

# Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

December 6, 2015

## 2nd Sunday of Advent

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

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

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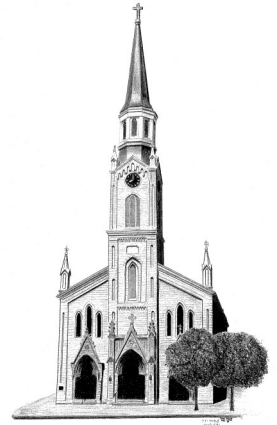
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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, December 7

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Dolly Dunigan  
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....John Zimmerman  
5:15 PM Emmanuel.....Emmanuel Parishioners

#### Tuesday, December 8

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Tom & Ruth Beiting  
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Tom & Rose Erhart  
6:00 PM Holy Trinity.....Orvuke "Babe" Perkins

#### Wednesday, December 9

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Intention of Megan Burdine  
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Leslie & Winifred Drayton

#### Thursday, December 10

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

#### Friday, December 11

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Intention of Holly Thill  
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....George Mongon

#### Saturday, December 12

7:30 AM Emmanuel...Richard Burton  
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....St. Joseph Parishioners  
4:30 PM St. Joseph.....Ed Griffin  
5:15 PM Emmanuel....For the Parishioners

#### Sunday, December 13

8:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Holy Trinity Parishioners  
10:00 AM St. Joseph.....Maria-Eugenia Zalles  
10:30 AM Emmanuel.....Intention of Dennis & Mary Moore  
11:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Ruth Lauber

#### Next Week's Readings:

Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

### 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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**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...

A common landmark along any highway is the sight of orange barrels. If the Prophet Isaiah were alive today he might say, "We long for that day when every pothole will be filled in, the rough roads made smooth and the winding detoured roads made straight!" Isaiah wants us to be aware of the obstacles that are affecting our journey of life today. Hear anew the call of John the Baptist: "Prepare the way of the Lord."

In the depth of our hearts we long for that New Jerusalem envisioned by the Prophet Baruch, that place of justice, truth and peace. With so much news of violence, brokenness and uncertainty in our world we may feel overwhelmed and struggle to keep hope alive. It is precisely at times like this that we are asked to dig deep into our hearts and hear the reassuring words of Jesus. "I am with you always; do not be afraid." Just as John the Baptist proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins we too are called to be a voice crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord."

One way to prepare for the coming of the Lord is to enter into the special Jubilee Year of Mercy that Pope Francis has called for beginning December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. He chose this feast because it reminds us that God did not wish to leave humanity lost in sin, but prepared the way for His mercy to be revealed to us through the birth of our Savior. Pope Francis says, "Mercy will always be greater than any sin, and no one can place limits on the love of God who is ever ready to forgive."

"The world is crying out for mercy to be shared. We must not fall into indifference or cynicism. We must open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity as children of God." This Holy Year is an opportunity for each of us to change our hearts and our lives to become missionaries of mercy in the world revealing the truth that God's mercy and forgiveness knows no bounds.

During this Advent season as we journey to the manger it is helpful to be aware of the obstacles that we encounter in living the call of mercy and to see them as opportunities for growth and greater trust in God. What we anticipate and long for in this holy season is not just the celebration of the event of the birth of Jesus, but the advent, the coming, of our salvation. Each time we respond to God's grace and live the corporal and spiritual works of mercy we catch a glimpse of what will be in the Day of the Lord and renew our hope in the promises that have been made by God which will be fulfilled when Christ comes again in glory.

## PASTORAL REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

**Mass Schedule for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**, a Holy Day of Obligation.

**Monday, December 7th** - 5:15 PM at Emmanuel

**Tuesday, December 8th** - 7:30 AM at Emmanuel, 12:00 Noon at St. Joseph and 6:00 PM at Holy Trinity

**Live Nativity...** Sponsored by Emmanuel, Holy Trinity & St. Joseph churches. Please join us on Sunday, **December 6th** from 12:30-3:00pm at Holy Trinity Church for this remembrance of that very special day, so long ago.

### "I Believe in Marriage"

FREE Date Night--Food--Speaker--Babysitting.

Enjoy food and fellowship while rediscovering and strengthening your life giving, Sacramental Marriage. Each evening will last from 6:30-8:30. Please come early if you need babysitting. Babysitting is free, but please register by Wednesday, December 9th by contacting Ali Wilson: amwilson13@yahoo.com. **Sunday, Dec. 13** at Emmanuel Church: Fr. Fox - "*Does Believing in Marriage Exclude Same Sex Attracted People?*" Fr. Fox will explore how we can live out the beauty of the church's teaching on sacramental marriage while reaching out lovingly to those with same-sex attraction. He will answer the question, "How can I approach someone I love who wants to 'marry' a same sex partner?" Watch for future Marriage Enrichment opportunities!

