

Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

November 29, 2020

1st Sunday of Advent

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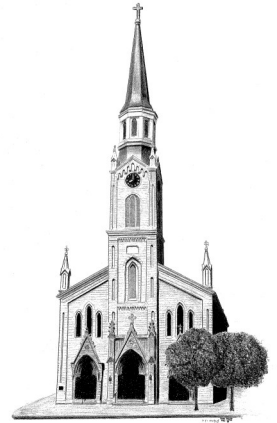
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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 30

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Cy & Ann Klosterman

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Lauren Powers

Tuesday, December 1

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Dan Dalton

6:00 PM Holy Trinity.....George Beemsterboer

Wednesday, December 2

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....John & Estelle Braun

12:00 AM St. Joseph.....All Souls

Thursday, December 3

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Claude Sacksteder

6:00 PM Emmanuel.....Pete Baldwin, Jr.

Friday, December 4

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Intention of Tom & Rita
Osterndorf

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Gary Eilers

Saturday, December 5

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....All unborn children and their
parents

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Rev. Vince Hoying C.P.P.S.

4:30 PM St. Joseph.....Carolyn & Jerry Palmer
Wedding Anniversary

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

Sunday, December 6

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

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

10:30 AM Emmanuel.....Living & deceased Moore
Family

11:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Jose' Davila

Next Week's Readings:

Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11; Psalms 85: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14 ;

Second Peter 3: 8-14; Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8

Confessions:

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

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For Baptisms, Weddings or Ministry to the Homebound
please contact your parish office.

DEACON RUSTY REFLECTION

Already here. But not yet!

Most of us don't start thinking about the New Year until sometime after Christmas. But today marks the first day of the Church's New Year, because the new liturgical year begins with the first Sunday of Advent. Advent marks the beginning of the cycle that, yet again, explores the Paschal mystery: the life, death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Our Lord.



Advent is the season of Christ being "already here, but not yet." How can something be already here, but not yet? The very first Advent provides the most profound and powerful example of "already here, but not yet." After Our Lady's fiat, the Holy Spirit overshadowed her and the Son of God became man, a living person in Mary's womb. At that very moment, Our Lord was already here, already present in the world... but not yet; not like he would be at the first Christmas.

And Christ being "already here, but not yet" is evident in our own lives as well. Every Christian, every one of us here who is a believer, has Christ in us. Christ is already in the deepest part of us, the deepest part of our soul. St. Paul is writing about this very same thing in a slightly different way in his letter to the Corinthians, "The grace of God has been bestowed on us – we have been enriched in every way – we are not lacking in any spiritual gift." That is, the wisdom, fortitude, understanding, knowledge and other virtues we need are already here within us. Now, you might be thinking, "That may well be true for some Christians, but most seem to be keeping their wisdom, knowledge, and virtue a well-guarded secret!" Sadly, most of us don't make full use of the spiritual gifts we have been given... at least not yet. But spiritual gifts are not an all or nothing proposition. And we can thank the Lord that He is patient with us. For it is only over time that most of us slowly start to respond to God's grace; only gradually do we learn to use the gifts he has given us. And that's the whole point of the liturgical year. That's why every year the Church has us re-live the Paschal mystery, so that by His grace, we might respond ever more fully to the indescribable gift of His coming into the world.

It's somewhat similar to how a Chinese bamboo tree grows. When the Chinese plant the bamboo tree seed; they water and fertilize it, but the first year nothing happens. The second year they water and fertilize it, and nothing happens. The third and fourth year they water and fertilize the seed too – nothing. During the fifth year, they continue to water and fertilize the seed, and at some point during this year, it starts to grow, and I mean grow! The fastest growing Chinese Bamboo grows at a rate of three feet a day. The largest Chinese Bamboo tree is 130 feet tall.

I would submit that the tree was there in the seed itself: already there, but not yet – not like it would be after being watered and nourished those many years. And if it had not been for those many years of nourishment, there never would have been a 130 foot Chinese bamboo tree.

