

Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

December 22, 2019

4th Sunday of Advent

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

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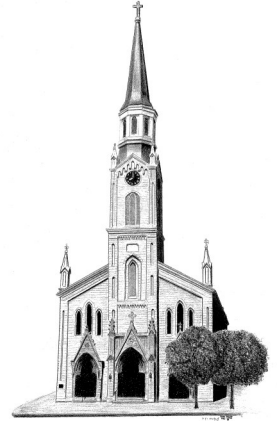
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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 23

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Rita Deis
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Cheryl Anderson

Tuesday, December 24

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Jerry Schenking
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Susan Carpec O'Kane
4:30 PM St. Joseph.....All the faithfully departed
5:00 PM Holy Trinity.....For our parishioners
5:15 PM Emmanuel.....For our parishioners
10:00 PM Emmanuel.....Living & deceased members
Muckenthaler & Weixelman Families
12:00 PM Holy Trinity.....Tony Lucente

Wednesday, December 25

9:00 AM Holy Trinity.....Rosella & Oliver Gast
10:00 AM St. Joseph.....For our parishioners
10:30 AM Emmanuel.....Living & deceased members
Penno & Hathaway Families

Thursday, December 26

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Bette Jasco
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Alfred & Mary Kraft

Friday, December 27

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Intention of Kaplan Family
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Clifford & Rose Brandt

Saturday, December 28

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Niehaus Family
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Virginia Bauer
4:30 PM St. Joseph.....John Kuntz Jr.
5:15 PM Emmanuel.....For our parishioners

Sunday, December 29

8:30 AM Holy Trinity.....For our parishioners
10:00 AM St. Joseph.....For our parishioners
10:30 AM Emmanuel.....Hansman & Troutman
Families
11:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Jerry Moorman

Next Week's Readings:

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

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.

Respect Life Rosary 2nd Sunday of the month after 8:30 Mass at Holy Trinity.

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



A word that grabs my attention from today's gospel is "behold." In scripture, the word "behold" is another way of saying, be attentive, observe fully whatever is before you, for God is doing something important. In a dream the angel of the Lord breaks into Joseph's life saying "behold" there is something important you need to know!

Sometime during the period of their betrothal, Joseph learns that Mary is pregnant. In the culture of his day, a woman could be stoned to death because of a pregnancy outside of marriage. Joseph wrestles with what to do.

There is no indication that Joseph reacted in an accusatory manner when he learned of the pregnancy. We sense that Joseph truly loves Mary and holds no ill will. He waited for the Lord, but God was silent. Joseph wants to protect her and so, humanly speaking, he believed the godly thing to do would be to divorce Mary quietly. It is in this mindset that the angel appears to Joseph in a dream and says, behold! Notice, the Lord waits for Joseph to make his decision before revealing the mystery behind Mary's pregnancy.

What do we do with our times of waiting when we have a challenging decision to make? Do we worry in fear, jump to conclusions, get angry, become cynical or fall into self-pity? Isn't it true that the real test of a person's courage is found when they wrestle with the inner tests that come their way, staying true to their beliefs when no one is looking or when they find themselves standing alone? Joseph is our model in challenging times such as these. He teaches us to behold the Lord.

One spiritual practice that I learned in a 30-Day Ignatian retreat involves allowing God to behold me and then for me to behold God. In this prayer you first ask that God see you, hear you and know your feelings. Allow God to behold you with love and honor. Then, as God beholds you, your prayer is to be given the grace to behold God and follow God's will; to see God, to hear God, to know the heart of God. This is something Joseph did very well.

Pope Francis began his papacy reflecting on the life of St. Joseph and said, "As the spouse of Mary, Joseph is at her side in good times and bad, on the journey to Bethlehem for the census & in the anxious and joyful hours when she gave birth; amid the drama of the flight into Egypt and during the frantic search for their child in the Temple; and later in the day-to-day life of the home of Nazareth, in the workshop where he taught his trade to Jesus." Joseph had every right to question or desire further information along the way, but he didn't pressure God for anything more, the angel's message was enough, his heart was set on doing God's will no matter what that would cost him.

Acting in faith is the underlying message of Christmas. Our role models are Mary and Joseph whose yes to God is unique to each. Mary's yes is found in accepting God's will that she would give birth to the Messiah, the Son of God. Joseph uses no words but willingly follows God's command "to take Mary into his home as his wife." As a "just man" Joseph doesn't doubt what God asks him to do. He obediently follows God's plan and protects Mary and the child Jesus.

Today, may we follow the example of St. Joseph and pray through his intercession for a greater trust in God's plan for our salvation and the courage to respond to that plan with the witness of our lives.

REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Confessions Times for Christmas: December 23rd at St. Joseph Church beginning at 11:00 AM.

Formed Pick of the Week: The Story of the Nativity. The birth of Jesus is often misunderstood, but this fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity clarifies widespread misunderstandings of Jesus' origin. Join top scholars, inspirational speakers, and popular authors as they explain the story behind the story of the birth of Jesus. To access the FORMED website, go to Formed.org and login using our parish code: FZ4VY9 (All upper-case letters).