**Retirement Fund for Religious** — A second collection will be taken up at Mass the weekend of December 12-13th in support of senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests whose communities lack sufficient retirement funding. Ninety-three cents of every dollar raised directly aids elderly religious; the remainder is used for administration and promotion of the appeal. In its 28th year, the appeal continues to serve a crying need as hundreds of religious communities lack sufficient retirement savings, due in part to historically low compensation for their ministry. "Most senior religious worked for years for small stipends and did not receive retirement benefits." For example, the average annual Social Security benefit for a religious is \$6,048, while the average U.S. beneficiary receives \$15,936. Religious communities are financially autonomous from the parish and diocesan structures of the Catholic Church are solely responsible for the support and care of their members. Your help with next week's collection is greatly appreciated!



### Prayer for The Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees God. Show us your face and we will be saved. You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world. Send your Spirit and

consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. Amen.

—Pope Francis

## EMMANUEL CHURCH

### Generous Contributions for Nov. 29, 2015

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$7385.00	\$7859.70
YTD excess or (deficit)	(\$17,769.14)	
Tithe to Emmanuel St. Vincent De Paul: \$873.30		

### 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

### Emmanuel 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.

### 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 - Dec. 12th and Jan 9th & 16th.

### Bible Study - Getting Closer to January

Join us for First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community at Emmanuel. See flyers in the back of Church. The conflicts of the early Christians in Corinth are in many ways similar to our struggles today as Christians. They, too, witnessed division, scandal, immorality, persecution and other trials. In response, St. Paul taught the Corinthians about the Church as the Body of Christ, introducing them to the most powerful gift of all: the Eucharist.

### Christmas Giving Tree Project

Emmanuel St. Vincent de Paul Conference invites parishioners to take an ornament from the Giving Tree located in the vestibule. The ornaments list gift ideas to help the needy at the St. Vincent de Paul shelter on Apple Street. Gifts should be unwrapped in a Christmas bag and returned to St. Vincent de Paul at the 155 House before or after Mass next weekend.

**The Next Coffee and Donuts Sunday** will be on December 13th after the 10:30 AM Mass and it will be held in the cafeteria of Chaminade-Julienne High School. During this meeting 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 to attend!

### From the Joyful Noiseletter

Sign seen outside a rural Wisconsin church:

“Happy Hour: Sunday 9:00.”

—via Ann Ruesch

## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

### Generous Contributions for Nov. 29, 2015

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$6100.00	\$4415.00
YTD excess or (deficit)	(\$18,848.83)	

*John the Baptist cried out  
and made ready for the Lord.  
Promote the gospel in our community.*

### Holiday Help A Family

Thanks to all our parishioners who are generously being “Secret Santa” to our less fortunate brothers and sisters in the Dayton Community. Once again we were overwhelmed by your response. Gifts need to be back at the parish office by December 9th. The office will be closed for the Holy day, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, December 8th.

**Warm Gloves** are being accepted for distribution at our Project Blessing luncheon on December 23rd. 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.

### 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.

**The Rite of Welcoming:** Next Sunday at the 11:30 Mass, we will welcome into the Church the following participants in the Rite of Christian Initiation process here at Holy Trinity - Mikki Plantz, Rebekka Anders, Cortney Bastian, Elizabeth Eckhart, Katie Schaffer and Barrington Holiday.

**Help is Needed** Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. with our Christmas mailing. Are you available?

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

## Generous Contributions for Nov. 29, 2015

Weekly Offertory: \$5284.00  
Charity \$ 126.00

### 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 also call 937-207-8976 or email wilson.bradley@live.com.

### 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.

Gene Austin	George Dopf	Jerry Kowalski
Greg Bowers	Mary Fiste	Tony Riggs
Charlie Brown	Jeanne Folfas	Richard Siefing
Bill Burkhart	Darrell Francis	Marysusan Vinsky
Al Dabrowski	Jim Hanerty	Pauline Westendorf

## Forgiveness

*God forgives like a mother who kisses the  
offense into everlasting forgiveness.  
- Henry Ward Beecher*

### Giving Tree

We will be participating again this year in Elizabeth New Life Center Giving Tree Project to benefit the two Women's Centers located in Dayton and Kettering. The Women's Centers are pro-life, non-profit, pregnancy medical centers assisting 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 throughout the year. Please return your donated item by Dec. 20th. Thank You!

**Advent Eucharist Adoration** will be held at St. Joseph Church on the Saturday's of Advent (Dec. 12 & 19) following the noon Mass until 4:00 PM. This is a great opportunity to spend some time with the Lord this Advent.

### 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

## 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](http://go.udayton.edu/manger)

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