

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

DEAR HEAVENLY FATHER,

FOR ALL THE CHILDREN RETURNING TO SCHOOL, SEND YOUR HOLY SPIRIT AS THEIR GUIDE AND PROTECTOR.
KEEP THEM FREE FROM DANGER AND UNNECESSARY HARM.
PUT OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS IN THE RIGHT PLACE, AT THE RIGHT TIME, TO RECEIVE YOUR GRACE. LET THEM LEARN AND GROW STRONG. MAY THE PRESENCE OF YOUR SPIRIT FILL THEIR HEARTS.
HELP US TO MATURE AS PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS.
BLESS EVERY FAMILY, OH LORD.
WE ENTRUST OUR CHILDREN TO YOU, DEAR GOD. SINCE FROM THE BEGINNING, THEY ARE YOURS TO KEEP.

IN THE NAME OF THE GREATEST SON OF ALL, JESUS CHRIST.
AMEN



RETREAT– Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church in Bedford is sponsoring a retreat Friday, October 9 from 4 pm—8:30 pm and Saturday, October 10 from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm with guest speaker Immaculee Llibagiza, a well known speaker and author of “Left To Tell” on her experiences of the horrible Rwandan genocide in 1994. Born in Rwanda she studied Electronic and Mechanical Engineering at the National University of Rwanda. Her life transformed when the genocide started. She and seven other women huddled silently together in a cramped bathroom of a local pastor’s house for 91 days! During this horrific ordeal, Immaculee lost most of her family, but she survived to share the story and her miraculous transition into forgiveness and a profound relationship with God.

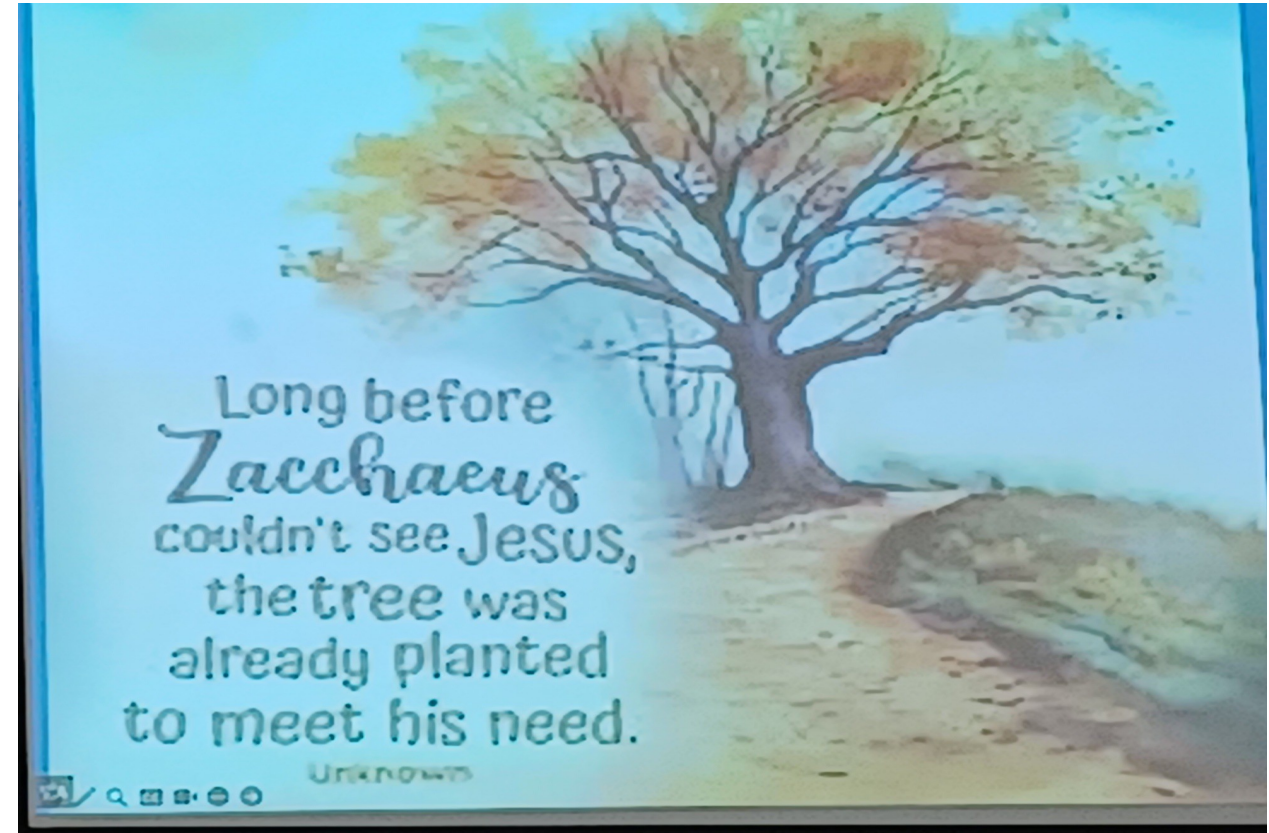
The cost of the retreat is \$45.00. Please contact Holy Name of Mary to sign up for the retreat.

