

Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

December 3, 2017

1st Sunday of Advent

Pastor: Fr. Angelo Anthony, C.P.P.S.

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Ken Pleiman, C.P.P.S.

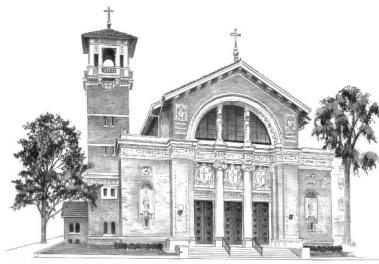
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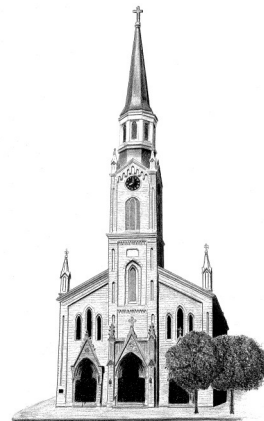
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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 4

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Mannarino family
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....In Thanksgiving Sichman family

Tuesday, December 5

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....George Beemsterboer
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Carolyn & Jerry Palmer
Anniversary

Wednesday, December 6

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Dennis & Mary Moore
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Edward G. Fitzgerald

Thursday, December 7

10:00 AM Emmanuel.....Michael Burgei
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....John Zimmerman
5:15 PM Emmanuel.....Intention of Case &
Cartouvelles families

Friday, December 8

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....For our parishioners
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Michael R. Bach
6:00 PM Holy Trinity.....Tom Sheetz

Saturday, December 9

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Effie M. Minham
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Tom & Carolyn Hogan
4:30 PM St. Joseph.....Ed Caulfield
5:15 PM Emmanuel.....For our parishioners

Sunday, December 10

8:30 AM Holy Trinity.....For our parishioners
10:00 AM St. Joseph.....For our parishioners
10:30 AM Emmanuel.....Phillip Lange
11:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Ed Morrissey

Next Week's Readings:

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

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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Rita Zimmerman, Business Manager

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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

Happy New Year! Today the church begins a new church year with the First Sunday of Advent. This year the focus of our gospel readings will be from Cycle B which focuses upon the gospel of St. Mark. The four Sundays of Advent take us on a journey of awareness which leads us to live our faith in the world. The more we are aware of God's abiding presence we rejoice and are encouraged to tell the stories of God's faithfulness.

The First Week of Advent focuses our attention upon watching and waiting. Waiting is one of the best parts of the Advent season because it allows the Truth about the coming of Jesus to sink deeply within us. The season of Advent tries to recapture and re-create that time long, long ago when a sad and weary world waited for the birth of the Messiah, the One who would bring new peace, new love, new life and new joy.

As we wait in this season of Advent we must also "watch." Jesus did not come to the world in majesty and power, but as a tiny baby. Would you or I have recognized him as the Messiah? He comes in ways we least expect: in the smile of a child, the healing touch of a nurse, the listening ear of a friend and in so many other ways.

The Second Week of Advent builds upon the call to awareness and challenges us to live justly. Each of us is to be about the work of building a new earth which will have its foundation in justice. The readings this weekend focus upon images of reversal: the crooked is made straight, the valleys are filled in and John the Baptist teaches us the importance of simplicity.

The Third Week calls us to rejoice—Gaudete! Our very being proclaims the greatness of God. Like John the Baptist we are to prepare the way for the coming of the Messiah.

Finally, the Fourth Week points us in the direction of God's covenant. The mystery of the Messiah has been revealed through the ages and is brought to fulfillment in Christ. God works through people to reveal His covenant of love and in a special way through the Virgin Mary.

We are called upon to be active participants in the mission of Jesus that continues until the end of time. This time of year, we are not just remembering the birth of Christ, but we are also anticipating and preparing for the second coming of Christ.

REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

Retirement Fund for Religious. Next weekend we will have a second collection in support of the retirement needs of senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests. "Thanks to the support from the Retirement Fund for Religious, we are now in a much better position to care for our elders," writes a religious sister. Your donation helps her religious community and hundreds of others provide for aging members and to plan for long-term needs.

REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS continued...

Dynamic Catholic presents "*The Best Advent Ever*" series. Starting December 3, the first Sunday of Advent, you will receive daily emails with short inspirational videos from Matthew Kelly and Dr. Allen Hunt and practical tips to incorporate into your everyday life. To sign-up visit: dynamic-catholic.com/best-advent-ever and fill out the registration form provided on their website.

FORMED.ORG for Advent

Our FORMED Pick of the Week is an audio talk by Dr. Scott Hahn called *Prepare the Way of the King*. In this inspiring audio, you'll gain new insight into the story of the shepherds, the Three Wise Men, and King Herod, and the classic Christmas story will come to life. Begin your Advent journey this week by logging onto formed.org and listening to *Prepare the Way of the King*. To access the FORMED website, go to Formed.org and login using our parish code: FZ4VY9 (All upper-case letters).

Daily Reflections for Advent by Pope Francis are available in the booklet entitled, *Open Your Heart*. Be sure and pick up your copy at the entrances of church today! An Advent guide for children is also available in church.

