

OUR LADY OF NAZARETH CATHOLIC CHURCH, ROANOKE, VA

LITURGY SCHEDULE  
&  
MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

5:30 pm (†) Kathy Hoops

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

7:30 am (†) Don Cameron

9:30 am (†) Joan Lill Meier & the deceased  
members of the Lill & Angermeier  
family

11:30 am Our Parish Family

CHRISTMAS EVE

6:00 pm (†) Charles Rowe, Sr.

8:30 pm (†) Frank & Josephine Corso

12:00 am (†) Our Parish Family

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 am (†) Honora & James Godfrey

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

NO EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:30 am (†) Lawrence Duffee

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

8:30 am (†) Steven Hart

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

5:30 pm (†) Don Forrest

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

7:30 am (†) Karen Hardesty

9:30 am (†) Bill Kluge

11:30 am Our Parish Family

REGULAR COLLECTION 12/16/07

..... \$18,173.45

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS 12/16/07

..... \$220.00

RETIRED RELIGIOUS 12/16/07

..... \$5,534.76

CHRISTMAS MASSES

The Liturgies of Christmas will be:

- Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve at 6:00 pm  
Nursery provided during this mass only
- Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve at 8:30 pm
- Midnight—prelude begins at 11:30 pm
- 10:00 am on Christmas Day

Question of the Week  
Matthew 1:18-24

How do I know God is with me?  
What evidence do I have of God's presence and care for me?

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

The parish office will be closed Monday, December 24th, Tuesday, December 25th and Wednesday, December 26th for the Christmas holiday.

*SCRIPTURE PASSAGES  
FOR SUNDAY LITURGY*

Readings for December 23

1st Isaiah 7:10-14  
2nd Romans 1:1-7  
Gospel Matthew 1:18-24

Readings for Christmas Eve & Midnight

1st Isaiah 9:1-6  
2nd Titus 2:11-14  
Gospel Luke 2:1-14

Readings for Christmas Day

1st Isaiah 52:7-10  
2nd Hebrews 1:1-6  
Gospel John 1:1-18

Readings for Feast of the Holy Family

1st Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14  
2nd Colossians 3:12-21  
Gospel Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

COATS ARE NEEDED

Refugee and Immigration Service is in need of winter coats, shoes, boots and some gloves and hats. Please leave your donations in the large box marked "Coats for Refugees" in the hall by **January 6th**. Thank you for your continuing support of our valley's refugees. Contact Pat Marlowe at 772-6947 if you need further information.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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# CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

6:30-8:00 pm Youth Choir \*

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

4:00 pm "Safe Spring Break"

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

Interfaith Hospitality Week

### LET'S DANCE IN THE NEW YEAR



Nazareth's New Year's Eve Dance will be held **Monday, December 31st from 9:00 pm until 1:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall with Anthony Logan serving as our DJ. We supply mixers, light snacks, decorations, noise makers and GREAT COMPANY. You bring an

hors d'oeuvre to share, BYOB and your dancing shoes. Tickets are \$10 per person (adults only) with the proceeds to benefit a local charity TBA. Tickets may be purchased after masses, from the church office during the week or at the door the night of the dance. Dress is casual. If you have questions about the dance or if you'd like to help in any way, please contact Mike Pioro at 977-9347.

### DATE CHANGE:

The session for all college and high school students bound for Spring Break in 2008 has been changed to **Saturday, January 5th at 4:00 pm in the Youth Center.** Sergeant Bob Chandler of the Roanoke City Police Dept. will talk to everyone on "HAVING A SAFE SPRING BREAK" Your safe return from spring break is ultimately important to your friends, parish family, siblings and most especially your parents!! Parents are welcome.

### PARISH EPIPHANY PARTY

Our Annual Parish Epiphany Party will be held on **Sunday, January 6th from 3:30 until 5:30 pm.** Again this year we will be celebrating the varied cultures in our parish. We are an international body...becoming more so each month as newcomers make Nazareth their home. Those coming to the event are asked to bring a finger food/dessert from their heritage. For those who are mutts or a Heinz 57, surprise us. Parish staff will provide the beverages. Our theme this year is **Bluegrass**, featuring our own Christ Burton, and friends from Hillsville, Radford and Salem.

## Youth Ministry News

December 23—No Classes

December 30—No Classes

January 6—Regular Classes begin

10:45-12:30 pm 1st Year Confirmation

6:30-8:00 pm Youth Catechesis

### The Edge

The Sunday evening Youth Catechesis program, **The Edge**, has finished the fall volume; Old Testament people. In January, 2008, we will begin our spring volume; The Sacraments. We learned a lot about many people in the Old Testament, including King David, Jeremiah, and Ruth and we are looking forward to starting the Sacraments in the spring.

### Youth Group

Youth Group will meet **January 9, 2008 in the Youth Center, 7:00-8:30 pm.** The topic for January will be **Sharing Our Faith.** Come see what the excitement is about!

