

Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

December 24, 2017

4th Sunday of Advent

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Pastoral Associate: Deacon Matthew Keller, C.P.P.S.

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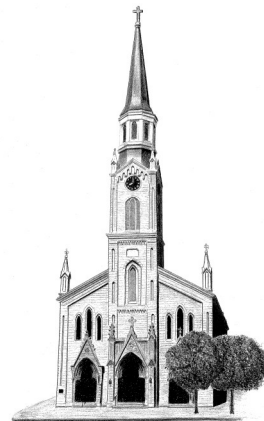
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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 25 Christmas Day

- 9:00 AM Holy Trinity.....Oliver & Rosella Gast
10:00 AM St. Joseph.....For our parishioners
10:30 AM Emmanuel.....James & Evelyn McCarthy

Tuesday, December 26

- 7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Wilhelmina Dix
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Steve Kolakowski Jr

Wednesday, December 27

- 7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Niehaus Family
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....John Kuntz Jr

Thursday, December 28

- 10:00 AM Emmanuel.....John-Paul Stephen Koob
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Virginia Bauer

Friday, December 29

- 7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Intention of Rachelle Chilton &
Family
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Wilfred Raschau

Saturday, December 30

- 7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Lucille Karhoff
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Rose & Cliff Brandt
4:30 PM St. Joseph.....Peg Anderson
5:15 PM Emmanuel.....For our parishioners

Sunday, December 31

- 8:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Clara & Tom Weisman
10:00 AM St. Joseph.....For our parishioners
10:30 AM Emmanuel.....All unborn children & their
parents
11:30 AM Holy Trinity.....For our parishioners
6:00 PM Holy Trinity.....World Peace

Monday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

- 10:30 AM Emmanuel.....Floyd & Lucy Stoner
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....George Riess

Next Week's Readings:

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128: 1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9;
Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

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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

One of the familiar Christmas songs proclaims, "Oh, there's no place like home for the holidays." What makes a house a home? It's not the wood or bricks that make a house a home; it is the relationships of love that are formed through the everyday ups and down of life.

In today's reading from Second Samuel, David is living in a fancy house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent. The ark of God was a beautifully crafted box that contained the tablets of the ten commandments. The ark was housed in a tent so that it could be moved around with the people. Victorious in battle, David now wants to build a permanent place for the ark of God. This is okay as long as David understands that it is God who has given him everything that he has. God cannot be contained in a building.

As David speaks of a "house" for God as a building, God speaks of a "house" in terms of relationships and descendants. The house of David is the prophetic announcement that the Messiah will be of royal lineage and will have the same mission of guiding and protecting God's people. In this family, God says, "I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me, your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me."

In today's gospel, the fulfillment of this promise begins to grow within the body of a young woman named Mary. "The tent of her womb becomes the new Holy of Holies, the Ark of God." Joseph, being of the house of David connects the child to the prophesy of Nathan. The child is to be named Jesus, a name which means, "He who Saves". Mary's yes to the angel's request is a model for us of humble obedience to God.

St. Augustine put it well when he wrote, "Mary full of grace, first conceived Jesus in her heart before she conceived him in her womb." The Holy Spirit challenges us not to see this scene as just a nice story, but as an invitation to follow Mary's example. We, too, are called to prepare our hearts for Christ to be born in us; to treasure the belief that God makes His dwelling within us.

Through the gift of Holy Communion, Jesus makes his home with and in us and He invites us to make our home in Him. The gift of Christmas draws us into a deeper appreciation of God's love for us and God's desire to be with us. "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." The humble means of his birth reminds us that the materials out of which a house is built is not as important as the relationships of love that transform a house into a home.

Throughout the season of Advent, we have been preparing our hearts for Christ to be born anew within us. Not only do we celebrate the birth of Jesus, but Christmas is also a time to reaffirm our identity as children of God. By the Word becoming flesh God has consecrated our world and all humanity making of us a dwelling place for God. The more we can make our home in Jesus, the more we will be drawn to share this great gift with others. Truly, there is no place like home for this holy day of Christmas!

PASTOR'S PEN continued...

Fr. Angelo, Fr. Ken, Deacon Matt and Br. Matt offer their prayers and best wishes to all the parishioners of the Downtown Dayton Pastoral Region as we celebrate the Solemnity of Christmas. May the beauty of this holy season touch all of our hearts and strengthen our resolve to be God's living Word to others today.

REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessing for Nativity Scene

God of every nation and people,
from the very beginning of creation
you have made manifest your love:
when our need for a Savior was great
you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.
To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love.

