Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

December 6, 2020 2nd Sunday of Advent

Pastor: Fr. Angelo Anthony, C.PP.S. Parochial Vicar: Fr. Matthew Keller, C.PP.S. In residence: Fr. Ken Pleiman, C.PP.S.

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Emmanuel Church 1837

St. Joseph Church 1847

Holy Trinity Church 1861

Mass Intentions

Monday, Dec	ember 7	
7:30 AM I	Holy Trinity	Esther Bila, Arnaud &
		Laurent Ouedraogo
12:00 PM S	St. Joseph	John & Rita Zimmerman
Tuesday, December 8		
7:30 AM	Emmanuel	Living & deceased members
		of Enochs Family
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12:00 PM S	St. Joseph	Grace Lee
		Kathleen Armstrong
Wednesday, I		P. L. W. P. L.
		Robert W. Bolster
		Alene McIntosh
Thursday, De		
12:00 PM	St. Joseph	Special Intention
		Jean H. Thomason
Friday, December 11		
		Dolores Kappeler
12:00 PM S	St. Joseph	All those who are ill
Saturday, December 12		
7:30 AM	Emmanuel	Living & deceased members
		James & Evelyn McCarthy Family
12:00 PM S	St. Joseph	Dave & Rita Siefert 50th
		Wedding Anniversary
4:30 PM S	St. Joseph	For our parishioners
5:15 PM I	Emmanuel	For our parishioners
Sunday, December 13		
		Tom & Gerry Eden
10:00 AM	St. Joseph	Michael R. Bach
10:30 AM	Emmanuel	Kathy Doncaster
		For our parishioners

Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 61: 1-2a, 10-11; Psalm: Luke 1: 46-48, 49-50, 53-54; First Thessalonians 5: 16-24; John 1: 6-8, 19-28

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

Emmanuel Church

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Deacon Rusty Baldwin

Br. Matt Schaefer, C.PP.S. DRE & Bookkeeper Mary Beemsterboer, Secretary Dennis Pyles, Maintenance Michelle Carner, Music Director

Holy Trinity Church

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Marina Dodaro, Secretary
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Krista Schupbach, Music Director
Shaughn Phillips, Region 7 Evangelization & Young Adult Ministry

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Miraculous Medal Novena with Adoration and Benediction at Emmanuel on Tuesdays 7:00 PM

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PASTOR'S PEN

Think to yourself, what is the deepest longing of your heart? What is a deep desire that aches in your heart waiting to come true? For my niece and her husband, it is the longing to have a child. For many people it is waiting in hope for life to get back to normal after living months with the coronavirus. Maybe you know a friend whose deepest desire is to break free from an addiction or the shackles of fear. Has your relationship with your spouse or family member grown distant and you long for greater union or peace? What is the deepest longing in your heart? This is an important question because you won't genuinely appreciate the birth of Jesus unless you know deep in your heart that you need a savior.

During the season of Advent, we join our hearts with our ancestors in faith who grew weary of waiting for the Messiah. When you bring the deepest longing of your heart to God, hear God say to you that the valleys of sadness and emptiness will be filled with joy, the mountains and walls that separate families and nations will be leveled. God will take the winding roads of confusion and fear, the twists and turns of everyday life and bring forth opportunities for growth and happiness.

When will this happen? We must continually place this question in God's hands. As St. Peter reminds us: "With the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day." Peter was writing to a people who were living in a time of persecution and fear, they were discouraged and losing hope. God promises that "there will be a new heaven and new earth in which righteousness dwells."

St. Mark begins his gospel with a bold declaration of faith. The very first line of his gospel says, "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God." The word gospel, which was often associated with the announcement of a king, means "herald of Good News or glad tidings." In his gospel Mark makes it clear that Jesus is the Messiah who has overcome the forces of evil and death. In him the prophesy of Isaiah has been fulfilled. How blest we are to be living in the light of the resurrection, to share in the sacraments of the church, to reflect upon the gospels, and to experience the guidance of the Holy Spirit. All these gifts strengthen our hope in God and God's promise to come in glory. Like Isaiah, like Peter, like John the Baptist we are called to be messengers of God's Good News in our world today.

God is sending each of us to be messengers of his redeeming love within our families, in our communities, in our places of work and play. What kind of message are you bringing to others this Advent season? Is it a message of doom and gloom pointing out all that is wrong in life? Is it a message that wants everything to be my way? Is it a message of stress and impatience because of a long "to do" list? Is it a message of comfort and hope that trusts in God alone?

