

Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

December 20, 2015

4th Sunday of Advent

Pastor: Fr. Angelo Anthony, C.P.P.S.

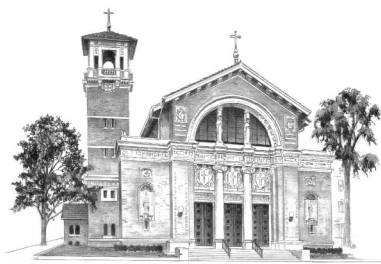
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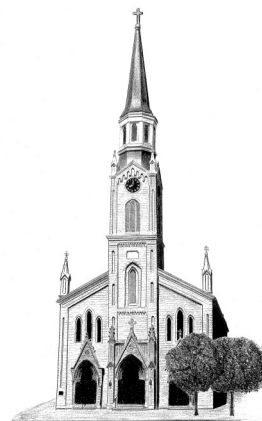
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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 21

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Harry Heiser
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Mongon Family

Tuesday, December 22

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....James Murphy
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Steve Kolakowski

Wednesday, December 23

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Nat Smargiassi
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Theresa Falter

Thursday, December 24 Christmas Eve

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Cecilia Muckenthaler
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Susan Carpec O'Kane
4:30 PM St. Joseph.....In Thanksgiving for all our blessings
5:00 PM Holy Trinity/Children's pageant...For the Parishioners
5:15 PM Emmanuel.....For the Parishioners
10:00 PM Emmanuel.....Liv/Dec members Penno/Hathaway Families
12:00 Midnight Holy Trinity/Carols 11:30..Albin & Alma Pleiman

Friday, December 25 Christmas

9:00 AM Holy Trinity.....Lucente Family
10:00 AM St. Joseph.....For the Parishioners
10:30 AM Emmanuel.....James & Evelyn McCarthy

Saturday, December 26

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Intention of Jackson Crinion
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Michael Beres
4:30 PM St. Joseph.....Liv/Dec members Moretto Family
5:15 PM Emmanuel.....For the Parishioners

Sunday, December 27

8:30 AM Holy Trinity.....For the Parishioners
10:00 AM St. Joseph.....Louis & Carolyn Ann Shumard
10:30 AM Emmanuel.....John & Mary Carrigg
11:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Jerry Moorman

Next Week's Readings:

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:41-52

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

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Deacon Rusty Baldwin

Br. Matt Schaefer, C.P.P.S. DRE & Bookkeeper

Mary Beemsterboer, Secretary

Dennis Pyles, Maintenance

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Judith L Trick, Business Manager

Jan Reed, Pastoral Associate

Thomas Aldridge, Music Director

Saint Joseph Church

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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...

Our readings today highlight the importance of hospitality. As we prepare to celebrate the Solemnity of Christmas we anticipate that there will be some new faces in the congregation. Please reach out to any stranger, welcome them to our parish church and encourage them to find a home with us.

Fr. Heni Nouwen finds great meaning in Mary's visit to Elizabeth because these two women gathered in hope and enable each other to wait. "Mary's visit made Elizabeth aware of what she was waiting for. The child leapt for joy in her. Mary affirmed Elizabeth's waiting. These two women created space for each other to wait. They affirmed for each other that something was happening that was worth waiting for."

Nouwen continues, "I think that is the model of the Christian community. It is a community of support, celebration, and affirmation in which we can lift up what has already begun in us. The visit of Elizabeth and Mary is one of the Bible's most beautiful expressions of what it means to form community, to be together, gathered around a promise, affirming that something is really happening." (Publication: Watch for the Night)

As one poet says, "Love came down at Christmas." By this saving act we know ourselves to be loved and we in turn are impelled to share that love with others. Perry Como said it well in his song *The Christmas Feeling*. "Christmas helps you to remember, to do what other folks hold dear—what a blessed place the world would be, if we had the Christmas feelin' all year!"

In this Christmas season as we celebrate the gift of life given to us in Jesus, the Word made Flesh, may we reverence the gift of life in all people and build a community of faith rooted in the love of God always holding in our hearts the gift of Christmas which is love. Fr. Angelo, Fr. Ken and all the staff members of our parishes extend to you our prayers for a blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year!

Year of Mercy

We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it.

Mercy: the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity.

Mercy: the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us.

Mercy: the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life.

Mercy: the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness.



Merry Christmas

PASTORAL REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Religious Give Thanks

"We cannot begin to repay all who contribute," writes a Catholic sister. "So we pray to God, who is never outdone in generosity, to reward you." Heartfelt thanks for your donation to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. May God bless you for your goodness!

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Fish Dinner/Monte Carlo Event

Our conference is busy working on the upcoming Fundraiser to be held on January 29th, 2016. All proceeds will benefit our conference. Volunteers are needed to work the night of the event. There are two shifts. If you can work, please contact Holly Stiers at 901-4194. Baked goods are also needed. Contact Judy Dalton at 274-5066. We are looking for donations for our Silent Auction. Contact Holly at 901-4194 or Gail Miller at 361-9576. And remember, "Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something."

Celebrate the New Year and the World Day of Peace

Mass with us! Bishop Binzer will be celebrating Mass at St. Albert the Great Church (3033 Far Hills Ave. Kettering, OH 45429) at 11 am. All are welcome! For more information call (937) 293-1191 or visit www.stalbertthegreat.net.

Sweetheart Dinner Dance

Celebrate your marriage at our second annual Sweetheart Dinner Dance hosted by the Saint Joseph, Emmanuel and Holy Trinity parishes Marriage Ministry. The evening includes dinner, prizes, and dance (including a short lesson). February 6, 6-11 pm, Bainbridge Hall, 267 Bainbridge St, 45402. Tickets are \$40 per couple. Call Rachel at 937-554-6208 or reserve your seat after each parish mass Jan 16th & 17th. Space is limited.

