

Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

December 4, 2016

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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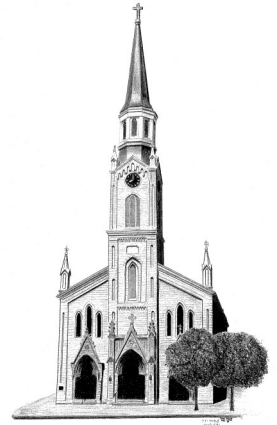
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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 5

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Harry Heiser

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Carolyn & Jerry Palmer Anniversary

Tuesday, December 6

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Marge Knapke

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Martha Fisher

Wednesday, December 7

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Darrel Francis

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....John Zimmerman

5:15 PM Emmanuel.....Intention of Dennis & Mary
Moore

Thursday, December 8

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....For our parishioners

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Al & Rita Trick

6:00 PM Holy Trinity.....Orville "Babe" Perkins

Friday, December 9

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Rosa Kneblak

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Deceased members Tom & Mary
Griffin family

Saturday, December 10

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Buck Miller

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Priests, brothers & sisters

4:30 PM St. Joseph.....Jerome Wiles

5:15 PM Emmanuel.....Living & deceased members
Muckenthaler family

Sunday, December 11

8:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Downey-Weaver family

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

10:30 AM Emmanuel.....For our parishioners

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

Next Week's Readings:

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

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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Deacon Rusty Baldwin

Br. Matt Schaefer, C.P.P.S. DRE & Bookkeeper

Mary Beemsterboer, Secretary

Dennis Pyles, Maintenance

Gary Geisel, Music Director

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Deacon Michael Leo

Judith L Trick, Business Manager

Jan Reed, Pastoral Associate

Thomas Aldridge, Music Director

Saint Joseph Church

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Web Site: www.stjosephdayton.org

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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

One of the regular sounds I hear around the neighborhood is the sound of sirens announcing to all who can hear that some type of emergency vehicle is on the way to a fire, to the hospital or on the move to help someone in need. When we hear a siren, we are to slow down, look around and be prepared to stop.

John the Baptist was one such siren announcing the coming of the Messiah. He announced, "Reform your lives, the reign of God is at hand." Slow down, stop and look around otherwise you might miss the mystery of God's love being revealed. John is not asking us to add another thing to our already busy schedules and preparations. He is challenging us to allow Christ to be a part of our day to day experiences, to let His light be our guide.

In the Day of the Lord, "the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid goat with a child to guide them." "The cow and the bear shall be neighbors and the baby shall play by the cobra's den" (*Isaiah 11*). In this vision enemies become friends. Creation is restored to the original harmony that God intended when he created the world. This harmony was lost with the sin of Adam and Eve and ever since that time God has been working to bring reconciliation and peace to our world. As St. Paul said in his Letter to the Romans, "May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you the ability to think in harmony with one another..."

This vision of unity is a part of the miracle of Christmas. During this time of the year there is a feeling of harmony, joy and peace, a willingness to see one another as brothers and sisters. We work extra hard to be more patient, more understanding, more accepting of one another. Our mission is to work to restore the harmony that was lost in the Garden of Eden; not only to speak about the vision, but to live the vision each day.

That is why the message of John the Baptist is so important for us in this Advent journey. John is calling us to repent! The Scripture scholar, Sr. Diane Bergant, reminds us that the "word repent comes from the Greek root for metanoia, a change of mind and heart, a change that is much more easily described than accomplished." All too often we are like St. Augustine who once said: "Change me, Lord...but not yet." If we are to experience peace we must be willing to change our hearts.

This call to repent and change our mind and heart is not only to be experienced in our family, but it must also be for those we consider our enemies. To live out Isaiah's vision we must be willing to humble ourselves and be willing to walk the path of forgiveness. We must be willing to remove the darkness of prejudice, jealousy or pride and live in the light of truth which respects the dignity of each person as a child of God. Today we must ask ourselves,

"What needs to change in my heart and mind so that I can live Isaiah's vision of harmony and lasting peace?"



REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass schedule will be:

Wednesday, December 7th	5:15 PM at Emmanuel
Thursday, December 8th	7:30 AM at Emmanuel
	12:00 Noon at St. Joseph
	6:00 PM at Holy Trinity

A Service of Lessons and Carols will be celebrated on Sunday, December 11th at 2:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church. In this service, we listen to nine Scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. Each lesson is followed by a carol or other song that reflects upon the lesson's message and a brief prayer.

Region 7 Communal Reconciliation Service will be held on Sunday, December 11th at 12:45pm at Holy Trinity Church. There will be several priests to hear individual confessions.



Eucharistic Adoration in Advent

Spend some time with the Lord during Advent. Eucharistic Adoration will be held at St. Joseph's on Saturdays during Advent following the noon Mass until 4:00.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Your donation works for aging religious. "I read that roughly 95 percent of donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious aid senior religious," a donor writes. "That's wonderful when we truly want our donations to *work*." Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime.

Help Wanted: Our St. Vincent de Paul conference is in need of volunteers to answer our helpline. Call takers work from home on their own schedule. Training is provided. If you have questions or are interested, please call Eileen at 376-9035.

Marriage Uncorked!

Dare to Date! The Marriage Ministry of Region 7 parishes invites you and your spouse to join us for a Christmas party on Saturday, December 10th in the basement of Emmanuel Church from 7:00 until 9:00 pm. On the second Saturday of each month we host a gathering which alternates between social and formational. These nights are designed for fun and enrichment of your marriage or future marriage (for those who are engaged). You won't want to miss the fun and games this time! Bring an appetizer or sweet to share, as well as a wrapped \$5 gift a couple could enjoy together for stealing, that is, exchanging. We will provide the wine and festivities! Babysitting is not available for this month's event, but will return for January 14th. Come and enjoy a date night out with wine, food and fellowship! Together let's celebrate the gift of our marriage!

EMMANUEL CHURCH

Generous Contributions for November 27, 2016

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$7300.00	\$5225.00

YTD excess or (deficit): **(\$21,218.00)**

St. Vincent de Paul: \$ 580.60

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.

Joan Hicks Louis Schulze William Pfarrer

Christmas Giving Tree Project

Emmanuel SVDP 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 SVDP shelter on Apple Street. Gifts should be returned **unwrapped** in a Christmas bag to **155 Franklin Street** before or after Mass **next weekend**.

The Emmanuel Pro-Life Committee is selling Catholic Nativity Cards after the Vigil and Sunday Masses from now until Christmas. They will be available in front of church or in the vestibule depending upon weather. Cards are still \$5 for a box of 10 cards and envelopes. Proceeds from this sale will benefit the 10 sponsored youth attendees to the March For Life in January 2017.

The Emmanuel Pro-Life Committee is sponsoring up to 10 youth attendees to the January March For Life in Washington, D.C. again this year. The financial support is \$100 per person. This is open to the youth of the Region 7 churches. If you are interested in this support, your parents may contact us by e-mail to jackroach3@gmail.com.

Continuation Catholic Education for High School & Adults

Come and join us for the series Symbolon - The Bible. Time 9:30am to 11:00am this Saturday in the Education Center.

Galatians Bible Study starting in Jan 2017

In the new study on **Galatians: Set Free to Live** by Jeff Cavins we will learn what it means to have this filial relationship with God the Father, how He honors us as His children, and how we must honor Him as our loving Father. See flyers in back of Church for more details.

Food 4 Thought December 4th:

Our next speaker will be Father Thomas Thompson. We haven't been graced with a topic yet, BUT be sure to get it on your calendar as it will be a good one. Recalling his most entertaining talk/performance at one of Father Lee's St Valentine Dinner's at UD. So come and see what he will share with us. Call 890-6262 or email: susie@susiegross.com for reservations.

Slow down, stop and look around otherwise you might miss the mystery of God's love being revealed.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Generous Contributions for November 27, 2016

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$6100.00	\$3944.00

YTD excess or (deficit): **(\$11,655.61)**

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Bible Study is this morning after the 8:30 Mass in the Parish offices. All are welcome.

