

OUR LADY OF NAZARETH CATHOLIC CHURCH, ROANOKE, VA

**LITURGY SCHEDULE
&
MASS INTENTIONS**

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

12:10 pm (†) William Daugherty

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

6:45 am (†) Catherine Karle

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

NO EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

Morning Prayer 8:30 am

Evening Prayer 5:30 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE

6:00 pm (†) Charles Rowe, Sr.

8:30 pm (†) Deceased Members of the Corso
Family

12:00 am (†) Tom Ripley

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 am (†) Honora & James Godfrey

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

5:30 pm (†) Kathy Hoopes

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

7:30 am (†) Adrienne Bishop

9:30 am (†) Bill Kluge

11:30 am Our Parish Family

REGULAR COLLECTION 12/13/09

..... \$14,450.90

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

..... \$1,042.00

RETIRED RELIGIOUS

..... \$3,114.95

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

Fr. Joe will be in the reconciliation room on Tuesday, December 22nd from 7:00-8:30 pm or by appointment.

**Question of the Week
Luke 1: 39-45**

Incarnation is God present with us. Who has incarnated—that is, made present—God for me?

Family Question: God had a part for both Mary and Elizabeth in his plan for salvation. Does God have a plan for me? What might my part be in bringing about God's kingdom?

The parish office will be closed Thursday, December 24th and Friday, December 25th for the Christmas holiday.

***SCRIPTURE PASSAGES
FOR SUNDAY LITURGY***

Readings for December 20

1st Micah 5: 1-4a

2nd Hebrews 10: 5-10

Gospel Luke 1: 39-45

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 1 Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28

2nd Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14

Gospel 1 John 3: 1-2, 21-24

LESSONS & CAROLS/ 'HANGING OF THE

GREENS' Parishioners are invited to an evening of Lessons and Carols this 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 the celebration of Christ's birthday.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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CALENDAR

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 *

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-7:00 pm

7:00 pm Hanging of the Greens *

DECEMBER 22-DECEMBER 26

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

9:30-11:30 pm Inquiry
9:30-11:30 am Children's Catechumenate
4:00-5:30 pm Single Now

ST. FRANCIS HOUSE is in need of RAMEN NOODLES AND MACARONI & CHEESE. Please be generous in helping those less fortunate in our valley.

PARISH CHRISTMAS/EPIPHANY PARTY

Our Annual Parish Christmas/Epiphany Party will be held on **Sunday, January 3rd 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 band this year is the "40 Year After Band."

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.

Your box of 2010 offertory envelopes can be found on tables in the Fellowship Hall. Please make sure you pick them up this week.

Youth Ministry Calendar

December 20:

No Confirmation

No Edge

December 27:

No Confirmation

No Edge

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.

ELEMENTARY CATECHESIS CLASSES AND ATRIUM CLASSES WILL RESUME THE WEEK OF JANUARY 4TH

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.

HELP NEEDED

Help is needed to help drive 4 members of a family to 9:30 am mass once a month. The family lives near Krispy Kreme on Melrose Ave. Please call Pat Marlowe at 772-6947 if you can help. Thank you.

WHAT'S A "DISCOVERY" RETREAT?

A special peer-ministered retreat for 9th and 10th graders! It deals with discovering one's identity and that of the Lord through: talks, small group interaction and community-building experiences. It is based on the steps of evangelization and helps the young person know Jesus in faith!

Dates for retreats in the Western Vicariate:

Smith Mountain Lake – **February 5-7**

Applications due January 26

Smith Mountain Lake – **March 5-7 Applications**

due February 23

Applications can be found on the Youth Board.

WHAT IS A "CHRISTIAN AWAKENING" RETREAT?

A special peer-ministered retreat for 11th and 12th graders! The youth of this retreat community come to know and experience Christ, and to see him in themselves and others. They're invited to look at ways of serving others and becoming better, more fully committed Christians.

Dates for retreats in the Western Vicariate:

Camp Bethel – **March 19-21**

Applications due March 9

Applications can be found on the Youth Board.

THANK YOU

THE JUSTICE & PEACE COMMITTEE wishes to thank the members of the OLN church community for their generous contributions of household paper products, laundry detergents and other cleaning products that were donated to the Community Christmas Store. This year the store was able to provide a special Christmas for over 550 families to include over 1100 people in the Valley. Thanks to your contributions and the large gift from the Fellowship Committee from their chili cook-off all families who 'shopped' at the store were able to receive one package of toilet paper in addition to their choosing other personal needs items and food. This was a real plus as this was the first year that each family was able to do this as they shopped. Thanks again for your sharing the Christmas spirit in this special way. It is always nice to be able to share with those who otherwise may not be able to enjoy the holiday.

THANK YOU OUR LADY OF NAZARETH for all the toys you collected for our Angel Tree.

Center for Christian Action, Pocahontas, VA

DEAR FRIENDS AT OLN

Thank you for your many prayers, cards and good wishes over the last 3 months. I am sure that they contributed to my recovery with God's help.

Nita Angermeier

The Justice & Peace Journal

1) As always, the generosity of OLN was displayed once again in your response to both the Fair Trade Sale and the appeal for winter coats for our recently arrived refugees to the Roanoke Valley. The funds raised from the Fair Trade Sale will be distributed to the Catholic Relief Services/SERRV and the Beads For Life program - both causes which will utilize the money obtained to carry on with their desperately needed services.



2) The next Justice and Peace Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 12th at 7:00 pm at OLN. New members and the curious are always welcome.

3) Our next J&P Book Club discussion will occur on Friday, January 8th at 10:00 am. The book being discussed will be The Help by Katherine Stockett.

MADONNA HOUSE

Please join us for a Festive Open House on **January 1st**, the Solemnity of the Mother of God from **12:00 noon to 4:00 pm**. Bring the whole family to see our Christmas decorations, enjoy a light buffet lunch and sing some carols to Our Lady. We will close with special prayers for this feast-day. Madonna House will be closed December. 27-29; January 2- 4. Located at 828 Campbell Ave. SW. 343 -8464. www.madonnahouse.org

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).

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.