

Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

December 27, 2015

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Ken Pleiman, C.P.P.S.

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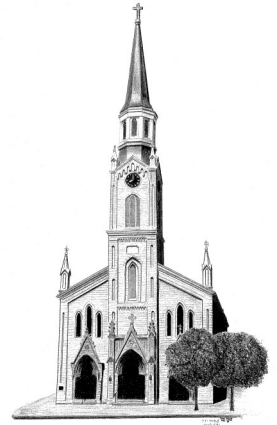
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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 28

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Helen Minogue

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Virginia Bauer

Tuesday, December 29

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Frank & Josephine Cooper

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Timothy J. Abel

Wednesday, December 30

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Joseph Boeke

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Peg Anderson

Thursday, December 31 Eve of Solemnity of Mary

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Oster & Niehaus Families

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Poor Souls

5:15 PM Emmanuel.....John Baumann

6:00 PM Holy Trinity.....For peace in our world

Friday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

10:00 AM St. Joseph.....Marge Pleiman

10:30 AM Emmanuel.....Chet Severyn (J.D.)

Saturday, January 2

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Unborn Children & Their Parents

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Alejandrina Palomares

4:30 PM St. Joseph.....Russell Lee

5:15 PM Emmanuel.....For our Parishioners

Sunday, January 3

8:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Andy Baker

10:00 AM St. Joseph.....For our Parishioners

10:30 AM Emmanuel.....Living & deceased members Enochs Family

11:30 AM Holy Trinity.....For our Parishioners

Next Week's Readings:

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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

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Rita Zimmerman, Business Manager

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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...

Today we move quickly from the story of Christmas to Jesus at 12 years of age. We do not know much about the early years of Jesus' life so today's gospel gives us an unusual glimpse into his family life. Luke tells us that the Holy Family would go to the Temple every year to celebrate the feast of Passover. That trip from Galilee to Jerusalem was not like taking a drive to Columbus or Cincinnati on a Sunday afternoon. Most people had to travel on foot the 70 mile trip to Jerusalem because they didn't have any other means of transportation.

We tend to cherish a pious notion of the family at Nazareth as a family without any problems. What panic Joseph and Mary must have felt not being able to find Jesus for three days. The interchange that happened between the members of the Holy Family in the Temple offer us several qualities that ought to be a part of every family: acceptance, obedience, loyalty and love.

A holy family is accepting of the frailty of its members and of behaviors that may not be what the family conceived of as "ideal" or even "normal." Think of Joseph taking the pregnant Mary into his home despite the vicious gossip that must have swirled about her "situation." In today's reading we can see how Joseph and Mary seem to accept that their son was motivated by something greater than they could explain and so they learned to ponder and treasure these experiences in their hearts.

A holy family is obedient & loyal. The word obedience comes from the Latin word meaning to "Listen." Mary and Joseph listened deeply for the voice of God in their lives. Luke tells us that after the confusion about being in the Temple, Jesus was obedient to his parents just as he was obedient to God the Father. One need only think of Mary at the foot of the cross to see how powerful her love was for her son.

A holy family is loving. The love and faithfulness the Holy Family experienced from God enabled them to love and trust one another as they moved forward into an uncertain future. This love reflected their relationship with God the Father. Jesus, in his dying moments, expresses his concern and love for his mother by entrusting her to a faithful disciple's care. The Holy Family was holy because God's will was first in their lives.

Our family will have a better chance of being a happy and successful family if we follow these characteristics found in the Holy Family. May this Christmas season be a time of conforming ourselves and our family life to embody the qualities of acceptance, obedience, loyalty, and love. Have a safe and Happy New Year!

Message of Pope Francis January 1, 2016

Mercy is the heart of God. It must also be the heart of the members of the one great family of his children: a heart which beats all the more strongly wherever human dignity – as a reflection of the face of God in his creatures – is in play. Jesus tells us that love for others – foreigners, the sick, prisoners, the homeless, even our enemies – is the yardstick by which God will judge our actions. Our eternal destiny depends on this. It is not surprising that the Apostle Paul tells the Christians of Rome to rejoice with those who rejoice and to weep with those who weep (cf. Rom 12:15), or that he encourages the Corinthians to

take up collections as a sign of solidarity with the suffering members of the Church (cf. 1 Cor 16:2-3). And Saint John writes: "If anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother or sister in need, yet refuses help, how does God's love abide in him? (1 Jn 3:17; cf. Jas 2:15-16).

This then is why "it is absolutely essential for the Church and for the credibility of her message that she herself live and testify to mercy. Her language and her gestures must transmit mercy, so as to touch the hearts of all people and inspire them once more to find the road that leads to the Father. The Church's first truth is the love of Christ. The Church makes herself a servant of this love and mediates it to all people: a love that forgives and expresses itself in the gift of oneself. Consequently, wherever the Church is present, the mercy of the Father must be evident. In our parishes, communities, associations and movements, in a word, wherever there are Christians, everyone should find an oasis of mercy." [20] (*Selected quotes*)

PASTORAL REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 mean 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"(DODD). 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, email Lea-Ann Virnig at leaann.virnig@gmail.com. Space is limited to 20 couples so make your reservations soon. Babysitting is available for this class, please indicate this in your call. Learn more at www.ourdeepestdesire.com.

