

OUR LADY OF NAZARETH CATHOLIC CHURCH, ROANOKE, VA

**LITURGY SCHEDULE
&
MASS INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

5:30 pm (†) Bridget Keeney

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:30 am (†) Raymond Fox

9:30 am Our Parish Family

11:30 am (†) Chuck Surat

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

12:10 pm (†) Lee Fischbach

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

6:45 am (†) Carl Martinez

12:10 pm (†) Bill Shufflebarger

7:00 pm Our Parish Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

Morning Prayer & Mass

8:30 am (†) Edwin Mitchell

Evening Prayer 5:30 pm

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:30 am (†) Larry Joscher

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

NO EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

5:30 pm (†) Capt. A.J. Kelly

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:30 am Our Parish Family

9:30 am (†) Ralph & Mary Gregory

11:30 am (†) Hugh Garth

REGULAR COLLECTION 11/22/09

..... \$18,633.00

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

..... \$4,831.00

REGULAR COLLECTION 11/29/09

..... \$18,373.33

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS 11/29/09

..... \$801.00

***SCRIPTURE PASSAGES
FOR SUNDAY LITURGY***

Readings for December 6

1st Baruch 5: 1-9

2nd Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11

Gospel Luke 3: 1-6

Readings for December 13

1st Zephaniah 3: 14-18a

2nd Philippians 4: 4-7

Gospel Luke 3: 10-18

**Question of the Week
Luke 3: 1-6**

Luke emphasizes a very important point: God speaks to his people, through his word, in the real world. How do I recognize God's action in the world today?

Family Question: Advent is the time of preparing for the Lord Jesus to come again. The prophet Isaiah speaks of preparing the way for the Lord by reversing things. Winding roads are made straight; valleys are filled in, etc. What things need to be reversed in our world to be ready for Jesus to come? How can we help to make these changes?

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

- Richard A Menglekamp (Iraq)
- David C. Downing (Iraq)
- Alma Pine (Iraq)
- Will P. Klos
- Crista Birmingham Yazzie (Middle East)
- Kara Gettings (Afghanistan)
- Ethan Surrusco (Afghanistan)
- Larry Fischbach, Jr. (Korea)
- Ed Kawamura (Iraq)
- Charles Elliott (Iraq)
- Zachary Osborne (Afghanistan)
- Andrew Ferguson (Afghanistan)
- Landon Woody (Afghanistan)
- Brian Mason (Iraq)
- David Aumiller (USS George Washington)

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

Tuesday, December 8th is the FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, a Holy Day of Obligation, and the patronal feast of the United States. Masses here at OLN will be at 6:45 am, 12:10 pm and 7:00 pm.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

Fair Trade Sale after all Masses

- 9:30-11:30 pm Inquiry
9:30-11:30 am Children's Catechumenate
4:00-5:30 pm Single Now
6:30-8:00 pm Youth Choir *

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-7:00 pm

- 1:30-3:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
3:30-4:45 pm Mustard Seed Atrium
3:30-5:30 pm True Vine Atrium
7:00 pm Evening Prayer Group *
6:30-7:30 pm Elementary Catechesis

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

- 3:30-4:45 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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

- 3:30-4:45 pm Mustard Seed Atrium
3:30-5:30 pm True Vine Atrium
3:30-5:30 pm Golden Thread Atrium
6:30-7:30 pm Children's Choir *

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

- 3:30-4:45 pm Mustard Seed Atrium
4:00-5:00 pm Elementary Catechesis
7:00-9:00 pm RCIA
7:00-9:00 pm Parish Choir *

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 9:30-11:00 am Mustard Seed Atrium

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

Newcomer Registration Weekend

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

Newcomer Registration Weekend

- 9:30-11:30 pm Inquiry
9:30-11:30 am Children's Catechumenate
1:00-2:00 pm Sunday After Mass (S.A.M) *
4:00-5:30 pm Single Now
6:30-8:00 pm Youth Choir *

Youth Ministry Calendar

December 6:

- 11:00-1:00 pm—1st Year Confirmation
6:30-8:00 pm—The Edge

December 9

- 6:15-8:30 pm—Youth Group

December 13:

- 11:00-1:00 pm—2nd Year Confirmation
6:30-8:00 pm—The Edge

Christmas Choir Rehearsals

The Music Ministry is in need of **brass & woodwind instrumentalists AND singers** for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We have few rehearsals to prepare so it is important that instrumentalists have had **at least** one year of lessons and/or band experience to participate. All singers are welcome!

Rehearsal schedules for **all** choirs are listed below and are also posted on the website at <http://oln-parish.org>.

Children's Choir: December 9,16,23 from 6:30-7:30 pm

Youth Choir: December 6,13,20 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Parish Choir: December 10 & 17 from 7:00-9:00 pm

Please call Dan at 774-0066 (ext. 13) or e-mail music@oln-parish.com ASAP if you are interested in participating so I can get music ready.

