Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes January 10, 2016

The Baptism of the Lord

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Emmanuel Church 1837

St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

Emmanuel Church

149 Franklin St. - 45402
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Deacon Rusty BaldwinBr. Matt Schaefer, C.PP.S. DRE & Bookkeeper
Mary Beemsterboer, Secretary
Dennis Pyles, Maintenance
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Holy Trinity Church

272 Bainbridge St. - 45402 Office: 937-228-1223 Web Site: www.holytrinitydayton.org E-mail: ht_busmgr@sbcglobal.net Deacons: George Zvonar, Michael Leo Judith L Trick, Business Manager Jan Reed, Pastoral Associate Thomas Aldridge, Music Director

Saint Joseph Church

411 East Second St. - 45402 Office: 937-228-9272 Web Site: www.stjosephdayton.org 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.

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 11 7:30 AM Holy Trinity......Kathy Armstrong 12:00 PM St. Joseph......Steve Kolakowski Jr

Tuesday, January 12 7:30 AM Holy Trinity......Sam Lucente 12:00 PM St. Joseph......For our Parishioners

Wednesday, January 13 7:30 AM Emmanuel......Rose Bova

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Dennis Hogan

Thursday, January 14 7:30 AM Emmanuel......Mary A. Doherty 12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Grace Harper

Friday, January 15

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Jim Davis 12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Jim Zimmerman

Saturday, January 16

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Aileen Schreiber
12:00 PM St. Joseph....Fr. William Dineen C.PP.S.
4:30 PM St. Joseph....Joe Healy
5:15 PM Emmanuel....Mary Alice Wright

Sunday, January 17

8:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Rosella Gast 10:00 AM St. Joseph.....Peg Anderson 10:30 AM Emmanuel.....For our Parishioners 11:30 AM Holy Trinity.....For our Parishioners

Next Week's Readings:

Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

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...

Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord

Today the church comes to the close of the Christmas season. It's always a little sad for me to take down the Christmas decorations, to pack away the ornaments on the tree, the cookies are eaten, the lights stored away, the wrapping and boxes recycled...it seems a little dull to return our surroundings to ordinary time. Yet, today's feast invites us to ponder a little longer upon the mystery of who Jesus is and what the great gift of his birth means for all who believe.

The readings and reflections surrounding Christmas Day focus on a variety of messengers who announced the savior's birth. The angels announced the birth to the shepherd, the star in the sky announced the birth to the magi and they in turn announced the birth of the messiah to anyone who would listen. Today, we fast forward through the silent years of Jesus' life with the baptism of the Lord and we hear straight from the mouth of God the Truth that Jesus is the beloved Son of God! With these words the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus and we are given a clear revelation of the gift of the Holy Trinity, the communion of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The words spoken by God the Father "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" are also words that we are privileged to hear at the time of our baptism when we became children of God. Ask yourself: Can you see yourself as a son of God? Can you see yourself as a daughter of God? This truth may cause us to blush with shame a bit because we know our shortcoming and failings. And yet, our failings do not destroy the original dignity we are given as a son or daughter of God.

So often the biggest problems that we have in life are because we do not claim or accept who we are as children of God. We live in the shadows of doubt trying to fill the hole in the soul with stuff or with behavior or other people's opinions that we think will give meaning to our life. Finding and claiming our identity as sons and daughters of God in the waters of baptism enables us to cut through all the confusing and competing voices that come at us in life. This awareness of the life we share in Christ touches every aspect of our life. To live my baptism is to live in the awareness of being a child of God. To live my baptism is to live the call to holiness. To live my baptism is to put into practice the relationship of love that is found in the communion of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This year the only New Year's resolution that we need to make is to embrace this truth: "I am a child of God."

Year of Mercy

We want to live this Jubilee Year in light of the Lord's words: Merciful like the Father. The Evangelist reminds us of the teaching of Jesus who says, "Be merciful just as your Father is merciful" (Lk 6:36). It is a program of life as demanding as it is rich with joy and peace. Jesus's command is directed to anyone willing to listen to his voice (cf.Kl6:27). In order to be capable of mercy, therefore, we must first of



all dispose ourselves to listen to the Word of God. This means rediscovering the value of silence in order to meditate on the Word that comes to us. In this way, it will be possible to contemplate God's mercy and adopt it as our lifestyle.

PASTORAL REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS



"Sharing Blessings— Changing Lives" Next weekend, the 2016 Catholic Ministries

Appeal will kick off throughout the archdiocese. The CMA is our opportunity each year to support the work of six vital ministries and their many programs, all of which operate right here in our archdiocese. Also, if we exceed our parish goal for the CMA, 50% of our overage comes back to the parish for our local needs. Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's CMA. For more information, please visit CatholicAppeal.info.

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 begin January 25th from 6:30-8:30pm 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 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.**

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.

Health Ministries Class

The Region 7 Health Ministries Team is sponsoring the next Tai Chi/Qigong exercise series Mon., January 25th through February 29th at the Trinity Center at Holy Trinity parish. 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. Registration deadline is Tuesday, January 19th. A minimum of 10 people is needed for each class. Contact Sharon Becker at 227-9452, or sharonbecker6@gmail.com to register.

