Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

December 13, 2015

3rd Sunday of Advent

Pastor: Fr. Angelo Anthony, C.PP.S.
Parochial Vicar: Fr. Ken Pleiman, C.PP.S.
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Emmanuel Church 1837

St. Joseph Church 1847

Holy Trinity Church 1861

Mass Intentions

Monday	, Decem	ber 14
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7:30 AM Holy Trinity......Rose Gayman 12:00 PM St. Joseph......Tom Berken

Tuesday, December 15

7:30 AM Holy Trinity......Edith Heiser 12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Mike Minogue

Wednesday, December 16

7:30 AM Emmanuel.......Chet Severyn (J.D.) 12:00 PM St. Joseph......Kathleen Caulfield

Thursday, December 17

7:30 AM Emmanuel......Carolyn Sauer (A/BP)
12:00 PM St. Joseph......Deceased members
William J. McCarthy family

Friday, December 18

7:30 AM Emmanuel......John R. Braun 12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Poor Souls

Saturday, December 19

7:30 AM Emmanuel.......Chet Severyn (J.D.)
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Fr. Ken Pleiman C.PP.S.
4:30 PM St. Joseph.....Scott Freiberger
5:15 PM Emmanuel....For the Parishioners

Sunday, December 20

8:30 AM Holy Trinity......Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bremer

10:00 AM St. Joseph......Dorothy Grant 10:30 AM Emmanuel......Charles Lewis 11:30 AM Holy Trinity......For the Parishioners

Next Week's Readings:

Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Confession Schedule

Emmanuel: Saturday 4:00-5:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM

Holy Trinity: Sunday: 8:00 AM

St. Joseph: Monday-Saturday 11:30 AM; Saturday: 4:00 PM

Emmanuel Church

149 Franklin St. - 45402 Office: 927-228-2013

Web Site: www.emmanuelcatholic.com
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Deacon Rusty Baldwin

Br. Matt Schaefer, C.PP.S. DRE & Bookkeeper
Mary Beemsterboer, Secretary
Dennis Pyles, Maintenance
Gary Geisel, Music Director

Holy Trinity Church

272 Bainbridge St. - 45402 Office: 927-228-1223

Web Site: www.holytrinitydayton.org
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Saint Joseph Church

411 East Second St. - 45402 Office: 937-228-9272

Web Site: www.stjosephday@sbcglobal.net E-mail: stjosephday@sbcglobal.net Rita Zimmerman, Business Manager Bill Baron, Maintenance Bradley Wilson, Music Director

Miraculous Medal Novena with Adoration and Benediction at Emmanuel on Tuesdays 7:00 PM

Anointing of the Sick the first weekend of the month.

To Register for any parish please contact the parish office

For Baptisms, Weddings or Ministry to the Homebound please contact your parish office.

PASTOR'S PEN...

This Sunday we light the pink candle of our advent wreath, a color of joy for the beautiful feast of Christmas is near at hand. The Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called *Gaudete* Sunday which is the Latin word for *rejoice*. The Entrance Antiphon for Mass is taken from the Letter to the Philippians: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near." (Philippians 4:4-5) Our joy is found in the truth that God is with us. Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus we find joy in what God has done and is doing for us.

John the Baptist came proclaiming the clear message that the day of the Lord was near and so the people wanted to be ready. They asked, "What should we do?" John tells them and us to be generous in sharing what we have with the poor. Do not cheat anyone for honesty is always the best policy. Finally, he instructs us to be content with what we have in life and not to go around chasing after material things we think will make us happy.

In the consumer-oriented world in which we live our lives can quickly get out of focus and the preparations we make for Christmas can easily become a burden rather than a cause for joy. It need not be that way for us. What should we do? In the end, what is important is that we place Christ at the center of our hearts and our lives. This is how St. Paul was able to "rejoice in the Lord" even though he wrote these words while he was in prison. He had every reason to despair, but he didn't, he counted his blessings and gave thanks to God.

On this third Sunday of Advent our hearts are growing in anticipation and joy for the coming feast of Christmas and the second coming of Christ in glory. Joy is not something we create, but the fruit of living with the assurance that God is always with us. When we encounter God's love for us we are led to return that love to God and to share it with others which stirs the gift of joy in our hearts. This advent season keep your priorities rooted in God and then you will have great cause for rejoicing!

Year of Mercy

During the Jubilee Year of Mercy we will offer quotes from the Papal bull *Miseridoriae Vultus* which means *The Face of Mercy*. In this document Pope Francis has given us a beautiful meditation on the meaning, nature and calling of mercy.

1. "Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith. Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him. The Father, "rich in mercy" (Eph 2:4), after having revealed his name to Moses as "a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness" (Ex 34:6) has never ceased to show, in various ways throughout history, his divine nature."

