Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes January 3, 2016

The Epiphany of the Lord

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Emmanuel Church 1837

St. Joseph Church 1847

Holy Trinity Church 1861

Emmanuel Church

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Holy Trinity Church

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Saint Joseph Church

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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.

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 4 7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....James Doll 12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Joseph Wiles Sr.

Tuesday, January 5 7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Eugenia Buschur 12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Woody Andrew

Wednesday, January 6

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....James & Evelyn McCarthy 12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Special Intention

Thursday, January 7

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Aileen Schreiber 12:00 PM St. Joseph......Fabian Diorio

Friday, January 8

7:30 AM Emmanuel......Kaplan Family 12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Pour Souls

Saturday, January 9

7:30 AM Emmanuel......Effie Minham
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Paul Creager
4:30 PM St. Joseph.....Maragaret O'Donnell Butler
5:15 PM Emmanuel.....Peg Carroll (mjkc)

Sunday, January 10

8:30 AM Holy Trinity.....For our Parishioners 10:00 AM St. Joseph......Tony & Sheila Riggs 45th Wedding Anniversary 10:30 AM Emmanuel......For our Parishioners 11:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Maria T. Rexach

Next Week's Readings: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Confession Schedule

Emmanuel:Saturday 4:00-5:00 PM, Sunday: 10:00 AMHoly Trinity:Sunday: 8:00 AMSt. Joseph:Monday-Saturday 11:30 AM; Saturday: 4:00 PM

PASTOR'S PEN...

I can imagine that if the magi were living today they would have made use of Google search and a GPS system to guide their way in seeking Jesus, new born King. So many people use these tools to search for the latest news or to inquire about any topic under the sun. Each time we log-on to the internet or plugin our Garmin we are seeking something.

On this Feast of the Epiphany we recall the journey of the magi and their search to find the new born King. Today's feast offers us a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon our journey and what it is that we seek in life?



If we are like King Herod our primary

pursuit in life is power, wealth and control. When King Herod hears of the birth of a new King he feels threatened and seeks to kill the innocent child. We see this need to control played out in domestic violence, bullying, corporate take-overs, street violence and terrorism. The search for power can be a dangerous motive that so easily leads to darkness.

We have gathered here today because the longing in our hearts has led us on a journey to the Lord. We are searching for Jesus who is the way, the truth and the life. The magi followed the light of a star to lead them to the new born King. We are guided to the Light of Christ by sacred scripture, the sacraments, the teachings and traditions of the church, our prayer life and other Christians.

The word "Epiphany" means manifestation, revelation or to shine forth. Today's feast celebrates the coming of Christ, the true Light of the world. This gift is a source of strength and peace for us especially when life is wrapped in confusion and doubt. It is clear that the magi expected to find a king. Why else would they have brought their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh? They trusted their intuition and the signs of nature and they were not disappointed.

The feast of the Epiphany reminds us that there is so much more to life than what meets the eye. When I look back over my life, I never cease to be amazed by the many people, experiences and guiding lights that God has placed within my life. We never know what surprises God intends for us. Even in darkness He provides a guiding light. What are you looking for in this New Year?

Year of Mercy

After the sin of Adam and Eve, God did not wish to leave humanity alone in the throes of evil. And so he turned his gaze to Mary, holy and immaculate in love (cf. Eph 1:4), choosing her to be the Mother of man's Redeemer. When faced with the gravity of sin, God responds with the fullness of mercy. 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.



PASTORAL REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS

With Many Thanks!

Many thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make our Christmas liturgies so beautiful from the music, to decorations, to the liturgical ministers; our prayer for all of you is for a safe and blessed New Year! Also, Fr. Angelo and Fr. Ken offer their gratitude to all the parishioners who shared their Christmas greetings, cards and gifts in celebration of Christmas. Your kindness it deeply appreciated. God Bless!

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.

Tai Chi/Qigong series returns in January!

The Region 7 Health Ministries Team is sponsoring the next Tai Chi/Qigong class Mon., January 25th through February 29th. Location is Trinity Center on the Holy Trinity parish grounds. NEW this year are two class options! A Beginner's level class will be held from 5:45 - 6:45 pm and an Intermediate class at 7:00 - 8:00 pm. Fees are \$48.00 for six weeks.

Tai Chi and Qigong are ancient forms of Chinese exercise and provide a variety of health benefits for practitioners including improved balance and joint health as well as cardiovascular fitness. Registration deadline is Tuesday, January 19th. A minimum of 10 people is needed to hold each class. Watch upcoming bulletins for more details. Contact Sharon Becker at 227-9452, or by email sharonbecker6@gmail.com to register or for more information.