That's exactly how God's grace works in our lives. By His grace, all the spiritual gifts, all the virtues, Our Lord Himself in fact, has been planted in seed form, as it were, in the hearts and lives of every Christian. The Church nourishes us through her liturgy, through the sacraments – especially the Eucharist – so that the Christ that is already here, in us, will grow strong and tall and we will be the witness to the world and the blessing to everyone we meet that He intended us to be.

This Advent, let us nourish and water that seed of Christ who is already dwelling within us with the graces that he so freely and generously provides us, so that when Our Lord does come suddenly he will not find us sleeping, but instead will find us busy doing His work.

REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Eucharistic Adoration will be held at St. Joseph Church on the Saturday's of Advent (Dec. 5, 12 & 19) following the Noon Mass until 4:00 PM. Let Jesus the Prince of Peace speak to your heart.

Visio Divina—Spend some time reflecting upon and praying with the beautiful stained-glass windows in our churches at 2:00 PM on the following Saturdays in Advent: Dec. 5th at St. Joseph, Dec 12th at Holy Trinity, and Dec 19th at Emmanuel.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception—This year the obligation to attend Mass on this Holy Day has been dispensed. Those who would like to celebrate the Solemnity on December 8th while observing the rules governing social distancing and masks may do so at 7:30 AM Emmanuel Church, 12:00 Noon St. Joseph Church and 6:00 PM Holy Trinity Church.

Lessons and Carols—Sunday, December 13th at 2:00 PM at St. Joseph's Church we will celebrate a service of scripture and song that recounts the Fall of Humanity, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. Each scripture lesson is followed by a carol or song that reflects the lesson's message and a brief prayer. This is a wonderful way to prepare your heart for Christmas!

Advent Communal Reconciliation Service will be held on Sunday, December 6th at 12:45pm at Holy Trinity Church. There will be several priests to hear individual confessions.

Save the Date...Emmanuel Conference St. Vincent DePaul is planning to hold our Annual Fundraiser Fish/Sausage Drive-Thru Takeout Dinner on Saturday, January 30, 2021. For information, contact Holly Stiers at 901-4194 or Jerri Mechenbier at 681-6313.

Sign up for The Road to Bethlehem this Advent on FORMED.org. This Advent join us for a journey on The Road to Bethlehem, an opt-in digital discipleship program designed to guide you through this important season of preparation. This program includes:

- daily Advent reflections by Dr. Tim Gray;
- weekly videos, audio talks, and book excerpts on FORMED related to the weekly theme;
- email reminders every morning;
- Brother Francis Advent reflections for kids; and
- a weekly action item to help you put the Advent message into practice.

Sign up today for free at FORMED.org/Advent
Not yet on FORMED? Visit [http://signup.formed.org/](https://signup.formed.org/).
Enter 45402 or St. Joseph Church. Enter your name and email.

It's getting worse. Are you doing your part to limit the spread? The governor has reaffirmed the order for everyone to wear face masks when around anyone outside their home. If you are attending one of our churches you **must** wear a face mask unless a medical condition determines otherwise. If you don't want to wear a mask it is ok to watch Mass online. It is imperative that everyone wear their mask the entire time they are in church and not remove them when seated. The mask is meant to help others. Wearing a mask and social distancing is what we are required to do in public settings. Let's work together to keep our churches open by reduce the spread and showing our Christian charity for one other during this pandemic.

Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound—If you are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist at home or you are interested in being a Eucharistic minister to the homebound please call the parish office. Training sessions for all those interested in this ministry will be on November 30th at Holy Trinity Church; at 9:00am or 6:00pm.

