

Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

December 20, 2020

4th Sunday of Advent

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

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

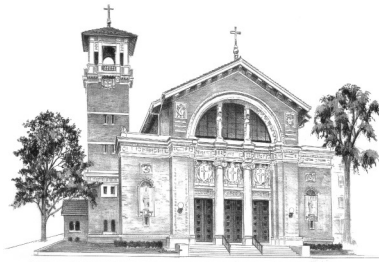
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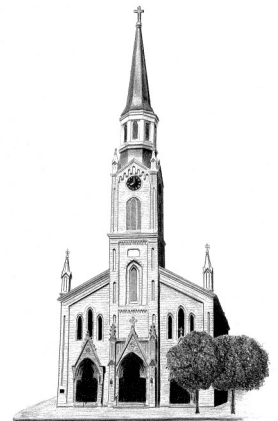
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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 21

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Jerry Schenking
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....All those who are ill

Tuesday, December 22

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Donald & Lawrence Meyer
6:00 PM Holy Trinity.....Ed Clemans

Wednesday, December 23

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Nat Smargiassi
12:00 AM St. Joseph.....Josephine & Andrew Matz

Thursday, December 24

No 7:30am or 12 noon Mass on December 24th

3:00 PM St. Joseph.....Fr. Ken Pleiman's 50th
Anniversary of Ordination
3:00 PM Emmanuel.....For the parishioners
3:30 PM Holy Trinity.....For our parishioners
4:30 PM St. Joseph.....Susan Carpec O'Kane
5:00 PM Holy Trinity.....Charles & Shirley Joyce
5:15 PM Emmanuel.....For our parishioners
10:00 PM Emmanuel.....Jinks & Virginia Hicks
12:00 PM Holy Trinity.....Joan Sprowl

Friday, December 25

9:00 AM Holy Trinity.....Molly Kathleen Winchester
10:00 AM St. Joseph.....George Peloquin
10:30 AM Emmanuel.....Penno & Hathaway Families

Saturday, December 26

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Niehaus Family
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Joe Healy
4:30 PM St. Joseph.....Kristina Cole
5:15 PM Emmanuel.....For our parishioners

Sunday, December 27

8:30 AM Holy Trinity.....For our parishioners
10:00 AM St. Joseph.....For our parishioners
10:30 AM Emmanuel.....Rose Marie Johnston
11:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Jerry Moorman

Next Week's Readings:

Genesis 15: 1-6; 21: 1-3 or Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14; Psalms 105: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (7a, 8a); Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19 or Colossians 3: 12-21; Luke 2: 22-40

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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.

One of the familiar Christmas songs proclaims, "Oh, there's no place like home for the holidays." What makes a house a home? It's not the wood or bricks that make a house a home; it is the relationships of love that are formed through the everyday ups and down of life.

In today's reading from Second Samuel, David is living in a fancy house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent. The ark of God was a beautifully crafted box that contained the tablets of the ten commandments. The ark was housed in a tent so that it could be moved around with the people. Victorious in battle, David now wants to build a permanent place for the ark of God. This is okay as long as David understands that it is God who has given him everything that he has. God cannot be contained in a building.

As David speaks of a "house" for God as a building, God speaks of a "house" in terms of relationships and descendants. The house of David is the prophetic announcement that the Messiah will be of royal lineage and will have the same mission of guiding and protecting God's people. In this family, God says, "I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me, your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me."

In today's gospel, the fulfillment of this promise begins to grow within the body of a young woman named Mary. "The tent of her womb becomes the new Holy of Holies, the Ark of God." Joseph, being of the house of David connects the child to the prophesy of Nathan. The child is to be named Jesus, a name which means, "He who Saves". Mary's yes to the angel's request is a model for us of humble obedience to God.

St. Augustine put it well when he wrote, "Mary full of grace, first conceived Jesus in her heart before she conceived him in her womb." The Holy Spirit challenges us not to see this scene as just a nice story, but as an invitation to follow Mary's example. We too are called to prepare our hearts for Christ to be born in us; to treasure the gift that God makes His dwelling within us.

