

Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

December 13, 2020

3rd Sunday of Advent

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

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In residence: Fr. Ken Pleiman, C.P.P.S.

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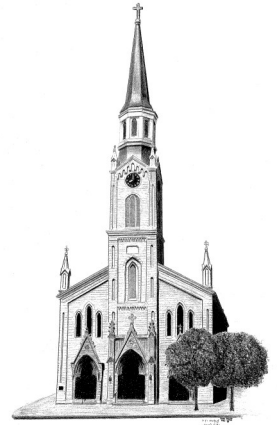
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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 14

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Maxine Baldasare

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Kristina Cole

Tuesday, December 15

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Dayton Council 500 Family
& Friends

6:00 PM Holy Trinity.....Laura Shameyfelt

Wednesday, December 16

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Virginia Hicks

12:00 AM St. Joseph.....Zimmerman & Slattery
Families

Thursday, December 17

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Christine Durr

6:00 PM Emmanuel.....Robert Kappeler Jr.

Friday, December 18

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....John R. Braun

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Macaria & Fortunato Egonia

Saturday, December 19

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Andrew Kleinhenz

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Grace Lee

4:30 PM St. Joseph.....For our parishioners

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

Sunday, December 20

8:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Joe Bellino Family

10:00 AM St. Joseph.....Special Intention of Thom &
Dee Dee Schmid

10:30 AM Emmanuel.....Ron Hill

11:30 AM Holy Trinity.....For our parishioners

Next Week's Readings:

Second Samuel 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Psalms 89: 2-3, 4-5, 27, 29;

Romans 16: 25-27; Luke 1: 26-38

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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PASTOR'S PEN

On this *Gaudete or Rejoice* Sunday we hear from John the Baptist, a very important figure in our Advent journey. The gospel begins, "There was a man sent by God to give testimony to the Light." (*John 1:6*) John the Baptist is an important role model for us because like John, we are to lead others to rejoice in the Light of Christ. John recognized that he was NOT the Light but that his job was to point to the Light, to give testimony to the truth of Christ among us.

Do you recall the name, Robert Fulghum? He is probably most known for the book he wrote a number of years ago entitled: *All I Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*. Mr. Fulghum tells the story about a seminar he attended on Greek culture that was led by the Greek philosopher, teacher, and politician Alexander Papaderos. At the end of the two-week session, led by scholars, experts and intellectuals, Papaderos himself closed the last meeting by asking the usual, "Are there any questions?" For a moment there was silence. Then, Fulghum asked, "Dr. Papaderos, "What is the meaning of life?"

Laughter filled the room and people stirred to go home. Papaderos raised his hand. There was silence. Looking intensely at Fulghum, he said, "I will answer your question." Taking his wallet out of his pocket, he retrieved a mirror the size of a quarter. He told how, as a young boy, he had found the small fragment of mirror on the road where a German army motorcycle had been wrecked. The mirror became a new toy. He was fascinated by the ability to reflect light into the darkest places.

Papaderos then said, "As I grew older I learned that reflecting light is not just a child's game. It is a metaphor for what I might do with my life. "I came to understand that I am not the light, or the source of the light, but I can reflect the light. The light which we know--faith, truth, understanding, knowledge—is always there, but it will not shine into the darkest places unless I reflect it. I have come to understand this as the meaning of life." With that bold statement, Papaderos took his mirror and redirected the light of the sun onto the faces of each participant at the seminar.

This is the truth that John the Baptist lived by as he gave witness to Jesus, the true Light of the World. John said that he was not the Light, but that he came to testify to the Light. At the time of our Baptism each of us received the Light of Christ and the mission to reflect His Light through the witness of our lives.

In this Advent season we proclaim the truth of Emmanuel—God with us! The joy of the Lord can be found each time we profess our belief in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. We are given a gift that many have longed to receive. Indeed, today we must proclaim with the witness of our lives that God is the joy of our soul. Even in the face of suffering we have hope and joy because God gives Himself to us fulfilling his covenant of love. As St. Paul reminds us: "The One who calls you is faithful, and He will accomplish it." (*1 Thessalonians 5:24*)

You and I are not the Light, nor are we the source of the Light, but we can, and we must reflect the Light of Christ within our households, at our places of work and play, to a world grown worn and weary. Your generous heart, your hospitality to the stranger, the smile you wear, the enthusiasm you radiate, the hope you inspire, the faith you profess, the forgiveness you share, the kindness you practice all help reflect the Light of Christ to others and that is what it means to rejoice in the Lord!

REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 it is ok to watch Mass online. It is imperative that everyone wear their mask the entire time they are in church.

REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS Continued...

Special Advent Confession Schedule

December 18th 11:00 AM St Joseph Church
December 19th 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM St. Joseph Church
December 19th 4:00 PM Emmanuel Church
December 20th 8:00 AM Holy Trinity
December 20th 10:00 AM Emmanuel Church
December 21st 11:00 AM St. Joseph Church
December 22nd 11:00 AM St. Joseph Church
December 22nd 6:30 PM Emmanuel Church
December 23rd 11:00 AM St. Joseph Church
December 23rd 6:30 PM Emmanuel Church

Catholics and the Covid-19 Vaccine – The Pontifical Academy for Life reported that it found nothing morally objectionable in either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines. If the faithful choose to be vaccinated with the Covid-19 vaccines, the ones distributed by Pfizer and Moderna are considered ethically sound.

