

Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

December 18, 2022

4th Sunday of Advent

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

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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 19

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Barbara Keegan

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....William Miller

Tuesday, December 20

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

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Chris & Dwayne Durr

Wednesday, December 21

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Chris Enoch

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Susan Carpeco O'Kane

Thursday, December 22

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Niehaus Family

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....George Peloquin

Friday, December 23

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Nat Smargiassi

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Mario Jurassich

Saturday, December 24

4:30 PM St. Joseph.....Everhart & Gillotti Families

5:00 PM Holy Trinity.....Rob & Maureen Bird

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

10:00 PM Emmanuel.....George & Cecilia Muckenthaler
Regina Trick

12:00 PM Holy Trinity.....For all our volunteers

Sunday, December 25

9:00 AM Holy Trinity.....Ted Randall

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

10:30 AM Emmanuel.....Living & deceased members of
the Hathaway & Penno Families

Next Week's Readings:

Isaiah 52: 7-10; Psalms 98: 1-6; Hebrews 1: 1-6; John 1: 1-18

Confessions: No Confessions December 24th or 25th

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

Contact your parish office to: Register, schedule Baptism, Weddings or Ministry to the Homebound.

DEACON RUSTY'S REFLECTION

"Do not be afraid to take Mary into your home!"

The Old Testament reading and the Gospel set two men before us today: a king and a carpenter, King Ahaz and St. Joseph. Both had reason to fear what faced them; one gave himself over to his fears, one relied on his faith.

In the eyes of the world, Ahaz was important, wise, and powerful. King Ahaz, though, was quite unlike David his forefather. Ahaz was pretentious, proud, and pathetic. He trusted in himself, his wealth, and the military might of his ally, Assyria. Worse, his piety was a mere showpiece for public consumption – a façade so he might appear respectable in the eyes of the people.

But Ahaz had a real problem. Enemies were massing on Judah's border, ready to attack. So Ahaz had a momentous decision to make; forge an alliance with the treacherous Assyrians or rely on God's promise. God sent Isaiah the prophet to encourage Ahaz to have faith in God, not in foreign armies. But Ahaz had long ago gone beyond merely tempting God. Indeed, he had been taunting God most of his life. Ahaz had sacrificed his own son to false gods and blasphemed God by setting up altars to these false gods in the Temple itself. But God kept faith with Judah even though the King of Judah had abandoned Him. A virgin would conceive and bear a son named Emmanuel, God with us.

To the world, St. Joseph was just a carpenter: ordinary, insignificant, and of no account. But in the eyes of God, Joseph was a man like King David his forefather; a man after God's own heart: just, righteous, and faithful. Like Ahaz, he too was facing a momentous decision: whether to take Mary into his home. And he knew two things with certainty. First, that Mary was a holy and righteous woman and second, she was inexplicably with child.

But when St. Joseph faced his momentous choice, being just, righteous, and faithful, he did not choose the way of fear, but the way of faith. We see this most clearly in how St. Joseph responded to God. In every instance Joseph responded with an unequivocal 'yes' followed by immediate action: (1) Joseph, "did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."; (2) "Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt."; and (3) Joseph "rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel."

Virtually everything St. Joseph did in Holy Scripture had eternal significance, but not a single word of his is written down. I think it is because God wanted to give us a shining example of what humble, silent, faith and sanctity in action looked like. An example of faith and sanctity without the distraction of words. St. Joseph heard God and he obeyed. Period, full stop. The example of Joseph's virtue, strength, holiness, and zeal for God and his immediate obedience does not admit of any evasion or equivocation on our part. This is the hallmark of St. Joseph's spirituality and why among his titles we find: Joseph Most Just, Joseph Most Obedient, Joseph Most Courageous, the Protector of the Church, and the Terror of Demons.



Christmas Eve

4:30 PM Mass at St. Joseph Church
5:00 PM Mass at Holy Trinity Church
5:15 PM Mass at Emmanuel Church
10:00 PM Mass at Emmanuel Church
12:00 Midnight Mass Holy Trinity Church

Caroling 30 minutes before Mass

DEACON RUSTY'S REFLECTION Continued...

The guardian of Our Lord and Our Lady is not a saint we should imitate, he is a saint we must imitate. And the first thing we must do, like St. Joseph, is not be afraid of Mary our mother and Jesus her divine Son and Our Lord. We must not be afraid of what their example of holiness and sanctity call us to; we must not be afraid of love. In our hearts, Our Lord and Our Lady must find a home.

REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Advent Confession Schedule

December 19th 11:00 AM at St. Joseph Church
December 19th 6:30 PM at Emmanuel Church
December 20th 11:00 AM at St. Joseph Church
December 20th 6:30 PM at Emmanuel Church
December 21st 11:00 AM at St. Joseph Church
December 22nd 11:00 AM at St. Joseph Church
December 23rd 11:00 AM at St. Joseph Church
No Confessions December 24th or 25th.

Lessons and Carols – Wednesday evening, December 21st at 6:30 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. A social gathering will follow in the parish center. This is a wonderful way to prepare for the coming of Christmas!

