



Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

December 25, 2022

The Nativity of the Lord

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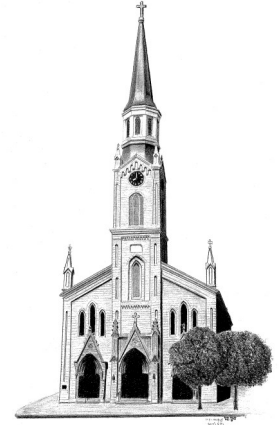
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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 26

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Betty O'Neil
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Thomas Gillotti

Tuesday, December 27

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Rose Reed & Rita Kreitzer
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Joe Healy

Wednesday, December 28

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Anthony Rocco
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Virginia Bauer

Thursday, December 29

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Joseph Scarpelli
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Tim McCrate

Friday, December 30

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Abigail Esselstein
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Bill Baron

Saturday, December 31

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Ralph Berry
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Richard Schaefer
4:30 PM St. Joseph.....Miguel Henriquez Villa &
Marina Henriquez
5:15 PM Emmanuel.....For our parishioners

Sunday, January 1

9:00 AM Holy Trinity.....Connie Mays
10:00 AM St. Joseph.....For our parishioners
10:30 AM Emmanuel.....Alfred & Virginia Landis
11:30 AM Holy Trinity.....For our parishioners

Next Week's Readings:

Numbers 6:22-27, Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Galatians 4:4-7;
Luke 2:16-21

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

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

FR. ANGELO'S REFLECTION



This Christmas season a new movie has been released telling the story of how Henry Wadsworth Longfellow came to write the poem "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" which became a beloved Christmas carol.

It was a long cold winter in 1863, the Civil War raged on and showed no sign of ending. Fathers, sons, and brothers from Mississippi to the East Coast had not come home for Christmas and many would never return. Longfellow sat in Cambridge, Massachusetts trying to make sense of the brokenness found in his life and the world around him.

Just two years earlier his wife was killed in a tragic fire. Now, his son Charles, was seriously wounded in the December 1st battle of New Hope Church. Still grieving his wife's death, Longfellow sat nursing his son on his long road to recovery. Overwhelmed with loss, Longfellow was startled by the bells ringing for services on Christmas day. Thinking about the message of angels proclaiming peace on earth, good will toward all, his depression gave way to hope, and he took up his pen and wrote this poem.

*I heard the bells on Christmas day - Their old familiar carols play;
In music sweet the tones repeat, "There's peace on earth, good will to men."*

*And in despair I bowed my head: "There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong, and mocks the song - Of peace on earth, good will to men."*

*Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead, nor does
He sleep, For Christ is here; His Spirit near - Brings peace on earth,
good will to men."*

*When men repent and turn from sin - The Prince of Peace then enters
in, And grace imparts within their hearts - His peace on earth, good will
to men.*

*O souls amid earth's busy strife, The Word of God is light and life;
Oh, hear His voice, make Him your choice, Hail peace on earth, good
will to men.*

Fast forward to 2022, we continue to have many challenges facing our world, our country, and our families. And yet, the miracle of Christmas is that you cannot silence God's Word. God's love for us is a gift and sometimes we need the strong peal of a bell to wake us up to the fact that "God is not dead, nor does God sleep."

This Christmas, consider the times when you heard the bell of God's love ringing loud and clear, like in the birth of a child, healing from an illness, an anniversary celebration, the making of a new friend, the completion of a project, an invitation for reconciliation, the beauty of nature, an answered prayer.

Our celebration of Christmas invites us to touch once again the mystery of God's love for us found deep in our heart, like a forgotten memory. We dream with the prophets of old and share stories from our youth when all seemed right with the world.

The ringing of God's love is heard clearly as we receive the body and blood of Jesus. Like the shepherds on that first Christmas day, we encounter Jesus. He gives himself to us as real food, reaffirming our dignity as adopted children of God, his precious blood reminding us that God's love is stronger than sin and death.

Just as Longfellow recognized that our world is broken, he didn't stop living. Through the precious blood of Jesus, we too are strengthened in the hope that God is working all things to the good no matter how dark or chaotic or confusing life may be. There is no doubt, we need a savior. The birth of Jesus at Christmas makes known to us a love that is eternal. Jesus is with us in our darkest hour leading us to light and peace. Let this message ring loud and clear through you this Christmas day!

REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessing for A Nativity Scene. God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love.

Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise up our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen. (*USCCB Book of Blessings*)

Thank You! This Christmas, we are mindful of the many people working behind the scenes in our family of parishes preparing for the Christmas season. We are grateful to all who are contributing to the joyful celebration of this year's feast by cleaning, decorating, offering musical talents, assisting with the liturgical ministries, sending cards, goodies and prayerful support. We are blessed through you! Fr. Angelo, Fr. Seraphine Br. Matt and Fr. Ken.

January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. We will follow the regular weekend Mass schedule for this feast next Sunday.

December 31 st	January 1, 2023
4:30 PM Mass at St. Joseph	8:30 AM Mass at Holy Trinity
5:15 PM Mass at Emmanuel	10:00 AM Mass at St. Joseph
	10:30 AM Mass at Emmanuel
	11:30 AM Mass at Holy Trinity

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.

Precious Blood Companions – Are you inspired by the spirituality of the Precious Blood? Lay associates called "Companions" are invited to be in relationship with the Missionaries of the Precious Blood in order to form a community that seeks to stand with those most in need, offer hospitality and hope, restore relationships, and give voice and presence to the power of the Precious Blood that draws all people near. The journey begins by attending a Precious Blood gathering to learn more about the history of the CPPS community, its core values and charism. To learn more about becoming affiliated as a lay person with the Precious Blood community contact: John Hess hessip@juno.com.

