

Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

December 16, 2018

3rd Sunday of Advent

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

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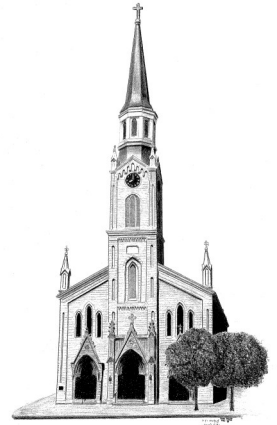
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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 17

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Deacon Baldwin & family
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Virginia Caulfield
50th Anniversary

Tuesday, December 18

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Esther Bila, Lauren & Arnard
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Martha Burgess

Wednesday, December 19

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....John R. Braum
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Judy Williams

Thursday, December 20

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Robert Coyle
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Jim Peacock

Friday, December 21

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Eduardo Flores
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Maxine Baldwin

Saturday, December 22

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Nat Smargiassi
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Katie Blauser
4:30 PM St. Joseph.....Eddie Fischer
5:15 PM Emmanuel.....For our parishioners

Sunday, December 23

8:30 AM Holy Trinity.....For our parishioners
10:00 AM St. Joseph.....For our parishioners
10:30 AM Emmanuel.....Living & deceased members
Higdon & Baldwin families
11:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Jerry Moorman

Next Week's Readings:

Zep 3: 14-18a, Is 12: 2-6 Phil 4:4-7, Luke 3: 10-18

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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Br. Matt Schaefer, C.P.P.S. DRE & Bookkeeper

Mary Beemsterboer, Secretary

Dennis Pyles, Maintenance

Michelle Carner, Music Director

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Deacon Michael Leo

Judith L Trick, Business Manager

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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

While doing some last-minute Christmas shopping, Clara Null was rushing her grandkids into the car. As she was closing the door, four-year-old-Jason said, "Grandma, Susie has something in her pocket." He reached into Susie's pocket and pulled out a new red barrette. Though she was tired, Clara knew it was important for Susie to take the barrette back to the store, apologize to the manager, and put the item back where she had found it. So, they did just that. Later, they stopped for a few quick groceries. At the checkout, the clerk asked, "Have you kids been good, so Santa will come?" Big brother Jason said, "I've been very good, but my sister just robbed a store."

One of the characteristics of good parenting is that parents first tell their children what is good and right and then they show them what is good and right through the example of their lives. When we reflect on salvation history we can see that God is like a loving parent. First God TOLD us through the prophets, then God SHOWED US through his Son how we are to live our lives each day so that we will be ready when Christ comes in glory.

In the season of Advent this message comes across clearly in our readings as we reflect upon the words of the prophets of old like Isaiah, Zephaniah, Baruch, Micah and John the Baptist. God sent the prophets to tell us how we are to prepare for the Day of the Lord.

As you will recall, John the Baptist lived a very austere life dressed in camel hair and eating locust and honey. His message of repentance was strong and forceful. True to form, he didn't mince any words when various people came up to him and asked, "What should we do?" John had proclaimed the clear message that the day of the Lord was near and so the people wanted to be ready. He tells them and us to be generous in sharing what we have, to be honest and to be satisfied with what we have received from the Lord.

In this Advent season the question "What should we do?" is very appropriate for us to reflect upon. What should we do to prepare for Christmas? Following John the Baptist's comments, here are a few questions for reflection. Am I being generous with the poor or am I just concerned with my family or circle of friends? Am I being honest in my relationships and living fully the vocation I have chosen? Am I content with what I have or am I restless and dissatisfied with my life?

In the consumer-oriented world in which we live our lives can quickly get out of focus and the preparations we are making for Christmas can easily become a burden rather than a cause for joy. It need not be that way for us. What should we do? St. Paul says to us, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Jesus is the image of the invisible God who has shown us what it means to be fully human.

On this third Sunday of Advent our hearts are growing in expectation and joy as we prepare for the coming feast of Christmas and the second coming of Christ in glory. Joy is not something we create but is the fruit of living with the confident assurance that God is always with us. As Christmas draws near ponder the gift of Jesus, the Word made Flesh, who loves us unconditionally, who delights in us, who is never outdone in generosity! When we encounter God's love for us we are inspired to return that love to God and to share it with others. This Advent we know what we should do. Keep your priorities rooted in God for he is the cause of our joy!

REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Service of Lessons and Carols will be celebrated this 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.

Today is Gaudete Sunday - This Sunday we light the pink candle of our advent wreath as we draw near to the beautiful feast of Christmas. The Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday which is the Latin word for rejoice. The Entrance Antiphon for Mass is taken from the Letter to the Philippians: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near." (Philippians 4:4-5) Our joy is found in the truth that God is with us. Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus we find joy in what God has done and is doing for us.

The Catholic Telegraph Online - For the latest in Catholic news and events on the local, national, and global levels, be sure to visit <http://www.thecatholictelegraph.com>.

December Young Adult Movie Watch

St. Ignatius tells us to see God in all things. Why not through movies? Come join other young adults Tuesday, December 18th at 7pm to watch a Christmas Classic: Polar Express! A short reflection will follow afterwards. Email Shaughn at sphillips@daytondowntowncatholic.com for further details and to register.

Free College Students Christmas Break Retreat!

On the Lawn presents *Anchor!*, a free retreat for College students, ages 18-23, on Friday December 28th from 4pm-10pm at St. Francis of Assisi. Dinner, Mass, and reflection talks will be included. To register go onto daytoncatholicya.com under "college" tab. If you have any questions contact the DCYA team at daytoncatholicya@gmail.com or Shaughn at sphillips@daytondowntowncatholic.com.

Formed Pick of the Week — Brother Francis: O Holy Night

Celebrate the Birth of Jesus Recall the wonder and joy of Christmas with Brother Francis in this heartwarming presentation that will remind you Who we celebrate during the Christmas season! To access the FORMED website, go to Formed.org and login using our parish code: FZ4VY9 (All upper-case letters).

Best Advent Ever is a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy holiday season. You will receive inspirational videos and practical tips for every-day life. To sign-up, visit: BestAdventEver.com/Christmas18.

The last Advent Eucharist Adoration will be held at St. Joseph Church on Saturday Dec. 22 following the noon Mass until 4:00 PM. This is a great opportunity to spend some time with the Lord this Advent season.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24th

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
12:00 Midnight Mass at Holy Trinity Church, Carols start at 11:30

Christmas Day, December 25th

9:00 AM Mass at Holy Trinity Church
10:00 AM Mass at St. Joseph Church
10:30 AM Mass at Emmanuel Church

EMMANUEL CHURCH

Generous Contributions for December 9, 2018

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$7,980.00	\$6,476.00
YTD excess or (deficit):	(\$8,568.00)	
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 647.60	
Immaculate Conception:	\$1,295.00	
Religious Retirement:	\$1,906.00	

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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

Please pray for parishioner Heidemarie Williams who will undergo extensive endometriosis surgery out of town in Atlanta on December 20. The surgery requires a specialist who is not in network and so the costs are an extreme financial hardship. If you would like to contribute financially to help offset this burden, you can do so at: [gofundme.com/heidemarie-surgery-fund](https://www.gofundme.com/heidemarie-surgery-fund). For meal train information, please email Malissa Green at: meal_train@roadrunner.com.

Christmas Giving Tree Project

Gifts should be returned unwrapped to 155 Franklin Street, before or after Mass this weekend.

Save The Date: Mark your calendars for St. Vincent de Paul Conference Fish Dinner/Monte Carlo Event, Friday, January 25th, 6:00-10:00 p.m..

Bible Study— Last Call for James: Pearls for Wise Living to find an anchor to hold you steady through the storms of life, see how God's wisdom helps us face suffering and temptation, learn the secret to finding joy in the midst of trials, learn how just a few small words can change your entire life----for better or for worse, find reasons to trust in God's providence more than in wealth, position, or personal talent, and learn to recognize the source of discord and the way to peace. Join us to study the letter of James beginning in January at Emmanuel. Tomorrow is the last day to register so please call 937-890-6262 to reserve a book and spot for you.