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

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

EMMANUEL CHURCH

Generous Contributions for November 22, 2020

Weekend Offertory:	Collection
	\$3,138.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$559.00
Year-to-date Deficit:	\$33,222.00

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

Prayer List

Virginia Allen	Cindy Gardina	Brian Napier
Ralph Berry	Gary George	Phyllis Rieger
Teresa Bond	Craig Hathaway	Tony Rocco
Daniel Branch	George Hendrix	Eric Rosenthal
Dave Cartuyvelles	Jack Hohl	Randy Rosenthal
Nancy Cartuyvelles	Margaret Kuck	Molly Schneider
Bernard Chachula	Thomas Ledinsky	Jan Timerding
Michael Dalessio	Judy Marks	Trina Umberg
Rick Emerick	Mike McDonald	Daniel
Anna Espy	Patrick McDonald	Helen
Annette & John Fohl		

Keep Christ in Christmas Through Cards... The Emmanuel Pro-Life Committee will be selling Christmas cards again this year. Sales will begin this weekend after the Masses. The photograph on the card, the message in the card along with the design of the card were all done by Emmanuel parishioners. The Pro-Life Committee and the Evangelization Commission remind us a Christmas card may be the only message of evangelization many people receive. Sending a card with the true message of Christmas is one way we can help others remember that God loves us and sent His Son to redeem us.

Part of the proceeds will be used to sponsor the first 4 youth to sign up to go to the March for Life. We will donate up to \$150.00 for the trip. Contact markm5704@gmail.com for youth to sign up.

The Mass: will help explain the complaints like "it's boring", do we have to go to Mass, even when we're on vacation?" "I don't get anything out of the Mass." Come learn what the Mass is really about so we can "embrace the privilege of attending Mass and share it with other". Information is on the tables in back of Church.

VIRTUS Monthly Bulletins... Please check your account to make sure it is active. Simply go to www.virtus.org to log in and on the far right side of the page under "Training Bulletin Report," click on "Click here to see your complete report." If you have questions please call or email Brother Matt, brother-matt@emmanuelcatholic.com.

Sign Up To Pray A Minute - Do you believe in the power of prayer? Do you believe that our country is in desperate need of peace, justice and goodwill? If so, then go to www.PrayAMinute.com and pledge to pray just one minute more than you already do, every day, for the specific intention of peace, justice and goodwill. Catholics from across the archdiocese are uniting in prayer from now until January 1, the World Day of Prayer for Peace, for the spiritual renewal of our country. Please join this movement!

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Generous Contributions for November 22, 2020

Given the early deadline for printing the bulletin offertory totals will be in next week's bulletin.

Many thanks for the generous spirit of our parishioners and to all who are making up their Sunday offerings, either by mail or through the Sunday collections.

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HOLY TRINITY'S 2020 BAZAAR FOR OUR OUTREACH MINISTRY

Many Thanks to All who have already turned in their sold chances for our Bizarre Bazaar. Early turn-ins are very encouraging. We have collected \$2,025.00 in raffle returns. Sold chances can be mailed to the parish office, placed in the collection basket or given to the seller in the back of church after Mass.

Be sure to take a look at all the raffle prizes on display in the back of church. If you would like to purchase some chances and did not receive any in the mail you can call or stop by the parish office and we will see that you get some. Some other good news is that cash donations today total is \$10,592.22 and we have calculated a profit of \$1895 on food sales thus far.

A bonus prize in the amount of \$515 cash has generously been donated to our raffle as a cash prize matching the gift card tree, so that after all the individuals prizes have been chosen, we can combine all the chances and draw a winner of the cash prize.

The raffle drawing will be live streamed on Holy Trinity Facebook page on Sunday, December 6 at 2:00 p.m..

A Prayer as I Put on my Mask

Creator, As I prepare to go into the world, help me to see the sacrament in the wearing of this cloth. Let it be an "outward sign of and inward grace". A tangible and visible way of living love for my neighbors, as I love myself. Christ, since my lips will be covered, uncover my heart, that people would see my smile in the crinkles of my eyes. Since my voice may be muffled, help me to speak clearly, not only with my words, but with my actions. Holy Spirit, as the elastic covers my ears, remind me to listen carefully and to be full of care for all those I meet. May this simple piece of cloth be shield and banner, and each breath that it holds, be filled with your love. In your name and in the name of love I pray, may it be so, may it be so.

-Rev. Dr. Richard Bott

Our Giving Tree is in place in the sanctuary. On the tree you will find the names of our senior parishioners who would appreciate hearing from you. Simply take a name and keep them in prayer, give a call or send a card to brighten someone's day. Let them know they are remembered by their fellow parishioners at Holy Trinity.

