

Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

December 18, 2016

4th 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 19

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Lee Pleiman
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Nicholas Hess

Tuesday, December 20

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Ed Clemans
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Kathy Schindler

Wednesday, December 21

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Laura Bayne Habich
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Tom Kain

Thursday, December 22

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Tim Schulze
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....David Burgess

Friday, December 23

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Nat Smargiassi
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....For our parishioners

Saturday, December 24

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Eldon Smith
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Susan Carpec O'Kane
4:30 PM St. Joseph.....Steve Kolakowski
5:00 PM Holy Trinity.....For our parishioners
5:15 PM Emmanuel.....For our parishioners
10:00 PM Emmanuel.....James & Evelyn McCarthy
12:00 PM Holy Trinity.....Fr. Sandy Macpherson

Sunday, December 25

9:00 AM Holy Trinity.....Ann Newby
10:00 AM St. Joseph.....Joe Healy
10:30 AM Emmanuel.....Living & deceased members
Penno/Hathaway families

Next Week's Readings:

Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25;
Mt 1:1-25 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18

Confession Schedule

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

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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

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent our gospel reading focuses upon the annunciation of Joseph. Like many fathers in a public setting, Joseph is seen but not heard. We do not have any words recorded from Joseph in Sacred Scripture, but we do have several accounts of the actions he took on behalf of his family.

The news of Mary being pregnant was very difficult to accept. One scripture scholar noted that Mary could have been stoned for adultery. So, Joseph was torn between the head and the heart, reason and reality. This was not what he had planned.

Joseph could have simply shrugged off the angel's visit in his dream and blamed it on indigestion or a bad night's sleep, but he didn't. Of his own free will he, like Mary, responded to God's request with a "yes" springing from a deep well of faith and trust in God.

To be faithful at this very critical point in his life we can see that Joseph had a very familiar relationship with God; one that was fostered over many years. Joseph had every right to question or request further information, but he didn't pressure God for anything more; the angel's message was enough, his heart was set on doing God's will no matter what the cost.

As a protector and provider for his family, Joseph was vigilant about keeping the child Jesus and his mother safe from harm and working as a carpenter to earn a living for the family. We know that he was a righteous and just man because he was willing to take upon himself the comments and gossip that would have been present when word got out that Mary was pregnant before they were married. I can imagine that Joseph helped Jesus to learn how to accept rejection, to practice self-denial and to be disciplined in responding to the challenges of life.

Just as Joseph carried great trust in his heart that the promise God made to His people would be fulfilled, so too we must live in hope and say yes to God just as Joseph did. He is a tremendous model of faith and a powerful intercessor as the patron of the universal church.

During the Advent season, the Church reminds us to be hopeful in our journey of waiting, even if we are anxious, lost or confused, trusting in God's eternal plan for our lives. Follow the example of Joseph and say yes amid the struggle, believing that the Lord will give you the grace you need to wait for God's perfect timing.



REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer in Honor of St. Joseph

Saint Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary, you supported the holy family of Nazareth with the work of your hands. Kindly protect those who trustingly come to you. You know their aspirations, hardships, hopes and fears. Amid the worries of material life, your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you and with Mary, his tender Mother. Intercede for us so that we may follow your example and do our part to make a worthy dwelling place for Christ in our hearts, home and community.

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SVDP Fundraiser...Our conference is busy working on the upcoming Fundraiser to be held on Jan. 20, 2017. All proceeds benefit our conference. **Volunteers** are needed to work the night of the event. There are two shifts. If you can work, please contact Holly Stiers at 901-4194. **Baked goods** are also needed. Contact Judy Dalton at 274-5066. We are looking for donations for our **Silent Auction**. Contact Holly at 901-4194.

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 in this support, your parents may contact us by e-mail to jack-roach3@gmail.com.

Thank you for supporting senior religious. A sister from Indiana writes, "Because of your kindness, our elderly sisters will have the comfort, security, and joy of living out their remaining years here in their home. You truly honor them and their many years of service by your generosity." Religious across the United States offer sincere thanks for your generosity to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

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.

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 11, 2016

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$7300.00	\$6206.00
YTD excess or (deficit):	(\$22,286.00)	
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 689.60	
Religious Retirement:	\$2318.00	

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

Giving Tree...Our SVDP Conference wishes to express our gratitude for the continued generosity of our parishioners during the holiday season. It took two vans to deliver the abundance of gifts donated for our Giving Tree. These gifts will help the families and children at the shelter. Thank you for making this possible.

Bible Study: Galatians Is Coming In January 2017

St. Paul's epistle to the Galatians is of particular interest to Catholics since it was Martin Luther's interpretation of Galatians and Romans that convinced German clerics that "justification" (being in a state of grace and thus ready to enter heaven) is won by faith "alone" and thereby launched the Protestant Reformation. Want to learn more? See flyers in back of Church for the details.

Please see the Lighthouse kiosk in the back of the church for a selection of new books. There are ten new book selections plus study guides for the Gospels. All books are \$5.00! This is a great way to learn more about our Catholic faith and to help others in their journeys. Books are effective evangelization tools and also make great Christmas gifts. The same selection of books plus more will be available in the basement after the 10:30am Mass today at donut Sunday.

The Emmanuel Pro-Life Committee...Last chance to purchase the Catholic Nativity Cards on sale after the Vigil and Sunday Masses. They will be available in front of church or in the vestibule depending upon weather. Cards are \$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.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Generous Contributions for December 11, 2016

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$6100.00	\$5350.00
YTD excess or (deficit):	(\$6503.61)	
Religious Retirement:	\$2182.00	

Many thanks for the generous spirit of our parishioners.
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Decorating for Christmas

Do you have some time today 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?

Church Cleaning for Christmas will be tomorrow, Monday at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Many hands will make light work. Can we count on you to help?

Reverse Advent Calendar: Our Advent Almsgiving Project

Personal care items for the at-risk teens at Daybreak Center may be brought to church with you Christmas Day and placed in the back of church. They will be taken to Daybreak December 27.

Thanks to All that donated gloves in our glove collection and those who made cookies that were used for dessert at our Project Blessing lunch this past Wednesday. As per usual, the generosity of Holy Trinity parishioners is overwhelming.

Sanctuary Flowers for the Christmas Season – Today is your last opportunity to make a donation for flowers for Christmas if you wish the names of those you want to be remembered 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 your 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.

From Our Friends at the Emmanuel SVDP Conference – Thank you so much for the generous donation of food (312 lbs). It will definitely help us in stocking the pantry.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24th

4:30 PM Mass at St. Joseph Church
5:00 PM Mass at Holy Trinity Church
5:15 PM Mass at Emmanuel Church
10:00 PM Mass at Emmanuel Church, Carols start at 9:30pm
12:00 Midnight Mass at Holy Trinity Church, Carols start at 11:30pm

Christmas Day, December 25th

NOTE: One Mass at Holy Trinity
9:00 AM Mass at Holy Trinity Church
10:00 AM Mass at St. Joseph Church
10:30 AM Mass at Emmanuel Church

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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Weekend Offertory: Collection
 \$8100.00
 Charity: \$ 196.00
 Religious Retirement \$3357.00
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Rest in the Peace of Christ

Mae Redrick
 John Farley
 Rosalia Caperna
 Richard Sorg
 Juanita Kleibacker

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.

This 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.

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

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

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.

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.

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



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