Through the gift of Holy Communion, Jesus makes his home with and in us and He invites us to make our home in Him. The gift of Christmas draws us into a deeper appreciation of God's love for us and God's desire to be with us. "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." The humble means of his birth reminds us that the materials out of which a house is built is not as important as the relationships of love that transform a house into a home.

Throughout the season of Advent, we have been preparing our hearts for Christ to be born anew within us. Not only do we celebrate the birth of Jesus, but Christmas is also a time to reaffirm our identity as children of God. By the Word becoming flesh God has consecrated our world and all humanity making of us a dwelling place for God. The more we can make our home in Jesus, the more we will be drawn to share this great gift with others. Truly, there is no place like home for this holy day of Christmas!

Fr. Angelo, Fr. Matt, Br. Matt, Fr. Ken, Deacon Rusty and our Parish Staffs offer their prayers and best wishes to all the parishioners of the Downtown Dayton Pastoral Region as we celebrate the Solemnity of Christmas. May the beauty of this holy season touch all of our hearts and strengthen our resolve to be God's living Word to others today.



Christmas Eve

3:00 PM Mass at Emmanuel Church
 3:00 PM Mass at St. Joseph Church
 3:30 PM Mass at Holy Trinity Church
 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

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



Special Advent Confession Schedule

December 21st 11:00 AM St. Joseph Church
 December 22nd 11:00 AM St. Joseph Church
 December 22nd 6:30 PM Emmanuel Church
 December 23rd 11:00 AM St. Joseph Church
 December 23rd 6:30 PM Emmanuel Church
No Confessions on December 24th or 25th
No 7:30am or 12 noon Mass on December 24th

Catholics and the Covid-19 Vaccine – The United States Bishops Conference states that the vaccines developed by Moderna and Pfizer to combat Covid-19 may be morally received in light of the serious health crisis that we are facing. If you would like to learn more about the moral issues involved in the creation of a vaccine for COVID-19 please visit USCCB website at: [moral-considerations-covid-vaccines \(usccb.org\)](https://www.usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines).

Christmas Mass Attendance Survey – Over the next week we are conducting a simple survey to get an idea of the number of people who will be participating in the various Christmas Masses this year. The survey will be sent via an email to those who have subscribed to Flocknote and will be available in hardcopy form in back of church and posted on our parish websites. Please fill out the survey by Dec. 21st indicating the Mass you plan to participate in and the number attending. We will tally the responses and inform you if we believe a particular Mass might exceed our socially distanced capacity in the church.

Retirement Fund for Religious... "We are conscious of the great generosity of the many benefactors who support the Retirement Fund for Religious each year," says a Catholic sister. "Support from the fund has been a tremendous blessing to our retired sisters." Thank you for donating to last week's collection.

Pastoral Planning for our Third Century - Archbishop Schnurr has announced the next phase of pastoral planning, called "Beacons of Light." The process is designed to foster vital parish life throughout the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, leading all to radiate Christ in our homes, places of work, schools, parishes and the wider world. Sign up at <https://catholicaoc.org/beacons#newsletter> to receive the free Beacons of Light e-newsletter providing monthly prayers, reflections and planning process updates beginning January 15, 2021.

Are you doing your part to limit the spread? If you are attending one of our churches you must wear a face mask unless a medical condition determines otherwise. If you don't want to wear a mask it is ok to watch Mass online. It is imperative that everyone wear their mask the entire time they are in church.

With a grateful heart! The Community Blood Center (CBC) is thankful to our Region 7 parishes for sponsoring the blood drive on October 21st. Nine people participated in the drive. The CBC noted "donating blood is a priceless gift. Your group really sets the example for others to follow. Thank you for being the 'silent heroes'. Every donation counts and saves up to 3 lives". The CBC also highlighted our parish participation on their Facebook page. Save the date for the next drive - January 13, 2021.