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."

EMMANUEL CHURCH

Generous Contributions for Dec 20, 2015

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$7385.00	\$5723.43
YTD excess or (deficit)	(\$21,516.58)	
Tithe to Emmanuel St. Vincent De Paul	\$636.49	

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.

Isolde Marshall

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.

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.

Helpful vs. Harmful Advanced Medical Directives

"There are certain situations that can't be anticipated when illness comes. It's best not to refuse future care that may turn out to be very welcome." Want to read more? See the free pamphlet from the U.S.C.C.B., "Advance Medical Directives: Planning for Your Future", in the back of Emmanuel church.

Prayer for Families

God and Father of us all,
in Jesus, your Son and our Savior,
you have made us

your sons and daughters
in the family of the Church.

May your grace and love
help our families

in every part of the world
be united to one another
in fidelity to the Gospel.

May the example of the Holy Family,

with the aid of your Holy Spirit,

guide all families, especially those most troubled,
to be homes of communion and prayer
and to always seek your truth and live in your love.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Generous Contributions for Dec 20, 2015

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$6100.00	\$4340.00
YTD excess or (deficit)	(11,714.83)	

Many thanks for the generous spirit of our parishioners.
Fr. Angelo and Ken

*Jesus grew in wisdom, age, and grace
in the midst of his family.
How is your family growing
in the midst of these challenging times?
Seek out God's grace.*

Many Thanks Are Due!

We are very thankful for all the parishioners who donated money to purchase the flowers in the sanctuary in memory of their deceased loved ones.

Thanks to all the families who participated in the Holiday Help A family. We actually ran out of the original 40 names given us and were able to get ten more to satisfy those willing to help.

We are very appreciative of everyone who came to clean the church getting it ready for the Christmas season. You did a fantastic job!

And to all who helped decorated last Sunday and this past Wednesday, what a blessing you are!

To our faithful folks who hosted and served the lunch at St. Paul Lutheran – thank you for your continued good works.

To Deacon George, Deacon Mike, our choir, ushers, lectors, servers and wine ministers for helping make our liturgies run smoothly – thanks so much.

Lastly, we have so much to be thankful for here at Holy Trinity. We are blessed beyond measure, largely due to our leadership, Fr. Angelo and Fr. Ken. May God continue to bless you with good health.

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, Adam and Amanda Becker.

Please take with you the packet of envelopes from the table at the back of church that have been prepared for you.

From Laurie Cornett Cross of MVCCS: We want to extend a sincere thank you to the generous parishioners and staff from Holy Trinity! Your support of our Holiday Giving Programs enabled us to provide Christmas joy to more than 600 of the area's most vulnerable families. God's Blessings to all of you! From the staff at Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Eve, December 31st

5:15 PM at Emmanuel

6:00 PM at Holy Trinity

New Year's Day, January 1st

10:00 AM at St. Joseph

10:30 AM at Emmanuel

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Generous Contributions for Dec 20, 2015

Weekly Offertory: \$8260.50
Charity \$ 702.00

Many thanks to everyone who helped decorate the church for Christmas. It looks wonderful! Many thanks also to our organist Brad and our choir who's beautiful voices gave praise to God on this celebration of his birth.

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!

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
		John Walling

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

AREA ACTIVITIES

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 11:00AM. All are welcome.

St. Mary Christmas Open House, corner of Xenia Ave and Allen St. in Dayton, will again hold its annual Open House during the Christmas Season. We will be open Sat. Dec. 26 from 5:30-7:30pm, Sun. Dec. 27 from 3-6pm and Mon. Dec 28 from 6-8pm. Please bring your friends and family to come and tour the church, see our historical Crèche. Feel free to walk about the church and take as many pictures as you would like.

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

Catholic Divorce Ministry...If you are a Catholic who is newly divorced or separated, you may be going through a very difficult time right now. You should not have to feel isolated or cut off from the Catholic Church. Your Church is here to offer the support and ministry that you need and deserve. There are two excellent Catholic-Sponsored divorce-recovery support groups in the local area to help men and women heal from this life trauma.

Catholic-Sponsored Divorcecare...13 weeks, held on Thursday evenings, 7-9PM from Jan. 14 to April 14 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 6245 Wilmington Pike, Centerville. Cost: is \$25 per person. Scholarships are available. For more information, or to register, call Marcelle Toma at (937) 312-1157 or mtoma@woh.rr.com

Catholic Divorce Survival Guide- 2 locations!


Vandalia...12 weeks, held on Monday evenings, 7-8:30PM from Jan. 11 to March 28 in the "Candle Room" of St. Christopher's Church in Vandalia. Cost: is \$25 per person. Register Online at: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=670e37>. Questions: Call Noreen Wendeln at Family & Respect Life Office (937) 222-0227

Piqua...12 weeks, held on Thursday evenings, 7-8:30PM from Jan. 14 to March 31 in the "Holy Family Room" on the second floor of the Downing St Campus, 218 S. Downing Street, Piqua. Cost: is \$25 per person. Register Online at: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=670e37> Questions: Call Noreen Wendeln at Family & Respect Life Office (937) 222-0227

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