# **Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes**

**November 26, 2017** 

# Our Lord Christ the King of the Universe

Pastor: Fr. Angelo Anthony, C.PP.S. Parochial Vicar: Fr. Ken Pleiman, C.PP.S. Pastoral Associate: Deacon Matthew Keller, C.PP.S. Served by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood www.cpps-preciousblood.org









Emmanuel Church 1837

St. Joseph Church 1847

Holy Trinity Church 1861

<b>Mass Intentions</b>
Monday, November 27
7:30 AM Holy TrinityAndrew Chiovaro
12:00 PM St. JosephHelenann Hart
Tuesday, November 28
7:30 AM Holy TrinityLamanna Familia
12:00 PM St. JosephRobert & Ruth Deschler
Wednesday, November 29
7:30 AM EmmanuelNiehaus Family
12:00 PM St. JosephLisa Tarlano
Thursday, November 30
10:00 AM EmmanuelJohn & Estelle Braun
12:00 PM St. JosephJerry & Pauline Westendorf
Friday, December 1
7:30 AM EmmanuelLucille Karhoff
12:00 PM St. JosephClaude Sacksteder
Saturday, December 2
7:30 AM EmmanuelIn Thanksgiving
12:00 PM St. JosephIvan Lee Thompson
4:30 PM St. JosephDan Dalton
5:15 PM EmmanuelFor our parishioners
Sunday, December 3
8:30 AM Holy TrinityFor our parishioners

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

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

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

11:30 AM Holy Trinity......Jose Rafael Davila Rexach

10:30 AM Emmanuel.....Pete Baldwin

## **Confession Schedule**

Emmanuel: Saturday 4:00-5:00 PM, Sunday: 10:00 AM

Holy Trinity: Sunday: 8:00 AM

Monday-Saturday 11:30 AM; Saturday: 4:00 PM St. Joseph:

# **Emmanuel Church**

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

Web Site: www.emmanuelcatholic.com E-mail: parishoffice@emmanuelcatholic.com 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: www.holytrinitydayton.org E-mail: ht busmgr@sbcglobal.net 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: www.stjosephdayton.org E-mail: stjosephday@sbcglobal.net 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**

Today we come to the end of the Church Liturgical Year with the Solemnity of Christ the King. Jesus, our King, took the form of a slave, becoming one like us, giving his life for the salvation of the world. When Jesus returns in glory what will he find?

One day a boy noticed that his grandmother was reading the bible a lot. "Mommy, why is grandma reading the Bible?" "Well," said Mom, "What do you think?" The young boy thought to himself a moment and then said, "I think she's cramming for her finals!"

Today's readings have us looking at end times, the Last Judgment, our final exam. In Catholic theology we speak about two judgments: the particular judgment and the general judgment. The particular judgment is something every single person will undergo at the moment of death when we will be asked to give an accounting of our life before God. The general judgment occurs on the Last Day and it will be Christ who exercises this judgment as King of heaven and earth.

If you want to test your readiness to meet the Lord review how you are living the corporal and spiritual works of mercy which are rooted in today's Gospel reading. It's significant to note that today's gospel passage condemns the sins of omission (not doing what we should have done) much more than it does the sins of commission (doing something we shouldn't have done.) This may be something to consider as you prepare for your next examination of conscience in getting ready for confession.

Like a good teacher Jesus repeats four times a litany of six deeds focused on caring for the least among us. We know them as the corporal works of mercy. These deeds summarize for us what it means to live the Great Commandment, to love God with all your heart mind and soul and to love your neighbor as yourself. Sharing bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and homeless, clothing the naked...these are reflections of Jesus' own ministry.

In and of themselves, these deeds were not a surprise to the people in the time of Jesus; it was expected behavior for the faithful. The surprise was—the deeds were done for Jesus. He plainly said, "I" was hungry and you gave me something to eat. "I" was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. He doesn't say that you must solve all the problems of world hunger. He simply wants us to respond to the needs of the people around us.

Like a merciful teacher, Jesus the Good Shepherd lets us know ahead of time what is going to be on our final exam. We will be judged on how well we have responded with compassion to those in need, the least among us. The least among us might be the physically hungry but also those whose lives are empty of care and love. The least among us might be a stranger unknown to us or someone in our own home with whom we've grown distant. The least among us might be the naked who need winter clothing or those who seek acceptance in dysfunctional ways. The least among us might be those in prison or those locked in patterns of selfishness or abuse.

Are you ready for your final exam? Maybe it's time to do some cramming for that test! Lord, help me to see you in each person I meet, especially in the most vulnerable and forgotten of your children.



#### REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Thursday, December 7th Friday, December 8th

5:15 PM at Emmanuel 7:30 AM at Emmanuel 12:00 Noon at St. Joseph 6:00 PM at Holy Trinity

**Communal Reconciliation Service** will be held on Sunday, December 10th at 12:45pm at Holy Trinity Church. There will be several priests to hear individual confessions.