PASTORAL REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regional Communal Reconciliation Service

Sunday, December 13th at 1:00PM at Holy Trinity Church. There will be four priests hearing confessions.

Regional Bulletin Advertising...We would like to extend an opportunity for those parishioners who have a business to run an ad on the back of the new bulletin. The ads would have a circulation of around 700 bulletins and are published weekly. The cost for a 2 ½ inch by 1 ½ inch ad is a donation of \$1,000 per year. The cost of a 2 ½ by ¾ inch ad is a donation of \$500 per year. To reserve ad space please contact your parish office. The donations will help support your local parish.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Aging religious need your help. In the United States today, there are more than 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. These religious worked tirelessly in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies, usually for little to no pay. As a result, many religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.

SAVE THE DATE

St. Vincent de Paul Conference Fish Dinner/Monte Carlo Event January 29, 2016 – 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul Conference

Items Needed: Toiletries – deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo & conditioner, bar soap, dish detergent, laundry detergent, toilet paper, paper towels, canned fruit, 1 lb or 2 lb boxes of sugar, and 2 lb all-purpose flour.

My Dear Friends in Christ,

With a deep sense of gratitude, I am pleased to share news that we have reached our minimum goal of \$130 million in pledges for the One Faith, One Hope, One Love campaign. Be assured of my profound thanks for your prayers and sacrifices on behalf of this historic effort to help build the Church for generations to come. To those still prayerfully considering a pledge, I emphasize that the goal we've attained is only a minimum, and that our critical ministries will continue to benefit from all further help you can provide. To those who have pledged already, I thank you in advance for honoring your generous and much-appreciated promises. To all of the faithful in our archdiocese, I offer my prayers and best wishes for a fruitful Advent and joyous Christmas. Again, thank you, and God bless you always.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr Archbishop of Cincinnati

EMMANUEL CHURCH

Generous Contributions for Dec 6, 2015

Weekend Offertory: Budget Collection \$7385.00 \$7907.33

YTD excess or (deficit) (\$17,246.81) Tithe to Emmanuel St. Vincent De Paul: \$878.59

Welcome to Our RCIA Participants

At the Sunday, December 6th Mass, Emmanuel parish celebrated the Rite of Acceptance with our RCIA participants who are seeking to enter the Church this Easter. Welcome to Donald Erisman, Matthew Schreffler, Heidemarie Traylor, and Emily Taylor. Please pray for them as they continue their journey toward full membership in the Catholic Church.

Coffee and Donuts after the 10:30am Mass Sunday in the cafeteria of Chaminade-Julienne High School. During this time we will have a listening session to hear about the dreams that you have in mind if the parish could create a ground level gathering space for parish activities. The vacant Marianist Mission building to the east of the church could provide the framework for a partnership with C.J. High School in developing a space that both groups could use. Mr. Bill Baker from MSA Architects will facilitate our meeting and take our ideas into consideration as they develop a feasibility study to help us discern if such a project is possible. All are welcome!

Prayer List

If you are seriously ill or undergoing surgery and would like your name added to the prayer list for 4 weeks, please call the Parish Office, 228-2013.

Mary Ann Troutman

Christmas Giving Tree Project

Thank you for your generous response to our giving tree project. Please return the unwrapped gifts tagged with the Christmas ornament to the house at 155 Franklin Street before or after Mass this weekend.

High School & Adult Catholic Education

Saturdays, 9:30-11:00am in the Church Basement. On DVD "The Mystery of God" (Who God is and why he matters) by Bishop Robert Barron. Classes are on the following dates - Jan 9th & 16th.

Bible Study: Last Call to sign up for the January Bible Study and get the discounted rate of \$23.00 and have necessary materials to begin this TIMELY class. Must have sign ups by December 21st so call Charlie or Susie Gross @ 890-6262 or Kathleen Barhorst @ 667-8566 with questions and registrations. Sign up flyers are in the back of Church.

Military Honor Roll: We know of two military connected with Emmanuel parishioners who are deployed, one Army and one Navy. Please keep them in your prayers. Due to operational concerns, we are keeping their names unpublished. If you know of a loved one currently deployed please contact the parish office or email MilitaryHonorRoll@gmail.com.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Generous Contributions for Dec 6, 2015

Weekend Offertory: Budget Collection \$6100.00 \$11,265.00

YTD excess or (deficit) (\$13,683.83)

Outreach collection: \$677.00

"What ought we to do?"
Let joy and gladness show forth in you.
You are called to be the presence of Jesus.

Our Advent Almsgiving project this year is the collection of WARM WINTER GLOVES. Gloves will be distributed at our Project Blessing luncheon on December 23. The most desperate need is for men's gloves. Containers are behind the last pew to accept your donations.

