

Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

December 2, 2018

1st Sunday of Advent

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

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Matthew Keller, C.P.P.S.

In residence: Fr. Ken Pleiman, C.P.P.S.

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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 3

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Eduardo Flores

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Sheila Riggs

Tuesday, December 4

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Jose Davila Rexach

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Living & deceased members
Moretto family

Wednesday, December 5

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Ostendorf family

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Carolyn & Jerry Palmer
Anniversary

Thursday, December 6

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Intention of Dennis & Mary
Moore

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....McCrink family

Friday, December 7

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Joan Hicks

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....John Zimmerman

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

6:00 PM Holy Trinity.....For our parishioners

Saturday, December 8

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Pete Baldwin

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Neal Lain

4:30 PM St. Joseph.....Michael Bach

5:15 PM Emmanuel.....Case & Cartuyvelles families

Sunday, December 9

8:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Oliver & Rosella Gast

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

10:30 AM Emmanuel.....For our parishioners

11:30 AM Holy Trinity.....For our parishioners

Next Week's Readings:

Jer 33: 14-16, Ps 25, 1 Thel 3: 12-4:2, Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

Confessions 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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**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 begin a new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent. Our scripture readings for Mass will come from Cycle C of the Lectionary which highlights Luke's gospel. This gospel is sometimes called the gospel of the lost and found because many of the parables St. Luke recalls will draw us into the mercy and compassion of God. Thanks to Luke's gospel we have the beautiful nativity story and the message that God came not only to save the Jewish people but also the Gentiles as well.

The word Advent comes from the Latin word 'Adventus' which means 'coming.' In this season we not only recall the time of old when a tired and weary world awaited a savior, but we also look forward to the second coming of Christ. In this season we reawaken our hope in the salvation that has been given to us through the redeeming blood of Christ.

Rather than hearing about John the Baptist announcing the coming of the Messiah our gospel reading for the First Sunday of Advent draws us to reflect upon the second coming of Christ in glory. The Lord is coming at a time we least expect. As we wait for the Lord we must be vigilant and wait with patient endurance always seeking to be attentive to the hand of God at work in our lives.

With the gift of faith given to us in baptism we celebrate the life we have been given in Christ, a life that is eternal. Yes, there will be challenges and bad things happening in this world, but we must not despair. God will never abandon us. We can trust in his promise that no matter what happens, he will give us a peace that surpasses all understanding—if we trust in him.

Here in the Northern Hemisphere, the season of Advent takes place during the darkest days of the year when there is the least amount of sunlight. Advent stands in the midst of darkness as a season of hope because we believe that the light of Christ can break through any darkness. Hatred, unforgiveness, racism, the abuse of life, pornography, poor self-esteem, indifference to human suffering, turning a deaf ear to someone in need...these are all examples of darkness in this world.

Our work is to be about the transformation of the world—one person at a time, one experience at a time. As we begin our Advent journey it is important to identify where darkness has entered your life and to hear the call to move from darkness into light.

- Is there something I can do to radiate the light of Christ in the midst of a cold, dark and hardened world? Is there a simple act of kindness that I can do to warm the heart of another person?
- In this Advent season can I see my waiting as a gift calling me to slow down and to re-order my priorities, to wait for what God wants instead of what I want?
- Can I say I'm sorry or forgive someone who has hurt me in order to thaw a relationship that has been stone cold?

The Lord says to us through the Prophet Jeremiah, "The days are coming when I will fulfill the promise I made to you and your ancestors in faith." In our waiting we are to be as excited and attentive as a child waiting for Christmas or a young couple awaiting the birth of their first child.



**As we wait in hope St. Paul offers
a prayer for us,**

**"May the Lord make you increase and
abound in love
for one another and for all."**

Let's use this Advent season to wait in hope and to share the joy that we have found because of the life we share in Jesus Christ.

REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

Advent Eucharist Adoration will be held at St. Joseph Church on the Saturday's of Advent (Dec. 8, 15 & 22) following the noon Mass until 4:00 PM. This is a great opportunity to spend some time with the Lord this Advent season.

Retirement Fund for Religious - A second collection will be taken up at Mass the weekend of December 8-9th in support of senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests whose communities lack sufficient retirement funding. Ninety-three cents of every dollar raised directly aids elderly religious; the remainder is used for administration and promotion of the appeal. This appeal continues to serve a crying need as hundreds of religious orders lack sufficient retirement savings, due in part to historically low compensation for their ministry. "Most senior religious worked for years for small stipends and did not receive retirement benefits." For example, the average annual Social Security benefit for a religious is \$6,453 while the average U.S. beneficiary receives \$16,849. Religious communities are financially autonomous from the parish and diocesan structures of the Catholic Church and are solely responsible for the support and care of their members. Your help with next week's collection is greatly appreciated!

