

Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

December 31, 2017

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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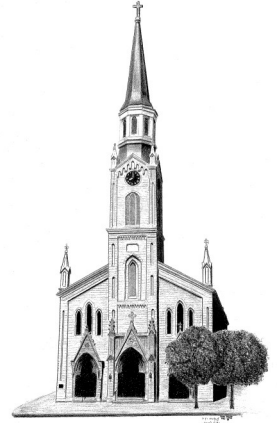
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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 31 Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God, vigil

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

Tuesday, January 2

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Mary McDermott & Nick

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Chuck Gibson

Wednesday, January 3

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Wilhelmina Dix

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Gregory Bowers

Thursday, January 4

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Fr. Chris Coleman

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Tom & Carolyn Hogan

Friday, January 5

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Leonard Feldman

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Paul Creager

Saturday, January 6

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Most Forgotten Souls

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Joe Franchina

4:30 PM St. Joseph.....For our parishioners

5:15 PM Emmanuel.....For our parishioners

Sunday, January 7

8:30 AM Holy Trinity.....For our parishioners

10:00 AM St. Joseph.....Nicholas Brundage

10:30 AM Emmanuel.....Richard Schaefer

11:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Ed Morrissey

Next Week's Readings:

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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

In the Christmas Season, many families gather to share memories and to renew the relationship of love they have with one another. It is appropriate that we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family this time of year as a reminder to us of how God's love is revealed to us in the context of family life. Through the Sacrament of Marriage, the love of husband and wife is to mirror God's love for his people. As this love brings forth new life, the gift of sacrificial love is meant to be shared with everyone in the household. It is in the family that we learn how to communicate and to express our love for God and one another. In the family we learn right from wrong and the importance of forgiveness and prayer. As children of God our family life is not meant to be like the general flow of family life in the culture. Rather, we are to follow the example of the Holy Family, keeping Christ at the center of our own families.

Unfortunately, the interpretation of the Holy Family we have presented to us this time of year on Christmas cards often shows a pious setting with halos and choirs of angels, an image sometimes hard to relate to as we look at our own families. What makes a family holy is the desire to live in right relationship with God and one another. This relationship involves a constant conversion within the hearts of all the members of the family. We all need to be forgiving and open to receive forgiveness, to do the hard work of turning away from selfishness so that we can care for the needs of others.

In St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians we hear some of the qualities that we want to foster in our journey to live as a holy family. Our lives are to be marked by "heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, forgiving one another as the Lord has forgiven you. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. Let peace control your hearts and be thankful, doing everything in the name of the Lord Jesus." (Col.3:12-17) By putting these virtues into practice your family life will reflect the heart and soul of the Holy Family.

Exercising these virtues enables us to make our way through the challenges that come our way in family life. Even the Holy Family had its share of challenges, heartache and pain. As Simeon tells Mary, "Behold this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel...and you yourself a sword will pierce." Life was not perfect for them either. What was perfect was their trust in God the Father. In our families it is important to recognize the need for on-going conversion and unconditional trust in God. As long as we work to model our lives upon the love of Jesus, Mary and Joseph we can trust that God will shape our hearts into the holiness we desire and the unity we seek.

REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS

With Many Thanks!

Fr. Angelo and Fr. Ken offer their gratitude to all the parishioners who shared their Christmas greetings, cards and gifts in celebration of Christmas. Your kindness is deeply appreciated. Our prayer for all of you is for a safe and blessed New Year!

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. There is NO 7:30 AM Mass on January 1st.**

REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS continued...

World Day of Peace--Pope Francis' Message for the 51st World Day of Peace (Jan. 1) invites Catholics to turn with a "contemplative gaze" towards migrants and refugees. In his Message, Pope Francis echoes St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI, pointing to war, conflict, genocide, ethnic cleansing, poverty, lack of opportunity, and environmental degradation as reasons that families and individuals become refugees and migrants.

Four "mileposts for action" are necessary in order to allow migrants, refugees, asylum seekers, and trafficking victims the opportunity to find peace. These include: 1) Welcoming, which calls for "expanding legal pathways for entry" and better balancing national security and fundamental human rights concerns; 2) Protecting, or recognizing and defending "the inviolable dignity of those who flee"; 3) Promoting, which entails "supporting the integral human development of migrants and refugees"; and 4) Integrating by allowing migrants and refugees to "participate fully in the life of society that welcomes them." Doing so enriches both those arriving and those welcoming.

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.

SVDP Fundraiser...Our conference is busy working on the upcoming Fish Dinner to be held on Friday, Jan. 26. 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.

