

OUR LADY OF NAZARETH CATHOLIC CHURCH, ROANOKE, VA

LITURGY SCHEDULE
&
MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

12:10 pm (✠) Dorothy Stiles

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

6:45 am (✠) John M. Canning

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

NO EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

Morning Prayer 8:30 am

Evening Prayer 5:30 pm

NEW YEARS EVE

5:30 pm (✠) Anthony Pennino

NEW YEARS DAY

10:00 am (✠) Sr. Clara Mae Lill

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

5:30 pm (✠) Ruth Downs

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

7:30 am (✠) Ann Majcher

9:30 am (✠) Thomas Connolly

11:30 am Our Parish Family

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.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES
FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

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

Readings for the Epiphany of the Lord

1st Isaiah 60: 1-6

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

Gospel Matthew 2: 1-12

Question of the Week
1 John 3: 1-2, 21-24

Who/what helps me to "advance in wisdom, age and grace?"

Family Question: This feast reminds us to be "astonished" at the goodness of each other. This week, make a special point of telling each other how good each one is.

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

- Philip Mistretta, IV (Afghanistan)
- 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.

The parish office will be closed Thursday, December 31st and Friday, January 1st for the New Year.

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."

ST. FRANCIS HOUSE is in need of **SPAGHETTI NOODLES AND SAUCE.** Please be generous in helping those less fortunate in our valley

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-7:00 pm

DECEMBER 29-JANUARY 1

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

Blood Pressure Screening after mass

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

Blood Pressure Screening after all masses

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

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will meet on **Monday January 4th 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.

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.

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!

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.

Youth Ministry Calendar

December 27:

No Confirmation

No Edge

January 3:

11:00-1:00 pm—1st Year Confirmation

6:30-8:00 pm—The Edge

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.

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.

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

THE PEOPLE OF NAZARETH SAY THANKS!!

Great big heartfelt thanks to a myriad of parishioners who participated in the Christmas liturgies this year! Your dedication of time and talent made this season very special!

For all who planned and decorated the church; moved chairs around; operated sound and video equipment; rehearsed for hours and praised God with instruments and voices; proclaimed the word of God; served at the Lord's table and ushered people. We Are Grateful.

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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church is seeking a Business Manager to be responsible for the overall management of the church facilities, administrative office, human resources, bookkeeping and financial record keeping for the parish. Candidates should possess a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting or related field or equivalent education and experience. Knowledge of bookkeeping is preferred as is the ability to multi-task and manage confidential information. To apply, please send a diocesan application (available through your parish office or the diocesan website) and a resume to Fr. Kevin Segerblom. Applications and resumes may be emailed to adminasst@olphsaalem.org or mailed to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 314 Turner Rd., Salem, VA 24153. Applications must be received by January 5, 2010.

OLN PARISH COUNCIL

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

The parish pastoral council will be facilitating a town hall meeting of our parishioners Monday, February 8, 2010 from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come meet your council and tell us what is on your mind. We need your input and energy, your questions, concerns, thoughts and ideas, and your suggestions to better serve you in 2010.

Next month we will solicit your questions and comments in advance of the meeting to add to those brought up on the evening of the 8th. We hope this will be the beginning of an on-going dialogue between us and you, and are working on improving ways for us to communicate. So save the date and start thinking about what you might share.

The next pastoral council meeting will be January 11, 2010. Please see the kiosk and/or the parish website in early January for council minutes and upcoming agendas.

We wish you all a blessed and peaceful Christmas season and a happy, healthy and safe 2010.

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

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

KUJENGA RETREAT

What is it? It is a retreat for African-American high school youths, grades 9-12 to provide Christ centered family oriented leadership training through a celebration of culture, customs and traditions

When: February 5-7, 2010

Where: Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center, Blackstone, VA

Contact Info: Pam Harris, Office for Black Catholics, at 804-240-0403 or visit our website, <http://www.richmonddiocese.org/obc/index.htm> and click on calendar of events for more information and to download a registration form.