Our Almsgiving For Advent This Year will be the gift of socks for those who visit the House of Bread, stay in the shelters and/or are homeless. So, our request is for warm socks for men and women. They will be distributed by the House of Bread and St. Vincent dePaul to their clients in need. Socks may be placed under the tree in the sanctuary. Thank you.

Would You Like to Help Beautify Our Sanctuary for the Christmas Season? Place your donation and the name of the person you wish remembered in an envelope, drop it in the collection basket marked "Christmas flowers".

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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Weekend Offertory:	Collection
	\$5,901.00
Charity:	\$ 111.00
Human Development	\$1,270.00

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Parish Life Center—Capital Campaign Update. Thank you to all parishioners who have made a pledge to our campaign. To date we have pledges for \$601,200.00! We are well on our way to reaching our original goal of \$650,000 and we are feeling even more confident that we will be able to reach our stretch-goal of \$750,000. The stretch goal will help us balance rising costs due to an increase in square footage for the building, Covid shortages and project delays. If you have not yet made your pledge please do so by November 30th. Parishioners will be making follow-up calls in the next couple of weeks to those households that have not yet responded to the October campaign mailing. With your help we are building for the future on the foundation of our past!

The Giving Tree in Support of Elizabeth New Life Center is up in the back of church. If you would like to give but aren't able to come to church right now just send in your donation and mark it "Giving Tree" and I'll make sure it gets to them. If you would like to buy something just take a tag off the tree in the back of church. They are in need of the same things as the previous years diapers, formula, baby food, sleepers, socks, bids, baby gates, etc.

Please keep the following people in your prayers.

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

Austin Beggin & Family	Rita Downs	Victor Polovskis
Ken Belcher	Christine Durr	Tony Riggs
Michell Brown	Bennett Hart	Janet Rudy-Gerrard
Bob Bruns	Marie Henry	Terry Schmelzer
Sara Bustetter	Rick Kaliney	Jack Summers
Mooneen Caufield	Colleen Maples	Karen Thomas
Michael Culp	Laura McHugh	Sharon Wenzel
Catherine DeMange	Vanessa Padgett	Mark Williams
John DeMange	Tom Puckett	Linda

Area Activities

Angel Night at Calvary Cemetery is a family friendly event that will be held December 3rd from 6p-9p. Due to COVID-19, we will be hosting Angel Night as a "Drive Thru" event this year. All visitors must remain in their own private vehicle. Those who attend are invited to bring canned foods in support of the SVPD food pantry.

Dayton Catholic Women's Club invites You, Your Family & Friends to Celebrate Christmas 2020. With great sadness, but for the health and safety of all, our traditional 2020 Christmas Boutique & Luncheon will NOT be held due to the Coronavirus. You can help us carry-on our DCWC mission PLUS have some of the traditional Christmas Luncheon fun. There will be four opportunities during Christmas 2020 for each of us to lend a hand and support the good works of DCWC. For further information call Carol Graham at 937-475-5258 or visit <http://www.daytoncatholicwomensclub.org>.

November 27 - January 11: Annual Nativities Display at the Maria Stein Shrine. Our beloved annual Christmas event is back this year with never-before seen nativities from the extensive collection of Tim and Kathleen Nealeigh! The display will be located on the first floor, near the main entrance. Add this unique experience to your holiday travel plans!

St. Nicholas Children's Day Open House, December 5th at the Maria Stein Shrine. Our popular children's event is back! This year's event will be an open house from 1pm - 4pm in the Shrine's Upper Room, located on the 3rd floor. Bring the whole family to visit with good Bishop Nicholas and enjoy activities, crafts, cookies and hot cocoa! The event is free of charge and donations are appreciated.

Prayer for Advent

*O Mary, give us a heart as beautiful, pure, and spotless as yours. A heart like yours so full of love and humility. May we be able to receive Jesus as the Bread of Life, to love him as you loved him, to serve him under the mistreated face of the poor. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
(St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta)*

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