Holiday Help A Family - Thanks to all who responded to our plea to be a "Secret Santa". Gifts are to be in the parish office by December 7. Thank you!

Reverse Advent Calendar: Our Advent Almsgiving Project

We are inviting parishioners to choose a container and each day add a personal care item to the box. During Christmas week the containers and contents will be donated to the at risk teens at Daybreak Center. Following are some suggested items: shaving cream, after shave lotion, disposable razors, body lotion, hand lotion, tooth paste, tooth brushes, hair brush, comb, deodorant, lip balm, shower gel, soap, hair spray, mousse, socks, facial tissues, emery boards, manicure set and gloves.

Our Advent Giving Tree – Bring a little joy into the life of one of our senior members of Holy Trinity. Take an ornament from the tree in the sanctuary, pay a visit, make a phone call or send a card. Let them know they are appreciated for who they are and all they have done for our parish.

Project Blessing at St. Paul Lutheran Church will be hosted by Holy Trinity on Wednesday, December 14. If you would like to help, please call Ron Bird – 253-2344 and offer your services. Containers are in the back of church to accept your donations of warm gloves which will be distributed at the luncheon to those in need. **Calling All Cookie Bakers** – Everyone knows Holy Trinity has the best cookie bakers in town. We need some cookies from you to serve for dessert. They can be dropped off Monday or Tuesday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Wednesday before 10:00 a.m. at the parish office. Thanks!

Sanctuary Flowers for the Christmas Season – In preparation for decorating for the holidays, offering for the flowers for our sanctuary will be graciously accepted 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. Simply place your offering along with the names of those you wish to remember in an envelope marked "flowers" and place it in the collection basket by December 18.

Offertory Envelopes for your weekly contribution are in the process of being prepared. If you are not presently receiving envelopes and would like some, please call Judi at the parish office – 937-228-1223.

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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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Weekend Offertory: Collection
\$4635.00
Charity: \$ 269.00
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Consider Joining The Christmas Choir...A Christmas Choir is being formed to sing for the 4:30PM Christmas Eve Mass. We are looking for all voice parts (soprano, alto, tenor, and bass). The choir will rehearse on Thursdays at 7PM. Please consider serving your parish in this special way by helping provide extra beauty to the Christmas liturgy. If you are interested in joining, please see Brad in the choir loft after Mass, call 937-207-8976, or email wilson.bradley@live.com.



Join us for Coffee and Donuts following the 10:00 Mass next weekend. All are welcome.

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

Lance Butler	Jennifer Grant	Tony Riggs
Contreras family	Marie Henry	Delores Schmid
Rita Downs	William Meikle	

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

Advent Giving Tree....We are working with Elizabeth New Life Center on our Giving Tree Project. ENLC assists women who find themselves in an unexpected pregnancy. If you would like to participate just 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 during the year. Please return items by Dec. 18th. Thank You!

Decorating the church for Christmas...we will decorate the church on Sunday, December 18th starting at 2:00. This is a fun activity the whole family can take part in. All help is welcome and appreciated.

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.

The Athenaeum, the Archdiocesan seminary and school of theology, will continue the 50% lay tuition reduction for spring semester as part of the One Faith, One Hope Capital Campaign commitment. The non-Degreed Certificate Option will meet on Saturdays in Dayton at the Pilarczyk Center January through May 2017, and then move to Sacred Heart of Jesus, McCartyville, for two years in August, 2017. Graduate programs are available at the main campus in Cincinnati. All options are designed for busy adults with an outstanding faculty, supportive staff and flexible components. For information about Dayton classes, call Deacon Hal Belcher, 419-305-5486.

Office and Meeting Space Needed. The Sisters of the Precious Blood have established a granting organization called the CPPS Heritage Mission Fund. Presently it is in need of office and meeting space. If you are aware of any rental opportunities in the Dayton area, please contact Sister Judy Kroeger at 937-278-0871 or jkkroeger@cppsdayton.org. Thank You.



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