As you receive the Lord in Holy Communion today, be aware of how near God is to you, that God would give himself to us as food for our journey. As we are comforted and strengthen by this food, we are sent as messengers of hope into the world. It is God who will fulfill our deepest desire and lead us home to be with him forever.

And so, in this Advent season be aware of the deepest desire in your heart and turn it over to God, confident that God will fulfill God's promise to us. Remember, you won't appreciate the birth of Jesus unless you know deep in your heart that you need a savior. Once we know our need for a savior, our hearts are open to the working of the Holy Spirit and we begin to see the many ways that God is with us. Our Advent prayer today, "Lord let us see your kindness and grant us your salvation."

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year due to the dispensation given by Archbishop Schnurr related to the coronavirus pandemic. Those who would like to celebrate the Solemnity while observing the rules governing social distancing and masks may do so at 7:30 AM at Emmanuel Church, 12:00 Noon at St. Joseph Church & 6:00 PM at Holy Trinity Church.

REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer in Honor of St. Nicholas (Feast December 6th)
Loying God, we thank You for the example of St. Nicholas.

Loving God, we thank You for the example of St. Nicholas, who fed the hungry, brought hope to the imprisoned, gave comfort to the lost, and taught the truth to all. May we strive to imitate him by putting You first in all we do. Give us the courage, love and strength of St. Nicholas, so that, like him, we may serve you through loving our brothers and sisters. Amen. (by: Amy Welborn)

Advent Communal Reconciliation Service will be held today (Sunday) at 12:45pm at Holy Trinity Church. There will be several priests to hear individual confessions.

Retirement Fund for Religious...In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious next weekend (Dec. 13th) will help provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.

Pastoral Planning for our Third Century - Archbishop Schnurr has announced the next phase of pastoral planning, called "Beacons of Light." The process is designed to foster vital parish life throughout the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, leading all to radiate Christ in our homes, places of work, schools, parishes and the wider world. Sign up at https://catholicaoc.org/beacons#newsletter to receive the free Beacons of Light e-newsletter providing monthly prayers, reflections and planning process updates beginning January 15, 2021.

The Ultimate Guide to Advent - The 2020 edition of The Ultimate Guide to Advent from The Catholic Telegraph is now available! The guide is free, downloadable and filled with everything from faith traditions to favorite recipes, events for families, movie and music recommendations and more. It's interactive, with links to click, gifts to buy, coloring pages to print and prayers to pray. Please visit thecatholictelegraph.com/advent-guide to get the guide delivered to you via email.

Advent Eucharistic Adoration will be held at St. Joseph Church on the Saturday's of Advent (Dec. 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 12th at Holy Trinity and Dec 19th at Emmanuel.

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!

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 937-901-4194 or Jerri Mechenbier at 937-681-6313.

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.

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

Rebekka Anders Yves Benimana Michael Borgert John Carner Kelli Anne Cartuyvelles Alex McGarvey Jon Chachula Laura Chachula

Gary Eilers

Nicholas Kern Morgan Konsdorf Cody Landers Greg Marcus Zachary McIntyre Matthew Melvin

David Musgrove Diane Nyirasimbi Anthony Pelfrey Jessica Pruitt Aimee Storm Susan Varmuza Justin Williams

EMMANUEL CHURCH

Generous Contributions for November 29, 2020

Weekend Offertory: Collection November 29 \$ 8,678.00 St. Vincent de Paul: \$ 867.80 Year-to-date Deficit: \$32,524.00

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

Prayer List

Virginia Allen Ralph Berry Teresa Bond Daniel Branch Dave Cartuyvelles Nancy Cartuyvelles Bernard Chachula Michael Dalessio Rick Emerick Anna Espy

Cindy Gardina Gary George Craig Hathaway George Hendrix Jack Hohl Margaret Kuck Thomas Ledinsky Judy Marks Mike McDonald

Brian Napier Phyllis Rieger Tony Rocco Eric Rosenthal Randy Rosenthal Molly Schneider Jan Timerding Trina Umberg Daniel

Patrick McDonald Helen

Annette & John Fohl

Christmas Giving Tree Project to support Elizabeth's New Life Center takes place now through Sunday, December 13th. It's as easy as 1-2-3!

- 1. Take an ornament from the tree located in the back of church.
- 2. **Shop** for a baby item listed on the ornament.
- 3. **Return Gift**, unwrapped and with the ornament attached, by placing under the Christmas tree at next weekend's Masses or to the Parish Office by Thursday, December 17th.

