

Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

December 15, 2019

3rd Sunday of Advent

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

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

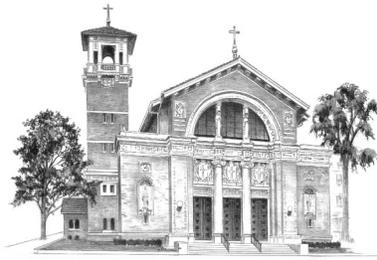
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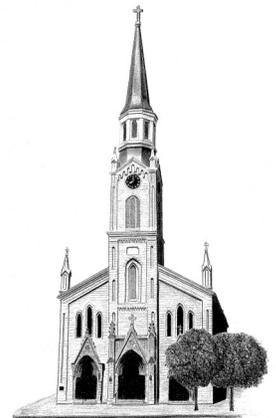
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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 16

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Rosella & Oliver Gast

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Diane Ahler

Tuesday, December 17

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Bishop Richard G. Lennon

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Reginald Ghioto

Wednesday, December 18

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

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Martha Burgess

Thursday, December 19

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Atalo Simental Galarza, Sr.

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Barbara & Michael Ryan

Friday, December 20

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....For the Untied States of
America

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Patricia Martinez

Saturday, December 21

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

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Banna Ghioto

4:30 PM St. Joseph.....Kristina Cole

5:15 PM Emmanuel.....Herman Trick

Sunday, December 22

8:30 AM Holy Trinity.....For our parishioners

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

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

11:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Sara Batin

Next Week's Readings:

Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalms 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Romans 1:1-7;

Matthew 1:18-24

Confessions Schedule:

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

Anointing of the Sick the first weekend of the month.

Respect Life Rosary 2nd Sunday of the month after 8:30 Mass at Holy Trinity.

To Register for any parish please contact the parish office

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

PASTOR'S PEN

This weekend we celebrate Gaudete Sunday, a Latin word which means REJOICE! Like excited children counting down the days to Christmas we too wait in joyful hope for the coming of our savior, Jesus Christ.

For some, this joyful season is clouded by that long list of things to do; or maybe joy feels distant because of the death of a loved one; or maybe it's hard to rejoice and be hopeful when there is so much uncertainty with the future. In the time of the Prophet Isaiah the people of Israel were living in fear. Their knees were weak, unable to carry the burden of worry and stress. Isaiah offers them hope, reminding them of God's care for them and God's plan to bring them home.

The scripture readings selected for the Advent season emphasize the truth that there is no situation, no problem, no matter how dark or hopeless it is...nothing stands outside of God's transforming love. This is an important message for us today because our world, filled with advancing technology and cyber communication, can cause us to think that the answers to life's problems should be found as easily as popping a meal in the microwave or looking up an answer on the internet.

That is why our second reading from the Apostle James is so important for us today. He reminds us that patience and perseverance are keys to a joy-filled life. Look at the farmer who awaits the yield of the soil. He can't just look at a seed and say, "Ok seed, grow." He must prepare the soil, plant the seed; cultivate its growth all the while realizing that it is God who brings about the growth of the seed. In a similar way, the journey of life takes work, patience, hope and a belief that God is bringing all things to the good.

The spiritual journey is all about getting in touch with the dream that God has placed in our hearts, that dream for unity, that ability to see the hand of God at work all around us. Jesus said, "the Kingdom of God is in your midst." The season of Advent tries to reconnect us with the memory of our salvation in Christ who became a little child. We believe that Christ dwells with us revealing the goodness and mercy of God.

This is the cause of our joy! The gift of joy is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit which comes from living in right relationship with God. Happiness comes from outside of us and does not last. Joy comes from within and is rooted in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. It is a gift available to everyone, even those facing great challenges and heartaches can know joy.

Last week we heard that John the Baptist thought the Messiah was going to come with fire, destruction and damnation and so we can understand his confusion as he inquires about Jesus from prison, "Are you the One who is to come?" Jesus responds by reminding John of what the prophet Isaiah said about the coming Messiah, the blind sees, the deaf hear, the mute speak the lame leap for joy! The fire that burns is the fire of God's love that burns away sin and evil making all things new!

