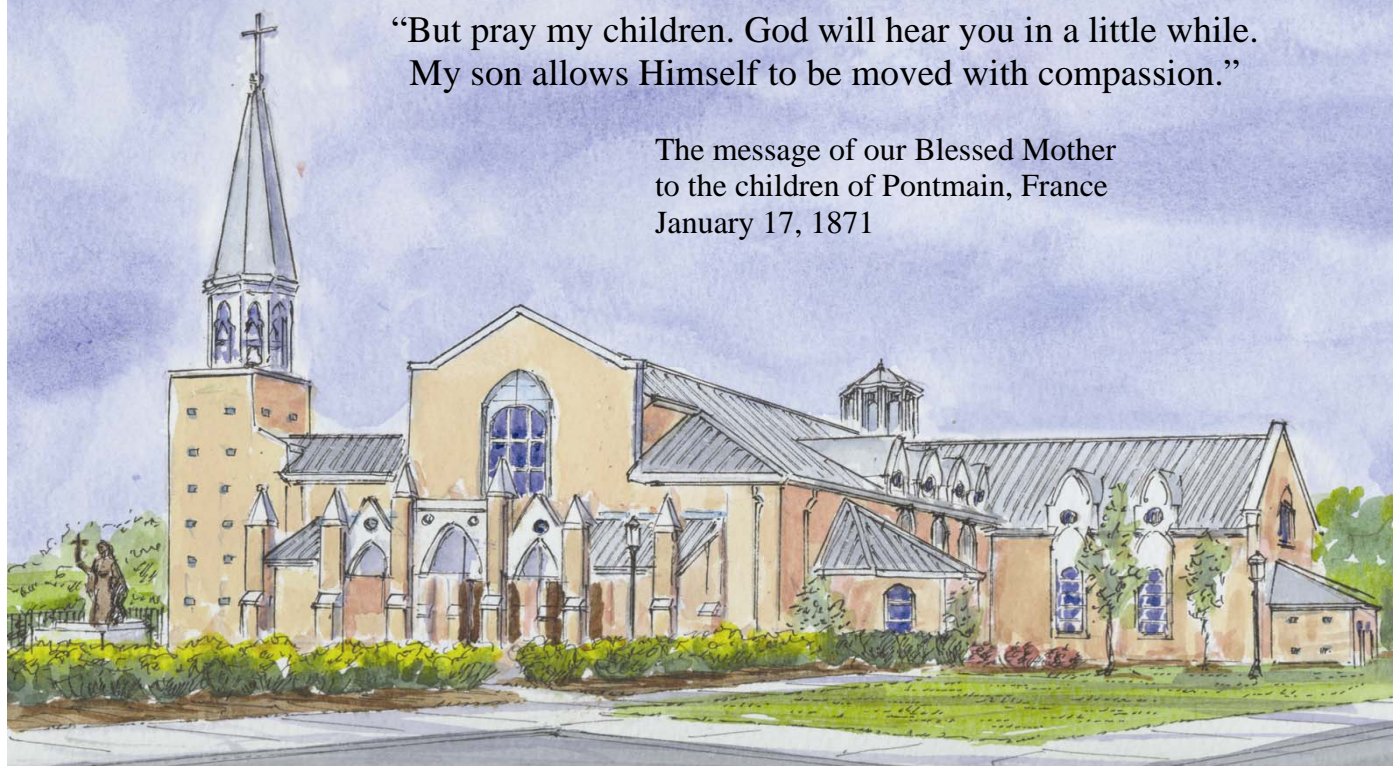


# Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church

“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. Joseph W. Farrell, Parochial Vicar

Cathy Barshop, Director of Religious Education  
Jackie Regan, Religious Education Assistant

Michael Schierer, Youth Ministry Assistant

Pat Sabas, Business Manager

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](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 8:30 p.m.

## Holy Hour

Thursday evening from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.



