

Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

January 1, 2017

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

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

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

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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 2

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Gregory Bowers

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Michael R. Bach

Tuesday, January 3

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Keith Grimme & Joe Walling

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

Wednesday, January 4

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Niehaus Family

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Joseph Wiles Sr. & family

Thursday, January 5

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Elizabeth (Betty) McDonough

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Juanita Kleibecker

Friday, January 6

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....James & Evelyn McCarthy

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Wilfred Ruschau

Saturday, January 7

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....James Monnin

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Edward G. Fitzgerald

4:30 PM St. Joseph.....For our parishioners

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

Sunday, January 8

8:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Eugenia Buschur

10:00 AM St. Joseph.....Erwin Doerr

10:30 AM Emmanuel.....Leonard Feldman

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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Mary Beemsterboer, Secretary

Dennis Pyles, Maintenance

Gary Geisel, Music Director

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Annie Foos

Jan Reed, Pastoral Associate

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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

Within the church, we refer to Mary as the Mother of God, because she carried within her womb the One who created her. As part of God's plan Mary allowed herself to be used as an instrument in God's hands. What does it mean to be an instrument of God? To dig into this analogy, it's helpful to think about a musical instrument. What happens if an instrument is never picked up and played? Nothing! It just sits there gathering dust. If the instrument is never practiced or used it easily gets out of tune or the valves begin to stick. Scripture is full of stories that highlight various people who were open to becoming instruments in the hand of God.

Recall the encounters leading up to the birth of Jesus. Through an angel, God told Mary how she would be a blessing for the world as the mother of Jesus. Elizabeth in her old age bears a son named John who would prepare the way of the Lord. Through a dream, Joseph is instructed to take Mary into his home as his wife. The shepherds encountered the angels and share the message that had been told to them about the child Jesus. God is using many and varied instruments to bring his plan of salvation to light.

An important aspect of being an instrument in the hands of God is to take time to reflect or to ponder upon the experiences we have in life. To reflect literally means to "bend back." The past is preparing us for the future and so as the Blessed Virgin Mary reflects upon all these things that have gone on in her life she begins to see how she is part of a much bigger story, an instrument in the hands of God, our God who wants to reveal his love and mercy for us.

Today, as we stand at the threshold of a New Year, it is a good time to reflect upon the experiences of this past year, those times when you have experienced the hand of God at work in your life. What are the lessons that you have learned from those experiences? Where is there a need for conversion? What joys do you want to hold close to your heart to help you through difficult times in the future?

As we honor Mary as the "Mother of God" it is good for us to allow her grace, her openness, her readiness to be a servant of God to be our guide as we move into the New Year. Just as she participated in God's plan of salvation, we too are called to be an instrument in God's plan of salvation.

Excerpts from the 50th World Day of Peace Message by Pope Francis

At the beginning of this New Year, I wish peace to every man, woman and child, and I pray that the image and likeness of God in each person will enable us to acknowledge one another as sacred gifts endowed with immense dignity. Especially in situations of conflict, let us respect this, our "deepest dignity", and make active nonviolence our way of life.

This is the fiftieth Message for the World Day of Peace. In the first, Blessed Pope Paul VI addressed all peoples, not simply Catholics, with utter clarity. "Peace is the only true direction of human progress – and not the tensions caused by ambitious nationalisms, nor conquests by violence, nor repressions which serve as mainstay for a false civil order". He warned of "the

PASTOR'S PEN continued...

danger of believing that international controversies cannot be resolved by the ways of reason, that is, by negotiations founded on law, justice, and equity, but only by means of deterrent and murderous forces." Instead, citing the encyclical *Pacem in Terris* of his predecessor Saint John XXIII, he extolled "the sense and love of peace founded upon truth, justice, freedom and love". In the intervening fifty years, these words have lost none of their significance or urgency.

Jesus himself lived in violent times. Yet he taught that the true battlefield, where violence and peace meet, is the human heart: for "it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come" (Mk 7:21). But Christ's message in this regard offers a radically positive approach. He unfailingly preached God's unconditional love, which welcomes and forgives. He taught his disciples to love their enemies (cf. Mt 5:44) and to turn the other cheek (cf. Mt 5:39). Whoever accepts the Good News of Jesus is able to acknowledge the violence within and be healed by God's mercy, becoming in turn an instrument of reconciliation. In the words of Saint Francis of Assisi: "As you announce peace with your mouth, make sure that you have greater peace in your hearts".