- On this Gaudete Sunday we rejoice in the example of the many people of faith who give witness to the hope that is found in the promise of God's covenant of love.
- We rejoice in the circle of family, friends and parish community that God gives to us to support and encourage us.
- We rejoice in Jesus who gives us His Body and Blood to strengthen us so that our lives can reflect the light of His love to others.
- We rejoice in the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ who lifts our drooping spirits, forgives our sins and shares with us the Good News that we are God's precious children.

REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lessons and Carols - Sunday, December 15th at 2:00 PM at St. Joseph's Church. Join us for 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 lesson is followed by a carol or song that reflects the lesson's message and a brief prayer. All are welcome!

Special Confession Times for Christmas: December 17th and 18th beginning at 6:30 PM at Emmanuel Church. December 20th, 21st, 23rd at St. Joseph Church beginning at 11:00 AM.

Formed Pick of the Week: Prepare the Way of the King by: Dr. Scott Hahn. Dr. Hahn reveals what scholars know about the shepherds, the mysterious Magi, and King Herod. Your Advent journey will take on new meaning. This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind — Jesus Christ. To access the FORMED website, go to Formed.org and login using our parish code: FZ4VY9 (All upper-case letters).

Retirement Fund for Religious Appeal. Religious give thanks. "Thank you" hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us," says a Catholic sister of the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your donation to last week's second collection.

Teen Epiphany Party... On Sunday, January 5, all teens (7th-12th grades) of Region 7 and the homeschool community are invited to an Epiphany Party and Monte Carlo night. There will be card games such as poker and blackjack, as well as games for those who do not prefer to play cards. Please bring a snack to share. We will not be playing for money. This will be just for fun! Emmanuel School building from 6-8 pm. Please contact Tanya Lee with any questions and to RSVP - 937-885-7432 or michaellee25@sbcglobal.net.

Welcome Home College Students!

We are happy you successfully completed another semester and are home for the Christmas break. Come find rest with *On The Lawn's Beloved in the Spirit Retreat*. It is open to all college students and is FREE. Come out December 28th from 4-10pm at Wright State University John Bosco Chapel. Dinner will be provided with reflections and time to spend with the Lord and other college students in prayer. To register email Shaughn Phillips at sphillips@daytondowntowncatholic.com or register online at daytoncatholicya.com under the "college" tab.

Dayton Downtown Catholic Young Adults Visio Divina:

During the season of Advent spend some time praying with the Annunciation and Nativity stained glass windows in our churches! Time to pray with the windows and reflect on them will follow afterwards. December 21st 2pm at Emmanuel.

The Dayton Region 7 parishes will be sponsoring a trip to the Steubenville Youth Conference July 10-12, 2020. This conference is an amazing, faith-filled experience for high school teens. This conference is open to teens currently in the 8th Grade through graduating seniors. The cost for the conference is \$295 which covers the cost of the conference, lodging, food, transportation, and a t-shirt. We will have fundraising to help offset the cost. A \$40 down payment will reserve your spot. For more information and/or to sign up contact Fr. Matt by Jan. 14.

Save the Date: Emmanuel SVDP Fish Dinner/Monte Carlo event on Friday, January 24, 2020.

REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS continued...

Symbols of Christmas. "The traditional Christmas tree is a very ancient custom which exalts the value of life, as in winter the evergreen becomes a sign of undying life offered by Christ. In general, the tree is decorated, and Christmas gifts are placed under it. The symbol is also eloquent from a typically Christian point of view: It reminds us of the 'tree of life,' representation of Christ, God's supreme gift to humanity. The message of the Christmas tree, therefore, is that life is 'evergreen' if one gives: not so much material things, but of oneself: in friendship and sincere affection, and fraternal help and forgiveness, in shared time and reciprocal listening." (St. John Paul II, Dec. 19, 2004)