Young Adult Advent Series

Join other young adults (20s and 30s) to pray with scripture and the downtown parishes' Nativity stained glass windows this Advent. It will take place Saturdays from 2-3pm: 12/8 at Holy Trinity, and 12/15 at Emmanuel. Young parents are encouraged to bring their children as well. Optional pint and fellowship afterwards!

Calling all teens of Region 7 for Christmas caroling at 10 Wilmington Place on Saturday, Dec. 8. We will meet at St. Joseph at 2:30 and drive over to the nursing home. We will be caroling in the memory care unit. All are invited to attend mass at St. Joseph at 4:30 followed by a light dinner. Please call or text Amy Rhode from Holy Trinity at 937-623-2340 or Tanya Lee from Emmanuel at 937-885-7432. Please RSVP by Dec. 6.

Region 7 Advent Communal Reconciliation Service will be held on Sunday, December 9th 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 16th at 2:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church. This service of scripture readings and carols recounts the Fall of Humanity, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. This is a beautiful way to reflect upon God's covenant of love revealed to us in sacred scripture and to prepare your heart for the gift of Christmas.

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 8th in the school building of Emmanuel Church from 6:30-9:00 pm. You won't want to miss the fun and Family Feud style 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!

REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS continued...

Babysitting is already full but feel free to call for babysitter ideas when you register yourselves by Wednesday, December 5th by contacting Anna Earl anna.earl7@gmail.com. There will be no Marriage Uncorked Date Night in January, but mark your calendars now for the 5th Annual Sweetheart Dinner Dance on Saturday, February 16, 2019!

EMMANUEL CHURCH

Generous Contributions for November 25, 2018

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$ 7,980.00	\$4,980.00
YTD excess or (deficit):	(\$10,952.00)	
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 498.00	

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Prayer List

Daniel Branch	Nancy Glazier	Mike McDonald
Bernard Chachula	George Hendrix	Mary Mustaine
Michael Dalessio	Peggy McCarley	Randy Rosenthal
Annette & John Fohl	Kathy McCrabb	Vincent Schommer

Request for Help. One of our parishioners, Heidimarie Williams, is suffering with Stage IV Endometriosis and has found a specialist surgeon that hopefully will be able to bring her relief from her pain. Previous surgeries were unsuccessful and with this opportunity for healing Heidimarie and her husband Matt are facing growing medical bills. They have set up a Go-Fund-Me account to help with these bills. You can read more about her story and how you can help by going online to gofundme.com/heidemarie-surgery-fund. Your prayers will be greatly appreciated.

Christmas Giving Tree Project

Emmanuel SVDP Conference invites parishioners to take an ornament from the Giving Tree in the church vestibule. The ornaments list gift ideas to benefit the Elizabeth's New Life Center. Gifts should be returned **unwrapped to 155 Franklin Street before or after Mass on December 15th and 16th.**

Emmanuel Christmas cards are on sale now. Proceeds support the many Pro-Life projects. The cards contain an inspiring message from Venerable Bishop Fulton J. Sheen.

Once again the **Emmanuel Respect Life Committee** is offering to help fund people going to the March for Life in January. The first ten people to respond will receive up to \$100.00 for expenses. Please email Mark Miller at marknancymiller@att.net to sign up, or for more information. Let us all pray to end abortion!

We continue to seek information for our **Emmanuel Veterans Honor Roll** for our military veterans. If you know of an Emmanuel veteran, please use the data form available at the back of church to submit his or her information. We want to honor all our veterans for their service to our country.

Bible Study—James: Pearls for Wise Living applies the wisdom of James to the present. For anyone who struggles to live a truly Christian life, James offers a wealth of practical solutions for handling and even satisfying everyday circumstances. Join us at Emmanuel beginning in January for this Bible Study. Register with flyers in the back of church.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Generous Contributions for November 25, 2018

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$ 6,400.00	\$4,277.64
YTD excess or (deficit):	(\$15,132.42)	

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COME HELP US CELEBRATE!

Our music director, Tom Aldridge is retiring after many years of service at Holy Trinity. We will be celebrating Tom and wishing him well after both Masses next Sunday. Come, join us in Trinity Center! Light refreshments will be served.

The Giving Tree is in place in the sanctuary. On each snowflake is the name of one of our senior members. Please brighten their Christmas with a phone call, a greeting card and/or a visit.