Call Paula Klosterman at 278-5421 if you would like to help at the luncheon that is being hosted by Holy Trinity. All you wonderful cookie bakers out there, we need your help to provide cookies for dessert that day. We all know that we have the best bakers in town! Thank you. They may be dropped off at the parish office on Monday and Tuesday during normal business hours and Wednesday the 23rd prior to 10:00 a.m.

Our Giving Tree is in Place in the Sanctuary. Attached to each ornament is the name of an elderly or homebound parishioner. All you need to do, if you wish to brighten someone's holiday, is remove an ornament and send them a card or note and pray for the individual. If there is a telephone number attached to the name you may call them or schedule a visit to go see them. Thanks you for letting them know we at Holy Trinity are thinking of them.

Sanctuary Flowers for the Christmas Season

In preparation for decorating for the holidays, offerings for the flowers for the sanctuary will be graciously accepted. Perhaps in memory of a deceased loved one, in thanksgiving for prayers answered or just to give glory to God by making our worship space more beautiful. Please place your offering in an envelope noting "Christmas Flowers", along with the name(s) of those you wish remembered and drop the envelope in the collection basket. We will be collecting names until December 21st.

Church Cleaning in preparation for the Christmas season will take place on Monday, December 14th. There will be two sessions – 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Are you willing to help? No need to bring any supplies. All will be provided except the "elbow grease" – that's up to you.

A Very Big Thank You To All who helped make Breakfast with Santa a big success again this year. We are especially grateful to all the adults who helped, the young people who assisted in the set -up, serving and clean up, and the trio of musicians from Fairmont High School. A very special thank you and Ho Ho to our super Santa! Likewise we are grateful to all who made the Live Nativity a pleasant experience for those who came.

Wine Tasting and Teaching reservations and payment are being accepted at the parish office. The dates: January 31; 4:00 p.m. at the Wine Gallery and Café. There are 80 places at the table. All are welcome! Call Judi at 228-1223.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Generous Contributions for Dec 6, 2015

Weekly Offertory: \$7029.00 Charity \$146.00

Coffee and Donuts following the 10:00 Mass Today - Sunday in the school cafeteria!

Gum on Pews

We seem to have a problem with people sticking gum on pews. Please don't stick your gum to the pews. This is disrespectful to our house of worship and creates more work for our custodian.

Consider Joining The Christmas Choir

A Christmas Choir is being formed to sing for the 4:30PM Christmas Eve Mass, with the option to sing for the 10:00AM Christmas Day Mass if interested. We are looking for all voice parts (soprano, alto, tenor, and bass). The choir is rehearsing on Thursdays at 7PM in the choir loft. Please consider serving your parish in this special way by helping provide extra beauty to the Christmas liturgies. If you are interested in joining, or would like to nominate someone, please see Brad in the choir loft after Mass. You may call 937-207-8976 or email wilson.bradley@live.com

Advent Eucharist Adoration will be held at St. Joseph Church on Saturday Dec. 19 following the noon Mass until 4:00 PM. This is a great opportunity to spend some time with the Lord this Advent.

It's Time To Decorate The Church For Christmas. This year we will decorate the church on December 22nd following the noon Mass. Come and join the fun. All are welcome.

Giving Tree

We are participating with Elizabeth New Life Center and Dayton Right to Life with our Giving Tree Project. Both centers assist women who find themselves in an unexpected pregnancy. Take an ornament from the Giving Tree in the back of church, return the purchased item and place it on or under the Giving Tree table. The items should not be gift-wrapped; they are used to help those in need during the year. Please return items by Dec. 20. Thank You!

Please keep the following people in your prayers.

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Betty Criner Mary Fiste

Darrel Francis

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

Michael Cook Greg Marcus Alex McGarvey
Gary Eilers Tim Melvin David Musgrove
Cody Landers Matthew Melvin Jessica Pruitt

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS



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AREA ACTIVITIES

Christmas and Beyond, the University of Dayton's all-new display of international Nativities continues through Sunday, January 24. Visit Roesch Library to enjoy five themed exhibits of Nativity settings representing the world's diverse cultures. The first floor features Nativities by Native Americans of New Mexico. Additional exhibits are on the 2nd and 7th floors. Guided tours are available for groups of 6 or more. Learn more at go.udayton.edu/manger

The Brunner Literacy Center for adult learners is seeking a full time or part time Program Manager. Qualified candidates should be experienced educators who are comfortable working with diverse people, and can embrace our mission of service to the poor and underserved. Contact Celine O'Neill at 937-815-1560 with questions and/or refer to the website (www.brunnerliteracy.org/careers) for more information. A resume with cover letter can be sent to Celine O'Neill, Brunner Literacy Center, 4825 Salem Avenue, Dayton, OH 45416 or coneill@brunnerliteracy.org



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