## Our Lady of Hope Catholic School A Blue Ribbon School!

Mary Beth Pittman, School Principal

Angela Matzke, Administrative Assistant

Address: 46633 Algonkian Parkway  
Potomac Falls, Virginia 20165

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Website: [www.ourladyofhopeschool.net](http://www.ourladyofhopeschool.net)

**MASSSES OF THE WEEK****Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>: The Holy Family**

7:30 a.m. ✠ John Germain by Dorothy Germain  
 9:00 a.m. ✠ Robert Coyne by Marcella Coyne  
 10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners  
 12:15 p.m. Sherrie Fuller by the 2015 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduates

**Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>: The Holy Innocents**

8:30 a.m. Mary K. Stinemeyer by Mr. & Mrs. Peter Oliveri

**Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>: St. Thomas Becket**

8:30 a.m. Vilma Kaufmann by Barbara Principe

**Wednesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. ✠ Steven R. Tatusko by Margaret Tatusko

**Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>: Pope St. Sylvester I**

8:30 a.m. Our Lady of Hope Parish Staff

**Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup> – Vigil –Mary, Mother of God**

5:00 p.m. ✠ Sophie Michaels

**Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>: Mary, Mother of God**

9:00 a.m. ✠ Sr. Mary Louis Pawlak  
 11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

**Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen**

8:30 a.m. Elsie Barsky by James & Karen O'Connor  
 5:00 p.m. ✠ Joseph M. Oliveri by Peter & Carol Oliveri

**Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>: The Epiphany of the Lord**

7:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving  
 9:00 a.m. ✠ Peter Mikita by the Perkins Family  
 10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners  
 12:15 p.m. Nazie Apostolou by the 2014-15 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class

**Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for January**

**Universal: Interreligious Dialogue** -That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.

**Evangelization: Christian Unity** - That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.

**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.

**PARISH GROUP COORDINATORS**

Altar Servers:	Jeff Grado	477-9177
Altar Society:	Alfonso & Janeth Pena	406-9835
American Heritage Girls:	Heather Ward	571-331-4394
Area Agency on Aging:	Rich Payne	887-9765
Birthright:	Marsha Slick	433-0034
Boy Scouts:	Al Pacifico	727-7773
Cub Scouts:	Michael McIntosh	444-2316
Culture of Life	Fran Black	726-1643
CYO Sports:	Raynelle Araque	404-3442
Girl Scouts:	Tricia Kershaw	450-0685
Homeschoolers:	Stacy Byrne	948-7845
Jr. High Youth:	Stacy Byrne	948-7845
Knights of Columbus:	Bob Carmack	240-505-4600
Ladies of Hope:	Marie Kennedy	433-0864
Lectors:	Paul Gilmore	444-2293
Legion of Mary:	Deborah Baird	430-8554
Mom's Group	Christina Bongiovanni Caron	917-301-3287
Parish Service Partnership:	Tess Torres	571-278-5736
Seniors:	Mary Ann Murphy	404-8677
Ushers:	John Grzechowiak	444-0023
Young Adults:	Josh Bickl	618-830-2399

**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.

**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.





### **Parish Christmas Schedule**

**December  
28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>**

**31<sup>st</sup>  
Morning  
Mass will be  
celebrated at  
8:30 a.m. only**

**December  
31<sup>st</sup>:  
Mary, Mother  
of God  
Vigil Mass  
5:00 p.m.  
(Adoration,  
Holy Hour, &  
Confessions  
are Cancelled)**

**January 1<sup>st</sup>  
Masses at  
9:00 and  
11:00 a.m.**

### **Parish Office Christmas Schedule**

The Parish Office will be closed on January 1<sup>st</sup>. It will be open regular hours December 28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>. Please plan accordingly.



### **Traveling and looking for a Mass?**

If you are out of town, visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) for a list of local Catholic Churches and their Mass times.

### **Thank You**

A very special thank you to everyone who made a donation for our Christmas poinsettias. Please remember them and their intentions in your prayers.