A Service of Lessons and Carols will be celebrated on Sunday, December 17th at 2:00 PM. at St. Joseph Church. In this service, we listen to nine Scripture lessons which recount the Fall of Humanity, 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.

# November 30th 5:30—9:00 PM

Come visit Calvary Cemetery for their annual Angel Night offering walking and riding tours of illuminated Angel statues, music, treats and drinks. The event is free and family friendly.



What Child is This? A morning reflection preparing for Christmas. Like overtures to great symphonies, the narratives of Jesus' birth in the first chapters of Matthew and Luke introduce themes that echo throughout their entire gospels. While we usually blend them together, each one is rich and deeply textured with its own symbols, Biblical allusions, and theological language. Joseph, the Magi, a star, a journey to Egypt in Matthew; Mary, travels from Nazareth, shepherds, and the manger in Luke will take on new meanings as we discover God's wondrous plan for all humankind from Eden to Jerusalem from Bethlehem to today. Come, hear and see the telling of these familiar Christmas stories and gain a new appreciation of the revolutionary claims they make. Join us Saturday, December 9, from 9:00AM until noon in the cafeteria at St. Joseph.

#### **Live Nativity December 10th**

Mark your calendar for the Downtown Dayton Pastoral Region Live Nativity that will take place in the front parking lot of Holy Trinity Church on Sunday, December 10th from 12:30-3:00. We'll have camels, donkeys, sheep and goats with children portraying the Nativity scene. There will be refreshments, cookies, crafts and music throughout the afternoon.

Thank you for your generous support last week to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

#### K of C Christmas Cards

Knights of Columbus have a display and forms for their annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" card sale and fundraiser in the back of church at Holy Trinity and St. Joseph. Please stop by and pick up your order form. This is a wonderful way to spread the true meaning of Christmas.

# **EMMANUEL CHURCH**

# **Generous Contributions for November 19, 2017**

Weekend Offertory: Budget Collection

\$ 7,920.00 \$6029.00

YTD excess or (deficit): (\$17,018.00) St. Vincent DePaul \$ 602.90 Campaign for Human Development \$630.00

Many thanks for the generous spirit of our parishioners. Frs. Angelo and Ken

# **Prayer List**

Daniel Branch George Hendrix Mike McDonald Sr. Larry Byrd Joan Hicks Randy Rosenthal Charles Liebert Bernard Chachula Donna Williams Sr. Montiel Rosenthal, S.C.

Our Sympathy is extended to the family of George Riess. May he rest in peace.

#### **Christmas Giving Tree Project**

Emmanuel SVDP Conference invites parishioners to take an ornament from the Giving Tree in the church vestibule beginning November 25/26. The ornaments list gift ideas to help the needy at the St. Vincent de Paul shelter on Apple Street. Gifts should be returned unwrapped in a Christmas bag to 155 Franklin Street before or after Mass on December 9th and 10th.

Nativity cards will be available after the weekend Masses from the Emmanuel Pro-life Committee. New this year are cards with a view of the Emmanuel Sanctuary.

Funded by the sale of Nativity cards, the Emmanuel Pro-Life Committee is offering \$100 in financial support for up to 10 Region 7 parish families who are sending youth to the March For Life in D.C. in January. For further information, contact Jack Roach at jackroach3@gmail.com.

A journey through John's Gospel will challenge all of us to encounter God anew in Jesus Christ. As we will see, Jesus is not just a moral teacher or spiritual guide, but the God who became Man. And that sets him apart from all other religious leaders in the world's history. When we see Jesus, we see the face of God. Join us to study "Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John" beginning in January. See flyers in back of church to register.

# **Compassionate Responses for Hard Cases**

Although it has been said that hard cases make bad law, that does not stop the proponents of abortion from using hard cases to justify killing unborn children for any reason throughout all nine months of pregnancy. To see compassionate responses for those with difficult pregnancies, see the free pamphlet from Cincinnati Right to Life, "If They Say...You Say..." in the back of Emmanuel Church.

# **Consider Making Gifts of Stock or Mutual Fund Shares**

Donating shares of stock or mutual funds that have increased in value may benefit both your parish and provide personal financial benefits. Depending on your age, it may be beneficial for you to contribute assets directly from a retirement savings plan. For more information on making such gifts please contact Brother Matt at the Parish Office.

### GRATITUDE

Let gratitude for the past inspire us with trust for the future. —François Fénelon

# **HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**

# **Generous Contributions for November 19, 2017**

Weekend Offertory: Budget Collection \$6100.00 \$5063.78

(\$ 761.22) YTD excess or (deficit): Campaign for Human Development \$1181.00

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Our Non Perishable Thanksgiving Food Collection – Many thanks to all who donated non perishable food items and cash for Emmanuel Food Pantry.

Our Annual Collection of Gloves to be distributed at the final Project Blessing begins today. There will be containers at the back of church to accept your gloves for the needy. This will be the last Project Blessing we will be hosting since St. Paul Lutheran will be closing its doors for good at the end of this year. Many are sorry to see this program come to an end. Cookies will be needed when Holy Trinity hosts on December 20. So as you are doing your Christmas cookie baking, why not make an extra batch for Project Blessing?

