

# Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

January 3, 2020

## The Epiphany of the Lord

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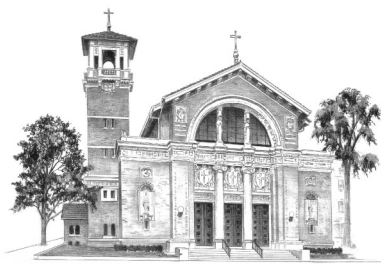
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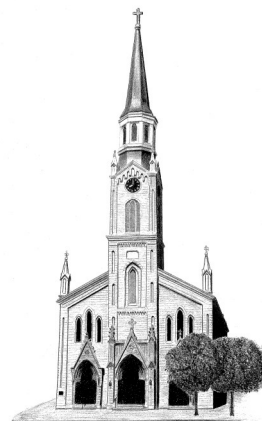
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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, January 4

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Eugenia Buschur  
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Intention of Marika  
Zimmerman

#### Tuesday, January 5

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Victor Berberich  
6:00 PM Holy Trinity.....Wilhelmina Dix

#### Wednesday, January 6

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Living & deceased members  
Warren Behlau Family  
12:00 AM St. Joseph.....James Coughlin

#### Thursday, January 7

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Jennifer Fecke  
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....George Marik

#### Friday, January 8

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Rose Marie Johnston  
12:00 AM St. Joseph.....Joe Moretto

#### Saturday, January 9

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....All unborn children & their  
parents  
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....For our parishioners  
4:30 PM St. Joseph.....Tony & Sheila Riggs 50th  
Wedding Anniversary  
5:15 PM Emmanuel.....For our parishioners

#### Sunday, January 10

8:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Joan Sprowl  
10:00 AM St. Joseph.....Edward L. Malahy  
10:30 AM Emmanuel.....Dolores & Bob Kappeler Jr.  
11:30 AM Holy Trinity.....For our parishioners

#### Next Week's Readings:

Isaiah 55: 1-11; Psalm: Isaiah 12: 2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; 1st John 5: 1-9;  
Mark 1: 7-11

#### 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

**To Register for any parish** please contact the parish office  
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please contact your parish office.

## PASTOR'S REFLECTION

There is a huge palace in Florence, Italy that has a small chapel right in the heart of the building. When you walk into the chapel you find yourself surrounded on all sides by a mural/a painting of the magi (traditionally know to us as the three kings) as they journey to Bethlehem following the star in the night sky. At first glance you notice something unique about this scene. The Kings are not dressed in the flowing robes of the East. Rather, they are dressed in white leotard tights and wearing heavily embroidered cloaks typical of 14th century nobility! Instead of camels, they are riding on richly decorated horses.

The artist who painted this scene was not trying to recreate an original picture of Bethlehem. He was trying to teach a lesson. The events of salvation are not simply something nice to remember from a historical perspective. Scripture is the living Word of God and God is speaking to us today through the events and stories of the past. If that artist were living today he may well have painted the Kings making their journey in a Lear Jet or driving a finely appointed Mercedes-Benz to Bethlehem. Every generation must journey to Bethlehem.

In the Middle East, the title Magi comes from the word "magician" and was often associated with astrologers. These men were thinkers and philosophers filled with an inquiring spirit. The Magi studied the skies and found meaning in the movement of the stars and their patterns. A new star in the sky signified the birth of a new king and so we can understand their excitement in seeing the new star. Yet, why would they have taken the risk to make this long journey to the royal city of Jerusalem? Maybe they had experienced a nagging hunger and thirst for something more in life.

When the Magi arrived at Bethlehem and entered the humble stable they must have been a bit confused and skeptical that they had found a king. No doubt they expected to find a child in a fine palace surrounded by servants and guards. Instead, they found a child in a manger surrounded by animals, shepherds and his mother and father. I can imagine that they thought to themselves, "Have we been on a wild goose chase?" Trusting what they had seen and heard the Magi fell to their knees and presented their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh giving the best they had to offer to the King of King. This gesture is a spiritual inspiration for us as well. Do I always seek to give my best to Jesus?

Another important twist in this story is the decision that was made by the Magi to go home by "another way." It's safe to say, the Magi were changed forever by this experience. When I think of this kind of change I recall my first visit to our Precious Blood Missions in Guatemala. One day we entered a village where all the homes were made out of cornstalks woven together and the people were living in extreme poverty. Our guide, Sr. Mary, must have seen the look of sadness and despair in my eyes and said, "Don't judge things at first site; yes, the people here suffer from a poverty of means, but there is no poverty of spirit." As I looked around I could see the brightly colored dresses and the presence of so many smiles upon their faces. When I left Guatemala, I was changed forever by what I had seen. The faith I witnessed in the people was rich and deep and I learned from their profound simplicity.

If we truly believe that we encounter God in the Eucharist, here at Mass, then "How can we go home the same way we came?" We can't help but be changed by what we have experienced. Maybe my encounter with God today challenges me to change my behavior and the way I treat others. Maybe this means finding a better balance in my life so I'm not stressed or wandering aimlessly in life. Maybe this means I leave Mass worrying less and trusting God more.