Deepen Your Understanding of the Mass - Archbishop Dennis Schnurr would like you to join him for a special study of *The Mass* video series from Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire Ministries. Each Sunday from January 8 through February 12, Archbishop Schnurr will email you one episode of the series along with his own brief insights, which you can watch on your own time and at your own pace, to explore the wonder of the Mass. Each episode of the series is only about 25 minutes. This is a great way to join fellow Catholics across the archdiocese to deepen your understanding of the Mass and experience it in a whole new way. Visit catholicaoc.org/theMass to sign up for free.

Religious give thanks. A sister writes, "We remember the many people who believe in the Retirement Fund for Religious, thanking them in prayer for their great generosity and compassion." God Bless you for donating to last week's collection.

Looking for great Christmas gifts? SVdP Dinner and Raffle Tickets make fun stocking stuffers! To purchase tickets, see your friendly Vincentian or call Michelle at 937-536-6741. Thank you and Merry Christmas to all!

Save These Dates for the Return of Ageless Grace!

The Health Ministries Team is pleased to announce this fun and playful exercise program based on the science of neuroplasticity is returning this January. Save the dates Mondays, January 16 through February 13, 2022 from 1:30 -2:30 pm at Trinity Center. More information will be available in upcoming bulletins.

With the rise in flu, RSV and Covid cases in our area you are welcome to wear masks when coming to Mass on the weekend.

Christmas Day

9:00 AM Mass at Holy Trinity Church
10:00 AM Mass at St. Joseph Church
10:30 AM Mass at Emmanuel Church

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

Yves Benimana	Jacob Gutwein	David Musgrove
Michael Borgert	Nicholas Kern	Diane Nyirasimbi
John Carner	Morgan Konsdorf	Anthony Pelfrey
Kelli Anne Cartuyvelles	Cody Landers	Jessica Pruitt
Jon Chachula	Greg Marcus	Susan Varmuza
Laura Chachula	Alex McGarvey	Justin Williams
Caleb Fowler	Zachary McIntyre	

EMMANUEL CHURCH

Generous Contributions for Dec. 11, 2022

Weekend Offertory:	Collection
	\$ 6148.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 614.80
Year to Date Deficit:	\$(19,532.00)
Religious Retirement:	\$ 1,947.00

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Fr. Angelo & Fr. Seraphine*

Prayer List

Virginia Allen	Thomas Ledinsky	Special Intention
Ed Chartrand	Tim McCrate	Adam
Nancy Cartuyvelles	Patrick McDonald	Christine
Michael Dalessio	Michael Mitchell	Dale
Marilyn Dehner	Randy Rosenthal	Grant
Annette Fohl	Katie Schultz	Justin
Cindy Gardina	Louie Schulze	Kelli
Craig Hathaway	Robert Thoman	Helen
George Hendrix	Jan Timerding	

External Restoration Campaign Update! As of December 13th we have received \$95,400 in pledges toward our campaign goal of \$200,000. Of that amount \$68,200 has already been paid. Thank you to those who have sent in their pledges!

Advent Notes from the Loft... Tomas Luis de Victoria, Spanish composer, choirmaster, and priest, was one of the greatest 16th century composers, reportedly having studied with Palestrina before succeeding him as choirmaster at the Roman seminary. His well-known Ave Maria graces our music list today, echoing the Offertory antiphon in a beautiful polyphonic setting. (Consider his O Magnum Mysterium for your Christmas playlist; the Cambridge Singers have a beautiful version on YouTube.)

Christmas Giving Tree Project – Gifts Now Due. Thank you for your support of the Elizabeth's New Life Center. Please return gifts unwrapped with ornament attached to the Parish Office by Wednesday (Dec 21). Questions, email Tracy, harman.tracy@yahoo.com.

The Emmanuel Parish Music Program Fund, established by Bernie Chachula in loving memory of Mary Chachula, is an ongoing financial resource for the promotion of many facets of our music program, reaching beyond the normal scope of its budget, such as providing music lesson scholarships for parishioners interested in sharing their talents with us, funding special guests, and purchasing extraordinary musical equipment or music. Donations for the continuance of this program 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 offertory collection basket in an envelope marked, "Emmanuel Parish Music Program Fund."

Save the date! Marriage Uncorked is hosting a Sweetheart Dinner Dance on February 11, 2023. More information to come!

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Generous Contributions for Dec 11, 2022

Weekend Offertory:	Budget:	Collection
	\$6,250.00	\$3,669.12
Religious Retirement:		\$1,642.00

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We Invite All Families to bring their children to our Christmas Eve, 5:00 p.m. Mass for our Children's Pageant - maybe even be in the Pageant! You can sign your child(ren) up in advance by calling the office or see an usher or greeter before Mass.

If you have been attending Holy Trinity for a while and would like to be a registered member, please call the parish office 937-228-1223 or download a registration form at Holytrinitydayton.org.