More details, contact Tracy Harman, <u>harman.tracy@yahoo.com</u>. Thank you for your generosity!

Keep Christ in Christmas Through Cards...The Emmanuel Pro-Life Committee will be selling Christmas cards again this year. Sales will take place after the Masses this weekend. 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.

Pope St Pius X wrote: "Holy Communion is the shortest and surest way to Heaven. There are others, innocence, for instance, but that is for little children; penance, but we are afraid of it; generous endurance of the trials of life, but when they come we weep and ask to be spared. Once for all, beloved children, the surest, easiest, shortest way is by the Eucharist. It is so easy to approach the holy table, and there we taste the joys of Paradise."

From the Joyful Noiseletter:

A Sunday school teacher asked a little boy: "Bobby, do you believe in the devil?" "No," the boy said. "He's just like Santa Claus. I think it's my Daddy."

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Generous Contributions for November 29, 2020

Weekend Offertory: Budget: Collection November 22 \$6,400.00 \$4,093.00 November 29 \$3,029.53 **Human Development** \$ 722.00

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.

Fr. Angelo and Fr. Matt

Join With Us This Afternoon following the 11:30 a.m. Mass for our Regional Advent Reconciliation Service at Holy Trinity. All are welcome to join with us for prayer, song and sacrament.

Many Thanks To All who have participated in our Bizarre Bazaar. Today is the day for the big reveal as we pull out the winning chances for each of the items in the raffle. We do hope your name is in there. You can still purchase chances after Mass today in the back of church. We will be live streaming the raffle on our Holy Trinity Parish Facebook page at 2:00 p.m. this afternoon. Check us out at Holy Trinity Parish on Facebook. 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 individual prizes have been chosen, we can combine all the chances and draw a winner of the cash prize.

As of this past Tuesday, we have collected \$2,200.00 in raffle returns; cash donations of \$11,807.22 and \$2,093.00 through our soup and cabbage rolls sales.

We are very grateful for the generous parishioners who donated the raffle prizes for our Bizarre Bazaar – Fr. Angelo, Ron and Maureen Bird, Norm and Robyn Essman, Barb Gilbert, Sharon Becker, Lynn Wilmes, Staci and Patsy Martin, Mary Hofacker, Judi Trick, and Council members who donated gift cards. We couldn't have carried this off without your generosity.

Our Giving Tree is in place in the sanctuary. You will find the names of our senior parishioners who would appreciate hearing from you. Simply take a name and give a call, send a card or pay a visit and 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? We are accepting monetary donations for plants in memory of deceased loved ones, family members, or just to give honor and glory to God in this special place called Holy Trinity. Place your donation in an envelope marked "Christmas flowers" with the name of the person you wish to remember and drop it in the collection basket.

Adopt A Family For Christmas? If you are interested in adopting a family for Christmas, please call Judi at the parish office and let her know. You will then be contacted to find out how many children you wish to buy for and all the particulars.

Do you or somebody you know play a musical instrument? Our music ministry is looking for assistance with the Christmas Eve liturgies. Trumpet or flute preferred, but all are welcome! Please contact Krista Schupbach at httmusician19@gmail.com.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Generous Contributions for November 29, 2020

Weekend Offertory: Collection \$5,796.00 365.00 Charity:

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

We have a lot of items in the Lost and Found box. If you've lost something please look in the back of church by the St. Anthony statue or give us a call and we'll check the lost and found box.

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 \$609,450.00! 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 December 31st. With your help we are building for the future on the foundation of our past!

The Giving Tree 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...

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 Ken Belcher Michell Brown **Bob Bruns** Sara Bustetter Mooneen Caufield Michael Culp Catherine DeMange John DeMange

Rita Downs Christine Durr Bennett Hart Marie Henry Rick Kaliney Colleen Maples Laura McHugh Vanessa Padgett Tom Puckett

Victor Polovskis Tony Riggs Janet Rudy-Gerrard Terry Schmelzer Jack Summers Rick Summers Karen Thomas Sharon Wenzel Mark Williams Linda

Area Activities

The Marian Library at the University of Dayton is lighting the way to Christmas with a virtual Advent wreath. Visit go.udayton.edu/ advent wreath to interact with our Advent wreath. Check back during each week of Advent for a special gift created for you and your family.

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

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!

> Like Isaiah, like Peter, like John the Baptist we are called to be messengers of God's Good News in our world today.

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