### BOOK DISCUSSION

A discussion of the "Red Tent" that relates to the recent study of women in the Old Testament, will be held on Wednesday, January 9th in the Conference Room. The session will begin at 10:00 am and will be followed by a potluck luncheon. Everyone is invited to attend. Any questions, please contact Brigitta at 772-0166.

### VIRTUS TRAINING

All volunteers, 18 years old and older, who work or come in contact with children and youth under the age of 18 years, must complete the VIRTUS training as mandated by the Diocese of Richmond. The next training session will be **Saturday, January 12th from 10:00 until 1:00 pm.** Go to [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) or contact the Parish Office for information on how to sign up for a VIRTUS training.

ELEMENTARY CATECHESIS CLASSES  
AND ATRIUM CLASSES  
WILL RESUME THE WEEK  
OF JANUARY 7TH

**THE LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY** is a wonderful way to gather around the Lord's Word; to become more and more familiar with the Scriptures; to meet a lot of great people and enjoy Christian fellowship! The next study will be on **Acts of the Apostles**. The excitement of Pentecost enlivened the early believers in their struggles to establish communities of faith - struggles surprisingly like those today. The study will begin on **January 16th** and go through **April 9th**. Times are Wednesdays **10:00 am - 12:00 noon** or **7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**. You can sign up by e-mailing [sec.cf@oln-parish.com](mailto:sec.cf@oln-parish.com) or by calling the office at 774-0773. Deadline for registration is **January 4, 2008** so that materials may be ordered. Join us!

**SAVE THE DATE**

OLN is hosting an ecumenical prayer service to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. **Thursday, January 17th at 7:00 pm**. More to come.

**THINKING ABOUT ENGAGEMENT OR PLANNING TO MARRY THIS NEXT YEAR?**

Please plan to be with us for the Marriage Formation process (UNITAS Series). The orientation session is **Saturday, January 19th from 7:00-9:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Following session will be **1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 3/1 and 3/8** with a make-up day in case of snow of **3/15**. Participation in all sessions is expected. Contact Rita in the parish office at 774-0066 to register.

**THE NEXT JUSTICE & PEACE** Book Discussion will be on **Tuesday, January 22th at 7:00 pm**. We will be reading "A Thousand Splendid Suns" by Khaled Hosseini.

*Thank You*

**THE REST OF THE STORY**

The following gifts have been made with money from the Craft and Bake Sale held in October. \$2,500.00 to Fr. O'Rourke with the Cross Ministries that visited OLN in early November. This donation will cover the cost of building a house for a family. \$1,000.00 to Habitat for Humanity towards the house that the parish is helping to build for a needy family in the Roanoke area. \$500.00 to Apple Ridge Farm which operates a camp for inner city kids in Floyd. These gifts are a direct result of the generosity of our parish and friends from the sale of crafts, our bake sale and the white elephant sale. God bless and may you enjoy a wonderful Christmas season.

The Crafty Ladies

**A BIG THANK YOU** to Troop 7 and the OLN Community for all the food that was collected after all the masses the weekend of **November 17/18**. The food went a long way in feeding families throughout the Valley during this Thanksgiving season. We appreciate all you have done over the years to help us feed so many. Eileen Stone, St. Francis House

***EVENTS ELSEWHERE***

**CHRISTMAS AT MADONNA HOUSE**

Patricia & Beverly invite you to visit **December 25th and 26th**, from **12:00 noon to 4:00 pm**. Enjoy some Christmas snacks, our decorations and leave your prayer intentions in the chapel. Mass on **Saturday, December 29th at 8:30 am** with Fr. Denis Lemieux of Madonna House. Located at 828 Campbell Ave. SW. Ph: 343-8464.

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (Ages 19-39)**

**New Years Resolutions Twilight Retreat**

Please join Young Adults from around the area for a Twilight Retreat. **Friday, January 4th at 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm** at St. Bridget's Church, 6006 Three Chopt Road (23226 zip for Mapquest directions). Our guest speaker will be Fr. Michael Renninger. Cost of the event will be \$8.00, which includes the retreat, dinner and refreshments. To RSVP and Questions contact Michael at: [Michael@Siewers.com](mailto:Michael@Siewers.com) or 353-7884. As always, bring a friend or someone new to Young Adult Ministry!

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE FOR LENT**

Following in the Footsteps of Our Lord, Father Dominic Legge, O.P., from the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, **February 15-24**. For detailed information, contact Fr. Dominic at [legge@op.org](mailto:legge@op.org) or Elizabeth Gringer at 1877-276-7279. A flyer with an itinerary and costs is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

**PLAYGROUP/MOM'S GROUP**

If you are a mom with young children, please join us! Playgroup meets **Fridays at 10:00 am** at different locations each week. Family and mom's activities also scheduled monthly. For more information, please contact Courtney Noell at 563-8325 or Kristin Baxley at 265-8655.