Lord, bless all who look upon this manger;
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,
and raise up our thoughts to him,
who is God-with-us and Savior of all,
and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.
(USCCB Book of Blessings)

January 1, 2018 we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Since the Feast falls on a Monday this year the obligation to participate in Mass is removed. Even though it is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year, you are still invited to celebrate this Feast in Honor of Mary and bring in the New Year by participating in our Mass at **Holy Trinity Church on Sunday, December 31st at 6:00 PM or on Monday, January 1st at Emmanuel Church at 10:30 AM or at St. Joseph Church at 12:00 Noon.**

World Day of Peace--Each year, the Holy Father designates New Year's Day as the Word Day of Peace. Join us to pray for greater peace, respect for life and dignity, and care for God's creation! In the Dayton area Bishop Joseph Binzer will celebrate Mass at Ascension Church, 2025 Woodman Dr. at 10 a.m. In Cincinnati Archbishop Dennis Schnurr will celebrate Mass at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral also at 11:00 a.m. This year's theme is "Migrants and Refugees: Men and Women in Search of Peace."

FORMED.ORG for Advent

Our FORMED Pick of the Week is "*The Mystery of Christmas*" by Fr. Larry Richards. With humor, compassion, and clarity, Fr. Larry illuminates the true joy of Christmas and inspires us to better recognize, receive and respond to God's immense love for us. "Fr. Richards challenged me to enter into the Christmas story with my eyes opened...not just by celebrating Jesus' birth, but by participating in his life!"—*Maureen, Spencer, NY*. Go to Formed.org and login using our parish code: FZ4VY9 (All upper-case letters) to listen to this talk.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24*

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 25*

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

Please Note: There is an obligation to participate at Mass for **both** the Fourth Sunday of Advent and for Christmas this weekend. Attendance at one Mass on the weekend **does not** fulfill both obligations.

EMMANUEL CHURCH

Generous Contributions for December 17, 2017

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$7920.00	\$12,802.00
YTD excess or (deficit):	(\$9709.00)	
St. Vincent DePaul	\$1280.20	

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Prayer List

Daniel Branch	Joan Hicks	Patrick McDonald
Larry Byrd	Charles Liebert	Bridget Portune
Lawrence Case	Richard Malafa	Albert Veith
Bernard Chachula	Mike McDonald Sr.	Donna Williams
George Hendrix		

NO Novena on Tuesday, December 26th.

SVDP Fundraiser...Our conference is busy working on the upcoming Fish Dinner to be held on Friday, Jan. 26, 2018. All proceeds benefit our conference. **Volunteers** are needed to work the night of the event. If you can work, please contact Sunni Lain at 232-7366. **Baked goods** are also needed. Please contact Judy Dalton at 247-5066. Please contact Holly Stiers at 901-4194 for Silent Auction donations or to purchase tickets for the event.

Save the Date: St. Vincent de Paul Conference Fish Dinner/
Monte Carlo Event, January 26th, 6:00-10:00 p.m.

The facilities committee needs your help! We are restoring the deteriorated glazing on the school house windows and have about 150 window sets to do. We need a lot of volunteer labor to finish this task. Our first push period will be from Christmas break through the end of January. Each window should take roughly 3-4 hours to complete with a team of 3-4 people. We are asking you to sign-up in 4 hour blocks to complete a single window per event. Dates and times are available on the sign up form in the back of church. An experienced member of the facilities team will be assigned to each volunteer team to assist with the process. In addition, we will contact you to confirm final work schedules via the information you provide on the sign-up form. For more details contact Mark Ennis at 334-462-4283 or mennismail@gmail.com.

Marriage Uncorked!

Dare to Date! The Marriage Ministry of Region 7 presents "Building a Eucharistic Marriage." Join us on Saturday, January 13th from 6:30 to 9:00pm for an evening of learning and discussion with your spouse. Greg Schutte, Director of Marriage Works! Ohio and author of the new book "Building a Eucharistic Marriage: 7 Steps to Creating a Divorce-Proof Marriage," will describe seven habits critical for a rich, Sacramental marriage and show how these habits correspond to our participation in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Babysitting is available for \$3 per child. Please register yourselves and any children for babysitting by Wednesday, January 10th by contacting Anna Earl at anna.earl7@gmail.com.

Please consider helping the marriage team on the second Saturday of each month as we alternate between a social event and a formational event designed for fun and enrichment of your marriage. You won't want to miss it!! Bring an appetizer or sweet to share. We will provide the wine and festivities!

Merry Christmas

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Generous Contributions for December 17, 2017

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$6100.00	\$6113.00
YTD excess or (deficit):	\$ 280.36	

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Wine Tasting and Teaching

We are now accepting reservations and payment for our Annual Wine Tasting and Teaching fundraiser which will be held January 28, 4:00 p.m. at the Wine Gallery and Café. Cost is \$40 per person. Come and enjoy fine food paired with delicious wines under the tutelage of host Brian Linnean. Brian is an expert in his field. Call the parish office to make arrangements for your party to attend. We are limited to 76 attendees.

