# **Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes**

**January 8, 2017** 

## The Epiphany of the Lord

Pastor: Fr. Angelo Anthony, C.PP.S.
Parochial Vicar: Fr. Ken Pleiman, C.PP.S.
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Emmanuel Church 1837





St. Joseph Church 1847

Holy Trinity Church 1861

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7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Bonnie Marshall 12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Gene Austin

#### Tuesday, January 10

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....James Monnin
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Steve Kolakowski Jr.

**Mass Intentions** 

### Wednesday, January 11

7:30 AM Emmanuel......Helen Gerakios 12:00 PM St. Joseph......Rosann Young

### Thursday, January 12

7:30 AM Emmanuel......Mary Crowly & Roxanne St. John

12:00 PM St. Joseph......Dominic Tarlano

## Friday, January 13

7:30 AM Emmanuel......Michael Zennie

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Fr. William Dineen C.PP.S.

#### Saturday, January 14

7:30 AM Emmanuel......Mary Doherty
12:00 PM St. Joseph......Manzo Family
4:30 PM St. Joseph......Christopher Upthegrove
5:15 PM Emmanuel.....For our parishioners

## Sunday, January 15

8:30 AM Holy Trinity.......Darrell Francis
10:00 AM St. Joseph......For our parishioners
10:30 AM Emmanuel.....Michael Zennie
11:30 AM Holy Trinity.....For our parishioners

#### **Next Week's Readings:**

Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

#### **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

## **Emmanuel Church**

149 Franklin St. - 45402 Office: 937-228-2013

Web Site: <a href="www.emmanuelcatholic.com">www.emmanuelcatholic.com</a>
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Deacon Rusty Baldwin
Br. Matt Schaefer, C.PP.S. DRE & Bookkeeper
Mary Beemsterboer, Secretary
Dennis Pyles, Maintenance
Gary Geisel, Music Director

## **Holy Trinity Church**

272 Bainbridge St. - 45402 Office: 937-228-1223

Web Site: <a href="www.holytrinitydayton.org">www.holytrinitydayton.org</a>
E-mail: <a href="https://homsprog.org/html">https://homsprog.org/holytrinitydayton.org</a>
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Deacon Michael Leo
Judith L Trick, Business Manager
Annie Foos
Jan Reed, Pastoral Associate
Thomas Aldridge, Music Director

## Saint Joseph Church

411 East Second St. - 45402 Office: 937-228-9272

Web Site: <a href="www.stjosephdayton.org">www.stjosephday@sbcglobal.net</a>
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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**

During the Christmas season, several of my nieces announced that they are expecting a baby in 2017. As you can imagine family members were talking about plans for baby showers to help the young families prepare to welcome the gift of new life into the world.

Leave it to a group of men to bring gold, frankincense and myrrh to shower a baby with gifts. You would think that something more practical like blankets, diapers or a crib would have been among the gifts brought for a baby born in a stable.

The three gifts the Magi bring for the child Jesus point to a bigger story than the simple birth of a child. Their gifts help us to see with new eyes that this child is the Messiah, the King of kings and Lord of lords.

The gift of gold was given because it was the most precious of metals and was a fitting gift for a king. Jesus came among us as the true Light of the world. We will only find life if we follow his example and live in his love.

The gift of frankincense is a sweet incense that was used in the temple for worship and sacrifice. It was a gift appropriate for a priest. The word priest comes from the Latin word "pontifex" which literally means bridge builder. Jesus is the bridge between heaven and earth.

The gift of myrrh is an aromatic sap added to oil which was used to anoint kings and to prepare a body for burial. The word myrrh means bitterness or sorrow. This child who is the Son of God has come into the world to give his life to save us from sin and death.

Though the Magi came to the stable as gift givers, they received a much greater gift in return. The stirring of the Holy Spirit deep within their hearts told them that this journey was essential if they were to find the Truth that would set them free.

Our generosity can never be greater than God's generosity to us. We may give the Christ Child gold, but God has given us something greater, His Word. King David recognized that God's Word was more precious and desirable than gold. God's Word is life.

We may give the Christ Child frankincense as we offer a prayer of thanksgiving, but God gives His very self to us in the celebration of the Eucharist. Jesus is the bridge who offers our prayers to the Father and gives himself to us as food for the journey so that we will always know how near God is to us.

We, like the magi, may give the Christ Child the gift of myrrh symbolized in a humble and contrite heart, but God gives to us the gift of His mercy and reconciliation.

