

OUR LADY OF NAZARETH CATHOLIC CHURCH, ROANOKE, VA

**LITURGY SCHEDULE
&
MASS INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

5:30 pm (✠) Kathy Hoopes

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

7:30 am (✠) Karen Hardesty

9:30 am (✠) Bill Kluge

11:30 am Our Parish Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

12:10 pm (✠) Adrienne Bishop

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

6:45 am (✠) Geraldine Cox

NEW YEAR'S EVE VIGIL

5:30 pm (✠) John Roach

NEW YEAR'S DAY

10:00 am The Intention of Pat Roach

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

8:30 am (✠) Thomas Connolly

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

5:30 pm (✠) James Cutcliff

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

7:30 am Our Parish Family

9:30 am (✠) Elizabeth Langan

11:30 am (✠) Kevin & Richard Marquart

**Question of the Week
Luke 2: 22-40**

God's promise of salvation continues to be made flesh today as we grow in holiness. What/who has helped me to grow in holiness this year?

Family Question: In what ways is our family holy?

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.

January 1st is one of our church's Holy Days. (Mary Mother of God) Masses will be New Year's Eve at 5:30 pm and 10:00 am on New Year's Day.

The parish office will be closed at noon on Wednesday, December 31st, all day on Thursday, January 1st and Friday, January 2nd, a gift from the parish.

***SCRIPTURE PASSAGES
FOR SUNDAY LITURGY***

Readings for Feast of the Holy Family

1st Genesis 15: 1-6; 21: 1-3

2nd Hebrews 11: 11, 8, 11-12, 17-19

Gospel Luke 2: 22-40

Readings for the Epiphany of the Lord

1st Isaiah 60: 1-6

2nd Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6

Gospel Matthew 2: 1-12

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE



Nazareth's New Year's Eve Dance will be held **Wednesday, 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.

ST. FRANCIS HOUSE is in need of **RAMEN NOODLES AND MACARONI & CHEESE**

Please be generous in helping those less fortunate in our valley.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

SUN MON TUE
2 3 4
9 10 11

CALENDAR

DECEMBER 28—DECEMBER 30

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:00-1:00 am New Year's Eve Dance *

JANUARY 1—JANUARY 3

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

3:30-5:30 pm Parish Epiphany Party *

Youth Ministry News

December 28—No Classes

January 4

11:00-1:00 pm— 1st Year Confirmation

6:30-8:00 pm—No Edge

**ELEMENTARY CATECHESIS CLASSES
AND ATRIUM CLASSES
WILL RESUME THE WEEK
OF JANUARY 5TH**

* **PARISH CHRISTMAS/EPIPHANY PARTY**

Our Annual Parish Christmas/Epiphany Party will be held next **Sunday, January 4th 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 a Gumbo Band, a 3 or 4 piece band featuring Jimmy Landry. We will officially open the Mardi Gras season...just like in New Orleans.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Join us for our newest study, "People of the Passion". Suffering seems to bring out the best and the worst in our human nature. Some people are overcome with hopelessness that leads to despair; others are filled with courage that leads to heroism. Still others exhibit a wide range of responses that reveal their character: trust, generosity, steadfastness, cowardice, greed, and pride. The people of the passion in this book are the characters who participated in some dramatic way in the suffering and death of Jesus. Well-known characters include Peter, Pilate, and Mary Magdalene; lesser-known include Simon of Cyrene, the daughters of Jerusalem, and the woman who anointed Jesus.

We meet on **Wednesday mornings from 10:00 - 12:00 pm** or **Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 pm**, beginning **January 14th** and going through **April 1st**. Call 774-0773 to register and reserve your copy of the book.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will meet on **Monday January 5th at 1:30 pm** at OLN in the library. All are welcome. We prayerfully knit or crochet shawls to give to those who are ill or experiencing a sorrow in their life. If you don't know how to knit or crochet we will teach you.

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. Parents of young children might also want to become aware of how to keep your children safe. The next training session will be **Thursday, January 8th from 6:00 until 9:00 pm**. Go to www.virtusonline.org or contact the Parish Office for information on how to sign up for a VIRTUS training.

JUSTICE & PEACE

The next Justice & Peace meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 13th at 7:00 pm** in Room 2.

THE OLN COUPLES' BOOK GROUP will meet next on **Tuesday, January 13th at 7:00 pm** at the home of Dick and Barbara Surrusco to discuss *Heat* by Bill Buford. Interested in joining? Please call the office. The selection for February is *The Faith Club*.

PARENTING WITH FAITH

The next session, "*Navigating the High School Years*" will be held **Wednesday, January 14th from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Each workshop is designed to support parents in clarifying their parenting values, offering comfort and normalizing the "journey of parenting". And yes! Nursery will be available! To register, please contact the Christian Formation Office at 774-0773.

**Your boxes of 2009 collection envelopes
are available on the tables in the
hallway to the
Christian Formation Center.**

VALLEY WIDE MISSION '09 "SURPRISED BY CHRIST"

Be sure you have your calendars marked for 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. Using the teachings of St. Paul, he will challenge us to re-prioritize our busy lives, emphasizing our call to lay leadership in the Church today. We will learn to take on more active roles within our Church by using the gifts that God gave us. Daytime sessions (Mon., Tues., Wed.) will be at OLPH in Salem beginning with Mass at **10:00 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 14. (OLPH – 387-0491; OLN – 774-0466).

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 24th from 7:00-9:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Following session will be **1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28, and 3/7** with a make-up day in case of snow of **3/21**. Contact Rita in the parish office to register.

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 6-8**

Applications due January 27

Smith Mountain Lake – **February 27-March 1**

Applications due February 17

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:

Smith Mountain Lake – **March 20-22**

Applications due March 10

REFLECTING ON THE SUNDAY SCRIPTURES takes place **every Tuesday morning from 7:30-8:30 am**.

Come and read, reflect and share your thoughts/questions on the readings for the Sunday to come. No experience necessary. Coffee and breakfast rolls served. Come feed your spirit and help the homilists focus their thoughts.

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 on Wednesday, January 7th at 7:00 pm. Mary Kay Hodnett and Tina Renick, Registered Dieticians will inform everyone on the best way to shop for healthy foods.**

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 priests 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 WSLC 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. 826.

Thank You

THANK YOU to the OLN parish community for all of the food, prayers, cards and Communion that I received during my illness. I am truly blessed to be part of such a wonderful parish. Phil Altizer