

Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

December 11, 2016

3rd Sunday of Advent

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, December 12

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Kathy Armstrong

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Tom, Rose & Marie Bova

Tuesday, December 13

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Clara & Tom Weisman

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Len Rich

Wednesday, December 14

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Mary Louise Stefanics

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Maximino Macabane

Thursday, December 15

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Manzo Family

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....The Spowart family

Friday, December 16

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Intention of Adam & Emily
Demeter

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Robert Caulfield

Saturday, December 17

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Philip E. Lange

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....For our parishioners

4:30 PM St. Joseph.....William P. Flynn

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

Sunday, December 18

8:30 AM Holy Trinity.....For our parishioners

10:00 AM St. Joseph.....Scott Freiburger

10:30 AM Emmanuel.....John R. Braun

11:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Jerry Morman

Next Week's Readings:

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

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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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.

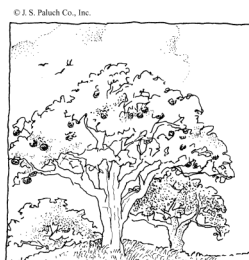
PASTOR'S PEN

Some of you will remember the comedy team of George Burns and Gracie Allen. After Gracie's death, George found a note Gracie had left for him: "George," she wrote, "never place a period where God places a comma." "During this Advent/Christmas season, we're challenged to realize that, because of the incarnation, nothing is ended; there are no periods. God is still speaking." (*Story from Sr. Janet Schaeffler*)

This weekend we celebrate Gaudete Sunday. A Latin word which means REJOICE! Like excited children counting down the days to Christmas we too wait in joyful hope for the coming of our savior, Jesus Christ. For some, this joyful season is clouded by that long list of things to do; or maybe joy feels distant because of the death of a loved one; or maybe it's hard to rejoice and be hopeful when there is so much uncertainty with the economy, a job situation or ill health.

The scripture readings selected for the Advent season emphasizes the truth that there is no situation, no problem, no matter how dark or hopeless it is...nothing stands outside of God's transforming love. This is an important message for us today because our world, filled with advancing technology and cyber communication, can cause us to think that the answers to life's problems should be as easy as looking up something on the internet.

That is why our second reading from the Apostle James is so important for us today. He reminds us that the gifts of patience and perseverance are like comma's in the journey of life, keys to a joy-filled life. Look at the farmer who awaits the yield of the soil. He can't just say, "Ok seed, grow." He must prepare the soil, plant the seed and cultivate its growth all the while realizing that it is God who brings about the growth of the seed. The journey of life takes work, patience and hope, realizing that God is working to bring all things to the good.



Be patient until the coming of the Lord

Jesus asks an important question in our Gospel reading today. What are you looking for? A life that is free from pain, fear, doubt, rejection...a life free of the cross. We know from the very life of Jesus that you can be very, very good; you can be the son of God and still get nailed to a cross. What are you looking for, a life of wealth, popularity, fame? We all know how easily this can be taken away.

The spiritual journey is all about getting in touch with the dream that God has placed in our hearts and learning to see the hand of God at work all around us. The season of Advent invites us to see with new eyes, to hear with new ears the truth of God's abiding presence. Like our ancestors in faith we are to be a people who wait in hope, learning to be comfortable with the commas in life, rejoicing in God who sustains us in life.

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REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Service of Lessons and Carols will be celebrated on Sunday, December 11th at 2:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church.

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.

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.

National Religious Retirement Fund. The deficit in retirement funding for Religious can be attributed to three primary factors: insufficient retirement savings, rising health-care costs and declining income. Traditionally, women and men religious worked for little pay. Today, a majority of religious orders lack adequate savings for retirement. At the same time, the cost of care continues to increase, especially as older religious both outnumber younger religious and are living longer. Since 2009, the total cost of care for religious past age 70 has exceeded \$1 billion annually, and according to current data, there are more than twice as many religious past age 70 as under.

Since 1989, the National Religious Retirement Office has distributed \$745 million to communities across the nation, including almost \$659 million to help underwrite the direct care of elderly religious. More than \$86 million has supported efforts by religious congregations to stabilize savings and to develop comprehensive retirement strategies. Roughly 95 percent of donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious aid senior religious; about 5 percent are used for promotional and administrative expenses. Your support of this appeal is appreciated.

The One Faith, One Hope, One Love campaign designated a significant portion of the funds raised to help families with Catholic school tuition assistance. The tuition assistance awards will begin with the 2017-2018 school year. Applications will be accepted beginning in December 2016. Visit www.CatholicBestChoice.org for more information.