Discovering Our Deepest Desire

Marriage Date Night and Learning at Emmanuel Church. Come and join us for an ongoing series of Date Nights coupled with Marriage Enrichment Skills. These fun and informative sessions are for all couples from Emmanuel, St. Joseph, and Holy Trinity parishes. This night of interaction, prayer, Catechism and bible reflection is designed to support couples in renewing their understanding of what it means to have a Sacramental Marriage and to rediscover the one they fell in love with years ago. We will be learning from a new and exciting Catholic marriage enrichment curriculum called "Discovering Our Deepest Desire". Classes will begin January 25th from 6:30pm-8:30pm and will run for 12 consecutive Mondays (excluding Easter Monday) and will be in the school building at Emmanuel Church. To sign up, please email Lea-Ann Virnig directly at leaann.virnig@gmail.com. Space is limited to the first 20 couples so make your reservations soon. Babysitting is available for this class, please indicate this in your call. For more information about the DODD program visit to www.ourdeepestdesire.com.

EMMANUEL CHURCH

Generous Contributions for Dec 13, 2015

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$7385.00	\$4771.80
YTD excess or (deficit)	(\$19,860.01)	
Tithe to Emmanuel St. Vincent De Paul	\$530.20	
Religious Retirement	\$1563.00	

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

Bottles for Babies Thank You: Elizabeth's New Life Center has received your Bottles for Babies donation, and wanted you to know how thankful they are for your generosity. "Not only were the bottles full, but our cup is overflowing! Every gift, no matter the size, makes a huge difference in the lives of women and children. Emmanuel Church has collected **\$3,474.46**. Thank you for taking part in this life saving project, we feel very blessed."

Thank you

SVDP Conference wishes to express our gratitude for the continued generosity of our parishioners during the holiday season. We were able to provide 95 families with Thanksgiving dinner. It took 3 cars to deliver the abundance of gifts donated for our Giving Tree Project. These gifts will help the 61 families and 75 children at the shelter this Christmas. Thank you for making this possible.

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 13, 2015

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$6100.00	\$9829.00
YTD excess or (deficit)	(\$9954.83)	

Religious Retirement \$1312.00

Bottles for Babies \$1802.94

Many thanks for the generous spirit of our parishioners.

-Fr. Angelo and Fr. Ken

*Mary trusted that the
Lord's words to her
would be fulfilled.*

*Step out in faith and God will be there
to guide you.*

All warm gloves collected will be distributed at the Project Blessing luncheon this coming Wednesday. Our thanks for the overwhelming response to this request. Be assured of the thanks of those we serve.

Call Paula Klosterman at 278-5421 if you would like to help at the luncheon. Homemade cookies for desert for the lunch are being accepted Monday and Tuesday during normal business hours and Wednesday the 23rd prior to 10:00 a.m. We know for sure who the best cookie bakers in town are – YOU!

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.

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.

We Welcome our newly registered parishioners, Susan Barnhill, Brandon Casler and Amanda Rolsten. Likewise, welcome to our newly baptized, Rhys Porter DiMario, Norah Rose DiMario and Theodore Douglas Adams.

Please take with you the packet of envelopes from the table at the back of church that have been prepared for you. If you do not find a packet for yourself and you would like one, please sign the tablet on the table.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24th

4:30 PM Mass at St. Joseph Church

5:00 PM Mass at Holy Trinity Church

5:15 PM Mass at Emmanuel Church

10:00 PM Mass at Emmanuel Church

12:00 Midnight Mass at Holy Trinity Church, Carols start at 11:30

Christmas Day, December 25th

9:00 AM Mass at Holy Trinity Church

10:00 AM Mass at St. Joseph Church

10:30 AM Mass at Emmanuel Church

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Generous Contributions for Dec 13, 2015

Weekly Offertory:	\$11,448.00
Charity	\$ 165.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 3822.00

Thank you for your donations to the Bottles for Babies! "We would like you to know how thankful we are for your generosity. Not only were the bottles full, but our cup is overflowing! Every gift, no matter the size makes a huge difference in the lives of women and children. Thanks so much for taking part in this life saving project, we feel very blessed." Our parish donated **\$2433.57!**

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.

Thank you for your support of the Giving Tree project. Your generosity, each year to this project, continues to amaze us. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to helping the children.

Offertory envelopes are available on tables in the back of church. Please stop and pick up your envelopes. If you can't find your envelopes please call Rita at the rectory 228-9272. We'll mail all remaining envelopes after Christmas. Thank you!

Welcome to our new parishioners! We're delighted you've decided to join our parish.

Thomas & Michelle Carner and Family Linda Miller
Kathleen Ballman-Parks Mary K. Thomas

Please keep the following people in your prayers.

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, 228-9272.

Betty Criner Jeanne Folfas Jerri Mechenbier
Mary Fiste Darrel Francis Phyllis Monnin

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

Blessing for Nativity Scene

God of every nation and people,
from the very beginning of creation
you have made manifest your love:
when our need for a Savior was great
you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.
To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love.

Lord, bless all who look upon this manger;
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,
and raise up our thoughts to him,
who is God-with-us and Savior of all,
and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.
(USCCB Book of Blessings)

Christmas Gift Suggestions


*To your enemy, forgiveness.
To an opponent, tolerance.
To a friend, your heart.
To a customer, service.
To all, charity.
To every child, a good example.
To yourself, respect."*
(By: Oren Arnold)

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

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