### Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes January 9, 2022 The Baptism of the Lord

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Emmanuel Church 1837

St. Joseph Church 1847

Holy Trinity Church 1861

# Emmanuel Church

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### Saint Joseph Church

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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.

### **Mass Intentions**

Monday January 10
Monday, January 10
7:30 AM Holy TrinityJustin Shoemacher
12:00 PM St. JosephEdward L. Malahy
Tuesday, January 11
7:30 AM Holy TrinityAnthony Lucente
12:00 PM St. JosephSouls in Purgatory
Wednesday, January 12
7:30 AM EmmanuelSusan Simmons
12:00 PM St. JosephRita Zimmerman
Thursday, January 13
7:30 AM EmmanuelMildred Sadauskas
12:00 PM St. JosephSpecial Intention
Friday, January 14
7:30 AM EmmanuelJohn & Mary Ellen Hoefler
12:00 PM St. JosephPaul & Phyllis Creager
Saturday, January 15
7:30 AM EmmanuelJohn Ernst
12:00 PM St. JosephBob Sichman
4:30 PM St. JosephRev. William Dineen C.PP.S
5:15 PM EmmanuelRalph Berry
Sunday, January 16
8:30 AM Holy TrinityFor our parishioners
10:00 AM St. JosephFor our parishioners
10:30 AM EmmanuelFor our parishioners
11:30 AM Holy TrinityEileen Lucente

#### Next Week's Readings:

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalms 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-10;1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11

### **Confessions:**

Controstons	
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

### FR. ANGLEO'S REFLECTION

The Church puts the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord at the end of the Christmas season to remind us that the truth and beauty of Christmas does not end, but rather, like Jesus we are entrusted with a mission given to us at the time of our baptism. Our mission is to keep the flame of faith alive in our heart always following Christ's example of unconditional love.

In today's Gospel we hear directly from the mouth of God the Truth that Jesus is the beloved Son of God! With these words the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus, and we are given a clear revelation of the gift of the Holy Trinity, the communion of love found in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

In the gospel St. Luke identifies two kinds of baptisms: the baptism of John and the baptism of Jesus. What is the difference? The baptism of John is a baptism of repentance. This baptism enabled a person to speak honestly of what they were doing wrong in life and offered a clear resolution to correct that bad behavior. But John knows that this is not enough; it is a good start, but this baptism will not give a person salvation. Anyone who has tried to overcome an addiction or bad habit knows this as well. We cannot live by our will alone, we need a higher power, we need God.

So why did Jesus present himself for the baptism of John? After all, he did not need to repent of anything. St. Justin Martyr from the 2nd century notes that "just as Jesus had no need to be born, to suffer, or die—he did so in order to reveal himself to humanity, the baptism by John was an epiphany, a manifestation that Jesus is the Messiah. When Jesus first came to the waters of the Jordan 'he was looked upon as a carpenter' by all who knew him, but the proclamation of the Father and the descent of the Holy Spirit showed that he was much more than a mere worker of wood."

From the perspective of salvation history St. Gregory of Nyssa notes that, "Just as Joshua entered the Promised Land by crossing the Jordan River, Jesus opened the way to heaven by entering and dividing the same waters of the Jordan River at the time of his baptism." God is fulfilling his covenant to us through Jesus.

The baptism that Jesus offers us is an entry into grace and community, an entry into a relationship with God who is all powerful, God who restores us to life and offers us salvation. All too often we try to live our lives by John's baptism alone, by our own will. We identify what is wrong in life, but we remain powerless to actually change what is wrong. John the Baptist reminds us that there is no salvation through human will-power alone. The baptism of Jesus enables us to participate in the relationship of love found in the most Holy Trinity, a relationship in which we become children of God and share in God's grace.

Fr. Henri Nouwen once observed that the voice from heaven saying "You are my beloved, with you I am well pleased" is what God says to each human being through the baptism of Jesus. We have an identity and a birthright given to us by the One who created and loves us.

Nouwen notes that sometimes this blessing and essential birthright is hard to hear above all the other voices of our lives, the voices that shout, you are no good, you are worthless, nobody cares about you; or voices which tell us to reject the stranger or the foreigner, don't show mercy, don't forgive. All of these words are lies. Our identity is found in Christ, as children of God, beloved of God.

Through the baptism of Jesus, we have the strength to overcome our destructive choices and behavior and we have the courage to embrace the cross that comes our way and the strength to remain faithful. As we experience the mercy and unconditional love of God we are impelled to share that same mercy and forgiveness and love with one another. Hear God say to you today, "You are my beloved son...you are my beloved daughter, live in me as I live in you."

### **REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### Prayer for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Open the heavens almighty Father and pour out your spirit upon your people. Renew the power of our baptismal cleansing and fill us with zeal for good deeds. Let us hear your voice once again, that we may recognize in your beloved Son our hope in inheriting eternal life. Grant this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the splendor of eternal light, God forever and ever. Amen. (St Therese of Lisieux)

**The Worldwide Synod** - The Holy Father, in seeking to hear from all the People of God on how to better bring the Mission of the Church to the world, is calling for a synod. To start, he is asking for all dioceses throughout the world to conduct local meetings to discuss themes relating to this topic.