The Feast of the Epiphany offers us an opportunity to be enlightened by God, to be open and ready to encounter God as the true desire of our heart. Today, let's run with the shepherds, and kneel with Kings

## PASTOR'S PEN Continued...

in adoration before our God who is with us today. From our hearts we sing: "O Come, Let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O Come let us adore him, Christ the Lord."

**Epiphany House Blessing** for the lintel of your front door (or front porch step). Trace these symbols, 20 + C + M + B + 21 while saying: *The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and twenty-one years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.*

Then offer the following prayer: *Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen*

"**Chalking the door**" is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives and home. With time the chalk will fade. As it does we let the meaning of the symbols written sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our words and actions the Latin words, *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house."

## REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Catholics and the Covid-19 Vaccine** – The United States Bishops Conference states that the vaccines developed by Moderna and Pfizer to combat Covid-19 may be morally received in light of the serious health crisis that we are facing. If you would like to learn more about the moral issues involved in the creation of a vaccine for COVID-19 please visit USCCB website at: [moral-considerations-covid-vaccines](https://www.usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines) (usccb.org).

**Dare to Date!** The Marriage Ministry of Region 7 Parishes invites you and your spouse (or fiancé) to join us for a night of Praise and Worship with the Blessed Sacrament, followed by fellowship and snacks. The event will take place on January 9th from 6:30-9pm at St. Joseph's Church. We will meet in the basement of St. Joseph's rectory at 6:30pm. Please RSVP to Anna Earl at [anna.earl7@gmail.com](mailto:anna.earl7@gmail.com). We hope to see you there as we ring in the New Year with Jesus!

**Did 2020 Leave You With Questions About Life and Faith?** Come and check out Alpha! Alpha is an opportunity to ask the bigger questions of life in a low pressure judgement free environment. Is there more to life than this? How can God and suffering exist? Who is Jesus? Explore or re-explore these questions with others beginning January 31st! Come and see. For more details and to RSVP, contact Shaughn Phillips at [sphillips@daytondowntowncatholic.com](mailto:sphillips@daytondowntowncatholic.com) or call 937-228-1223.

**Help Meet Urgent Needs for Blood!** The Region 7 Health Ministries Team is sponsoring quarterly blood drives. Donations are critically needed as the Community Blood Center has experienced a huge number of blood drive cancellations during the pandemic. Our next drive is Wednesday, January 13th, from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM at the Community Blood Center at 340 S. Main St. Please consider donating a true gift of life! For appointments call 1-800-388-GIVE, or [www.donortime.com](http://www.donortime.com).

**Are you doing your part to limit the spread?** 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 please watch Mass online. It is imperative that everyone wear their mask the entire time they are in church.

### Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

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

## EMMANUEL CHURCH

### Generous Contributions for December 27, 2020

Weekend Offertory:	Collection
	\$ 5,424.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 542.40
Christmas:	\$12,420.00
Year-to-date Deficit:	\$14,377.00

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

### Prayer List

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

**Our sympathy** is extended to the families of Michael Livingston and Steve Varnuza. May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

**Emmanuel's Thursday Mass Time Change...**Beginning this Thursday, January 7th the Mass time will move back to 7:30AM at Emmanuel Church. Holy Trinity Church will continue to offer Mass at 6:00PM on Tuesday evenings for those who cannot attend morning Mass.

**The 2021 offertory envelopes** are here for those parishioners who asked for them. They are in the back of church. We have a few sets of envelopes left, so if anyone wants weekly offertory envelopes please call the parish office.

**After serving our parish for many years,** Mrs. Virginia Kuepper is retiring as director of the Emmanuel Children's Choir. We are very grateful for her skillful training of these young people, not only in the "Principles of Proper Singing," but also in glorifying God with their music. Thank you, Mrs. Kuepper, for your loving and joyful work! You have truly inspired your students to sing well, and thus to pray twice.

Please welcome our new Children's Choir director, Miss Sarah Schutte! Sarah completed her vocal training with a music degree from Hillsdale College, but she began it right here at Emmanuel, where many of you have heard her lovely voice. She has spent the last few months as assistant to Mrs. Kuepper, so she is already well-known to the children and fully prepared to take the helm. Thank you for joining us, Miss Sarah—we are delighted to have you!

### From the Joyful Noiseletter:

"While the word is yet unspoken, you are master of it;  
when once it is spoken, it is master of you."

— Arabic proverb via Apple Seeds

## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

### Generous Contributions for December 27, 2020

Weekend Offertory:	Budget:	Collection
	\$6,400.00	\$19,737.00
Christmas:		\$11,703.00

*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.*

**Our sympathy** is extended to the family of James Sisson, whose memorial Mass was celebrated at Holy Trinity on Saturday. May he rest in peace! Our sympathy is also extended to the family of Ray Lemming whose funeral Mass will be Tuesday here at Trinity. May he rest peacefully in the arms of our Father.