Celebrate with your Valentine at a **Sweetheart Dinner Dance** hosted by the marriage ministry of Saint Joseph, Emmanuel and Holy Trinity Parishes including a sit down dinner, two adult beverages, prizes, and dancing on Saturday, February 10th from 6-10 pm at Dayton Woman's Club, 225 N Ludlow St, Dayton. Reserve your seats by Jan 27th for \$50 per couple by calling Rachel at 937-554-6208 or in person after Masses on January's doughnut Sunday at each parish. Spaces are Limited!

Exercise Series for Health Returns in January!

The next Tai Chi/Qigong exercise 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.

EMMANUEL CHURCH

Generous Contributions for December 24, 2017

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$ 7920.00	\$8270.00
YTD excess or (deficit):	\$10,006.00	
St. Vincent DePaul	\$ 827.00	
Christmas collection:	\$16,865.00	

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Frs. Angelo and Ken*

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		

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Rusty and Heather Baldwin on the recent death of Heather's Father, Daniel Novak. May he rest in the peace of the Lord.

Marriage Date Night and Learning at Emmanuel Catholic Church!

Come join us for an ongoing series of Date Nights coupled with marriage enrichment skills. These fun and informative sessions are for all couples from any parish. This night of interaction, prayer, Catechism and Bible reflection, and activities is designed to support couples in renewing their understanding of what it means to have a Sacramental Marriage and to rediscover the one they fell in love with many years ago. We are using a new and exciting Catholic marriage enrichment curriculum called "Discovering Our Deepest Desire" (DODD). These marriage enriching concepts will be presented by members of the marriage ministry team including the author, Greg Schutte, Director of Marriage Works! Ohio. Classes begin **February 11 from 6:30pm to 8:30 pm** and will run for 12 consecutive Sundays (excluding Easter Sunday) in the school building of Emmanuel Catholic Church. To sign up, please call Greg Schutte directly at **937-262-7010**. Space is limited to the first 20 couples so make your reservations soon. Babysitting is available until capacity is reached, so please indicate your need in your call. For more information about the DODD program prior to this meeting, please go to www.ourdeepestdesire.com.

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.



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Generous Contributions for December 24, 2017

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$ 6,100.00	\$5646.03
YTD excess or (deficit):	\$17,478.39	
Christmas collection:	\$17,652.00	

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Racism: A Look at White Privilege

Mark your calendars for Holy Trinity's potluck on January 14th. Lunch will begin at 12:45 and be followed with a presentation by Sr. Jeanette Buehler and Jackie Colvard. The topic will be "Racism: A Look at White Privilege." You won't want to miss this! Please RSVP to Jan at 228-1223 by Wednesday, January 10th so we can plan the lunch accordingly. The main dish and drinks will be provided by the parish, so bring a side dish of your choice to share and join the fun! All are welcome.

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 and we have 40 seats yet to fill.

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. Please save us the expense of mailing your envelopes at \$3.00 per packet. Thank you!

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!

Mark this date on your calendar: Our Fish and Sausage Fry will be Saturday, February 17. If you would like to help with this fundraiser and we do need lots of help, please call Sam Eckhart at 902-9711 or Judi at the parish office.

Newsletter Articles for the upcoming issue of "Inspired" are due in the parish office by January 5. Articles of interest for current activities can be up to 500 words in length and the newsletter staff prefers not to use bylines because it views the publication as the voice of the parish. Please submit articles to ht_busmgr@sbcglobal.net or drop off at the parish office.

Online giving at Holy Trinity

We are pleased to announce that Holy Trinity provides online giving through software called Connectnow as of January 1. This is a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. Getting started is easy – just visit our website holytrinitydayton.org and click our online giving link. See the bulletin insert for more details.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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Weekend Offertory: Collection \$11,123.00
 Charity: \$ 709.00
 Christmas collection: \$10,447.00

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Can you help... we will take the Christmas decorations down following the noon Mass on January 8th. All help is greatly appreciated.

We would like to form a **Building and Grounds committee** to help with the on-going care and maintenance of our buildings and the surrounding areas. If you would like to be a part of this committee please call the rectory at 228-9272. Thank you!

Prayer for the New Year

Remember us, O God; from age to age be our comforter. You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years. Bless your children at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ. Amen. (From: Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers.)

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	Tony Riggs
Charlie Brown	Jennifer Grant	Jean Sichman
Chris Durr	Brenda Magnum	Sharon Wenzel
Bill Doherty	Vanessa Padgett	

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. 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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