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 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.

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. Our presenter will be Dennie Stieritz. **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.

K of C Christmas Cards

Order your Christmas cards from the Knights of Columbus. Information is available in the back of church.

REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS continued...

December 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 9th in the basement of Emmanuel Church from 6:30 until 9:00 pm. You won't want to miss the fun and games this time!! Wear your ugliest Christmas sweater and 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 available for \$3 per child. Please register yourselves and any children you might like to bring for babysitting by Wednesday, December 6th by contacting Anna Earl at anna.earl7@gmail.com.

Please consider helping the marriage team (you can do as much or as little as you like, just mention it on the Marriage Uncorked Facebook page!) On the second Saturday of each month we alternate between a social event and a formational event designed for fun and enrichment of your marriage.

EMMANUEL CHURCH

Generous Contributions for November 26, 2017

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$ 7,920.00	\$5412.00
YTD excess or (deficit):	(\$19,526.00)	
St. Vincent DePaul	\$ 541.20	

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Frs. Angelo and Ken*

Prayer List

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

In Loving Memory. Please remember in your prayers Fr. Paul Sciarrotta, the twin brother of Fr. Lee Sciarrotta who died on November 25, 2017. May they rest in God's eternal peace.

Advent Book Gift to Parishioners. The Evangelization Commission of the parish will be handing out the book, *Joy To the World* by Dr. Scott Hahn after the Masses this weekend. This book will enrich your understanding of the scriptural passages concerning the birth of Christ and help you prepare for the Solemnity of Christmas. Reflection questions for each chapter will be posted on the parish website.

Christmas Giving Tree Project

Please take an ornament from the tree and purchase an item 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 Dec. 9 & 10.**

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 10 Region 7 parish families who are sending youth to the March For Life in D.C. in January. Contact Jack Roach at jackroach3@gmail.com.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Generous Contributions for November 26, 2017

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$6100.00	\$5244.00
YTD excess or (deficit):	(\$1617.22)	

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Welcome to our newly registered parishioners, Brian, Monica, Jonathan, Emily and Noah Meyer. Welcome also to our newly baptized, Paige Elise Kaiser and Emma Lynn Bremer.

Offertory Envelopes for 2018 are ready for pick up from the table in the back of church. Please take yours with you as you leave Church today. If there is not a packet prepared for you and you would like one, please sign the tablet on the table. Thank you!

Our Annual Collection of Gloves to be distributed at our final Project Blessing luncheon on December 20th is in process. Boxes are in the back of church for your donations. Cookies will also 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 is in place in the Sanctuary. Names of our most seasoned parishioners are on the tree. If you would like to make contact, send a greeting, give a call or just pray for them, please take an ornament off the tree and let them know you are thinking of them.

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

Sanctuary Flowers for the Christmas Season – In preparation for decorating for the holidays, offerings for 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 19th.

Our Advent Almsgiving Project will be an effort on our part to help replenish the pantry at Ronald McDonald House. Items needed are: **individually packaged** cereal, snack cakes, Granola Bars, Pop Tarts, Fruit, Applesauce and Pudding cups, Chips, Mac & Cheese cups, Snack crackers, Dried Nuts and Fruits, Coffee Creamer and Ravioli. **All food must be sealed in its original packaging and have an expiration date displayed.**

We are pleased to announce that Holy Trinity Parish will be participating in an online giving program through software called Connectnow Giving. This will be just another option for parishioners to support Holy Trinity Parish. More information will be forthcoming.

Mass Intentions for 2018 are presently being accepted. Please call the parish office if you would like to schedule some.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Generous Contributions for November 26, 2017

Weekend Offertory: Collection
\$6292.00
Charity: \$ 227.00

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Our Sympathy is extended to the family of Gerald Gillotti. May he rest in peace.

Welcome to our new parishioners!
We're delighted you've decided to join us.

John & Julie Bankowitz
Samuel Bertso & Katelyn DiNapoli
John Switek
Wallace & Karen Webb and son Wallace

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.

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	

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 Cartuyvelles	Alex McGarvey	Jessica Pruitt
Gary Eilers	Zachary McIntyre	Susan Varmuza

New Hymnals Have Arrived!

This weekend we will begin using our new music hymnals and missalette. Thank you to everyone who sponsored a hymnal in support of our music program at St. Joseph's Church.

Don't Miss the Advent Morning of Reflection! Join us on December 9th from 9:00 AM until Noon as Dennie Stieritz guides us through Matthew and Luke's accounts of the birth of Jesus and reflect upon the deeper meaning of God's plan for salvation. We will gather in the school cafeteria across from church.

Area Activities

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.

Retrouvaille-a Lifeline for Married Couples

The next program will begin the weekend of Jan. 12-14, 2018. Retrouvaille is a Catholic sponsored, confidential program open to all faiths. It offers a chance to rediscover yourself, and your spouse. It is for couples that have experienced a breakdown in communication, become unloving and uncaring, thinking of separation or divorce or who are separated. Visit helpourmarriage.org.

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