Support our Parishes with an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). An IRA qualified charitable distribution allows taxpayers 70½ or older to make tax-free charitable gifts of up to \$100,000 per year directly from their IRA to their parish.

A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA custodian, payable to a qualified charity. QCDs can be counted toward satisfying your required minimum distributions (RMDs) for the year, as long as certain rules are met.

Benefits of an IRA charitable rollover:

- Avoid taxes on transfers of up to \$100,000 from your IRA to our parish
- Satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year
- Reduce your taxable income, even if you do not itemize deductions
- Make a gift that is not subject to the deduction limits on charitable gifts
- Help further the work and mission of our parish

Please consult your tax adviser to determine if this charitable giving strategy is an option for you. For more information please call the parish office.

Teen Epiphany Party... On Sunday, January 5, all teens (7th-12th grades) of Region 7 and the homeschool community are invited to an Epiphany Party and Monte Carlo night. There will be card games such as poker and blackjack, as well as games for those who do not prefer to play cards. Please bring a snack to share. We will not be playing for money. This will be just for fun! Emmanuel School building from 6-8 pm. Please contact Tanya Lee with any questions and to RSVP - 937-885-7432 or michaelllee25@sbcglobal.net.

Welcome Home College Students!

We are happy you successfully completed another semester and are home for the Christmas break. Come find rest with *On The Lawn's Beloved in the Spirit Retreat*. It is open to all college students and is FREE. Come out December 28th from 4-10pm at Wright State University John Bosco Chapel. Dinner will be provided with reflections and time to spend with the Lord and other college students in prayer. To register email Shaughn Phillips at sphillips@daytondowntowncatholic.com or register online at daytoncatholicya.com under the "college" tab.

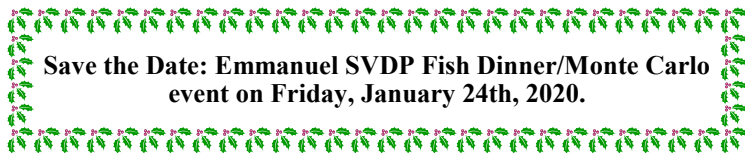
Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24th

4:30 PM Mass at St. Joseph Church (*caroling 30 min. prior*)
5:00 PM Mass at Holy Trinity Church
5:15 PM Mass at Emmanuel Church (*caroling 30 min. prior*)
10:00 PM Mass at Emmanuel Church (*caroling 30 min. prior*)
12:00 Midnight Mass at Holy Trinity Church (*caroling 30 min. prior*)

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



Save the Date: Emmanuel SVDP Fish Dinner/Monte Carlo
event on Friday, January 24th, 2020.

EMMANUEL CHURCH

Generous Contributions for December 15, 2019

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$7,980.00	\$ 6,681.00
St. Vincent DePaul		\$ 668.10
YTD excess or (deficit):		(\$7,512.00)

*Many thanks for the generous spirit of our parishioners.
Frs. Angelo and Matt*

Prayer List

Teresa Bond	Craig Hathaway	Brian Napier
Daniel Branch	George Hendrix	Mike Riahle
Bernard Chachula	Virginia Hicks	Tony Rocco
Michael Dalessio	Jack Hohl	Eric Rosenthal
Rick Emerick	Thomas Ledinsky	Randy Rosenthal
Annette & John Fohl	Mike McDonald	Molly Schneider
Helen & Gene	Patrick McDonald	Jan Timerding
Anita Goulart	Wayne Meny	

No Novena

Tuesday, December 24th or Tuesday, December 31st

The parish office will be closed December 24, 25, 31 & January 1.

Recently baptized... Congratulations to Austin & Laura Stalhood on the baptism of their daughter, Rosalie Elizabeth.

Thank you to all parishioners who brought gifts for our Giving Tree. These gifts will help the families served by the Elizabeth's New Life Center. Your support and generosity is greatly appreciated.

Christmas Gift Book: *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary* by Brant Pitre. This year the parish is offering a book as a gift to each household. Dr. Pitre takes readers step-by-step from the Garden of Eden to the Book of Revelation to reveal how deeply biblical Catholic beliefs about Mary really are. Once you've read the book you are invited to share it with a family member, friend or neighbor to encourage their growth in faith.

Offertory Envelopes... 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.

Once again this year the Emmanuel Respect Life group is sponsoring youth and teens who want to attend the March for Life in January. We are helping with up to \$125.00 for the first ten people who respond. Please contact Mark Miller at markm5704@gmail.com for more information.



Merry Christmas

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Generous Contributions for December 15, 2019

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$6,400.00	\$ 4,916.16
YTD excess or (deficit):		(\$26,793.42)

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Thanks to All the Secret Santas who added gifts to the items needed for the Women's and Children's Shelter of St. Vincent de Paul. Today is the last day we are accepting donations. As always, Holy Trinity parishioners came through with flying colors.

