

Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

December 8, 2019

2nd Sunday of Advent

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

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

In residence: Fr. Ken Pleiman, C.P.P.S.

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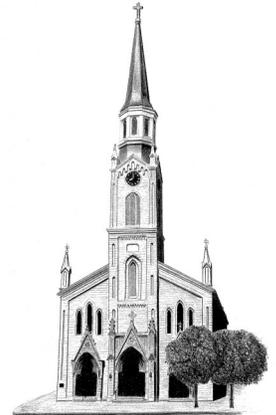
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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 9

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Deacon Mike Leo

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Charlie Brown

Tuesday, December 10

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Fr. Thomas Tosco CSJ

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Living & deceased members
of Zimmerman & Slattery Families

Wednesday, December 11

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Rose Nivera

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Lois McCarthy

Thursday, December 12

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....George Fraundorfer

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Ruth & Robert Deschler

Friday, December 13

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Intention of Mr. & Mrs. Joey
Viola

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

Saturday, December 14

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Effie M. Minham

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

4:30 PM St. Joseph.....For our parishioners

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

Sunday, December 15

8:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Donna Zyonar

10:00 AM St. Joseph.....Eloisa Padilla

10:30 AM Emmanuel.....Pete Baldwin Jr.

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

Next Week's Readings:

Isaiah 11:1-10, Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17, Romans 15:4-9,
Matthew 3:1-12

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



One of the familiar sounds that we hear in the course of a week is the sound of sirens announcing that some type of emergency vehicle is on the way to a fire, to the hospital or on the move to stop someone living outside the law. When we hear a siren, we are to slow down, look around and be prepared to respond as needed.

John the Baptist was one such siren announcing the coming of the Messiah. He proclaimed, "Reform your lives, the reign of God is at hand." Slow down, stop and look around, otherwise you might miss the mystery of God's love being revealed. John is not asking us to add another thing to our already busy schedules and preparations. He is challenging us to allow Christ to be a part of our day-to-day experiences, to let His light be our guide. We are to keep our focus on Jesus rather than the number of shopping days until Christmas. The Advent season celebrates God's longing for us and our response to that longing we feel in our hearts.

During the Advent season our attention is also drawn to the Prophet Isaiah. He tells us that "In the day of the Lord, the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb...the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them." In this vision, creation is restored to the original harmony that God intended when he created the world, a harmony lost by the sin of Adam and Eve. Ever since, God has been working to bring reconciliation and peace to our world so that we might "with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 15:6)

In God's plan to draw us back to this original blessing, He chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the worthy vessel for His Son. As one chosen to be kept free from original sin, Mary is often called the New Eve. Growing up, Mary had no idea that she had been born sinless. Her parents didn't coach her saying, "You're going to be the Mother of the Messiah." Rather, they helped Mary to develop a life of faith that enabled her to trust in God completely; even when the angel was telling her something that was humanly impossible.

The witness of the Blessed Virgin Mary announces clearly the beauty that comes from obedience to God and trusting in God's Will. When we are attentive to God's presence, our lives will have a centering point that will help us to do amazing things for the Lord. Unfortunately, even though we are aware of the gift we share as children of God, it is easy for us to settle for something less than who we are created to be.

The miracle of Christmas seeks to draw us back to our original blessing so that we can experience anew the joy, peace and unity that comes to us in Christ. This time of year, we work extra hard to be more patient, more understanding and more accepting of one another. In doing so we are restoring the harmony that was lost by the sin of Adam and Even in the Garden of Eden.

During our Advent journey the Church offers us these three important role models to help us rediscover the dignity we share as children of God. John the Baptist calls us to repent. The Prophet Isaiah invites us to recognize God's original dream for us. The Blessed Virgin Mary announces how important it is to trust God in all ways!

God will judge us not by appearance or how nicely we prayed; God will judge us by justice, the kindness we shared, the mercy and forgiveness we extended to others. We must be willing to remove the darkness of sin and live in the light of truth which respects the dignity of each person as a child of God. Living into God's dream for us we will transform the world. Today we must ask ourselves, "What needs to change in my heart and mind so that I can live in harmony and lasting peace?" God is ready to enter our heart...we must be ready to receive this gift.

REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is not a Holy Day of obligation this year. Since December 8th, falls on Sunday this year, the celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is moved to Monday, December 9th. We will have the regularly scheduled 7:30 AM Mass at Holy Trinity and the 12:00 Noon Mass at St. Joseph's in honor of the Solemnity.

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!

Formed Pick of the Week: Advent with Dr. Tim Gray. This Advent season walk with Dr. Tim Gray on a journey of renewal to ready your heart for the coming of Christ. Each day of Advent, Dr. Gray will unpack the meaning of this season and its rich traditions, as well as offer practical advice for making this Advent your best yet. 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. Support aging religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.