### **Register Now! – Catholic Charities Ball**



The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Charities Ball will be held Friday, February 5, 2016 at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Tysons Corner. The theme this year is, "Mardi Gras." Visit [www.cdda.net](http://www.cdda.net) to register tickets to attend. If you have questions, please contact us at [ccball2016@gmail.com](mailto:ccball2016@gmail.com).

### **Many Thanks!**

We wish to thank all of the parishioners who sent greetings and various "goodies" for Christmas. We even had a few "spirits" visit. We certainly will not starve or be left with a chill during these cold days of winter. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and the love behind your gift. May God bless you, and please be assured of our prayers.



Father William P. Saunders, Pastor  
Father Joseph W. Farrell, Parochial Vicar

### **Monthly Men's Conference – "Man to Man"**

All men are invited to the next meeting of "Man to Man" from 7 – 8:15 a.m., **Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>** in the parish hall. Our special speaker is Jonathan Reyes, Executive Director of the USCCB Department of Justice, Peace, & Human Development. The topic is "Being a Catholic Christian Man, Husband, & Father, like St. Joseph." We will have coffee and donuts and break in time for the 8:30 a.m. Mass followed by the Sacrament of Penance.



Blessed be the Lord, my rock,  
who makes my arms for battle,  
who prepares my hands for war. He  
is my love, my fortress;  
he is my stronghold, my savior  
my shield, my place of refuge --  
PSALM 124:1-2



### **You CAN find Employment**

Christians are Networking (CAN), a ministry of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington, assists people who are unemployed or under-employed. This is also a tremendous resource for recent college graduates who are new to the job market. CAN provides free career counseling, skills in navigating today's job market, resume reviews, practice job interviews, and networking opportunities. CAN is offered at the following: St. Theresa Catholic Church, Ashburn; St. Philip Catholic Church, Falls Church; St. Martin de Porres Senior Center, Alexandria; and Epiphany Middle School, Culpeper. For details, please visit our website: [www.cdda.net/programs\\_jobs.php](http://www.cdda.net/programs_jobs.php).

### **Knights of Columbus**

#### **Monthly Food Drive**

The next monthly food collection is January 2/3. Thank you for your generous support and bringing back your blue bags.





**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

703-433-6564

*The Religious Education Office is Closed on Fridays***Merry Christmas!**Classes Resume:**January 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>****First Communion Class****January 24<sup>th</sup>** – Parent Meeting, after 12:15 Mass. The First Communion workbooks are due.**Giving via Faith Direct**

In this Christmas Season, a time of boy joy and gratitude, we should consider how we are prioritizing our time and treasure. Now is a great time to consider enrolling in the *Faith Direct* eGiving program. It will not only save you and our parish staff time during these busy months, but will help you ensure your support of our parish is there even when you can't be. You can sign up online at **www.faithdirect.net** using our church code: **VA79**, or by mailing a paper enrollment form available from the parish office.

**Get Your Tickets Now!**

Do you have tickets to the FESTA ITALIANA? Join us on Saturday evening, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Our third annual Festa promises, once again, to be a spectacular event with the food, atmosphere, music, and casino, transporting you to a place reminiscent of the Old Country. Tickets are now available to order on-line. Visit the parish website at: **www.ourladyofhope.net** for details and to place your order for a table, individual tickets, or anything in-between. The price of \$20 per person, \$160 for an 8 person table, will hold again for this year. *Please note that the Festa caters to a more adult gathering.*

**Registration now open for Christendom College High School Summer Program**

Students who will be entering their senior year of high school in the fall of 2016 are welcome to register for the Summer 2016 programs. Summer 2016 will mark the 18<sup>th</sup> year of this wildly popular program, which boasts over 1,900 alumni since 1999. Each year, hundreds of high school students spend a week on campus and describe the week as one of the best of their lives...This is the most popular, well-attended, and highly ranked pre-college summer program of its kind. It's just that good! Visit **http://www.christendom.edu/admissions/ecsp.php** for information and to register!