Sunday Collection Envelopes are available for pick up after Mass today on the table in the back of church. If you do not find yours, please sign the tablet on the table and we will see that you get a set.

Church Calendars are also available on the table for each family. Please take one with you as you leave church.

Our gratitude is extended to the parishioners and friends of the parish who cleaned the church this past Monday in preparation for our Christmas celebration. Many hands made for light work and we appreciate you!

Kroger Community Rewards:

We received a check in the amount of \$401.99, with thanks to all who are participating. Can you just imagine the size of the check if all our parishioners were enrolled in the Kroger Community program? Now is your opportunity to help out. 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. It's free money and in no way effects your fuel savings or other promotions at Kroger. It is just Kroger's way of saying thank you to non-profit organizations.

Please Note: For our parishioners who have difficulty climbing the steps to get into church, there are three parking spaces around the back of the parish office building dedicated to **handicapped parking**. It is a very short walk up a small ramp to enter church. You are most welcome to make use of these spaces by taking the driveway to the north side of the parish office and going around the back of the parish office building.

Our ushers will happily bring the Holy Eucharist back to any individual who has difficulty coming to the altar to receive. Please just let the usher know at the Mass you attend.

Our Small Effort of Protecting Our Environment: 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!

If you have spent batteries that you would like to keep out of the landfills, you may bring them to church with you and put them in the plastic bin on the steps in the entry way and they will be recycled properly thanks to Ron Bird.

The deadline for submission of articles for our upcoming Newsletter is January 10.

Boiler Fund Update:

Goal: \$73,000

Pledged/collected: \$62,560.00

We are well on our way, \$10,440.00 to go!

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Generous Contributions for December 15, 2019

Weekend Offertory:	Collection
	\$ 9,396.50
Charity:	\$ 392.00

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If you have ministered to the parish in some way in the past year we have a small gift of thanks for you. Please stop in the sacristy after Mass to pick up your gift.

The parish office will be closed December 24, 25, 31 & January 1.

A big Thank You to everyone who helped decorate the church for Christmas. The church looks amazing and so welcoming to all those who will visit us this holy season.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the flower fund for our Christmas flowers. The flowers are lovely and truly enhance our worship space.

Our church calendars and magnetic calendars will be available in the back of church very soon.

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

Rebekka Anders	Cody Landers	Diane Nyirasimbi
Yves Benimana	Greg Marcus	Anthony Pelfrey
Michael Borgert	Alex McGarvey	Jessica Pruitt
John Carner	Zachary McIntyre	Aimee Storm
Kelli Anne Cartuyvelles	Matthew Melvin	Susan Varmuza
Gary Eilers	David Musgrove	Justin Williams
Morgan Konsdorf		

Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Call the rectory if you would like to be added to the prayer list.

Cheryl Anderson	Michael Culp	Tony Riggs
Katie Blausier	Catherine DeMange	Janet Rudy-Gerrard
Shannon Boyd	Rita Downs	Jim Smith
Bob Bruns	Christine Durr	Jack Summers
Mooneen Caulfield	Vanessa Padgett	Karen Thomas
Kristina Cole	Victors Polovskis	Sharon Wenzel

Area Activities

Annual Nativity Display - Since 1995, the University of Dayton's Marian Library has presented a selection of its expansive collection of 3,500 Nativity scenes from more than 100 countries, celebrating how people around the world ponder and picture the birth of Christ through many different cultural lenses. Join us during the 2019 Advent and Christmas seasons as we showcase the dedicated and inspiring volunteers of the Marian Library's crèche workshop in a display entitled "A Labor of Love" December 2, 2019 – January 12, 2020 at the Roesch Library first-floor gallery and Marian Library, seventh floor. This exhibit is free and open to the public.

Do you want to improve your marriage? Marriage Works! Ohio is hosting a Christian-based marriage class this winter called *Growing Together*. The class is designed to help couples resolve problems and improve communication, leading to stronger relationships. *Growing Together* is a six-week series offered on Monday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. The first class starts on January 6, 2020. Please call 937-262-7010 or visit TrustMarriage.com for more information or to register.

Prison Ministry is collecting religious items and Christmas cards to bring into the prisons and jails this Christmas. Rosaries, saint medals, crucifixes, holy cards, and novenas that are sitting around doing nothing at home are much cherished reminders of God's love and mercy for our brothers and sisters in prison. A Christmas card sent to an inmate who has no one else will bring light into their darkness. All items and Christmas cards can be sent to: Archdiocese Prison Ministry, 100 E Eighth Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202.

If Your Marriage Needs Help...Retrouvaille...A Lifeline: Is your marriage going down the right road...or is it a little off track? Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For details about our upcoming weekend, January 10, 11, 12, 2020 call 513-922-6045 or visit one of the following websites: www.cincyretrouvaille.org, www.retrouvaille.org or www.helpourmarriage.org.

From the Joyful Noiseletter:

Sign outside Calvary Baptist Church:
"The Manger was the first King sized bed."

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