December 26th

4:30 PM Mass at St. Joseph Church
 5:15 PM Mass at Emmanuel Church

December 27th

8:30 AM Mass at Holy Trinity Church
 10:00 AM Mass at St. Joseph Church
 10:30 AM Mass at Emmanuel Church
 11:30 AM Mass at Holy Trinity Church

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

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

EMMANUEL CHURCH

Generous Contributions for December 13, 2020

Weekend Offertory:	Collection
	\$ 7,616.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 761.60
Year-to-date Deficit:	\$31,361.00
Religious Retirement:	\$ 1,263.00

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

Prayer List

Virginia Allen	Cindy Gardina	Phyllis Rieger
Ralph Berry	Gary George	Tony Rocco
Teresa Bond	Craig Hathaway	Eric Rosenthal
Daniel Branch	George Hendrix	Randy Rosenthal
Dave Cartuyvelles	Jack Hohl	Molly Schneider
Nancy Cartuyvelles	Margaret Kuck	Robert Thoman
Bernard Chachula	Thomas Ledinsky	Jan Timerding
Michael Dalessio	Judy Marks	Trina Umberg
Rick Emerick	Patrick McDonald	Daniel
Anna Espy	Brian Napier	Helen
Annette & John Fohl		

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Margaret Kuck who passed away on Wednesday. May she rest in the peace of the Lord.

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, December 24th and Friday, December 25th.

The 2021 offertory envelopes are here for those parishioners who asked for them. They are in the back of church. We have a few sets of envelopes left, so if anyone wants weekly offertory envelopes please call the parish office.

Congratulations to our 2020 Emmanuel Music Fund Scholarship recipients, Emily Schutte and Jonathan Spowart! Thank you to all who applied.

Look for another opportunity to apply in February for the 2021 scholarship process. Donations for the continuance of the Emmanuel Music 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 collection basket in an envelope marked, "Emmanuel Parish Music Program Fund."

VIRTUS Monthly Bulletins... Please check your account to make sure it is active. Simply go to www.virtus.org to log in and on the far right side of the page under "Training Bulletin Report," click on "Click here to see your complete report." If you have questions please contact Brother Matt, brothermatt@emmanuelcatholic.com.

From the Joyful Noiseletter:

A Sunday school teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem.

"They couldn't get a baby-sitter," a small child replied.

— via Catherine Hall, Pittsburgh, PA

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Generous Contributions for December 13, 2020

Weekend Offertory:	Budget:	Collection
	\$6,400.00	\$7,918.00
Religious Retirement:		\$1,063.00

*Many thanks for the generous spirit of our parishioners and to all who are making up their Sunday offerings, either by mail or through the Sunday collections.
Fr. Angelo and Fr. Matt*

Welcome to our newly registered parishioner Arthur and Catherine Michelin. We are happy to have you with us.

Thank You Don Elkins! After many years serving as an usher and later as Head Usher at Holy Trinity parish Don Elkins is retiring from this ministry. His retirement begins on December 20th. Don has always taken seriously his responsibility to tend to the needs of parishioners and visitors and to see that the offertory collection was handled responsibly. We offer our prayers for Don as he continues to journey in faith and passes on the baton to those who will be serving in this ministry of hospitality for the parish.



Help is Needed immediately after the 11:30 Mass today to help set up our nativity scene, decorate the trees and hang wreaths. Can we count on you for an hour or so to get our church ready for the upcoming holydays? Please wear your mask and keep in mind social distancing when removing the statues from the fifth street sacristy and decorating the tree. It may be a little complicated, but we can do it. Church cleaning will take place Monday at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Many hands will make for light work for all.

Our Giving - Thanks to everyone who removed a snowflake from our Giving Tree to add a little happiness to the life of one of our senior members during the holiday season.

Thanks also to those who are placing socks under the Christmas tree to be given to those in need.

Would You Like to Help Beautify Our Sanctuary for the Christmas Season? We are accepting monetary donations for plants in memory of deceased loved ones, family members, or just to give honor and glory to God in this special place called Holy Trinity. Place your donation in an envelope marked "Christmas flowers" with the name of the person you wish to remember and drop it in the collection basket. Today is the last day we can accept names to have in our Christmas programs and the bulletin.

Adopt A Family for Christmas? We are very appreciative of the 12 parishioners who stepped up to be a secret Santa to 25 children in need. We are so blessed by the generosity of our parishioners.

