

Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

December 5, 2021

2nd Sunday of Advent

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

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Matthew Keller, C.P.P.S.

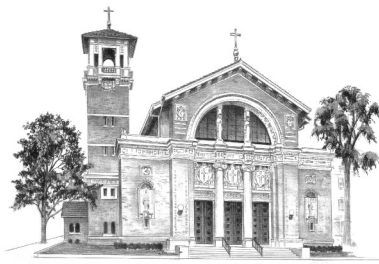
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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 6

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Jerry Schenking

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Ed Thomas

Tuesday, December 7

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Louis Tarlano

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....John Zimmerman

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

Wednesday, December 8

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Those fallen away from the church

12:00 AM St. Joseph.....Margaret Williams

6:00 PM Holy Trinity.....Holy Trinity sick and homebound parishioners

Thursday, December 9

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

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Jim Peacock

Friday, December 10

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Lori Dean

12:00 AM St. Joseph.....Joe Herlihy

Saturday, December 11

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Donald Walter

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Donald Millard

4:30 PM St. Joseph.....Ancient Order of Hibernians
Deceased Members

5:15 PM Emmanuel.....Margaret Kuck

Sunday, December 12

8:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Cathy Michilini

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

10:30 AM Emmanuel.....For our parishioners

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

Next Week's Readings:

Zephaniah 3:14-18A; Psalm Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7;
Luke 3:10-18

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

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

FR. ANGELO'S REFLECTION

A soap manufacturer and a pastor were walking together down a street in a large city. The soap manufacturer casually said, "The Gospel you preach hasn't done much good, has it? Just observe. There is still a lot of wickedness in the world, and a lot of wicked people, too!" The pastor made no reply until they passed a dirty little child making mud pies in the gutter. Seizing the opportunity, the pastor said, "I see that soap hasn't done much good in the world either; for there is much dirt still here, and many dirty people are still around." The soap man said, "Oh, well, soap only works when it is applied." And the pastor said, "Exactly! So, it is with the Gospel."

Today we hear from John the Baptist who is announcing a baptism of repentance. In this baptism, John was not converting Gentiles into Jews. His baptism was for Jews who had sinned and needed forgiveness. They needed repentance, to turn around and walk once again with God. John quotes from the Prophet Isaiah, "Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth." Isaiah is calling us to level the mountains of pride, selfishness and the desire to do our own will rather than follow God's will for us. He is calling us to fill in the valleys of discouragement, hopelessness and despair that steal our joy.

Another Advent prophet we hear from today is Baruch. He was the secretary of the prophet Jeremiah who accompanied the Jews to Babylon in their exile in the year 587 BC. Fifty years later the Persian emperor defeated Babylon and proclaimed that the exiles could go home. Baruch says, "take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of Glory from God." Baruch's words remind us in this Advent season to take off our robes of anger, cynicism, and fear and to put on the robes of mercy, kindness, justice, peace, and hope. Just as soap only works when it is applied, so too, we must apply the virtues of faith to our lives.

We have the benefit of living in the light of the Incarnation. Heaven came to earth in the person of Jesus Christ, and He has shown us the path of life. Through His Precious Blood, Jesus has purchased for us the price of our salvation, the forgiveness of sin and the promise of everlasting life. The season of Advent invites us to slow down, and to become more aware of the presence of God in our lives. Instead of focusing on the number of shopping days until Christmas the Lord desires for us to get rid of the obstacles that are affecting your relationship with Him and those around you. That is how we can best "prepare the way of the Lord."

In the depth of our hearts, we long for that new Jerusalem envisioned by the prophet Baruch, that place of peace, justice and truth. With so much news of violence, brokenness, bitterness and uncertainty in our world we may feel overwhelmed and struggle to keep hope alive. It is precisely at times like this that we are asked to dig deep into our hearts and hear the reassuring words of Jesus, "I am with you always, do not be afraid." Just as John the Baptist proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins we too are called to turn away from our sinful ways and "prepare the way of the Lord."

During this Advent season as we journey to the manger it is helpful to be aware of the obstacles that we encounter and to see them as opportunities for growth and greater trust in God. What we anticipate and long for in this holy season is not just the celebration of the event of the birth of Jesus, but the advent, the coming, of our salvation. Each time we respond to God's grace we catch a glimpse of what will be in the Day of the Lord and renew our hope in the promises that have been made by God which will be fulfilled when Christ comes again in glory.



REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass schedule will be:

Tuesday, December 7th	5:15 PM at Emmanuel
Wednesday, December 8th	7:30 AM at Emmanuel 12:00 Noon at St. Joseph 6:00 PM at Holy Trinity

Retirement Fund for Religious

Elderly religious need your help. Thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes—often for little to no pay. There were no 401(k) plans or pensions. Now, many religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for aging members. Your gift to next week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps provide medications, nursing care, and more.

