

OUR LADY OF NAZARETH CATHOLIC CHURCH, ROANOKE, VA

LITURGY SCHEDULE
&
MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

5:30 pm (✠) Doris Milan

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

7:30 am (✠) Rose Moore

9:30 am (✠) Renato Pasquinelli

11:30 am Our Parish Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

12:10 pm (✠) Jack Guilfoyle

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

6:45 am (✠) Sr. Marie LeClare

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Morning Prayer & Mass

8:30 am (✠) Connie Young

Evening Prayer 5:30 pm

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:30 am (✠) Joseph Nicastro

Evening Prayer 6:30 pm

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:30 am (✠) Lee Patterson Fischbach

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

5:30 pm (✠) Chuck Surat

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

7:30 am (✠) Raymond Fox

9:30 am (✠) Joan Lill Meier and the deceased
members of the Lill &
Angermeier families

11:30 am Our Parish Family

Question of the Week
Mark 13: 33-37

Jesus makes clear that we are each given a work to perform and a responsibility to fulfill toward the Christian community; to “watch” and “be alert” is to carry out this work. What do I see as my work/responsibility in building up the community/the Kingdom of God?

Family Question: Jesus tells us that the way to be ready to enter the Kingdom of God when he comes again is to do good works for others. What is my good work that I do to help others?

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will meet at Our Lady of Nazareth on **Monday, December 1st** at **1:30 pm** in the library. All are welcome and invited. Would you like to learn how to knit or crochet? Come and we will teach you.

THE MANY LOCAL VOICES OF FAITH

As Catholic Christians we are called to foster dialogue between religions. In his words on October 30, 2008 Pope Benedict XVI said “In our troubled world, so frequently marked by poverty, violence and exploitation, dialogue between cultures and religions must more and more be seen as a sacred duty incumbent upon all those who are committed to building a world worthy of human life.”

All who are interested in this ministry are invited to attend an organizational meeting at OLN on **December 2nd** at **7:00 pm**. Please extend this invitation to your friends and relatives in other Christian, Jewish and Muslim communities. If you are planning to attend please call John & Katie Zawacki, Interfaith contacts for the Southwest region of the Diocese. Telephone: 890-0531 or email tchpax@wildblue.net.

FAIR TRADE SALE

Just in time for the holidays, OLN will have our third annual Fair Trade Handcraft Sale **next Saturday, December 6th** from **9:00 am to 3:00 pm** and **Sunday, December 7th** after all Masses. You are invited to shop for fair trade gifts, housewares, jewelry and more. These items help artisans and farmers living in developing regions maintain steady work and a sustainable income so that they can provide for their families.

ST. FRANCIS HOUSE is in need of TOILET PAPER, SOAP & SHAMPOO. Please be generous in helping those less fortunate in our valley.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES
FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Readings for November 30

1st Isaiah 63: 16b—17, 19b; 64: 2b-7

2nd 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Gospel Mark 13: 33-37

Readings for December 7

1st Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

2nd 2 Peter 3: 8-14

Gospel Mark 1: 1-8

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

9:30-11:30 pm Inquiry
4:00-5:30 pm Single Now
6:30-8:00 pm Youth Choir

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

1:30-3:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry *
3:30-5:00 pm Mustard Seed Atrium
3:30-5:30 pm True Vine Atrium
6:30-7:30 pm Elementary Catechesis
7:00-8:00 pm Prayer Group *

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

3:30-5:00 pm Mustard Seed Atrium
3:30-5:30 pm True Vine Atrium
3:30-5:30 pm Golden Thread Atrium
4:00-5:00 pm Elementary Catechesis
6:30-7:30 pm Children's Choir
7:00-9:00 pm Interfaith Dialogue *

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

3:30-4:45 pm Mustard Seed Atrium
3:30-5:30 pm True Vine Atrium
3:30-5:30 pm Golden Thread Atrium
7:00-9:00 pm Adult Bible Study

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

3:30-5:00 pm Mustard Seed Atrium
4:00-5:00 pm Elementary Catechesis
7:00-9:00 pm RCIA
7:00-9:00 pm Adult Choir

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:30-11:00 am Mustard Seed Atrium

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

9:00-3:00 pm Fair Trade Sale *

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

Fair Trade Sale after all masses

9:30-11:30 pm Inquiry
1:00 pm S.A.M. (Sunday After Mass) *
4:00-5:30 pm Single Now
6:30-8:00 pm Youth Choir

Youth Ministry News

November 30

No Confirmation

No Edge

6:30-8:00 pm—Youth Choir

December 7

11:00-1:00 pm—1st Year Confirmation

6:30-8:00 pm—The Edge

Youth Group

Join us on December 10th when we will be working on a community service project for the homebound parishioners at OLN. Dinner is at 6:15 pm and youth group is from 7:00-8:30 pm

SAM (SUNDAY AFTER MASS)

SAM is an opportunity for children up to grade 5 to make crafts for home for the upcoming holiday season. Each SAM focuses on the next upcoming celebration. **December 7th** after the 11:30 mass will focus on Advent and Christmas. SAM is sponsored and run by OLN youth and the Peer Leadership team. SAM takes place in the Youth Center

SAVE THE DATE!

