

Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

December 23, 2018

4th Sunday of Advent

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

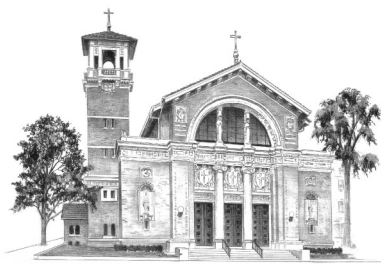
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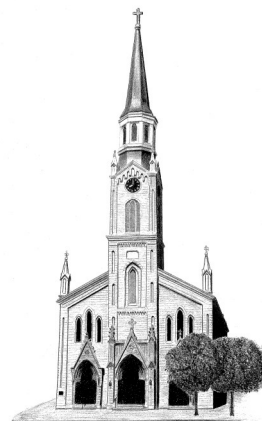
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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve

- 7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Jerry Schenking
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Joe Healy
4:30 PM St. Joseph.....Peace in our families, our
country, our world
5:00 PM Holy Trinity.....Charles & Shirley Joyce
5:15 PM Emmanuel.....For our parishioners
10:00 PM Emmanuel.....Deceased of the Marshall family
12:00 AM Holy Trinity.....For our parishioners

Tuesday, December 25, Christmas Day

- 9:00 AM Holy Trinity.....Ed Clemans
10:00 AM St. Joseph.....Ken Tollefson
10:30 AM Emmanuel.....Living & deceased Penno &
Hathaway families

Wednesday, December 26

- 7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Niehaus family
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Susan Carpec O'Kane

Thursday, December 27

- 7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Anthony Caputo
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Ed & Virginia Griffin

Friday, December 28

- 7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Living & deceased Trick family
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Alfred & Mary Kraft, Clifford
& Rose Brandt

Saturday, December 29

- 7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Robert Coyle
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Gerry Slattery
4:30 PM St. Joseph.....For our parishioners
5:15 PM Emmanuel.....For our parishioners

Sunday, December 30

- 8:30 AM Holy Trinity.....For our parishioners
10:00 AM St. Joseph.....Mark Schaefer
10:30 AM Emmanuel.....Pete Baldwin
11:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Harold Rittenhouse

Next Week's Readings:

Mi 5: 1-4a, Ps 80, Hebrews 10: 5-10, Luke 1: 39-45

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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Mary Beemsterboer, Secretary

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Deacon Michael Leo

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Rita Zimmerman, Business Manager

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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

As the season of Advent comes to a close our scripture readings invite us to renew our faith in God by opening our hearts to his living Word. The role models we are given in today's gospel are Mary and Elizabeth. Both are open to God's word which reveals an unexpected promise. It is amazing to consider that these two women were chosen to play such an important role in the story of salvation history because in that time women were often marginalized in society. How beautiful it is to hear about one unborn child, John in the womb of Elizabeth, recognizing the child Jesus within Mary's womb whose life would have only begun some 10 days earlier. St. Luke is reminding us that God often comes to us in simple and humble ways, a truth that can easily be missed in our day-to-day living.

A question to ponder in these final days before Christmas is this: "Is my heart open to the revelation that God wants to share with me this Christmas?" All too often we are attracted to focus upon the material things in life instead of the profound experience of God's abiding presence. Today's message about Mary and Elizabeth may hold the key. Elizabeth says of Mary: "*Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.*" (Luke 1:45)

It is faith that helps us to accept God's plan and it is faith that finds a home in hearts that are open and pure rather than hearts that are rocked by worry or fear, selfish desires or schedules and priorities that are out of balance. The hearts of Mary and Elizabeth were open and marked by humble acceptance of God's Word to them. What is it in your heart that you need to let go of so that you can rejoice in the coming feast of Christmas?

The author Sue Monk Kidd in her book *From When the Heart Waits* writes about her visit to a monastery around Christmas years ago. She passed a monk walking outside the church and said "Merry Christmas." And the monk replied, "May Christ be born in you." At the time, Ms. Kidd thought that this was a very odd greeting. But she never forgot it. And, with time, she came to realize the power of the simple greeting: "May Christ be born in you." When Christ dwells within us, there is peace, joy and life.

*This Christmas,
"May Christ be born in you."*

As St. John Paul II once wrote: "*The Word who found a dwelling in Mary's womb comes to knock on the heart of every person...*" We often come to understand that living Word through the experiences and people God places in our lives. Recounting the visitation of Mary and Elizabeth reminds us how important it is to wait in hope affirming for one another that what we wait for is worth the wait.

When we clear our hearts of all the distractions of day-to-day living we can see that there is cause for rejoicing. Elizabeth and Mary realized that the events that the prophets of old spoke about are coming to pass. The Messiah has entered the world! This truth needs to capture our hearts this Christmas. We have the benefit of seeing God's plan of salvation come to life and we know the end of the story. We know that Christ revealed his mercy and love for us by pouring out his life blood upon the cross and now he reigns in glory.

Our joy is not the kind of joy that comes from winning a prize or the lottery. No, our joy is found in the realization that Good has won the victory over sin and death. This is why our witness is so important. We who believe in the miracle of Christmas and the resurrection of Christ are to be living examples of Christ—His love, truth, justice, hope, fidelity and peace. And when we grow weary we simply need to remember all that Christ has done for us and the glory that is to be revealed in the life to come. This Christmas, "May Christ be born in you."

REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Silent Night celebrates its 200th Anniversary. Two hundred years ago this Christmas Eve, in the year 1818, the beloved Christmas hymn "Silent Night" was sung for the first time in the Church of St. Nicholas in Oberndorf, Austria. Originally penned as a poem by Fr. Josef Mohr, Fr. Mohr asked his church organist, Franz Xavier Gruber to put the poem to music. Because the church organ was broken, the melody was set to the accompaniment of a guitar. The simple origin of this hymn reflects the beauty of that holy night when Christ was born in a humble stable revealing the depth of God's love for us.

Formed Pick of the Week — The Story of the Nativity
Explore the Birth of Christ! This fast-paced look at the true story of the Nativity clears away misunderstandings about Jesus's origin and is invaluable for learning more about the truth of Christmas. To access the FORMED website, go to Formed.org and login using our parish code: FZ4VY9 (All upper-case letters).

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>.

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@daytontowncatholic.com.

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.

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
Carols start at 9:30
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

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass Schedule

December 31st

5:15 PM Emmanuel Church
6:00 PM Holy Trinity Church

January 1st

10:30 AM Emmanuel Church
12:00 PM St. Joseph Church

Merry Christmas

EMMANUEL CHURCH

Generous Contributions for December 16, 2018

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$7,980.00	\$10,061.00
YTD excess or (deficit):	(\$6,487.00)	
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$1,066.10	

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Frs. Angelo and Matt*

Prayer List

Daniel Branch	Nancy Glazier	Mike McDonald
Bernard Chachula	George Hendrix	Randy Rosenthal
Michael Dalessio	Kathy McCrabb	Vincent Schommer
Annette & John Fohl	Thomas Ledinsky	

No Novena

Tuesday, December 25th or Tuesday, January 1st.

The parish office will be closed on December 24, 25, 31 and January 1st.

Mass Intentions for 2019 may be scheduled by calling the rectory, 228-2013, Monday-Friday 9:30am-2:30pm. Mass intentions are a \$5 donation and you may request up to 3 Masses per deceased loved one or intention. You may only request 1 weekend Mass time (5:15pm or 10:30am) for the year.

Offertory Envelopes...For those Parishioners using the Emmanuel Offertory Envelopes, please pick up your box in the back of the church. If you would like to begin using envelopes, please contact Brother Matt at 228-2013 or brothermatt@emmanuelcatholic.com. These envelopes can serve as reminders for your offerings and will allow the parish to provide you with a year-end statement of your contributions.

Giving Tree... Our SVDP Conference wishes to express our gratitude to all parishioners who donated gifts for our Giving Tree. These gifts will help the families served by the Elizabeth's New Life Center. Thank you for your support and generosity.

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*)

Thank You! As Christmas draws near we are mindful of the many people working behind the scenes in our pastoral region to prepare for the Solemnity of Christmas. We are grateful to all who are contributing to the joyful celebration of this year's feast by cleaning, decorating, offering musical talents, assisting with the liturgical ministries, sending cards, goodies and prayerful support. We are blessed through you!

Fr. Angelo and Fr. Matt

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Generous Contributions for December 16, 2018

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$ 6,400.00	\$6,014.00
YTD excess or (deficit):	(\$15,252.72)	

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"I was overwhelmed by the number of cards, well wishes and the folks who came to my retirement celebration at Holy Trinity. I am grateful for you all and my time at Holy Trinity."

Peace to you and yours, Tom

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

Practice is today at 10:30 a.m. in church. If you can't make it to practice you can still be in the pageant. We will gathering at church about 4:15 p.m. in church. ALL children are welcome to be a part of the pageant.

Our Sympathy is extended to the families of Lawrence Thompson Sr., Rosemary Hoeper and Teresa Buchanan, buried from Holy Trinity this past week. May they rest comfortably in the arms of our Father.

Many thanks to all the willing workers who helped decorate the church last Sunday and to the classy cleaners who cleaned the church on Monday. Your gift of time and talents to the parish does not go unnoticed. May God continue to bless you!

Welcome to our newly registered parishioners, Christine Farmer and James Lab. We are very happy you have chosen to be a member of our parish family.

First Reconciliation and First Communion Classes begin January 13th at 9:30 a.m. Classes will be held the second and fourth Sundays of the month during FIRE. Please call the office to sign your child up if you have not previously done so.

Ministry to Military and College Students – The FIRE participants would like to show our love and care for Holy Trinity college students and military personnel by sending them care packages. Please submit the names and addresses of your college students, soldiers, sailors and air force personnel to the church office by Sunday, January 6th. Care packages will be packed on Sunday, January 13th during FIRE. Donations of candy, beef jerky and other individual packages of snacks will be gratefully accepted. Please place your donations in the box marked F.I.R.E. in the back of the church. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

The joy of giving was certainly evident in the abundance of gifts that were donated by parishioners and friends of the parish to the Catholic Social Services St. Nick Shoppe.

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.



*May the Miracle of
Christmas fill your
heart with Joy!*

- Your Parish Staff

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Generous Contributions for December 16, 2018

Weekend Offertory: Collection
\$8,242.00
Charity: \$ 183.00

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We would like to thank all of you who have ministered in the parish in some way this past year. Your ministry is very important to the parish. Please stop by the sacristy after Mass to pick up your gift.

Thank You to everyone who helped decorate the church for Christmas. The church looks beautiful! May the beauty of our church bring joy and peace to those who worship with us this Christmas season.

Thank You for your generous gifts for the Giving Tree. Elizabeth New Life Center is most appreciative of your help in serving mothers in need.

The church offices will be closed on December 24, 25, 31 and January 1st. **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

*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
John Carner	Alex McGarvey	Jessica Pruitt
Kelli Anne Cartuyvelles	Zachary McIntyre	Susan Varmuza
Gary Eilers	Matthew Melvin	Justin Williams
Morgan Konsdorf		

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 ahomoele@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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