Roanoke Catholic School

Roanoke Catholic School is seeking a part time head track coach for the 2026-2027 season and beyond. Candidates must be able to communicate effectively with students, staff, parents, and the community, and have previous track coaching experience. Please send letters of interest and a resume to Shawn Good, RCS Athletic Director, at sgood@roanokecatholic.com.

**ST. ELIAS MARONITE
CATHOLIC CHURCH
4730 COVE ROAD, NW, ROANOKE, VA 24017**

August 2, 2026



Zacchaeus, the Tax Collector

Pastor: Fr. George Zina

Liturgy Schedule

Emails: Fr@steliashurch.org
secretary@steliashurch.org
Office: 540-562-0012
Web Site: www.steliashurch.org

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 10:30 am
Weekdays: 9:00 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
Every Friday following the 9:00 am
Liturgy until 5:00 pm

Mystery of Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4:00 PM to 4:40 PM and Sundays from 9:45 AM to 10:15 AM or by appointment

LITURGY INTENTIONS

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 1 & 2, 2026

Saturday: 5:00 PM: Josefino & KC Anayas, health (Wynnie Shroades)

Sunday: 10:30 AM: Javier Zuniga Cervantes, RIP (The family)

Monday, Aug 3: 9 AM- Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, Aug 4: 9 AM- Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, Aug 5: 9 AM-

Thursday, Aug 6: 9 AM- The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Friday, Aug 7: 9 AM-

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 8 & 9, 2026

Saturday: 5:00 PM:

Sunday: 10:30 AM: Jonathan Gulick, birthday (Sabrina Gulick)

Offertory— July 26 - \$2,055.00



ALTAR EUCHARIST CELEBRATION August

Prayers Affirming Life— Grace to choose life; Sanctity in discernment;
Reconciliation for unholy actions ending life; Repose of the souls lost against our
Creator's will. By Lourice Thomas, II



Daily Scripture Readings

Week of August 2, 2026

Monday: Acts 23: 12-22 : Lk 12: 13-21

Tuesday: Acts 23:23-35 : Lk 12:22-31

Wednesday: Acts 24: 1-2a,5-6b,9-13,17-21 : Luke 12:32-34

Thursday: 2 Cor 3:7-17 : Mk 9:1-7

Friday: Acts 25:13-14a,22-27 : Luke 12:42-48

Saturday: Acts 26:1-2a,6-10,12-19 : Lk 12:49-53

Sunday: Eph 3:1-13 : Mt 15:21-28

ARE YOU WILLING TO HELP?



IF ANYONE IS WILLING TO DONATE ROSES TO DECORATE THE STATUE
OF THE BLESSED MOTHER MARY, AS WE ARE PLANNING ON
HAVING A PROCESSION ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 14 AT THE 6:00 PM
SOLEMN MASS TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE
ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY ([HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION](#)).
ANYONE WISHING TO HELP, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AT
540-562-0012.

THANKING YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

HELP FOR WHEELCHAIR REPAIRS...

There is a parishioner that needs help in covering the cost of an electric
wheelchair repair that insurance will not cover. This is essential to the person's daily life and
independence. The cost is \$534.00.

If anyone can contribute to this, please let Deebie in the office know.

61st Annual Assumption Pilgrimage

The Basilica & National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon in North Jackson, Ohio is pre-
paring for the 61st Annual Assumption Pilgrimage
August 13-15.

Please see the brochure on the bulletin board in the church.

Maronite Servants of Christ The Light...

Second Annual Benefit Dinner for the sisters on Friday, October 2nd from
6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

There will be an evening of fellowship, fine dining, and entertainment in
support of the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light.

Your generosity helps the sisters continue their mission and service as
spiritual mothers in our church.

300 N. Eastern Ave

Fall River, MA

For more information please go to:

www.maroniteservants.org