

OUR LADY OF NAZARETH CATHOLIC CHURCH, ROANOKE, VA

LITURGY SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

12:10 pm (†) Joe Crawford

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

6:45 am (†) Michael Saba

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

NO EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

Morning Prayer 8:30 am

Evening Prayer 5:30 pm

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

NO EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:30 am (†) Kathy Sizemore

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

5:30 pm (†) Mary Pena

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

7:30 am (†) Karen Hardesty

9:30 am (†) The Deceased Members of the Lill and Angermeier Families

11:30 am Our Parish Family

REGULAR COLLECTION 12/06/09

..... \$25,366.76

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS 12/06/09

..... \$790.00

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Readings for December 13

1st Zephaniah 3: 14-18a

2nd Philippians 4: 4-7

Gospel Luke 3: 10-18

Readings for December 20

1st Micah 5: 1-4a

2nd Hebrews 10: 5-10

Gospel Luke 1: 39-45

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER the faithfully departed, parishioner, Joan Gasparoli, Daniel Schinkwin, brother of Jean Peters, LeeAnn DeGoey, grandmother of Jaime Jonen and Richard Skelley, son of Jack and Anne Skelley. Our support is with these families in their time of sorrow.

Question of the Week Luke 3: 10-18

John's preaching calls for a complete change of life. How is it that John's preaching is "good news?"

Family Question: How can we live out John the Baptist's call to be more generous, honest and content with what we have?

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
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.

REMINDER

ADVENT COMMUNAL SERVICES OF RECONCILIATION

Friday, December 18th at noon—St. Gerard

If you cannot make the above time, Fr. Joe will be in the reconciliation room on Wednesday, December 16th from 9:30-11:30 am and Thursday, December 22nd from 7:00-9:00 pm or by appointment.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

The Liturgies of Christmas will be:

- Christmas Eve at 6:00 pm Nursery provided during this mass only
Christmas Eve at 8:30 pm
Midnight—prelude begins at 11:30 pm
10:00 am on Christmas Day

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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CALENDAR

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 \*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-7:00 pm

- 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
- 7:00-9:00 pm Parish Council \*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 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 16

- 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 17

- 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 18

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

- 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 \*

\* PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet this Monday, December 14th from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm. The proposed agenda for the meeting can be found on the kiosk and website. Parishioners are welcomed to attend but must indicate their interest by contacting Rita in the parish office at 774-0066.

\* THE MONDAY NIGHT PRAYER GROUP will join the *Life in the Spirit Group on December 14th* for Advent Praise and Song at 7:00 pm, chapel. The Prayer Group will join in the *parish celebration in the Hanging of the Greens on December 21st*.

Youth Ministry Calendar

December 13:

- 5:00 pm—2nd Year Confirmation Prayer Service with sponsors
- 6:30-8:00 pm—The Edge

December 19

7:00-9:00 pm—Youth Winter Party \*

December 20:

No Confirmation  
No Edge

VESPERS AT NAZARETH

Our bishops say that, especially during this season of Advent, we should pray with the prophets, Mary, and the evangelists as we watch for the Lord who has come, comes, and will come. Join us every Wednesday for Evening Prayer at 5:30 pm in our chapel as we pray the words of the Church in this liturgy of praise and thanksgiving. Prayer books provided, no experience necessary. It will be the best 20 minutes of your day- come and see!

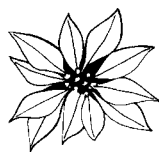
\* TEEN WINTER PARTY

Our annual winter party will be Saturday, December 19th. 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 9:00 pm. Questions? Contact Victoria at [youth@oln-parish.com](mailto:youth@oln-parish.com) or 774-0066 x20.

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](mailto:sec.cf@oln-parish.com) no later than December 23 to reserve a book.

THE OLN COUPLES' BOOK GROUP will meet next on Wednesday, January 6th at 7:00 pm at the home of Dick and Barbara Surrusco to discuss *Mountains Beyond Mountains* by Tracy Kidder.



### Donations for Christmas Flowers

We are 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.

**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.

**LESSONS & CAROLS/ 'HANGING OF THE GREENS'** Parishioners are invited to an evening of Lessons and Carols on **Monday, December 21st at 7:00 pm**. We will begin 'Hanging of the Greens' (decorating the church for Christmas) while we listen to the prophecies of Christ's coming in Word and Song. Please join us in this celebration of anticipation of Christ's birth.

## THANK YOU

**A FINAL THANK YOU** for all the generous donations of toys this year. We were able to give toys to the Refugee and Immigration Service, the Interfaith Hospitality Office, and to the Center For Christian Action in Pocahontas, VA. Thanks for helping make many children's Christmas just that much brighter this year.

**MANY THANKS** to my OLN parish family for all of the cards and prayers. They were an inspiration and great help during my illness. Teresa DiCintio

**THANK YOU** to everyone who provided an abundance of food for our Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service. Special thanks to Rita Housman, Jim Zeisler, Deborah & Taft Martin, Mary Trudell and Diane Motley for their help in setting up and cleaning up.  
Mary Bommarito

# Health & Safety



## HEALTH HAPPENINGS

***Swine Flu Vaccine is periodically available at Roanoke City and Salem Health Departments. Please call either place to reserve a spot on the list. OLN may not be getting it through Proventa Health who provides the regular Flu Shots, yearly. The children should be receiving theirs through the school system unless you home school.***

***The Holidays are a "Warm and Fuzzy" time of year but the down side of those wonderful hugs and kisses is picking up the germs and viruses they may carry. Be safe and protective this year and pray or do good deeds for others instead. The Flu season is not over!!***

***Have a Blessed, Safe and Healthy Holiday Season!!***

***Yoga classes and Senior Lunches will resume in January. How about a Biggest Loser Competition ???***

## WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY

Winter is upon us again with the possibility of snow and ice. Here is our parish policy concerning cancellation/postponement of parish activities.

Ordinarily, **we will not cancel Sunday mass (including Saturday nights)**. Your priest and others live within walking distance. Still, please don't be foolish and put yourself or those you love in jeopardy. And please note: the parking lot and sidewalks most likely **will not** be cleared off.

If **there is an ice storm** that makes parking and sidewalks treacherous, a notice of closing will be announced only on WSLs Channel 10 and posted on their website ([www.wsls.com](http://www.wsls.com)).

On **weekdays**, we will follow the schedule of the Roanoke County schools. If the schools are closed because of the weather, the activities of that day will be canceled, including religious formation classes, daily Eucharist, and all daytime parish meetings and activities.

For **evening activities**, including Sunday evening classes, call our parish cancellation line at 774-0066 ext. 26.