EMMANUEL CHURCH

Generous Contributions for December 8, 2019

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$7,980.00	\$5,883.00
St. Vincent DePaul		\$ 588.30
YTD excess or (deficit):		(\$6,213.00)
Religious Retirement:		\$1,656.00

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

Prayer List

Teresa Bond	Craig Hathaway	Brian Napier
Daniel Branch	George Hendrix	Mike Riahle
Bernard Chachula	Virginia Hicks	Tony Rocco
Michael Dalessio	Jack Hohl	Eric Rosenthal
Rick Emerick	Thomas Ledinsky	Randy Rosenthal
Annette & John Fohl	Mike McDonald	Molly Schneider
Helen & Gene	Patrick McDonald	Jan Timerding
Anita Goulart	Wayne Meny	

Recently baptized... Congratulations to Ethan & Jaclyn Buckmeier on the baptism of their son, James Joseph.

Christmas Giving Tree Project... Gifts should be returned before or after Mass TODAY unwrapped to 155 Franklin Street.

Once again this year the Emmanuel Respect Life group is sponsoring youth and teens who want to attend the March for Life in January. We are helping with up to \$125.00 for the first ten people who respond. Please contact Mark Miller at markm5704@gmail.com for more information.

Mass Intentions for 2020 may be scheduled by email, parishoffice@emmanuelcatholic.com or by calling the rectory at 228-2013, Monday-Friday 9:00am-2:00pm. Mass intentions are a \$5 donation and each family may schedule three Masses now, and once everyone has had the opportunity to schedule, you may schedule more for your family.



Christmas Mass schedule at Emmanuel
December 24th - 5:15 & 10:00 p.m.
December 25th - 10:30 a.m.

Confession Schedule at Emmanuel
December 17th and 18th - 6:30 p.m.
December 21st - 4:00-5:00 p.m.
December 22nd - 10:00-10:25 a.m.

From the Joyful Noiseletter:

Who is the patron saint of copying people on e-mail?
St. Francis of a cc.
- via Cleone Reed Bandon, OR

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Generous Contributions for December 8, 2019

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$6,400.00	\$ 5,867.00
YTD excess or (deficit):		(\$25,310.35)
Religious Retirement:		\$ 2,560.05

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We are so grateful to all who came to celebrate Breakfast with Santa this past Sunday, especially the big guy in the red and white suit, Barbara Gilbert for her organizational skills in the kitchen and all the youth from Holy Trinity and Emmanuel who acted as elves for the morning. The children were delighted with the crafts and games organized by Tracy Walsh. And, I was especially grateful to all the adults that help make the day special for the kids and The Licorice Stix who provided wonderful music for all of us. -Judi

A Big Thank You to everyone who donated homemade cookies for our Live Nativity this past Sunday. What a wonderful assortment we had to go with the hot chocolate served by the Knights of Columbus.

In preparation for the Christmas season to beautify the church, we are accepting donations for Poinsettias. Please mark the envelope "Christmas flowers" and include the names of those you wish to be remembered. December 16 is the last day to submit names for publication in the bulletin.

Our Giving Tree is in place in the sanctuary. The names of our elderly parishioners are on the snowflake ornaments. If you wish to spread good cheer and let them know Holy Trinity is thinking of them, simply send them a card, pay a visit and/or give them a call. Thank you!

Help is Needed After the 11:30 Mass Today. We will begin decorating the church for the Christmas Season after Mass today. Brawn is needed to move trees, animals and set up the stable. We will also be hanging wreaths and decorations on the other trees. Please help us beautify the church. All are welcome.

Secret Santas Needed - Following is a list of items needed for the Women's and Children's Shelter of St. Vincent de Paul. If you would be so kind to help supply, it would be greatly appreciated.

- Hats, Scarfs, gloves
- Sheets, Sheet sets and pillowcases - all sizes
- Blankets - twin and full sizes
- Bath towels and washcloths
- Pajamas - Women's and children's - all sizes
- Children's socks

Items can be brought to the parish office during normal work hours or left in the back of church up until December 22.