Thank You!

A big Thank You to everyone who offered prayers, cards, goodies and gifts to us during this Christmas season and to all who enhanced our Christmas liturgies by decorating, offering musical talents or assisting with the liturgical ministries. We are grateful for your kindness and for the on-going support you give to us and the parish. May God, bless you abundantly in this New Year!

Fr. Angelo & Fr. Ken

REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS

SVDP Fundraiser...Our event is only **three** weeks away (Friday, Jan. 20th). **Volunteers** are needed to work the night of the event. Please contact Holly, 901-4194, if you can work that night. **Baked goods** are also needed. Contact Judy at 247-5066. Tickets will be sold after all the Masses, at all three parishes, on the weekends of Jan. 7, 8, and Jan. 14, 15. You can also purchase tickets by calling Holly. We hope you will join us and take part so we have a successful and fun event. All proceeds help us to continue serving the poor and needy of the inner city of Dayton. Thank you.

Exercise Series Begins in January 2017!

The next exercise class based on Tai Chi/Qigong will be held Monday, January 16th through February 6th. The series will feature a new approach as there will be one 90 minute class offered with both beginner and intermediate styles being taught. From 6:00 – 7:30 pm in Trinity Center, 266 Bainbridge St. Fees are \$40.00 for the 4 week class, payable in full at the first class to instructor Sharon Trekell. Pre-registration is preferred by Thursday, January 12th, as a minimum of 10 is needed to hold the class. Contact Sharon Becker to register and for more information at 227-9452, or by email at sharonbecker6@gmail.com.

Marriage Uncorked! Dare to Date! The Marriage Ministry of Region 7 parishes invites you and your spouse to add some SPICE to your marriage on January 14th in the basement of Emmanuel Church from 7- 9:00pm. This month we discuss SPICEing up your marriage with a down to earth look at the good, the bad and the ugly of Natural Family Planning. This is not a class on NFP, but a chance to hear how a panel of two couples with great NFP experience have navigated both challenging and rewarding moments of this marriage-strengthening practice. Whether your NFP experience has been Nearly Finding Paradise or Not For Pansies, we welcome you to bring your own perspective to the discussion. **Babysitting is available for \$2 per child. If you would like to bring your children for babysitting, please register by Wed, January 11th by contacting Anna Earl at anna.earl7@gmail.com.** Bring an appetizer or sweet to share and we will provide the wine and festivities. Come, enjoy a date night out! Together let's celebrate the gift of our marriage!

The Emmanuel Pro-Life Committee is sponsoring up to 10 youth attendees, in the amount of \$100 each, to the January March For Life in Washington, D.C. This is open to the youth of the Region 7 churches. If you are interested contact us by e-mail at jackroach3@gmail.com.

EMMANUEL CHURCH

Generous Contributions for December 25, 2016

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$7300.00	\$13,948.14
Year End Contributions:		\$14,900.00
YTD excess or (deficit):	(\$1335.00)	

Many thanks for the generous spirit of our parishioners.
Frs. 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.

Bernard Chachula	Joan Hicks	William Pfarrer
Michael Mustaine Sr.	Louis Schulze	

Emmanuel Pro-Life Committee's January 2017 meeting will be held on Sunday, January 8th in the church basement at 9:00 a.m. Please note the change from the usual date.

Mass Intentions for 2017 may be scheduled by calling the rectory, 228-2013, Monday-Friday 9:30am-2:30pm. Mass intentions are a \$5 donation and you may request up to 3 Masses per deceased loved one or intention.

Galatians is a letter St Paul wrote around AD 54 to churches he had established on an earlier missionary journey through Galatia (modern-day Turkey). St Paul, the "apostle to the Gentiles," announced the Good News that God call all men, Jews and non-Jews alike, into a family relationship with himself. Join in the Study with others to journey along the footsteps of St Paul. See flyers in back of Church or call 890-6262 for more information.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Generous Contributions for December 25, 2016

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$6100.00	\$25,492.80
YTD excess or (deficit):	\$9965.19	

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A Simple Thank You seems inadequate in expressing our gratitude for all involved in the preparation and participation in the Holiday activities. We are indebted to:

- all the "Secret Santas" for Holiday Help a Family
 - the cookie bakers and the hosts and servers for Project Blessing
 - all who contributed the many personal care items for the at-risk teens at Daybreak
 - the church cleaners
 - the church decorators
 - all who made donations for flowers in memory of their loved ones
 - the sacristans
 - the Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors
 - the visitors to our senior members on the Giving Tree
 - the servers
 - the ushers
 - the choir
 - all who came and celebrated the liturgies with us
 - and most importantly to our celebrants, Fr. Angelo and Fr. Ken
- We are blessed by the goodness of many here at Holy Trinity.
Thank you one and all!