Happy New Year

St. Vincent de Paul Fish Dinner/Monte Carlo Event

Volunteers are needed to work the night of Jan. 29th. If you can work, please contact Holly Stiers at 901-4194. For baked goods donations, contact Judy Dalton at 274-5066. For Silent Auction donations, contact Gail Miller at 361-9576. We are now selling tickets for the Fish Dinner. Contact Holly at 901-4194 or Sunnie at 232-7366.

Prayer for the New Year

Remember us, O God; from age to age be our comforter. You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years. Bless your children at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ. You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever. R/. Amen. (Source: USCCB)

EMMANUEL CHURCH

Generous Contributions for Dec 27, 2015

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection		
	\$7385.00	\$4,606.20		
YTD excess or (deficit)		\$229.62		
Christmas Offering		\$22,329.00		
Tithe to Emmanuel St. Vincent De Paul \$511.80				
Many thanks for the generous spirit of our parishioners.				
Fr. Angelo and Ken	-	-		

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.

Helen Kelly

Isolde Marshall

Please Help Us

Before you leave the pew after Mass, please make sure that all hymnals & missalettes have been returned to the holders on the back of the pews. Also make sure that all unnecessary items have been removed from the pews. Thank you for your help!

Mass Intentions

To schedule a Mass, please call the rectory, 228-2013, Monday-Friday 9:30am-2:30pm. The policy for Mass requests is as follows:

- 1. Mass requests are a \$5 donation.
- 2. You may only request 1 weekend Mass time for the year (5:15pm or 10:30am).
- 3. Only 3 Masses per deceased person.

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.

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.

Holy Father Prayer Intention

That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Generous Contributions for Dec 27, 2015

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection		
	\$6100.00	\$5375.00		
YTD excess or (deficit)		\$681.17		
Christmas Offering		\$13,121.00		
Many thanks for the generous spirit of our parishioners.				
Fr. Angelo and Ken				

Pre Authorized debits for offertory donations

Please give Judi a call if you would like to have your Sunday offering taken out of your checking or savings account each month. There is no need to find your envelopes, come up with the right cash or write a check at the last minute when you sign-up for pre-authorized debiting to your checking or savings account. Any questions? Call 228-1223.

> The light of Christ shines upon you. Share that light with others. Consider the gift of a Church vocation.

We Welcome our newly baptized, Richard Estes and Mary Elizabeth Giles, daughter of Bart and Megan (Glennon) Giles.

Great food paired with good wine is

on the agenda for our Tasting and Teaching January 31, at the Wine Gallery and Café at Main and Monument Sts, in downtown Dayton. Our wine connoisseur, Brian Linnean is



sure to entertain us with interesting facts about wine and the service is impeccable.

Get your party together, give Judi a call to make payment and secure your reservations at the table. The party and teaching starts promptly at 4:00 p.m. YOU are welcome to join us! Tickets are \$35.00 each.

Please take with you the packet of envelopes from the table at the back of church that has 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.

If you would like a statement of your offertory contributions for 2015, please call the parish office.

Save the Date for our Potluck and Presentation, Sunday, January 24th at 12:30 p.m.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Generous Contributions for Dec 27, 2015

Weekly Offertory:\$5497.00Charity\$ 318.00Christmas Offering\$9649.00Many thanks for the generous spirit of our parishioners.Fr. Angelo and Ken



Coffee and Donuts

Join us next Sunday following the 10:00 Mass in the school cafeteria for coffee, donuts and fellowship. All are welcome.

Yearly donation statements will be sent to anyone who requested one last year. Please contact Rita at the rectory if you would like a statement and don't receive one by January 15th.

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

Thank you to Brad, our Director of Music, the choir, and everyone who helped to decorate the church and all those who helped to make the Christmas liturgies so beautiful.

Enjoy the beautiful Christmas decorations before they come down! We will be taking down the Christmas decorations on Monday, January 11th following the noon Mass. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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.

Jeanne Folfas Phyllis Monnin John Walling Darrel Francis

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. Learn more at <u>go.udayton.edu/manger</u>

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 three excellent Catholic-Sponsored divorce-recovery support groups in the local area to help men and women heal from this life trauma.

First, a 13 week program, 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

Second, a 12 week program, 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

Third, a 12 week program, 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.

St. Albert the Great parish has been blessed for 22 years with a **Perpetual Adoration Chapel**. It is located in the Spirit Center. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Many people come to our Adoration Chapel to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. You are invited to come and spend some quiet time with our Lord. He is there, waiting for you. For your safety, there is a security lock on the side door. Call Paula Smith at 434-8506 for the code.