There must have been times during the journey of the magi to Bethlehem that they thought they were chasing after a false dream and yet the star in the night sky kept burning brightly to lead them to Christ the true Light of the World. Sometimes our journey in life can become challenging and we may think about giving up, but God breaks through the darkness and shows us

#### PASTOR'S PEN continued...

the way through the help of a friend, the gift of scripture, the sacraments, in the many and varied ways that God's Light comes to us.

Today, as we come before the Lord and present to Him the gift of our lives we cannot help but be changed. Like the magi, we bow in humble adoration before the Messiah. May we leave our old ways behind and share the Light of Christ we have received with our brothers and sisters who continue to live in darkness.

#### **Epiphany Blessing**

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. R/. Amen.

The leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the sign of the cross and saying:

May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever. R/. Amen.

(From Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers)

You may use chalk to mark the entrance of the home as follows: 20+C+M+B+17. This stands for the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat* which means, "May Christ bless this house." The letters are also the traditional names given to the magi.

### **REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SVDP Fundraiser...**Our event is only **two** 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 SPICE-ing 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 marriagestrengthening 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 email at jackroach3@gmail.com.

## **EMMANUEL CHURCH**

#### **Generous Contributions for January 1, 2017**

Weekend Offertory: Budget Collection \$7300.00 \$6931.00

YTD excess or (**deficit**): \$3695.00 St. Vincent de Paul: \$770.21 Year-end contributions: \$5000.00

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

**Many Thanks** to our friends at Thoma Body Shop who have graciously restored our statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in the garden area, back to her original beauty.

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 January 1, 2017

Weekend Offertory: Budget Collection \$6100.00 \$6255.00

Year end contributions: \$6905.00 YTD excess or (deficit): \$2905.19

Many thanks for the generous spirit of our parishioners.

Frs. Angelo and Ken

#### What Goes Up Must Come Down!

Can you help take the Christmas decorations down after the 11:30 Mass today? With enough help it can get done very quickly. Thank you!

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

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. See the bulletin insert for full details and please join us.

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

**Thanks** to all who are participating in our recycling program here at Holy Trinity. The green and yellow dumpster at the north end of Bainbridge Street is there for you to drop off catalogs, magazines, newspapers, junk mail, office paper, fax paper, notebooks, folders and cardboard.

Please continue to bring your aluminum beverage cans to Mass with you or drop them by the parish garage when you come through town. Thank you!

**First Reconciliation and First Communion Preparation** for reception of these sacraments here at Holy Trinity will begin next Sunday, January 15 at 9:30 a.m. in Trinity Center. This program is for youth in second grade or older. Please contact Jan at 228-1223 to register your child.

**Mark Your Calendar For** our upcoming Pancake Breakfast February 12.

## From the Joyful Noiseletter:

Be a rainbow in someone else's cloud."

-Maya Angelou

## ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

## Generous Contributions for January 1, 2017

Weekend Offertory: Collection \$8766.00

\$ 277.00 Charity:

Many thanks for the generous spirit of our parishioners.

Frs. Angelo and Ken

#### Welcome to our parish!

We're delighted you've decided to join us. Christine Kindle Kevin and Mary Roach Aniceth Niyongabo

End of Year Statements were mailed to anyone who requested one last year. If you don't receive a statement in the mail this week call the rectory office on the 16th to request one.

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.

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

Jennifer Grant Jim Peacock Tony Riggs

#### Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

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

## **Area Activities**

#### **Volunteers Needed for Adult Literacy Program**

Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley (CSSMV) and the Brunner Literacy Center (BLC) are teaming up to provide tutoring in reading, writing and/or math skills for adult clients at CSSMV's Riverview Avenue and Brown Street locations in Dayton. Volunteer tutors are needed, focusing on Adult Basic Education for clients of the CSSMV Choice Food Pantry, and on ESOL instruction for refugees who have resettled in Dayton. In addition to tutoring, there are other opportunities for volunteers to provide reception and office help at the program sites. For more information about volunteering, please call the BLC 937-567-9600.

Dayton Right to Life is excited to announce we will be having a Valentine Dinner and Dance on February 10th. It will be held at The Presidential Banquet Center from 6:30-10:00 pm. Dan Edwards will be the DJ for the evening. Tickets will be \$40 per person or \$75 for a couple. Call Diane Inglet at DRTL for tickets and for more information 937-461-3625.

#### **Catholic Divorce Survival Guide**

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. Email shine.dayton@gmail.com or visit us online at www.cssmv.org/giving/shinedayton/.





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