Sunday Collection Envelopes are available for pick up after Mass today on the table in the back of church. If you do not find yours, please sign the tablet on the table and we will see that you get a set.

Church Calendars are also available on the table for each family. Please take one with you as you leave church.

Church Cleaning - Are you willing to give some time tomorrow morning or evening to help clean the church? There will be two sessions - one at 9:00 a.m. and the other at 6:00 p.m. No need to bring any supplies - just your willingness to help clean.

Boiler Fund Update:

Goal: \$73,000
Pledged/collected: \$60,835.00
We are well on our way, \$12,165.00 to go!

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Generous Contributions for December 8, 2019

Weekend Offertory:	Collection
	\$6,571.00
Charity:	\$ 98.00
Religious Retirement:	\$5,149.00

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Our sympathy is extended to the family of Alene McIntosh who was buried from St. Joseph's on Saturday. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

Eucharistic Adoration will be held at St. Joseph Church Dec. 21 following the Noon Mass until 4:00 PM.

We will decorate the church for Christmas on December 20th following the noon Mass. If you've never helped before, plan to join us this year. Not only is it a lot of fun but the end result is beautiful!

Elizabeth's New Life Center Giving Tree Project. Pick an ornament from the tree in the back of church, purchase the item and place it on the table by the tree by Dec 22. The items do not need to be gift-wrapped as they are used throughout the year. Thank you!

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

Rebekka Anders	Cody Landers	Diane Nyirasimbi
Yves Benimana	Greg Marcus	Anthony Pelfrey
Michael Borgert	Alex McGarvey	Jessica Pruitt
John Carner	Zachary McIntyre	Aimee Storm
Kelli Anne Cartuyvelles	Matthew Melvin	Susan Varmuza
Gary Eilers	David Musgrove	Justin Williams
Morgan Konsdorf		

Please keep the following people in your prayers.

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

Cheryl Anderson	Michael Culp	Tony Riggs
Katie Blausier	Catherine DeMange	Janet Rudy-Gerrard
Shannon Boyd	Rita Downs	Jim Smith
Bob Bruns	Christine Durr	Jack Summers
Mooneen Caulfield	Vanessa Padgett	Karen Thomas
Kristina Cole	Victors Polovskis	Sharon Wenzel

Area Activities

Annual Nativity Display - Since 1995, the University of Dayton's Marian Library has presented a selection of its expansive collection of 3,500 Nativity scenes from more than 100 countries, celebrating how people around the world ponder and picture the birth of Christ through many different cultural lenses. Join us during the 2019 Advent and Christmas seasons as we showcase the dedicated and inspiring volunteers of the Marian Library's crèche workshop in a display entitled "A Labor of Love" December 2, 2019 – January 12, 2020 at the Roesch Library first-floor gallery and Marian Library, seventh floor. This exhibit is free and open to the public.

Do you want to improve your marriage? Marriage Works! Ohio is hosting a Christian-based marriage class this winter called *Growing Together*. The class is designed to help couples resolve problems and improve communication, leading to stronger relationships. *Growing Together* is a six-week series offered on Monday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. The first class starts on January 6, 2020. Please call 937-262-7010 or visit TrustMarriage.com for more information or to register.

St. Anthony of Padua Church Class of 1970, 50 Year Class Reunion... We are planning a 50th class reunion to be held August 15, 2020. If you were a member of St. Anthony's 1970, 8th grade class, please email Denny Edwards, ddudley56@aol.com with your name/maiden name, email, mailing address and phone number.

Prison Ministry is collecting religious items and Christmas cards to bring into the prisons and jails this Christmas. Rosaries, saint medals, crucifixes, holy cards, and novenas that are sitting around doing nothing at home are much cherished reminders of God's love and mercy for our brothers and sisters in prison. A Christmas card sent to an inmate who has no one else will bring light into their darkness. All items and Christmas cards can be sent to: Archdiocese Prison Ministry, 100 E Eighth Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202.

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