Holy Trinity's Wine Tasting and Teaching at The Wine Gallery and Café, located at Monument and Main in downtown Dayton will be January 29 starting at 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person and we are now accepting reservations and payment. There are 80 chairs to fill and reservations fill up quickly. It is an exciting evening with good food, good wine and an excellent host who knows every thing there is to know about wine and what foods to pair with the wine selections. You will not leave the party hungry! All 21 and over are welcome to join us.

Mass Intentions for 2017 are presently being scheduled. If you are interested in having Masses celebrated for your deceased loved ones, please call the parish office.

The deadline for articles to be submitted for our next issue of the parish newsletter *Inspired* is January 6. Articles of 500 words or less are to promote upcoming events from mid February through Trinity Sunday or articles of human interest.

We are happy to welcome to the parish staff, Annie Foos who will be sharing a position with Judi and working afternoons in the office while Judi works in the mornings starting January 3.

Mark you calendar for January 15 and plan to attend our Potluck Luncheon following the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Judge Michael Merz will be the speaker and his topic will be The Death Penalty. More information will be forthcoming.

Space is Available to purchase an ad for your business on the back of our regional bulletin. Call the parish office for more info.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Generous Contributions for December 25, 2016

Weekend Offertory: Collection
\$15,781.00
Charity: \$ 250.00
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Our Beautiful Christmas Flowers Are In Memory Of:

Louise "Matty" Childs
Robert & Harrietta Sommer & family

If you have ministered to the parish in some way this past year we have a little something to thank you for your service. Stop in the sacristy after one of the weekend Masses to pick up your gift.

It seems like we just put up our Christmas decoration and already it is time to take them down. We will take down the Christmas decorations on January 9th following the noon Mass. All help is greatly appreciated.

Have you registered? If you attend Mass at St. Joe's but have never registered as a member of the parish, please consider doing so. It's easy...just call the rectory at 228-9272.

Please keep the following people in your prayers. Call the rectory if you would like to be added to the prayer list.

Jennifer Grant Jim Peacock Tony Riggs

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

Nick Borton	Greg Marcus	Alex McGarvey
Gary Eilers	Tim Melvin	David Musgrove
Kari Mechenbier	Eubanks	Jessica Pruitt
Cody Landers	Matthew Melvin	Devin Torre

Area Activities

UD is hosting "At the Manger" a display of nativity scenes from around the world at the UD Roesch Library. The exhibit will be open until Sunday, January 8, 2017.

Divorce Support Ministry - There are two excellent Catholic-Sponsored divorce-recovery support groups in the local area to help you heal from this life trauma.

Catholic-Sponsored Divorcecare

13 weeks, held on Thursday evenings, 7-9 PM from Jan. 5 to Mar. 30 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 6245 Wilmington Pike, Centerville, OH. 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 - 12 weeks

St. Christopher's Church, Vandalia, in the Candle Room of the Church. Monday evenings, 7-8:30PM from Jan. 9 to March 27. 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. Mary of the Assumption, Tuesday evenings, starting on January 17 to April 11 at 7:00 in the 3rd grade classroom at St. Mary of the Assumption School, 9579 Yankee Rd. Springboro, Ohio 45066. Call Lynn Meisberger, 937-557-1711 or email lynnm@stmaryfranklin.org

New Group Welcomes Young Professionals

Shine Dayton would like to invite you to learn more about our organization. We are a group of young professionals committed to advocating for the compassionate works of Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley through the engagement and empowerment of individuals. For more information on becoming a member or to join us at an upcoming event, email shine.dayton@gmail.com or visit us online at www.cssmv.org/giving/shinedayton/ or www.facebook.com/shinedayton.

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