Who are the People of God? It is all the baptized. That means not only the lay faithful, those in religious orders, and the clergy, but it also means those who are poor, disabled, migrants and immigrants, elderly, young adults, those who no longer practice the faith, and minorities to name a few. In other words, everyone. Did you know that when you were baptized, you were called to a priestly, prophetic, and kingly mission to bring the good news of salvation and discipleship to all? Coming together to discuss how to better further the mission of the Church is where the Holy Spirit can work powerfully.

There will be meetings throughout the Archdiocese in January and February. Our local meeting will be Thursday, February 10th at 7 pm, at St. Albert the Great. Please consult the Archdiocesan website <u>www.catholicaoc.org</u> and click on the Synod tab to learn more. There you will find an opportunity to sign up to participate. If February 10th isn't convenient, you can sign up for another nearby meeting on a different date. If you know someone who has left the faith, invite them to participate too!

#### Save the Date and Help Meet Urgent Needs for Blood!

Our Family of Parishes Health Ministries Team is sponsoring the next quarterly blood drive on Jan. 19th from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. The need for blood remains critical during the pandemic. Appointments are highly encouraged. Just call 937-461-3220, or go to their website at <u>www.donortime.com</u> to schedule.

#### Did you Ever Wonder What Evangelization Is?

The Emmanuel Parish Evangelization Commission is running an 8-session course on the foundations and principles of evangelization. If you have any family members who have fallen away from the church and you want to discover ways to reach out to them, or if you are looking to grow your skills overall on how to share your faith with others, this would be a great resource for you! It will begin on Monday, Feb 7th at 7pm in the Emmanuel School Building and the course will include speakers every other week leading discussions on various topics."

**SVdP Fundraiser:** It's getting closer! There's still time to order fish/sausage dinners and purchase raffle tickets. For more information, please see parish websites, posters at back of church, or call Jerri (937-681-6313) or Holly (937-901-4194). Thank you!



**Formed Pick of the Week** – Reborn, Episode 1: A New Creation. This week, as we contemplate Jesus' Baptism, dive into the mystery of the Sacrament of Baptism. Through our Reborn series, you

will come to understand the deeper meaning behind your Baptism. Visit <u>FORMED.org</u> and Click "Sign Up." Select "I Belong to a Parish or Organization" – Find your parish by zip code 45402 or name, "St. Joseph" Enter your email and you're in!

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

- Rebekka Anders Yves Benimana Michael Borgert John Carner Kelli Anne Cartuyvelles Greg Marcus Jon Chachula Laura Chachula Caleb Fowler
  - Jacob Gutwein Nicholas Kern Morgan Konsdorf Cody Landers Alex McGarvey Zachary McIntyre

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

### **EMMANUEL CHURCH**

#### **Generous Contributions for January 2, 2022**

Weekend Offertory:	Collection
-	\$ 8,003.00
St. Vincent dePaul:	\$ 800.30
Year to date surplus:	\$ 7,422.00

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#### **Prayer List**

Virginia Allen	Gary George	Randy Rosenthal
Dave Cartuyvelles	Craig Hathaway	Chris Snow
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
Dale	Tony Rocco	

Attention - Donut Sunday Today (January 9)!! Join us for coffee and donuts today (Sunday), the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord, as we celebrate and begin to pray "3 Hail Mary's" for 10 days to honor all our clergy. 3 Hail Mary's for Faith, Hope and Charity! What a simple way to honor our priests, deacons and brothers who devote and live their lives, to a life of service for us. You can pray anytime throughout the day, even multiple times. All our prayers will be joined together in heaven. This will end on Tuesday, January 18th at the Miraculous Medal Novena, 7pm at Emmanuel Church. Pamphlets explaining the meaning and power of the 3 Hail Mary's will be made available. Let's start the year off with lifting our clergy up in prayer as we move towards joining our parish families.

Our next Bible study starts February 22 and we are so happy to have IN PERSON our teacher who is Dr. Alan Mostrom PhD, Professor of Systematic Theology at Mount St Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati. In the first lesson he will explain: "The Jewish world Jesus was born into and the ways his fellow Jews thought about God, salvation, sin, and the future". So come and join us! For more info see flyers in back of Church or call Susie at 937-409-0553.