### Holy Communion to the Homebound

Many of our regular parishioners have not returned to attending Sunday Mass and we do understand the need to be cautious. However, if you would like for one of our extraordinary Ministers of the Body of Christ to come to your home, pray with you and bring you Holy Communion, please call Lynda or Judi at the parish office to be put on a schedule.

### Ministry of Hospitality

We are in the process of developing a Ministry of Hospitality which will include both ushers and greeters. We are pleased with the men who are presently ushering, but they need some help. We would like to have four regulars on each team and this can be made up of women and men. Likewise, greeters who welcome people to Holy Trinity before each Mass can be both men and women. If you would like to know more or join a team, please call Lynda or Judi at the parish office.

**Our Thanks** to our Sunday sacristans – Fran Eden and Sharon O'Neal for a job well done!

**Our young adult minister,** Shaughn Phillips is in the process of setting up a comfortable meeting space for young adults of our Region. He is using one of the rooms in Trinity Center. Presently he has chairs, lamps and some small tables, but for comfort sake would like couches. So, if you have one that you would like to get out of your home and would like to donate it to the parish, please call Shaughn at the parish office, 937-228-1223.

**In a quandary as to how to support our parish?** Tired of writing a check each week or coming up with the cash to place in an envelope? You can go to our webpage, [holytrinitydayton.org](http://holytrinitydayton.org), choose "Online giving" from the home page and make your donation. Or, you can call Judi, 937-228-1223, to sign up for ACH withdrawals from your checking or savings account. Withdrawals are made once a month through the parish office. You can notify your bank to issue checks to Holy Trinity Parish, at your discretion, on a weekly or monthly basis. You can also continue to use the envelopes that were issued to you. The choice is yours. We just really appreciate your support in whichever manner you choose. Please call the office and let us know if you wish to change methods of contributing.

**We All Need To Do Our Part.** To comply with the Governor's order regarding face coverings, anyone attending Mass in Montgomery County needs to wear a face mask. Churches are not exempt from this order. If you do not want to wear a mask, please watch Mass online. It is essential that everyone wear their mask the entire time they are in church. It is of little value to all to remove your mask once you sit down. According to all reports, the worst is yet to come. We need to be respectful of each other – wear your face covering. Thank you.



## ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

### Generous Contributions for December 27, 2020

Weekend Offertory:	Collection
	\$5,768.00
Christmas:	\$5,018.00
Charity:	\$ 247.00

Many thanks for the generous spirit of our parishioners.  
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Our sympathy is extended to the families of Virginia Kolakowski, Viola McCarthy and Mary Rabanus. May they rest with the Lord.

### Online Giving is now available!

Just go to our website [stjosephdayton.org](http://stjosephdayton.org) and follow the instructions under GIFTING. If you have questions call Rita at 937-228-9272. It is still more cost effective to set up your donations via online bill pay with your bank, but if you are more comfortable using an online service please utilize our new service.

**The Year of St. Joseph** – Pope Francis has designated this year, December 8, 2020 through December 8, 2021 as the Year of St. Joseph in honor of the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, and with this, the Pope has issued an Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*, (With a Father's Heart) dedicated to St. Joseph. Stay tuned for various ways that we will celebrate the patron of our parish this special holy year. St. Joseph, pray for us!

*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	Alma Landry	Rick Summers
Michael Culp	Colleen Maples	Karen Thomas
Catherine DeMange	Laura McHugh	Sharon Wenzel
John DeMange	Vanessa Padgett	Mark Williams
	Tom Puckett	Linda

## ST. JOSEPH CHURCH Continued...

**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 \$655,671! We've reached our original goal of \$650,000 which makes our stretch-goal of \$750,000 all the more attainable. 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. With your help we are building for the future on the foundation of our past!

## Area Activities

### St. Francis of Assisi Parish - Catholic-Sponsored Divorce Care

We will be conducting ONLINE weekly seminar/support groups that will help you heal from the hurt you are experiencing. Invite family or friends who might live in another state or country for online divorce support too. We will be using the ZOOM platform. Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:30 pm from Jan. 7 to Apr. 8. Cost: \$20+ shipping for workbook. Scholarships are available. For more information or to register, call Marcelle Toma at 937-312-1157 (Not a texting number) or [mtoma@woh.rr.com](mailto:mtoma@woh.rr.com)

**Is your Marriage Hurting?** Has your marriage grown cold, distant, unloving or uncaring? Then please consider Retrouvaille (ret' ro-vi) - a Catholic sponsored, confidential program open to all faiths. A program designed to help heal and renew marriages. The next program begins January 8-10, 2021. For more information, or to book other weekends or locations, call 800-470-2230 or visit our websites, [Retrouvaille.org](http://Retrouvaille.org) or [helpourmarriage.org](http://helpourmarriage.org).

**Formed Pick of the Week:** Prepare the Way of the King by Dr. Scott Hahn. As we celebrate the Epiphany, Dr. Scott Hahn explains how we should understand the three Magi and their gifts to the Lord! Visit FORMED.org & Click Sign Up. Select "I Belong to a Parish or Organization" - Find your parish by zip "45402" or name "St. Joseph". Enter your email - and you're in!

*Happy New Year!*

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