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

703-433-6770

**Youth@ourladyofhope.net****Like us on Facebook – “OLOH Youth Group”****Upcoming Youth Group Events**

Each Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., the youth group meets in the school gym for a half-hour of fun and fellowship followed by a topical presentation and discussion. Then, from 9-10 p.m., open gym is available for anyone wishing to stay.

**Upcoming Meetings:****December 29<sup>th</sup>** – The topic is Charles Dickens', "A Christmas Carol"**Youth Service Opportunities**

**Mother Teresa Mondays** - (meet at the school at 5:45 p.m. – 8<sup>th</sup> Graders are welcome to join the High School Youth Group for these events)

**January 4<sup>th</sup>** - Falcon's Landing**January 18<sup>th</sup>** – School Gym**Junior High Youth**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders*The next meeting is January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**For more information:****http://ourladyofhope.net/junior-youth-ministry******jrhigh@ourladyofhope.net*****Bishop Loverde's Letter on the Jubilee of Mercy**

In the Year of Mercy, join Bishop Loverde in embracing "the inner joy that comes from receiving mercy."

He invites you to read his letter on the Jubilee, now available in Spanish and English at **www.arlingtondiocese.org/jubilee**

**Please Pray For...**

The list of the sick and homebound of our parish can be found on our website, **www.ourladyofhope.net**. Please use the "Parish Life" link to get to the list. To add a name, please use the online form or call the parish office.

**Call to Vocations**

"He gave power to become children of God." If you think you may be called to share the Father's love as a priest, deacon, sister, or brother, contact Father J.D. Jaffe at 703-841-2514 or

**j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org**, or call Father Saunders or Father Farrell.

**This Week at a Glance****Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

No events scheduled.

**Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>:**

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass

7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Room

7:30 p.m. Young Adults – St. Thomas More Room

**Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>:**

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass

7:00 p.m. 9 a.m. Mass Choir Rehearsal – Music Room

7:30 p.m. High School Youth Ministry – School Gym

**Wednesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>:**

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass

7:30 p.m. 10:30 a.m. Mass Choir Rehearsal – St. Thomas More Room

**Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>:**

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass

5:00 p.m. Holy Mass – Vigil Mass

**Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>: Mary, Mother of God**

9:00/11:00 a.m. Holy Mass

**Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

7:15 a.m. Men's Conference

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass

9:00 a.m. Confessions

**Next Week at a Glance****Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>: The Epiphany of the Lord**

4:00 p.m. Girl Scouts – St. Thomas More Room

**Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>:**

6:45/8:30 a.m. Holy Mass

5:00 p.m. CYO Basketball – School Gym

7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Room

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts – Parish Hall

**Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>:**

6:45/8:30 a.m. Holy Mass

3:00 p.m. Children's Choir – St. Thomas More Room

3:00 p.m. Odyssey of the Mind – Parish Hall

3:15 p.m. Jr. Legion of Mary – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Room

4:15/6:00 p.m. Religious Education – School Classrooms

5:00 p.m. CYO Basketball – School Gym

7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus – Parish Hall &amp; St. Thomas More Room

7:00 p.m. 9 a.m. Mass Choir Rehearsal – Music Room

7:30 p.m. High School Youth Ministry – School Gym

**Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>:**

6:45/8:30 a.m. Holy Mass

4:15 p.m. Religious Education – School Classrooms

5:00 p.m. CYO Basketball – School Gym

7:30 p.m. Bible Study – Parish Hall

7:30 p.m. 10:30 a.m. Mass Choir Rehearsal – St. Thomas More Room

**Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>:**

6:45/8:30 a.m. Holy Mass

9:00 Adoration

5:00 p.m. CYO Basketball – School Gym

7:30 Holy Hour, Confessions, Benediction

7:30 p.m. Inquiry Class – St. Thomas More Room

**Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>:**

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass

5:00 p.m. CYO Basketball – School Gym

**Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>:**

7:00 a.m. Men's Conference – Parish Hall &amp; Meeting Rooms

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass

9:00 a.m. Confessions

10:00 a.m. – CYO Basketball – School Gym

12 noon – Cub Scouts – Parish Hall

6:30 p.m. – Boy Scouts – Parish Hall

**Annual March for Life – January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

The annual March for Life is Friday, January 22, 2016. Our Lady of Hope has a bus reserved. Watch for more details in future bulletins.