December Marriage Uncorked! Come to our Annual Marriage Uncorked Christmas Party! The Region 7 Marriage Ministry invites you and your spouse (or fiancé) to attend an evening of fun, games and gifts! Join us in Emmanuel's school building on Saturday, December 14th from 6:30-9:00pm. We will have games in conjunction with a White Elephant exchange, so each person is asked to bring a small, inexpensive gift for the exchange that truly has the spirit of White Elephant craziness! We will be awarding the individual who comes dressed in the most...um...memorable Christmas outfit, so come decked out! You won't want to miss it. Babysitting is available for \$4 per child. Please register yourselves and any children for babysitting by Wednesday, December 11th, by contacting Anna Earl at anna.earl7@gmail.com. Bring an appetizer or sweet to share.

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 14th 2pm at Holy Trinity. December 21st 2pm at Emmanuel.

Live Nativity is back! We are pleased to announce that our Region will be hosting the Live Nativity at Holy Trinity Parish on Sunday, December 8th from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m. There will be pet friendly animals – camels, goats, sheep and donkeys. Bring the kids, the grandkids and neighbor kids. This is open to the community to enjoy.

WITNESSES

*Our actions are the best witnesses
of our thoughts.*

—Anonymous

REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS continued...

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 that are currently in the 8th Grade through graduating seniors. The cost for conference is \$290 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.

EMMANUEL CHURCH

Generous Contributions for December 1, 2019

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
St. Vincent DePaul	\$7,980.00	\$10,656.00
YTD excess or (deficit):		\$ 1,065.60
		(\$ 5,181.00)

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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 Anthony & Stephanie LaFramboise on the baptism of their son, Luke Augustine; to Brian & Lindsey Miller on the baptism of their son, Luke Benedict; to Colin & Katherine Engebretsen on the baptism of their son, Thomas Michael; and to Scott & Kassandra Howland on the baptism of their son, Oliver Peter.

Christmas Giving Tree Project... The Giving Tree Project will support Elizabeth's New Life Center. Please take an ornament from the tree located in the vestibule of the church. The ornaments list gift ideas. Return gifts, unwrapped, to 155 Franklin Street before or after Mass on December 14th and 15th.

The Emmanuel Respect Life group is sponsoring youth and teens wishing 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 for details at markm5704@gmail.com.

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.



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:

"I only know the names of two angels – Hark and Harold."
—Gregory, age 5
Via Rev. Richard Rush

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Generous Contributions for December 1, 2019

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$6,400.00	\$ 8,129.82
YTD excess or (deficit):		(\$24,777.35)
Outreach Collection:		\$ 959.00

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Our Advent Penance Service is today at 12:45 p.m. All are welcome to the service of scripture, song and the sacrament of reconciliation.

In preparation for the Christmas season to beautify the church, we are accepting donations for Poinsettias. If you would like to remember a loved one or simply want to beautify the church, please place your donation in an envelope and put it in the collection basket. You may enclose the name of the loved one you wish remembered. Please mark the envelope "Christmas flowers". 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.

Help Will Be Needed next Sunday, December 15 with the church decorations for Christmas. 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 join us after the 11:30 Mass to help 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 will be available for pick up next Sunday in the back of church. If you do not find yours, please sign the tablet on the table.

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

Please Note: For our parishioners who have difficulty climbing the steps to get into church, there are three parking spaces around the back of the parish office building dedicated to **handicapped parking**. Our ushers will happily bring the Holy Eucharist back to any individual who has difficulty coming to the altar to receive. Please just let the usher know at the Mass you attend.

Calling All Instrumentalist! Do you play a musical instrument? Would you like an opportunity to contribute to our Christmas liturgies? Please contact our music director Krista Schupbach at htmusician19@gmail.com and let her know what you'd like to play and when. We will be glad to have you!

Boiler Fund Update:

Goal: \$73,000
Pledged/collected: \$55,920.00
We are well on our way, only \$17,800 to go!

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Generous Contributions for December 1, 2019

Weekend Offertory: Collection
 Charity: \$10,917.50
 \$ 667.00

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 Frs. Angelo and Matt

Join us for Coffee and Donuts today following the 10:00 Mass in the school cafeteria. All are welcome.

Advent Eucharistic Adoration will be held at St. Joseph Church on the Saturday's of Advent (Dec. 14 & 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	Catherine DeMange	Tony Riggs
Katie Blauser	Rita Downs	Janet Rudy-Gerrard
Shannon Boyd	Christine Durr	Jim Smith
Bob Bruns	Leona Manzo	Jack Summers
Mooneen Caulfield	Vanessa Padgett	Karen Thomas
Kristina Cole	Victors Polovskis	Sharon Wenzel
Michael Culp		

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.

Fuel Young Professional Catholic Group reaches out to young adults in their 20s and 30s. Fuel meets every Tuesday at the Module at St. Brigid at 7PM. Join us in Sharing Faith, Building Community, and Serving Others. For details email hcwiede@gmail.com or follow on Facebook: (Fuel Young Professional Catholic Group)

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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