Give in gratitude...A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith." Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Please be generous. Even a small gift will make a difference! Visit retiredreligious.org to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Beacons of Light Update...On December 5th, Archbishop Schnurr will announce the final configuration of parishes that will make up the new families of parishes. You may access the final Families of Parishes online at BEACONSAOC.ORG, beginning at noon today, Sunday, December 5th.

Dare to date! The Marriage Ministry of Region 7 invites you and your spouse or fiancé to our Christmas marriage event. Our ministry is asking all couples who feel called to serve on this ministry to join us for a potluck dinner and white elephant gift exchange on December 11th from 6:30-9pm in the Emmanuel school building. We will spend our time eating, getting to know each other, sharing gifts (one gift per couple) and discussing our marriage ministry. Babysitting is available. Please rsvp to Courtney Mark at courtney.e.mark@gmail.com

Lessons and Carols: Sunday, December 19th 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.

Details are here! See the inserts in this bulletin for details about our regional Emmanuel St. Vincent de Paul annual fundraiser and raffle. (Hint: raffle tickets make great stocking stuffers!)

Divine Renovation: Bringing your Parish from Maintenance to Mission - Isn't it time that we put our heads and hearts together to discern the many good things that God has in store for our family of parishes? You are invited and encouraged to be part of that process. Join us on Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8:00pm we will be studying and praying together as a family about our future together. Please join us?

The Book: Divine Renovation

The Place: Trinity Center at Holy Trinity Church

Tuesday nights, 6:30-8:00pm: Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21

Presenters: Lynda Middleton and Ann Case

Registration: Call Holy Trinity 937.228.1223 or Email:

Lyndamiddleton9@gmail.com

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

EMMANUEL CHURCH

Generous Contributions for November 28, 2021

Weekend Offertory:	Collection
	\$ 8,972.00
St. Vincent dePaul:	\$ 897.20
Year to date deficit:	\$ 9,968.00

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Prayer List

Virginia Allen	Gary George	Tony Rocco
Dave Cartuyvelles	Craig Hathaway	Randy Rosenthal
Nancy Cartuyvelles	George Hendrix	Robert Thoman
Michael Dalessio	Kathleen Knight	Jan Timerding
Marilyn Dehner	Trisha Junker	Special Intention
Anna Espy	Thomas Ledinsky	Adam
Annette & John Fohl	Patrick McDonald	Daniel
Cindy Gardina	Phyllis Pence	Helen

Christmas Giving Tree Project

FINAL DAYS. Thank you for taking an ornament from the Christmas tree to help support the Elizabeth's New Life Center. Please return the gift, unwrapped and with the ornament attached, to the Parish Office no later than Thursday, December 9th or place under the Christmas tree at the Masses next weekend, December 11/12. Questions? Contact Tracy Harman, harman.tracy@yahoo.com. Thank you for your generosity!

Reaching Our Fallen Away Family and Friends

On Wednesday, December 8 at 7:00pm in the Emmanuel school building, Dr. Alan Mostrom will be giving another talk on how we can reach our fallen away friends and family members.

The Ultimate Guide to Advent

The 2021 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, an Advent Novena, family activities and more. It's the perfect companion for a peaceful and joyful Advent. To download the Ultimate Guide to Advent, please visit www.thecatholictelegraph.com today!

Holy Father's Prayer Intention...Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Region 7 bulletins are available on our [website](http://www.bulletinarchive.com). Archived bulletins may be found by clicking on the [Bulletin Archive link](http://www.bulletinarchive.com). Keep informed on the happenings within our region.

From the Joyful Noiseletter:

"To succeed in life you need three things:
a wishbone, a backbone, and a funny bone."

— via George Goldtrap, Ormond-by-the-Sea, FL

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Generous Contributions for November 28, 2021

Weekend Offertory:	Budget:	Collection
	\$6,400.00	\$4,123.16
Flower Fund		\$ 226.00

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The second collection next Sunday is for the Retired Religious.

Envelopes for this collection are on the tables at the entrance to each aisle. Thank you

Our Giving Tree is in place in the sanctuary. The ornaments on the tree have the names of our members who are over the age of 80. You are welcome to take an ornament and give a call, send a card, say a prayer or pay a visit to the person on the ornament. Just let them know they are appreciated and loved by their fellow parishioners.

The Chosen

Would you like to meet some of the people that Jesus chose to accompany him as his disciples? Join us as we view and discuss the video series "The Chosen" during the Mondays of Advent. We will be watching episodes 5-9 of the first year. Meetings take place from 6:30 -8:00pm in Trinity Center. All are welcome. No previous experience is necessary. Meeting dates: December 6, December 13, and December 19, 2021

Our Advent Almsgiving Project this year is for the most needed item for the less fortunate in our area – simply, warm socks - socks for children, men and women. They may be placed under the giving tree in the sanctuary. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Kindly Pray for all our sick, elderly and homebound parishioners. Knowing that we are praying and thinking of them means the world to those who cannot be with us for Mass.