#### Holy Father's Prayer Intention...For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

#### From the Joyful Noiseletter:

"Cheerfulness keeps up a daylight in the mind." - Joseph Addison (1719)

# Please Support the St. Vincent de Paul Fish Dinner Fundraiser

### HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

#### **Generous Contributions for January 2, 2022**

Weekend Offertory:	Budget: \$6,400.00	Collection \$ 4,104.86
Solemnity of Mary: Outreach:		\$   529.00 \$   906.00

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#### **Confirmation and First Communion**

If your child is seeking Confirmation or First Communion in 2022 please contact the parish office as soon as is convenient for you. Confirmation and First Communion classes take place the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month beginning January 9th at 9:30 am in Trinity Center. Kelly Thobe and Amy Rohde will be leading Confirmation classes. Brad Thobe will be leading First Communion Classes. To register or for more information contact Lynda Middleton at Lyndamiddleton9@gmail.com or at the Holy Trinity Parish office, 937-228-1223.

Offertory Envelopes for 2022 are available for you to pick up in the back of church. If you do not see a set for yourself, and you wish to use this method of supporting our parish, please call the parish office and we will prepare a packet for you. Thank you for your support.

#### Help Meet Urgent Needs for Blood

Please consider taking a bit of time to donate a true give of life! Our Family of Parishes Health Ministries Team is sponsoring the quarterly blood drive January 19th from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Community Blood Center. The need for blood remains critical during the pandemic along with the holidays and winter season. Appointments are highly encouraged. Just call 937-461-3220 or go on their website at www.donortime.com to schedule.

#### What Goes Up Must Come Down!

After the 11:30 Mass today, we will be taking down all the Christmas decorations, except the poinsettias, and we will need lots of help putting everything in its proper place. Can we count on you to be with us? Thanks!

Lunch With The Lord continues on Wednesdays at 11:45a.m. in the parish office building. Linda Middleton shares her knowledge with us and we spend time reflecting on the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday. Bring your lunch, or not, and enjoy sharing the scriptures with others.

#### Mark This on Your Calendar!

Our January Potluck...starring Norm Essman. The Education/ Social Action Commission is sponsoring a soup and sandwich potluck Sunday, January 23rd after the 11:30am Mass. Sandwich fixings will be provided. Donations of pots of soup are needed.

Norm Essman will be speaking about his preparations for and experience of walking The Camino de Santiago, a pilgrimage through France to the burial place of St. James in Spain.

Our RCIA candidates and Catechumens will be our guests for the day. Come in out of the cold and meet them and enjoy warm conversation and soup.

If you would like to make a pot of soup for the potluck, please call the parish office and let us know.

We apologize for the state of our recycle bins, but we can do nothing about it until a driver can be hired by Royal Oak Recycling. We are on the schedule for pick up as soon as a driver is hired. In the meantime, if you can recycle in your neighborhood, please do so.

## **ST. JOSEPH CHURCH**

### **Generous Contributions for January 2, 2022**

Weekend Offertory:	Collection \$13,129.00
Charity:	\$ 198.00

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

We'll be taking down the Christmas decorations today January 9th at 1:00pm. Your help is greatly appreciated.

We'd like to welcome to our parish family Caleb Mehaffie. Caleb we're delighted you've decided to join us.

**Year end donation letters** will be sent out in the next couple weeks for anyone who requested one last year. If you don't get a letter and would like one please call the rectory and we'll be happy to send you one.

We have about 75 bricks available to be engraved at the Holy Family Grotto. This would be a great way to remember a loved one or celebrate a special occasion i.e., birthday, anniversary, or wedding. Forms are available in the back of church or email Rita.

**Have you registered?** If you attend Mass at St. Joe's but have never registered as a member of the parish, please consider doing so. It's easy...just call the rectory at 937-228-9272.

#### *Please keep the following people in your prayers. Call the rectory if you would like to be added to the prayer list.*

Cheryl Anderson Austin Beggin & Family Jim Brokamp Bob Bruns Sara Bustetter Mooneen Caufield Michael Culp Rita Downs Frank Fass

Bennett Hart

Marie Henry Fran Karl Colette Kropp Alma Landry Colleen Maples William Meikle Mary Beth O'Connor Greg Osif Vanessa Padgett Tom Puckett Victor Polovskis Theresa Reiff Tony Riggs Janet Rudy-Gerrard Jack Summers Rick Summers Karen Thomas Tony Trick Joann Weisenbach Sharon Wenzel Linda **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 <u>ritazatstjoseph@sbcglobal.net</u>. Questions call Rita at 937-228-9272.

### **Parish Life Center**

Memorial bricks donations: \$28,300 Wish list donations: \$44,855 Parish Life Center donations: \$756,373 Total Donations: \$829,528

# Area Activities

It is not too late to join our divorce-recovery support group. Let us walk with you as you navigate through this difficult journey. Thirteen weeks, held on Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:30 PM from Jan. 6 to Mar. 31 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, For information call Marcelle Toma 937-312-1157 (Not a texting number) or mtoma@woh.rr.com



**Stress in Your Marriage?** – Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness and simply shut down. Others experience conflict and arguments in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels

including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the January 7, 8, 9 2022 call 513 486- 6222 or visit the website at <u>www.HelpOurMarriage.com</u>

A Bicentennial History of the Archdiocese by Fr. David Endres would make a great 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".