The Giving Tree will be in place in the Sanctuary next Sunday. Names of our most seasoned parishioners will be on the tree. If you would like to make contact, send a greeting, give a call or just pray for them, please take a ornament off the tree and let them know you are thinking about them.

Lector Work Books – Lectors, if you do not plan to use your mobile device or home computer to practice your reading for scheduled time, please stop by the sacristy and pickup a Lector workbook. Please put a check mark by your name as you take one.

## Attention Parents, Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles! Breakfast with Santa is Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

All seats are taken and the kids, as well as their parents and grandparents are going to have a good time. We appreciate the quick response in purchasing the tickets. Now lets' see what Santa has for them. There is bound to be a couple of surprises.

The Live Nativity will be with us Again This Year – December 10, 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. Be sure to come and bring the kids!

Sanctuary Flowers for the Christmas Season – In preparation for decorating the church for Christmas, offering of flowers for our sanctuary will be graciously accepted. Perhaps you would like to remember deceased loved ones, give thanks to God for favors received 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 19.

Consider Making Gifts of Stocks or Mutual Fund Shares to Holy Trinity. Talk with your financial advisor about the process.

#### **Remember Them in Your Prayers**

Please keep our elderly, sick and homebound in your prayers. Knowing that Trinitarians are praying for them means a lot. If you or a family member is going into the hospital, please call the parish offices and let us know. We are no longer informed by the hospitals of admissions.

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

# **Generous Contributions for November 19, 2017**

Weekend Offertory: Collection \$4586.00

Charity: \$ 140.00 Campaign for Human Development \$1640.00

Many thanks for the generous spirit of our parishioners.

Frs. Angelo and Ken

Our Sympathy is extended to the family of Mark Schaefer. May he rest in peace.

New Hymnals Have Arrived! Next weekend we will begin using our new music hymnals and missalettes. Thank you to everyone who sponsored a hymnal in support of our music program at St. Joseph's Church. It is not too late to sponsor a hymnal...maybe as an early Christmas gift. Sponsorship forms are available in the back of church.

Again this year we will support Dayton Right to Life and Elizabeth New Life Center with our Giving Tree. If you would like to participate just take an ornament from the tree and purchase the item on the ornament. Return the item with the ornament taped to it. No need to wrap the gifts as these are used all during the year to help women in need.

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

Cheryl Anderson Jennifer Grant Tony Riggs Charlie Brown Brenda Magnum Jean Sichman Bill Doherty Vanessa Padgett Sharon Wenzel Carol French Jim Peacock John Zimmerman

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

Rebekka Anders Morgan Konsdorf Matthew Melvin Michael Borgert Cody Landers Tim Melvin Nick Borton Greg Marcus David Musgrove Kelli Anne Cartuvvelles Alex McGarvev Jessica Pruitt Gary Eilers Zachary McIntyre Susan Varmuza

# **Area Activities**

### Holy Family Church Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale!

The Ladies Altar Society of Holy Family Catholic Church is hosting a fundraiser Christmas bazaar and bake sale on December 3, after the 8:00AM and 10:30AM Mass. Christmas gifts and crafts for all ages and raffles of various goods will be among the festivities. The bake sale includes homemade Christmas goodies, jams/jellies, and "Mystic Monk Coffee" if you're a coffee lover. So please come support the efforts of the Altar Society and enjoy NO TAX Christmas shopping!

## Carroll's Annual Spirit Shop Christmas Sale

When: Saturday, December 2, 2017

Time: 9 AM until 2 PM

Where: Gym entrance, Carroll High School, 4524 Linden Drive Buy Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers for your patriot fans! Clearance merchandise marked down 30% - 75%! One Day Only take 25% off of your entire purchase! Includes sale merchandise!

Church of the Transfiguration has a job opening for a full time administrative assistant to provide administrative support to the parish pastor and parochial vicar. Candidates should send a resume and cover letter to: Pastor, Church of the Transfiguration, 972 S. Miami St., West Milton, OH, 45383, or email pastor@tchurch.org. Cut off date is November 30, 2017.

**Have someone on your Christmas list** that is hard to buy for? Give a gift in the true spirit of the season by making a donation to the Christ Child Society of Dayton in their honor. Donations purchase layettes for new mothers in need, and fund our voucher program for school uniforms, coats and shoes for children of low income families. We will mail an announcement of your gift to the honoree in time for Christmas if you include their name and address. You may mail your donation, payable to the Christ Child Society of Dayton, to PO Box 292058, Dayton, OH 45429.

The Dayton Catholic Women's Club annual Christmas Boutique and Luncheon on Saturday, December 2, at the Miami Valley Golf Club, 3311 Salem Ave. \$30 lunch served at 12:30 p.m. call Carol 937 -299-7063. Deadline for reservations is Monday, November 27, 2017.





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