In a quandary as to how to support our parish? Tired of writing out a check each week or coming up with the cash to place in an envelope? You can go to our webpage holyltrinitydayton.org, choose "Online giving" from the home page and make your donation. Or, you can call Judi (937-228-1223) to sign up for ACH withdrawals from your checking or savings account. Withdrawals are made once a month through the parish office. Or, you can notify your bank to issue checks to Holy Trinity Parish at your discretion on a weekly or monthly basis. Or, you can continue to use the envelopes that were issued to you. The choice is yours. We just really appreciate your support in whichever manner you choose.

Do you or someone you know play a musical instrument?

Our music ministry is looking for assistance with the Christmas Eve liturgies. Trumpet or flute preferred, but all are welcome! Please contact Krista Schupbach at htmusician19@gmail.com.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Generous Contributions for December 13, 2020

Weekend Offertory:	Collection
	\$10,086.00
Charity:	\$ 121.00
Religious Retirement:	\$ 4,939.00

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

The Year of St. Joseph – Pope Francis has designated this year, December 8, 2020 through December 8, 2021 as the Year of St. Joseph in honor of the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, and with this, the Pope has issued an Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*, (With a Father's Heart) dedicated to St. Joseph. Stay tuned for various ways that we will celebrate the patron of our parish this special holy year. St. Joseph, pray for us!

It's time to decorate our church for Christmas. Please plan to join us today, Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Please wear your mask and remember to social distance. All help is greatly appreciated.

Year end donations...if you would like your donation to be part of the 2020 tax year please send or drop off your contribution to the Parish Office by December 28th. Thank you!

We are in need of someone to help with vacuuming the church. You alternate vacuuming between the pews and the rest of church with another volunteer every other week. Thank you!

Please keep the following people in your prayers.

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

Austin Beggin & Family	Rita Downs	Victor Polovskis
Ken Belcher	Christine Durr	Tony Riggs
Michell Brown	Bennett Hart	Janet Rudy-Gerrard
Bob Bruns	Marie Henry	Terry Schmelzer
Sara Bustetter	Rick Kaliney	Jack Summers
Mooneen Caufield	Colleen Maples	Rick Summers
Michael Culp	Laura McHugh	Karen Thomas
Catherine DeMange	Vanessa Padgett	Sharon Wenzel
John DeMange	Tom Puckett	Mark Williams
		Linda

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH Continued...

Parish Life Center—Capital Campaign Update. Thank you to all parishioners who have made a pledge to our campaign. To date we have pledges for \$646,941! We are ever so close to our original goal of \$650,000 which makes our stretch-goal of \$750,000 all the more attainable. The stretch goal will help us balance rising costs due to an increase in square footage for the building, Covid shortages and project delays. If you have not yet made your pledge please do so by December 31st. With your help we are building for the future on the foundation of our past!

Area Activities

Is your Marriage Hurting? Has your marriage grown cold, distant, unloving or uncaring? Then please consider Retrouvaille (ret-ro-vi) - a Catholic sponsored, confidential program open to all faiths, a program designed to help heal and renew marriages. The next program begins January 8-10, 2021. For more information, or to book other weekends or locations, call 800-470-2230 or email Retrouvaille.org or helpourmarriage.org.

Olivewood Carvings – Covid-19 has had a devastating effect on the economy in Bethlehem and has destroyed the tourism sector across the Holy Land. The Christian communities in the Holy Land are experiencing serious sufferings and are looking for help. Visit the website of www.bethlehemnativitysouvenirs.com and consider purchasing authentic hand carved Olivewood statues from Bethlehem.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish - Catholic-Sponsored Divorce Care
We will be conducting ONLINE weekly seminar/support groups that will help you heal from the hurt you are experiencing. Invite family or friends who might live in another state or country for online divorce support too. We will be using the ZOOM platform. Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:30 pm from Jan. 7 to Apr. 8. Cost: \$20+ shipping for workbook. Scholarships are available. For more information or to register, call Marcelle Toma at 937-312-1157 (Not a texting number) or mtoma@woh.rr.com



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