Christmas Mass Attendance Survey – Over the next week we are conducting a simple survey to get an idea of the number of people who will be participating in the various Christmas Masses this year. The survey will be sent via an email to those who have subscribed to Flocknote and will be available in hardcopy form in back of church and posted on our parish websites. Please fill out the survey indicating the Mass you plan to participate in and the number attending. We will tally the responses and inform you if we believe a particular Mass might exceed our socially distanced capacity in the church.

Retirement Fund for Religious... "Every dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses," says Trappist abbot. Hundreds of US religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps these communities bridge the gap, offering support for medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous in today's second collection.

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 ways to have a fruitful Advent. Please visit thecatholictelegraph.com/advent-guide to get the guide delivered to you via email.

The last Advent Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph Church will be on Saturday, Dec. 19th 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 Saturday, Dec 19th at Emmanuel.

ADVENT LESSONS & 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 beautiful way to prepare for Christmas!

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

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| 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 December 6, 2020

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| Weekend Offertory: | Collection |
| | \$ 8,507.00 |
| St. Vincent de Paul: | \$ 850.70 |
| Year-to-date Deficit: | \$31,997.00 |

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

Prayer List

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

Our sympathy is extended to the families of James Neary, David Bunn, Ann Zwiesler and Michael McDonald who were all buried from Emmanuel in the past few weeks. May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

Christmas Giving Tree Project – FINAL DAYS. Help support the Elizabeth's New Life Center. Take an ornament from the tree located in the vestibule of the church. Shop for a baby item listed on the ornament. Return gift, unwrapped and with the ornament attached, to the Parish Office no later than Thursday, December 17th. Questions? Please contact Tracy Harman at harman.tracy@yahoo.com. Thank you for your generosity!

Congratulations to our 2020 Emmanuel Music Fund Scholarship recipients, Emily Schutte and Jonathan Spowart! Thank you to all who applied. Since most private music instruction was canceled this spring and summer due to Covid, we decided to offer these awards later in the year than normal. Look for another opportunity to apply in February for the 2021 scholarship process. Donations for the continuance of the Emmanuel Music Fund are always welcome; if you would like to offer a gift, please contact Michelle Carner, Music Director, at 937-478-4097 or place your donation in the collection basket in an envelope marked, "Emmanuel Parish Music Program Fund."

"What is the Mass? Why does the Church make it obligatory to go to Mass weekly and on holy days? Isn't going to any Christian church on Sunday the same as going to Mass? Why do I need to be at Mass to pray or to interact with God? I can do that anywhere. If the Mass is so important, why isn't it in the Bible? I usually get nothing out of the service, so what am I missing?" Join us at our next Bible Study to reflect on these questions. Flyers in back of Church.

From the Joyful Noiseletter:

When a pastor asked the class, "Why was Jesus born in Bethlehem?" a boy raised his hand and replied, "because his mother was there."

– Rev. William Armstrong, S.J.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Generous Contributions for December 6, 2020

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| Weekend Offertory: | Budget: | Collection |
| | \$6,400.00 | \$10,834.00 |

*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.
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Many Thanks To All who have participated in our Bizarre Bazaar. Congratulations to all the winners of the raffle prizes!

Floral Fireside Santa Basket – Gerald Braun

Family Night Basket – Heather Buschur

Kids' Basket – Diane Ewald

Gingerbread Basket – Fran Eden

Boy's Bike – Jackson Thobe

Dear Santa Basket – Alice Britt

Girl's Bike – Mary Flynn

UD Basket – Louisa Dreety

OSU Basket – Mike Leopard

1Robot Roomba – Brendon Ridenour

Heart of the Home Play Kitchen- Cindy Kielbaso

Gift Card Tree – TT Gambrell

\$515 Cash Prize – John Bramlage

Thank you to all who purchased chances, donated prizes, sold chances after Masses on Sunday. You have helped us raise \$17,629.94 for our Outreach Ministry. God bless each and everyone of you.

Welcome to our newly registered parishioner Jacob Hart. We are happy to have you with us.

Help is Needed next Sunday immediately after the 11:30 Mass to set up our nativity scene, decorate the trees and hang wreaths. Can we count on you for an hour or so to get our church ready for the upcoming holidays? Church cleaning will take place the following day, December 21st, at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Many hands will make for light work for all.

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. We are working with the Emmanuel Food pantry to help with gifts for children in need.

Do you or someone 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 htmusician19@gmail.com.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Generous Contributions for December 6, 2020

Weekend Offertory: Collection
\$12,734.00
Charity: \$ 86.00

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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!

It's time to decorate our church for Christmas. Please plan to join us next Sunday at 1:30 p.m.. Please wear your mask and remember to social distance. All help is greatly appreciated.

Year end donations...if you would like your donation to be part of the 2020 tax year please send or drop off your contribution to the Parish Office by December 28th. Thank you!

We are in need of someone to help with vacuuming the church. You alternate vacuuming between the pews and the rest of church with another volunteer every other week. Thank you!

Please keep the following people in your prayers.

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

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| 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 | Rick Summers |
| Michael Culp | Laura McHugh | Karen Thomas |
| Catherine DeMange | Vanessa Padgett | Sharon Wenzel |
| John DeMange | Tom Puckett | Mark Williams |
| | | 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 \$630,570! 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!

Area Activities

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 email Retrouvaille.org or helpourmarriage.org.

Olivewood Carvings – Covid-19 has had a devastating effect on the economy in Bethlehem and has destroyed the tourism sector across the Holy Land. The Christian communities in the Holy Land are experiencing serious sufferings and are looking for help. Visit the website of www.bethlehemnativitysouvenirs.com and consider purchasing authentic hand carved olivewood statues from Bethlehem.

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.

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

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