Epiphany Ball – A Semi-Formal Dance will be held on Saturday, January 7th from 7:00 – 11:00 PM in Ries Hall at St. Peter's parish, Huber Heights. This event is for young adults ages 21 – 39. For further information go to www.daytoncatholicya.com/epiphany-ball.html

Celebrating the Holy Eucharist

"I don't get anything out of the mass"...but you can. Beginning January 8, 2023 Bishop Schnurr will be leading parishioners of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati in a virtual study of *The Mass* video series from Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire Ministries. All parishioners are encouraged to participate by signing up on the archdiocesan website catholicaoc.org/theMass to receive the weekly lesson. Live discussion groups are now forming. Deacon Rusty Baldwin will be leading a discussion on Wednesday mornings beginning January 11, 2023 at 9:30am at the St Joseph parish center. Lynda Middleton will be leading a second group on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm in the Holy Trinity parish office. The second group also begins on January 11. All are invited to participate as we learn about *The Mass* together.

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. Mondays, January 16 - February 13, 2022 from 1:30 -2:30 pm at Trinity Center.

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	

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Generous Contributions for Dec 18, 2022

Weekend Offertory:	Budget:	Collection
	\$6,250.00	\$3,960.00

*Many thanks for the generous spirit of our parishioners.
Fr. Angelo & Fr. Seraphine*

We are so very grateful to everyone who helped get the church ready for the Christmas season – our faithful church cleaners, the decorators and the great crew that came last Sunday to set up the nativity. How blessed we all are by your gift of service.

Holy Trinity Parish Potluck

Would you walk a mile with Jesus? Norman Essman, one of our ushers walked many more than that on the Camino de Santiago de Compostela, Spain. Come and hear as he reports on his soul-searching adventure January 15, 2023 after the 11:30 mass at Holy Trinity. We will be meeting in the Trinity Center for a potluck and presentation. Bring a dish. Bring a friend. Let's get out of the cold and head to sunny Spain with Norm and his fellow pilgrims.

Sacrament Preparation

Does your child need to receive their First Communion? All students aged 8 and up are welcome to join our class to prepare to receive their First Communion on Trinity Sunday, 2023. We will be meeting the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 9:45 in the Trinity Center. We will begin February 12 and continue to June 4, 2023. Please let Lynda know in the Holy Trinity office if your child will be attending. Questions? Lyndamiddleton9@gmail.com or 937-228-1223.

Many thanks to all who donated toward the purchase of the poinsettias in memory of their loved ones or in thanksgiving to God for his blessings. And to all who brought in warm gloves for children to have warm hands this winter, we are indebted to you.

"Inspired" is our semiannual issue of our parish Newsletter and we rely on contributions from parishioners to fill the pages with articles about upcoming parish activities and inspirational readings that would be of interest to our parishioners. Please limit articles to 500 words or less. Photos relative to an articles may also be submitted. Send articles to busmgr.holytrinity@gmail.com. **The deadline for articles relative to Lent through summer months is January 4, 2023.**

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.

*May the spirit of Christmas
that forevermore endures,
leave its richest blessings
in the hearts of you and yours!
Merry Christmas from your parish staff.*



EMMANUEL CHURCH

Generous Contributions for Dec. 18, 2022

Weekend Offertory:	Collection
	\$ 5,074.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 507.40
Year to Date Deficit:	\$(22,438.00)

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Prayer List

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

External Restoration Campaign Update! As of December 19th we have received \$122,400 in pledges toward our campaign goal of \$200,000. Of that amount \$87,800 has already been paid. Thank you to those who have sent in their pledges!

Thank you to all parishioners who brought gifts for our Giving Tree. These gifts will help the families served by the Elizabeth's New Life Center. Your support and generosity is greatly appreciated.

Christmas notes from the loft: The Christmas Proclamation, chanted just prior to Mass at Midnight on December 24, "begins with creation and relates the birth of the Lord to the major events and personages of sacred and secular history" (from the Roman Missal). This announcement, then, orients the birth of Christ in reference not only to Biblical history, but also to historical milestones in the ancient Greek and Roman world. The Incarnation is demonstrated to be the central event of both sacred and secular history.

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. This fund provides music lesson scholarships, 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."

Bible Study... Study of the Old Testament book EZEKIEL begins January 10th and 14th. This free 7 Session class will visit the time when Israel's religion is shifted to the WORD of GOD. Ezekiel is part of that Word of God, in his visions describing God's plan for His chosen people. More information to follow.

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

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Generous Contributions for Dec 18, 2022

Weekend Offertory: Collection \$13,804.00
 Charity: \$ 286.00

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If you have ministered or volunteered in the parish in some way this past year we have a little gift for you. Please stop by the sacristy after Mass and one of the servers will give you a gift. Thank you for your ministry and service to the parish.

Thank you to everyone who came and helped decorate the church on Sunday. The church looks wonderful! Thank you for your willingness to help.

Thank you Rita! Join us at Coffee & Donuts on January 8th following the 10:00 Mass to wish Rita Zimmerman well on her retirement as Business Manager of the parish and to thank her for her years of service to St. Joseph Parish. All are welcome.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Elizabeth New Life Center giving tree this year. As usual your generosity is extraordinary. If you forgot to bring your baby gift to Mass today, please do so by January 1st. They will pick up all the items the first week of January.

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. For more details: go.udayton.edu/Christmas-exhibit.



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