Youth Ministry and the Peer Leadership Team will be offering a gift wrap service on **Saturday, December 13th** and **Sunday, December 14th**. Drop off your presents before mass and they will be ready for pick up after mass. The service is free, donations will be gratefully accepted and all proceeds will benefit area toy drives. Gift wrapping service will be in the Fellowship Hall and we recommend that you drop off presents before mass to minimize your wait. Interested in helping out or have questions? Contact Victoria at youth@oln-parish.com or 774-0066 x20.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS PARISHIONERS & FAMILY SERVING OVERSEAS in the troops or as civilians.

- April Huth Carey (Afghanistan)
- Morgan Yates (Iraq)
- Peter Shelton (Iraq)
- Bill Boucher (Iraq)
- Andrew Ferguson (Afghanistan)
- Stephen Kavanaugh (Iraq)
- Christopher Kavanaugh (Afghanistan)
- Andrew Cunningham (Madagascar)
- Fletcher Whittenburg (Afghanistan)

If you have a loved one overseas that you would like us to remember in prayer, please contact the Parish Office at 774-0066.

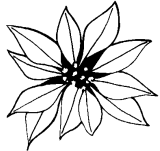
TEEN WINTER PARTY

Our annual winter party will be Saturday, **December 20th**. Join us for food and fun! We will be having our round robin gift exchange, please bring a gender neutral gift no more than \$15.00 (a gift is NOT necessary to attend the party). Help us decorate, decorating will begin after 5:30 pm mass. The party starts at **7:00 pm** and ends at **10:00 pm**. Questions? Contact Victoria at youth@oln-parish.com or 774-0066 x20.



CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

It's that time again for OLN's annual Christmas Toy Drive! You may leave a donation of a toy or gift in the box which will be in the Commons through the **month of November**. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Nancy Keoughan at 540-343-0704 or nakeoughan57@aol.com. Come to our area.



***Donations for
Christmas Flowers***

We are now accepting donations for Christmas flowers. If you would like to make a donation in memory of living or deceased relatives and/or friends, please place your donation in either the Christmas flower envelope found in your box of collection envelopes or a regular envelope. Please make sure your name, telephone number, and the name of the person to be remembered on the envelope. You may drop the envelope in the regular Sunday collection or bring it to the parish office.

Health & Safety



Health Happenings '09

- ***Tuesday, January 13th Senior Lunch 11:00 am-1:00 pm. Health Topic "Fitness Basics" presented by: Jill Lucas from Carilion. Lunch Provided PLEASE RSVP 774-0066 EXT. 19.***
- ***Cholesterol Screening on Tuesday, February 3rd from 8:00-10:00 am at OLN in the Fellowship Hall. Cost \$15.00 by cash or check. Call 266-6000 to preregister. Test done by fingerstick. Results in 10 minutes!!! Please fast after midnight except for Water & Meds***
- ***HealthyEating/Healthy Shopping. An evening program in January Presented by Mary Kay Hodnett and Tina Renick, Registered Dieticians Date: TBA***

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS STORE

In the spirit of generosity that is part of OLN will be collecting items to be included in the inventory at The Community Christmas Store. The Community Christmas Store is made of up of volunteers throughout Roanoke County who have been providing Christmas cheer to families in since 1993. Last year 750 families were able to 'shop' at the store. **We are asking that members of the OLN family contribute dish/laundry detergent, household cleaners, toilet paper, paper towels and facial tissues to help stock the CCS.** These items are not covered by food stamps, but needed by all families so your generosity would be appreciated. There will be a box in the Commons marked Community Christmas Store. We thank you for your generosity. If you have any questions please call Linda Crowley at 769-2166 or contact any members of the Justice and Peace Committee.

ROANOKE VALLEY JAIL MINISTRY

Postage stamps are needed for the inmates at the Roanoke City & County Jails, so they can mail Christmas cards to their families. There are about 1000 individuals incarcerated at the two facilities. If you would like to contribute some postage stamps, please place them in an envelope marked "OLN Jail Ministry", the envelope can be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the office. If you would like to make a donation for the purchase of postage stamps, the check can be made out to OLN - Jail Ministry. Questions? Please contact Dennis Henry 774-3890 or Brigetta Mahanna 772-0166.

VALLEY WIDE MISSION – '09 "SURPRISED BY CHRIST"

How can we keep the Spirit alive between Christmas and Lent?? You can by planning to attend the Valley Wide Mission, **January 17 – 21, 2009**. Our facilitator for this exciting mission is Fr. Richard Fragomeni, Ph.D, Associate Professor of Liturgy and Preaching at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. He will challenge us to 'Step Up to the Plate' by encouraging the faithful to re-prioritize our busy lives, emphasizing our call to lay leadership in the Church today. Daytime sessions (Mon., Tues., Wed.) will be at OLPH in Salem beginning with Mass at **9:00 am**. Evening sessions will be at OLN beginning at **7:00 pm** and ending promptly at **8:30 pm**. Babysitting services will be available but you need to call ahead by **January 14th**. (OLPH – 387-0491; OLN – 774-0466). Watch your bulletin for updated information.

THE ENTIRE FAMILY of Kathy Sizemore would like to thank our OLN Church family for all the thoughts, prayers, cards and food that was sent to Kathy and me during her long illness and subsequent passing. We are so truly blessed to have such a caring church family. We would also like to thank the entire funeral committee, headed by Carolyn Doyle for their gracious time and excellent lunch which followed Kathy's funeral. God Bless All of You.
Bill Sizemore and Family