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!

We are so grateful for the goodness and willingness of so many parishioners during this holy season. To all who cleaned the church, helped decorate, served at St. Paul Project Blessing, participated in Holiday Help A Family, entertained the children at Breakfast with Santa, assisted with the Live Nativity, gave offerings for altar flowers, served as Eucharistic Ministers and sang in the choir, you are indeed our blessings.

Exercise Series for Health Returns in January!

The next Tai Chi/Qigong class series will be held Tuesday, January 16 - through February 20, 2018. The series will feature one 90 minute class each week with both beginner and intermediate styles being taught. Time is 6:00-7:30 pm in the Trinity Center at 266 Bainbridge St. Fee is \$60.00 for the 6-week class series and is payable in full at the first class to Holy Trinity Church. **Pre-registration is preferred by Thursday, Jan. 11th as a minimum of 12 people is needed to hold the class. The class will close at 20 participants.** Contact Sharon Becker to register 734-9452, or sharonbecker6@gmail.com.

The flowers in the sanctuary are donated in memory of:

Charlene and Ira, Betty and Rudy	Charles Berardo
Cannon and Griffin family	Peter Slivinski
Louie Trick and Kim Trick	Bill Bird
Margaret and Albert E. Becker, Jr.	John Schneider
Heiser and Boehmer family	James Lockwood
Charles and Mile Satalia	Thomas and Lucille Rowan
Joseph and Mary Ellen Tye	Brigid Rowan
George Beemsterboer	Peter and Lucia Beemsterboer
Deceased of O'Meara Family	Betty and Dennis McMahon
Joe and Maria Bellino	Maria and Joanne Bellino
Ed Clemans	William and Helen Junker
Russell, Mildred and David Gilmore	Jackie Gast
Oliver and Rosella Gast	Kathy Armstrong
Orville "Babe" Perkins	Tom and Gerry Eden
Mr and Mrs John R. Braun	Eleanor Braun
Frank and Catherine McMahon	Mike and Madonna Canty
Timothy Canty	Agnes and Tom Archdeacon, Sr.
Fung family and Simon family	Fr. Sandy Macpherson
Paul and Amelia Deis	Anthony and Matilda Heuing
Gerald Mott	

And in thanksgiving for prayers answered

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Generous Contributions for December 17, 2017

Weekend Offertory: Collection
\$8734.50
Charity: \$ 685.00

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Christmas flowers were donated in memory of:

Carol Brokamp
Nicholas Brundage
Al & Dee DeLoach
Ray Garman
Grace Harper
Tarlano & Wells Families

If you have ministered in the parish in some way in the last year we would like to thank you. Please stop by the sacristy after Mass to receive your gift. Thank you for your service to the parish.

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

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

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

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

Area Activities

The Office for Respect Life Ministries is offering a Day of Reflection for all those who have been affected by abortion on January 27, 2018. There will be a healing service, with an opportunity to participate in Reconciliation following witnesses and prayer. We invite you to: "Look into your heart, listen to the voice of God. Help yourself by accepting His love and forgiveness." Call the Office for Respect Life Ministries at 937-222-0227, or the Project Rachel Helpline at (513)784-0531. Register at: www.catholiccincinnati.org/project-rachel/

Scholarship Opportunity for Graduating High School Women

The Dayton Catholic Women's Club Scholarship was established in 2010 with the goal of assisting young Catholic women in continuing their studies at an accredited technical school, junior college, community college, or four-year college/university. Applicants must be high school graduates, who are active members of a Dayton-area Roman Catholic Church, and who demonstrate financial need. The application can be found at daytonfoundation.org/scholars. Deadline for applications is March 9th at 4:30 pm. Questions go to scholarships@daytonfoundation.org or call (937) 225-9955.

The University of Dayton's Marian Library presents a selection of its expansive and unique collection of 3,500 Nativity scenes from more than 100 countries. You can visit the exhibit through Jan. 5th, located on the seventh floor of the Roesch Library. New this year is a look behind the scenes at the Nativity workshop. See how the library and volunteers plan and construct exhibits and view a Nativity display that illustrates their 25 year tradition.

Catholic-Sponsored Divorcecare – 11th Year at St. Francis of Assisi Church

A 13 week support group, held on Thursday evenings, 7-9 pm from Jan. 11 to Apr. 12; 6245 Wilmington Pike, Centerville. Cost: is \$25 per person. Scholarships are available. To register, call Marcelle Toma at (937) 312-1157 (Not a texting number) or mtoma@woh.rr.com. You are welcome if you are divorced or separated and may be going through a very difficult time right now. This support group deals with such recovery topics as anger, loneliness, new relationships, annulments, etc.

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