Regular Confession Schedule (1 Confessor)

11:30 AM Monday - Saturday at St. Joseph
4:00 PM Saturday at St. Joseph Church
4:00 PM Saturday at Emmanuel Church
8:00 AM Sunday at Holy Trinity Church
10:00 AM Sunday at Emmanuel Church

Special Confession Times (2 confessors)

December 20th 6:30 PM at Emmanuel Church
December 21st 11:00 AM at St. Joseph Church
December 21st 6:30 PM at Emmanuel Church
December 22nd 11:00 AM at St. Joseph Church
December 23rd 11:00 AM at St. Joseph Church

Save the Date... St. Vincent de Paul Conference Fish Dinner/Monte Carlo Event, January 20, 5:30-10:00 p.m.

EMMANUEL CHURCH

Generous Contributions for December 4, 2016

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$7300.00	\$6455.00

YTD excess or (deficit): **(\$21,842.00)**

St. Vincent de Paul: \$ 717.31

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
Louis Schulze	William Pfarrer



In Memory of Fr. Joe “Teddy” Tedesco, S.M. We received word this week of the death of Fr. Teddy who served as Administrator of Emmanuel Parish in the Fall of 2010 after Fr. Lee’s death. Fr. Thompson recalls that, “Fr. Joe Tedesco was an “all-round” dedicated Marianist priest and brother who spontaneously filled in wherever he was needed. He had a great sense of humor, never at a loss for a reply.

As teacher and homilist, he always gave the audience some story or phrase which they could take with them. While at Moeller High School in Cincinnati, he was involved with the athletic program and the needs of the players. He loved to prepare and cook the holiday meals for the Marianist brothers, usually preparing enough for a high school football team. It is hard to imagine him “resting in peace.” He is up there, planning how he can contribute to the eternal heavenly banquet.” Please remember Fr. Teddy and the Marianist Community in your prayers. A Mass of Christian will be on December 12th at 5:00pm at Ascension Church.

Christmas Giving Tree Project

Emmanuel SVPD Conference Giving Tree Gifts should be returned **unwrapped** in a Christmas bag to 155 Franklin Street before or after Mass **today**. Thank you for your generosity!

Continuation Catholic Education for High School & Adults

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

The Emmanuel Pro-Life Committee is selling Catholic Nativity Cards after the Vigil and Sunday Masses from now until Christmas. They are available in front of church or in the vestibule depending upon weather. Cards are \$5 for a box of 10 cards and envelopes. Proceeds 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.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Generous Contributions for December 4, 2016

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$6100.00	\$12,002.00

YTD excess or (deficit): **(\$5753.61)**

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Decorating For Christmas

Do you have some time next Sunday after the 11:30 Mass? We will be setting up some of the decoration in preparation for Christmas. We need some strong backs to bring out the statues for the Nativity scene after the stable is assembled. We will be hanging wreaths and decorating the big tree in the sanctuary. So as you can see, to get the job done in a timely manner, we need a number of willing workers. Will you be one of them?

Reverse Advent Calendar: Our Advent Almsgiving Project

Personal care items for at-risk teens at Daybreak are being collected during Advent. These 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.

A Simple Thank You seems inadequate to express our gratitude for all who helped bring happiness and smiles to the face of our youngsters last weekend at Breakfast with Santa. To our men and women who helped set up on Saturday and worked again on Sunday, to our Youth Ministry kids that helped, as well as the young man and ladies from our RCIA program, who acted as servers, you are a joy! And Santa Claus, you are absolutely the best ever. God bless you one and all!

Donated Gloves From Our Glove Collection will be taken to St. Paul Lutheran Church Wednesday, December 14. Holy Trinity will be hosting the lunch that day and could use help if you are willing. Please call Ron Bird 253-2344. Cookies to use for dessert can be dropped off Monday or Tuesday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or Wednesday before 10:00 a.m. at the parish office.

Sanctuary Flowers For The Christmas Season – Next Sunday is your last opportunity to make a donation for Christmas flowers, if you wish to have the names of those you want to remember printed in the Christmas bulletin. Simply place your offering along with the names of those you wish remembered in an envelope marked “flowers” and place it in the collection basket next weekend.

Your Offertory Envelopes for your donations to our parish are available for pick up after Mass today in the back of church. If you are not presently receiving envelopes and would like some, please call Judi at the parish office – 228-1223, or sign the tablet on the table in church.

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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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Weekend Offertory: Collection
\$8173.00
Charity: \$ 145.00
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Christmas flowers in memory of loved ones

Would you like to make a donation for our Christmas flowers in memory of a deceased loved one? We will post the names of those being remembered in the bulletin. Just put your donation in an envelope along with the name of the person you would like to remember and place it in the collection.

Next Sunday we will decorate the church for Christmas

Come and be a part of making our church beautiful for the Christmas season. We'll start at 2:00p.m.. All help is welcome and appreciated.

Join us for Coffee and Donuts following the 10:00 Mass this 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

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

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.

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. 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 jkroeger@cppsdayton.org. Thank You.

Most generous, most merciful God, help us to model our lives in your love and bounty to the benefit of others. Open our eyes to the needs of the brothers and sisters who are struggling with life issues. Bless us in our endeavors, we pray.



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