* **THE MONDAY NIGHT PRAYER GROUP** will meet in the chapel at 7:00 pm on December 7, 14, 21. The *Life in the Spirit Group* will meet for song and praise in the chapel at 7:00 pm on December 14. Parishioners are invited to join us in a time of Advent Song and Prayer.

* **S.A.M. (Sunday After Mass) DATE CHANGE**

S.A.M. will take place on **Sunday, December 13th** beginning at **1:00 pm**. S.A.M. is Sunday After Mass and is an opportunity for children to make crafts to take home. Projects typically involve an upcoming holiday or liturgical season. S.A.M. is open to children 2nd grade and younger and parents are welcome to attend with their children. S.A.M. takes place in the Conference Room from 1:00 pm-2:00 pm, once a month, October-June. The December activity will center around Advent. For more information, contact the parish office at 774-0066 x10.

A COUPLE OF WEEKENGS AGO, you received a special bulletin insert from the U.S. Bishops Conference asking you to please contact your Senators immediately and urge them to address these moral issues. The flier/bulletin insert included a web address that allows you to send an email message to Congress at www.usccb.org/action. Additional fliers can be found in the Commons. The bishops have asked for our swift action and our prayers. Thank you for your help. We can help make sure that health care reform will be about saving lives, not destroying them."

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) During the 9:30 liturgy, on **November 22, 2009**, we celebrated the Christian Initiation **Rite of Acceptance** with the following individuals: **Scott Dickinson & Ricci Mathis**

During the "**Rite of Acceptance**," Scott and Ricci announced publicly for the first time their intentions to the Church and our Community a desire to embrace a life of discipleship. We in turn, carrying out our apostolic mission, accept them as persons who intend to become members of this community.

Following the homily, the newly welcomed Catechumens (**those who are not baptized**), along with the RCIA candidates (those baptized adults preparing for full communion), are dismissed weekly from mass to participate in the "Breaking Open the Word". This is a time to share with each other the importance and relevance of the reading and Gospel for that day. May God shower His Grace on our catechumens and candidates now and throughout their faith journeys.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Join us for our next scripture study, "The Resurrection and the Life". This study will help you understand what the Scriptures teach us about our own resurrection and how that hope gives purpose to everything that we do. Once again, we will meet on Wednesdays, with both a morning and an evening study offered. Wednesday mornings we meet from **10:00 – 12:00 noon** and Wednesday evenings from **7:00 -9:00 pm**. The dates for this study are **January 6 – March 17**. Please call Donna at 774-0773 or e-mail at sec.cf@oln-parish.com no later than December 23 to reserve a book.

VALLEY HOME

If anyone took a name from the bulletin board, please have the unwrapped gift returned by **December 13th**. This is to ensure delivery of all gifts by Christmas. Also needed are gift boxes and wrapping paper.

COATS NEEDED

Refugee and Immigration (RIS) is in need of warm winter coats and jackets. RIS continues to resettle refugees in the valley with recent refugees arriving from Bhutan, Cuba, Iraq and Myanmar. Please leave you extra coats in the box in the hallway **beginning this weekend up until December 13th**. If you have other items to donate, you can contact Mary Beth Pizzino directly at 342-7561. Thank you for your caring.

BENEFIT CONCERT

Come enjoy music by the band Unconditional on **Saturday, December 19th at 7:00 pm** at Salem Wesleyan Church, 424 Chamberlain Lane, Salem. Proceeds from this concert will benefit Kids N' Krisis.

Disability Advocacy Update

DISABILITY ADVOCACY UPDATE:

** A recent Wall Street Journal article, " Making God More Accessible" details how Fr. Joe Metzgar prepared a young girl with autism to receive First Eucharist, and information on available resources. Go to*



www.richmonddiocese.org/diabilities/autism

** Young Life Capernaum is coming to Roanoke! Designed for young people with intellectual and physical disabilities, this wonderful program provides an opportunity for youth to gather together for fun, fellowship, and the opportunity to meet Christ in one another. If you know of a child or have a child who would be interested in joining us, please call the parish office 774-0066 and a member of our Advocacy ministry will be in touch with you.*

** Please keep in your prayers all in our community who have a disability. In this season of Advent may we be especially mindful of our ability to be instruments of God's compassion and loving care.*

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, hand soap, 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 until **December 7th**. If you have any questions please call Linda Crowley at 769-2166 or contact any members of the Justice and Peace Committee.

THIS YEAR we are collecting Christmas gifts for 2 former families of the Interfaith Hospitality Network. If you took one of the circular ornaments off of the bulletin board, we ask that you



WRAP your gift and place it in the appropriate box by **December 17th**. Please place the paper ornament with the person's name on top of the gift. Any questions, please contact Rita in the parish office at 774-0066.