Rejoice
IN THE *Lord* ALWAYS.
I WILL SAY IT AGAIN:
Rejoice!
-PHILIPPIANS 4:4

Region 7 Special Confession Schedule (2 confessors)

December 18th - 6:30 PM at Emmanuel Church
December 19th - 6:30 PM at Emmanuel Church
December 20th - 11:00-11:55AM at St. Joseph Church
December 21st - 11:00-11:55 AM at St. Joseph Church
December 22nd - 11:00-11:55 AM at St. Joseph Church
No Confessions before Masses on December 24th or 25th

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Generous Contributions for December 9, 2018

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$ 6,400.00	\$4,893.98
YTD excess or (deficit):	(\$14,866.72)	
Religious Retirement:	\$ 2,541.00	

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Children's Pageant for Christmas Eve 5:00 P.M. Mass

There will be a practice for the Children's Pageant on Sunday, December 23 at 10:30 a.m. in church. ALL children are welcome to be a part of the pageant. Please come to the practice.

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 Sympathy is extended to the family of Robert Rotert buried from Holy Trinity last week. May he rest comfortably in the arms of our Father.

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.



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". December 16 is the last day to submit names for publication in the bulletin.

Welcome to our newly registered parishioner, Mr. Robert Reed. We are very happy you have chosen to be a member of our parish family.

Immediately after the 11:30 Mass today we will begin decorating the church for the Christmas season. Strong backs and many willing hands are needed to complete the task. Will you help this year by giving us an hour of your time?

We are in the process of scheduling Mass Intentions for 2019.

Call Judi at the parish office if you would like to schedule Masses for deceased loved ones.

Christmas Masses at Holy Trinity

5:00 p.m. Christmas eve – Children's pageant
Midnight Mass begins with carols at 11:30 p.m.
9:00 a.m. Christmas Day



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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	\$8,963.00
Charity:	\$ 172.00
Religious Retirement:	\$6,528.00

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We will decorate the church for Christmas on December 20th following the noon Mass. If you've never helped before, plan to join us this year. Not only is it a lot of fun but the church looks beautiful when we're done!

Reach out to someone this Christmas season. The holidays can be especially difficult for individuals and families who have lost a loved one or are going through major health concerns. Make a special effort to pray for these people, send them a card, or invite them to share a meal or event with you.

The church offices will be closed on December 24, 25, 31 and January 1st. If you would like any year end donations shown on your 2018 tax statements please ensure the donations are put in the Christmas collection or mailed by the 24th. 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 Blauser	Michael Culp	Katharine Smolik
Dolores Broerman	Vanessa Padgett	Karen Thomas
Mooneen Caulfield	Victors Polovskis	Sharon Wenzel
Kristina & John Cole	Tony Riggs	Diana Whittle

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

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

Area Activities

World Day of Peace Masses: January 1, 2019 - The Archdiocese will again celebrate two Masses on the Solemnity of Mary in commemoration of the World Day of Peace on New Year's Day. Archbishop Dennis Schnurr will preside at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains at 11:00 a.m. and Bishop Joseph Binzer will preside at St. Charles Borromeo (4500 Ackerman Blvd, Kettering, OH 45429) at 11:00 a.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to pray for life, dignity, creation and peace in our world!

Retrouvaille: January 11-13 - The Retrouvaille Program helps couples restore and rebuild a loving relationship. It is for couples whose marriages are struggling, not communicating well, and those who are considering marriage separation or divorce. For more information visit www.cincyretrovaille.org, HelpOurMarriage.com or call 513.456.5413.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: January 25-27- In the ups and downs of marriage, sometimes couples need a little something to snap themselves out of the downs. The communication technique and the other tools learned on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend are often just the remedies a couple needs. For more information or to register visit www.wwme.org or call 937.886.5196.

National Migration Week Event - Join Catholic Charities to hear how we can build communities of Welcome. Hear from those who have been separated from families, learn what life is like as a refugee and go forth with ideas of ways you can welcome your neighbors. The event will be held January 10, 2019 at Good Shepherd Parish (8815 E. Kemper Rd.) at 6:00 p.m. For more information go to www.ccswoh.org.

Caregiver Support - We have a new caregiver group starting in December at Mallard Cove Senior Living in Sharonville. For a complete support group calendar, please see www.ccswoh.org/cansupport. Call 513.869.4483 or email Angie at ahomoelle@ccswoh.org if you have any questions, would like to arrange an educational presentation for caregivers, or have caregivers needing support.

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