Thanks To All who donated nonperishable food and/or cash to our food collection for Emmanuel St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. As per usual, the response was overwhelming and well received by the Food Pantry.

Help Will Be Needed Today, immediately following the 11:30 Mass to set up the stable, hang the wreaths and decorate the tree in the sanctuary. If all goes well and we have many volunteers, we should be finished by 2:00 p.m. Many hands will make for light work for all.

Extra Help will be needed on Monday, December 19 when we deep clean the church. There will be two sessions: one at 9:00 a.m. and one at 6:00 p.m.. We will be cleaning the pews with lemon oil and scrubbing the kneelers in addition to the normal cleaning. Bring your favorite cleaning tools.

Bring Some Joy to one or more of our senior members of Holy Trinity Parish. Send a card, pay a visit or make a telephone call to let them know that we at Holy Trinity are remembering them and wish them a blessed Christmas. Simply take a snowflake from our giving tree in the sanctuary and bring a little joy to their life.

Our Advent Almsgiving This Year is a request for NEW, warm gloves for children. They may be put under the tree in the sanctuary or in the branches. We will be collecting gloves today and then they will be distributed to agencies that service children. Thank you!

Christmas Flowers: If you would like to help beautify the church for the Christmas season, we are accepting donations for the poinsettias, in remembrance of your loved ones or simply to thank God for His goodness and mercy. Today is the last day so you may place your donations, along with the name of the individual you wish remembered and put it in an envelope marked "Christmas flowers" and place the envelope in the collection basket today or drop it in the parish office mail slot.

Offertory Gift Bearers: If you and your family would like to bring up the gifts at the Offertory, there is a sign up sheet on the table at the main entrance.

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 so we can recycle magazines, newspapers, office papers and cardboard.

Please continue to bring your aluminum beverage cans to the parish when you come to Mass or when you are passing through the area, you can put them at the garage door. Please tie bags closed. We also recycle spent batteries. Please place them in the plastic tub on the steps in the vestibule, so they can be disposed of properly.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Generous Contributions for Dec 11, 2022

Weekend Offertory:	Collection
	\$20,717.50
Charity:	\$ 124.00
Religious Retirement:	\$ 3,407.00

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Join the fun at 2:00 today, Sunday when we decorate the church for Christmas. Not only do we have a great time but the end result is just stunning. Hope you can join us.

Please remember in your prayers William Miller who's funeral service was Friday. May he rest in peace with the Lord.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Elizabeth New Life Center giving tree this year. As usually your generosity is extraordinary. If you forgot to bring your baby gift to Mass today, please do so in the next two weeks. They will pick up all the items the first week of January.

We still have plenty of our 175th anniversary remembrance items i.e., sun catchers, ornaments and greeting cards appropriate for Christmas. The picture on each item is our stained glass window in church of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. These will make wonderful Christmas gifts. Call or email Rita at 937-228-9272.

If you would like to have a Mass offered for someone please email or call Rita at the rectory. Each family can schedule 3 Masses, once everyone has had a chance to schedule Masses we will open it up for additional Masses.

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.

Are you getting your estate in order?

If so, please remember St. Joseph Church. It is through the generosity of individuals like yourself who name St. Joseph in their will that the parish continues to thrive and will do so for many years to come.

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

Beth Anderson	Michael Glackin	Greg Osif
Cheryl Anderson	Gary Grump	Vanessa Padgett
Austin Beggin & Family	Bennett Hart	Victor Polovskis
Colby Berry	Carol Hartke	Theresa Reiff
Jim Brokamp	Paul Hartke	Tony Riggs
Bob Bruns	Marie Henry	Janet Rudy-Gerrard
Kathy Buschur	Andrea Kittel	Terri Sullivan
Sara Bustetter	Colette Kropp	Jack Summers
Mooneen Caufield	Alma Landry	Karen Thomas
Michael Culp	Colleen Maples	Tony Trick
Rita Downs	William Meikle	Joann Weisenbach
John Fitzgerald	Joe Moretto	Sharon Wenzel
Jim Flynn	Mary Beth O'Connor	Linda
Junior Fowler		

Area Activities

Elizabeth's New Life Center has been saving babies and changing lives for 33 years. We have an immediate need for employees in the Dayton area. Please visit our website at elizabethnewlife.org/careers/ for more information or to apply. RN/RDMS to perform limited obstetrical ultrasounds. Consultant to work with women facing crisis pregnancies. Executive Director to carry out all executive responsibilities of the organization to ensure services are provided in accordance with ENLC's mission and strategic plan.

U.D. Marian Library Christmas Creche Museum. This year the featured theme is the Christmas story of the Juggler who performed for Our Lady. Visiting the library, you will find a selection from the ever-popular Marian Library Crèche Collection. The Nativity sets on display illuminate a variety of gifts brought to the manger and complement the Christmas story of the Juggler. Open through Jan. 27, 2023, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Saturdays & Sundays Dec. 3-4 and 10-11, 1 to 4 p.m. For more details: go.udayton.edu/Christmas-exhibit.



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