Would You Like to Help Beautify the Sanctuary for the Christmas Season?



We are accepting monetary donations for plants in memory of deceased loved ones, family member or just to give honor and glory to God in this special place, Holy Trinity. Simply place your donation in an envelope with the names of the persons you wish remembered, mark "Christmas Flowers" on the envelope and drop in the collection basket or mail to the church. Thank you.

Our Thanks to the parishioners who are participating in the Holiday Help a Family from Catholic Social Services. Wrapped gifts are to be returned to the parish the week of December 6. Thank you for your help with this special project by bringing joy to a less fortunate child or adult in the Dayton area.

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 are there for you to drop off catalogs, magazines, newspapers, junk mail, office paper, fax paper, notebooks, folders and cardboard. Please break down your cardboard boxes before putting them in the bin. Thank you.

Please continue to bring your aluminum beverage cans to Mass with you or drop them by the parish garage when you come through town. Please be sure your bags are tied shut.

We also accept spent batteries so they can be disposed of properly. Place in the plastic tub on the steps in the vestibule.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Generous Contributions for November 28, 2021

Weekend Offertory: Collection \$6,578.00
Charity: \$ 212.00

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We will support Elizabeth New Life Center again this year with our giving tree. Please take an ornament from the tree, purchase the item, and then bring the unwrapped item to church with you and place by the tree. Thank you for your support.

Consecration to Mary, Immaculate Conception on December 8th. You are invited to participate in a Novena and Consecration to our Blessed Mother on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The Novena will begin Nov. 29th. We will pray for peace in our world, the needs of our country and the conversion of hearts. The Novena prayer will be offered along with the Rosary after the Noon Mass at St. Joseph Church. If you cannot join us for Mass you can participate at home using the Novena and Consecration prayers posted on the parish website or by picking up a printed copy in the back of Church.

Scheduling Masses for next year... If you would like to have a Mass said for someone please call the rectory. We'll start with 3 Masses per family.

Please keep the following people in your prayers.

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

Cheryl Anderson	Paul Hartke	Victor Polovskis
Austin Beggin & Family	Marie Henry	Theresa Reiff
Ron Bird	Fran Karl	Tony Riggs
Jim Brokamp	Colette Kropp	Janet Rudy-Gerrard
Bob Bruns	Alma Landry	Jack Summers
Sara Bustetter	Colleen Maples	Rick Summers
Mooneen Caufield	William Meikle	Karen Thomas
Michael Culp	Mary Beth O'Connor	Tony Trick
Rita Downs	Greg Osif	Joann Weisenbach
Frank Fass	Vanessa Padgett	Sharon Wenzel
Bennett Hart	Tom Puckett	Linda

Parish Life Center

Memorial bricks donations: \$27,800
Wish list donations: \$44,855
Parish Life Center donations: \$727,828
Total Donations: \$800,483

Part-time Maintenance position open at St. Joseph. The position is for general maintenance and upkeep of the parish buildings and grounds, 15 to 20 hours a week. Some electrical, plumbing and HVAC skills required. Please call or email resume to Rita at ritazatsjoseph@sbcglobal.net. Questions call Rita at 937-228-9272.

Area Activities

Annual Nativities Display at Maria Stein Shrine now through January 9th. This collection, donated by Tim and Katherine Nealeigh, will feature over seventy-five nativities from around the world. We invite all families to the Shrine to experience this annual celebration of Christmas. The event is free and open to the public from November 26, 2021 - January 9, 2022, during normal Shrine hours.

A Bicentennial History of the Archdiocese by Fr. David Endres would make a great Christmas gift and would deepen any reader's understanding and appreciation of the first 200 years of Catholic faith in this part of our country. The cost is \$29.95 including delivery, a tremendous value. Moreover, the book is in stock and ships virtually immediately! Really! You can order the book at the website for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati under "AOC Bicentennial Shop".

Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) Tuition Grants

The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is now accepting K-8 tuition assistance grant applications for the 2022-2023 school year. The application period will run from now through February 6th, 2022. Please go to www.catholicbestchoice.org for more information and/or apply at <https://factsmtg.com/>.

Candlelight Mass, Thursday, December 9 at St. Cecilia Parish in Oakley. Young adults are invited to experience the Mass in a beautiful way at Candlelight Mass throughout the Archdiocese on the second Thursday of every month. Confession is available at 6:30 p.m. and Mass starts at 7:00 p.m. Social hour to follow Mass.

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