Region blood drive returns in January!

The Region 7 Health Ministries Team is sponsoring the next blood drive on Thursday, January 28th from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. At the Community Blood Center, 340 S. Main St. The goal is to build upon the great success of the 2015 blood drives sponsored in honor of the anniversary of the Society of the Precious Blood. There are peak needs during the winter and immediately following the holidays, so please consider taking a bit of time out of your day to donate a true gift of life! Appointments are encouraged. Sign-up sheets will be available in church. You can also call 1-800-388-GIVE, or visit www.donortime.com.

EMMANUEL CHURCH

Generous Contributions for January 3, 2016

Weekend Offertory: Budget Collection \$7385.00 \$15,962.68

YTD excess or (deficit) \$8807.30 Tithe to Emmanuel St. Vincent De Paul \$1215.24 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.

Isolde Marshal Helen Kelly Robert Zipperian

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.

2016 Choir Rehearsals Resume...Membership is re-opened. This is a good time to join! Children's Choir, Boys and Girls/ Youth, begin Sunday, January 17th at 9:00am in the School Basement. Adult Choir begins Thursday, Jan 14th at 7:00pm inside the church. See Gary after Mass in the Choir loft if you are interested in joining any of these choirs.

Parish Pictorial Directory...We have scheduled the last six photo sessions for our church directory. The dates are Sat/Sun, January 16th &17th, February 20th & 21st and March 19th & 20th. Saturday sessions start after Mass at 6:30 and Sunday sessions start after Mass at 12:30. The sessions go quickly and you may ask for a CD with all the photos taken during your session. There is no cost for the CD! There are sign-up sheets in the back of church or you may call Charlie or Susie Gross at 937-890-6262. If you are unable to make one of these sessions we will come to your home to take a photo. This photo directory is a good way to further develop our Emmanuel community.

From the Joyful Noiseletter:

Sign outside Woodward (IA) Christian Church: "Be yourself. Everyone else is already taken." —via Pastor Dale Schoening Woodward, IA

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Generous Contributions for January 3, 2016

Weekend Offertory: Budget Collection \$6100.00 \$8147.00 YTD excess or (**deficit**) \$2728.17 Many thanks for the generous spirit of our parishioners. Fr. Angelo and Ken

Can you help? We will be taking down the Christmas decorations after the 11:30 Mass today. Many hands will make for "light work" for all.

First Communion classes: Children interested in receiving the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion this year will begin preparation classes on January 31st at 12:30 p.m. in Trinity Center. Parents, please call the office to register for classes, so materials can be ordered before the sessions begin.

Thanks to all who provided help for Project Blessing on Wednesday, December 23. We were able to serve 124 individuals.

Like Jesus, you are called God's beloved. Renew your baptismal commitment and pray for those discerning a call to priesthood or religious life.

Mark your calendars for our potluck on January 24th. Lunch will begin at 12:45 and be followed with a presentation by Mary Wlodarski. Her topic will coincide with our parish theme of "Witnessing God's Mercy". Please RSVP to Jan at 228-1223 by Wednesday, January 20th, so we can plan the lunch accordingly. The main dish will be provided by the parish, so bring a side dish of your choice to share and join the fun! All are welcome.

Welcome to our newly registered parishioner Andrea Arnold. We are happy to have you in our parish family.

Are you going to join us for great food paired with good wine that is on the agenda for our **Wine Tasting and Teaching** January 31, at the Wine Gallery and Café at Main and Monument Streets, in downtown Dayton? Get your party together, and call the parish office (228-1223) to make payment and secure your reservations at the table. YOU are welcome to join us! Tickets are \$35.00 each.

Please take the packet of envelopes from the table at the back of church that has been prepared for you. It is a big savings on postage when you pick yours up.

A statement of your offertory contributions for 2015 is

available. If you would like your statement, please call the parish office.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Generous Contributions for January 3, 2016

Weekly Offertory:\$9689.00Charity\$ 251.00Many thanks for the generous spirit of our parishioners.Fr. Angelo and Ken

Join us today, 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.

We will be taking down the Christmas decorations on Monday, January 11th following the noon Mass. Your help is greatly appreciated.

St. Vincent de Paul Fish Dinner/Monte Carlo Event...We will be selling tickets this weekend after the 4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass and at Coffee and Donuts on Sunday.

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

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	Jennifer Grant	John Walling
Darrel Francis	Phyllis Monnin	

TEMPER AND PRIDE

Temper is what gets most of us into trouble. Pride is what keeps us there. - Anonymous

AREA ACTIVITIES

Year of Consecrated Life Celebrations...On Sunday, January 17th at 3:00 p.m., there will be a free concert at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral. The choir will be comprised of 120 women and men religious as well as religious instrumentalists. The concert will be about an hour in length and a reception will follow where vocation materials will be available. On Sunday, January 31st, Archbishop Schnurr will celebrate the Closing Liturgy for the Year of Consecrated Life at the 11:00 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral. A reception will follow provided by the Serra Club of Cincinnati.

Christmas and Beyond, University of Dayton's all-new display of international Nativities continues through Sunday, January 24. Roesch Library hosts five themed exhibits of Nativity settings representing the world's diverse cultures. <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.