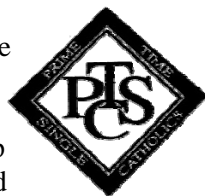
**Give a Gift for Life**

Please give a *Gift for Life* this season to help Gabriel Project fund a mother's maternity care. One grateful mother wrote: "I knew that I was not alone, that there are good people who help others. Gabriel Project made me know that a child is not a burden but a blessing from God." For more information and/or to

donate: [www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife).

**Prime-Time Single Catholics**

PTSC is a club organized to serve the needs of single Catholics, age 40 and over, who are free to marry by Catholic standards. Share in Christian fellowship through our religious, social, and recreational activities. For information see our webpage at [www.blessedsacramentcc.org/church/parish-community/prime-time-single-adults](http://www.blessedsacramentcc.org/church/parish-community/prime-time-single-adults), or contact John McBride at [jfmcbride\\_526@hotmail.com](mailto:jfmcbride_526@hotmail.com) or 703-820-9196.

**Attention Young Adults!**

Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to join the Fiat Young Adults for great fellowship and fun at our monthly events. For more information, contact Matthew at [FiatYoungAdults@gmail.com](mailto:FiatYoungAdults@gmail.com). All young adults are welcome to join our Monday Night Bible Study starting January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas More Meeting Room! We will be studying the Gospel of Luke.



December 25, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Each year, as you and I kneel before the Nativity scene, we see an infant, often depicted with his tiny arms outstretched towards us. That moving gesture communicates a twofold meaning: Jesus desires to be held by us and to hold us as well in love! Recently, Pope Francis wrote: "Love, after all, can never be just an abstraction. By its very nature, it indicates something concrete: intentions, attitudes, and behaviors that are shown in daily living" (cf. *Misericordiae Vultus*, n. 9). Our Holy Father was speaking about love in the context of God's mercy. As you know, he is urging us to reflect on God's mercy in a very intentional way from December 8 of this year to November 20, 2016: an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, as he calls it. "...mercy is a key word that indicates God's action towards us. He does not limit himself merely to affirming his love, but makes it visible and tangible...." (cf. *Ibid.*).

So, this year, as you and I kneel before the Nativity scene and fix our eyes on the Infant Jesus, surrounded by Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds, we see in Him a very tangible and concrete sign of God's love, His mercy revealed clearly and unmistakably. The Infant Jesus is reaching out to each one of us: "Because you are loved by God Our Father, I have come to be among you and to save you by my future dying and rising. See how much I love you: My tiny arms stretched out towards you now and later on, stretched and nailed to the Cross." Since the only response to love is love, let us reaffirm our love to the Infant Savior, to be shown by imitating Him in our daily living and by reaching out in love and mercy to those we encounter, beginning with our family.

Yes, we live in a world that is troubled, anxious and uncertain. The Infant Savior lying in the manger draws us beyond every difficulty to Himself, because only in Him and because of His mercy, will we experience hope that endures even unto life eternal. Let us respond to His love with open hearts and outstretched arms.

Please be assured that you and all those you hold dear will be remembered in the Holy Masses which I shall offer on Christmas and throughout the Christmas Season. You will all be likewise brought to the Lord in daily prayer throughout the approaching New Year. Please pray for me, that I might bring the concrete love of the Infant Jesus to all those who are in my pastoral care.

Faithfully in the Heart of Christ,

*+ Paul S. Loverde*

Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde  
Bishop of Arlington