Our Advent Penance Service is next Sunday at 12:45 p.m. here at Holy Trinity. Come celebrate the sacrament with us in prayer and song.

Thanks to the 77 Families participating in our Kroger Community Rewards program. We will receive a check in the amount of \$316.90. Can you just imagine the size of the quarterly check if YOU were participating? Here is all you have to do. Simply go online to krogercommunityrewards.com and have your Kroger Plus card in hand. Follow the instructions and use our organization's number – **BH841**. If you have any trouble registering, please call 1-866-221-4141. Thank you for your participation.

St. Nick's Shop – Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley is no longer sponsoring the Holiday Help a Family. Instead, they are offering willing individuals the opportunity to purchase specific gifts so families can come in and pick out the gifts for their children. As in the past, gifts are to be unwrapped and can be dropped off at the parish office prior to December 10. A complete list of requested items is on the insert in this bulletin.

Warm Hat and Glove Collection - We are collecting warm hats and gloves for adults and children. Please place them in the boxes behind the last pew.

Sponsors are Still Needed for the RCIA Participants! Please call Lynda at 937-228-1223 if you can help.



We are accepting donations for poinsettias to beautify our sanctuary for Christmas. If you would like to remember a loved one or simply wish to help beautify the church, please place your donation in an envelope and put in the collection basket. You may enclose the name of a loved one you wish remembered. Please mark the envelope "Christmas Flowers".

Dates to Mark on Your Calendar!

December 16 – 12:30 p.m. – We will begin the decorations for Christmas in church. Many hands will make light work.

December 17 – Church cleaning will be at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. (for whatever does not get done earlier). The more the merrier to complete the job!

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Generous Contributions for November 25, 2018

Weekend Offertory: Collection
\$5,223.00
Charity: \$ 551.00

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Our sympathy is extended to the family of Neal Lain. A memorial Mass will be offered on Monday, December 3 at 10:00 a.m. May he rest in the peace of the Lord.

Join us for Coffee and Donuts next Sunday following the 10:00 Mass in the school cafeteria across the street. All are welcome.

We welcome to our parish family: Mike and Peggy Goetz; Joseph Sbarra; Jonathan and Mary Seiter and daughter Rachel; and Josef and Heather Wein and children Dominic, Clare and Luke. We're delighted you've decided to join us.

We will again this year support Elizabeth New Life Center with our Advent Giving Tree. Please take an ornament from the tree in the back of church, purchase the item and bring the item to church. Please don't wrap the items as they are used throughout the year to help women in need. Thank You!

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

Katie Blausner	Brenda Magnum	Tony Riggs
Dolores Broerman	Vanessa Padgett	Patricia Waag
Kristina & John Cole	Victors Polovskis	Sharon Wenzel
Michael Culp	Karen Thomas	Diana Whittle

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

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

Area Activities

Live Nativity

Mark your calendar for the Live Nativity at Our Lady of the Rosary Church on Sunday, December 9, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm.

Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion to the sick are needed for Miami Valley Hospital. If you are interested in helping with this comforting ministry, please contact Fr. Chris Worland (937-293-1191 or cworland@stalbertthegreat.com). We ask that you get a letter from your pastor commending you for this ministry. Please pray about taking part in this most important ministry.

National Night of Prayer for Life – Each year, the National Night of Prayer for Life takes place from 9:00 p.m., December 8th until 1:00 a.m., December 9th. For further information google *National Night of Prayer for Life*.

University of Dayton Marian Library Nativity exhibits can be seen on the seventh floor of the Roesch Library through January 18. For more information visit go.udayton.edu/manger.

A Weekend of Discovery... A Lifetime of Love!! You're invited to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend, where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones—and focus only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you'll like the difference a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can make! The upcoming Marriage Encounter weekends are:

***January 25-27, St. Michael the Archangel, Sharonville, OH ***
February 15-17, Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, Norwood, OH
****this weekend is an in-Parish weekend. Couples will leave each evening, and return each morning, no lodging is provided. The content and format of the weekend is the same. For more information or to register, contact Andy and Jeanne Folfas at (937) 866-5196 or 800-343-5621 or jeannemarie42@hotmail.com or www.esharing.org.

International Human Rights Day. On the 70th anniversary of the UN Declaration on Human Rights, the University of Dayton and Immaculate Conception parish are organizing a prayer vigil at the Butler County ICE Detention Center on December 10th at 8:00 pm. For parking reasons busing will be provided. For information, registration and RSVP please go to <https://humanrightsvigil.com>.

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