

Holy Trinity Catholic Church

The Nativity of the Lord
December 25, 2011

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, December 24

5:00 p.m. – All homebound parishioners

Midnight – Parish family

SUNDAY, December 25

10:00 a.m. – Louis Trick

MONDAY, December 26

NO COMMUNION SERVICE

TUESDAY, December 27

8:00 a.m. – Father Sandy Macpherson

WEDNESDAY, December 28

8:00 a.m. – Poor Souls

THURSDAY, December 29

8:00 a.m. – Christy Shaffer

FRIDAY, – December 30

8:00 a.m. – Bernadette and William Patrick Lee

SATURDAY, December 31

5:00 p.m. – Parish family

SUNDAY, January 1

9:00 a.m. – Dr. Jack Goeller

11:30 a.m. – Messina family

*God speaks to us through His Son,
the Heir of all things.*

*To be a priest or religious is to be drawn
into a deeper relationship with the Son,
so that we might also draw others
closer to Christ.*

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

First Reading :Nm 6:22-27

Second Reading: Gal. 4:4-7

Gospel: Lk. 2:16-21

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Or call for an appointment

Offertory collection

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| NEEDED PER WEEK | \$6,400.00 |
| Week of 12/18/2011 | \$7,285.00 |
| 113 envelopes | \$6,667.00 |
| Loose | \$616.00 |
| 7/01/11 thru 12/20/2011 excess (deficit) to date: | (\$6,621.50) |

Many thanks! Fr. Angelo

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN.....

Driving back to Dayton from my hometown of Wapakoneta last week I enjoyed seeing all of the houses that were lit up with colored lights. It seemed as though these tiny lights were laughing against the night sky; each light carving a circle of brightness out of the darkness.

When we stop and think about it, our lives are a mixture of light and darkness, day and night, work and rest, hope and doubt. So many years ago, the world sat in darkness awaiting the Messiah. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Like a loving parent, first God told us through the prophets of old and then God showed us through His son Jesus what it means to love unconditionally, to give fully of one's self.

On this holy feast of Christmas, people throughout the world are focused on the birth of Jesus. There is such strength that can be found when the light of God's love is focused and concentrated. I remember one of the first times this truth hit me was when my older brother showed us an experiment he learned in school. He got my Dad's magnifying glass and took it out in the sun and pointed it over a leaf. Soon the leaf started to smolder then to burn because the light was being focused through the magnifying glass.

On Christmas we celebrate the love of God the Father and the Holy Spirit that was so concentrated and intense that it brought forth our savior and redeemer, Jesus Christ, the true Light of the world. His love is pure, focused and intense. May our prayer and the witness of our lives be a sign of our thanksgiving to God for the wonderful gift of His light and love given to us in Jesus. In the name of Fr. Ken and our pastoral staff we extend to you our prayers and support for you and your family in this blessed season of Christmas!

Fr. Angelo

RELIGIOUS GIVE THANKS. A Benedictine nun writes: "We ask God to bless the faithful who made contributions in order to help us in our retirement." Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests offer their heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES begin on January 8 with the first parent meeting at the same time in Trinity Center at 10:00 a.m. Please call (428 7766) or email Debbie Wolf at PeaceWolfs@aol.com to register your child.

Bible Study

Our study of the Parables of Jesus continues on Sunday, January 8 at 10:05 a.m. in the Rectory. This session will be repeated on Thursday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m. also in the Rectory. It is not too late to join us if you would like! Contact Mary at pa_holytrinity@yahoo.com or call her at the parish office (228-1223) for more information.



Looking for Kind Hearts (with Flexible Hours)

When parishioners lose a loved one, sometimes they use our parish hall for a small gathering after the funeral. We have some wonderful volunteers who open up the hall for these families, receive food from caterers or family friends, help set up the lunch and then help clean up after. This kindness means a lot to the families in grief.

We need someone to chair this committee. The luncheons happen about 6 to 8 times a year, and usually take 4 or 5 hours from beginning to end. There are already some great volunteers willing to help, but we need someone who will be willing to coordinate these efforts. The luncheons are usually in early afternoon, so if you are free at that time and would like more information, please call Mary Wlodarski at 228-1223 or email her at pa_holytrinity@yahoo.com. We would hate to lose this valuable service to those in need, so please think and pray about this!

Thank you to the folks who helped decorate the church last Sunday afternoon and last Thursday night! Your kindness and generosity made our worship space so lovely and joyous! Thanks also to the choir, the ushers, the servers, the lectors, the Eucharistic ministers, and of course, our wonderful celebrants! Your giving spirit make the holidays very bright indeed; Christmas Blessings to all!

ONGOING ACTIVITIES AT HOLY TRINITY

We continue to recycle aluminum beverage cans on a regular basis. Simply bring your cans to church with you or drop them by the garage when you come through town. There is a tub in the vestibule where you may place your aluminum cans. There is also a small clear plastic bin on the steps at the entrance to church where you can place your spent batteries. Paper of all sorts can be dropped in the bins at the end of Bainbridge Street for recycling Please NO cardboard!

If you have hazardous waste to be disposed of, you may call Barb Gilbert (673 4616) or Ron Bird (253 2344) for pick up at your home for disposal at the proper place.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2012 for registered parishioners are ready to be picked up off the table in the back of church. Please take yours with you as you leave church today. If you are presently not using envelopes but would like to, please sign the sheet on the table and a packet will be ready for you next week. If you would rather do an automatic withdrawal from your checking or savings account on a monthly basis, please call Judi at 228-1223 or email ht_busmgr@sbcglobal.net. Thank you for your support!

Our thanks to all who made donations for the sanctuary flowers in memory of their loved ones and to give glory and honor to God.

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| Andrew Chiovaro | Louie and Kim Trick |
| Jerome R. Duckro | Mary Ellen Tye |
| Eleanor Beatty | Thomas and Lucille and Patrick Rowan |
| Orville "Babe" Perkins | Tom and Geraldine Eden |
| Kathleen Armstrong | James and Catherine Puffenberger |
| Bernard and Sally Beatty | Robert and Jean Buschur |
| Dean Buschur | Frank McMahan family |
| James O'Meara family | Dennis McMahan |
| Billy Bird | |
| Samuel Lucente | Roy and Treva Moyer |
| Andy Baker | Tom and Louise Zink |
| Helen Leibold | Melissa Buehler |
| Catherine Belcher | James Lockwood |
| Christina, David and Libby McNamara | Scott Bradfield |
| Bradfield and Murphy families | Eleanor Beatty |
| Peter and Lucia Beemsterboer | Edward and Della O'Leary |
| Deceased members of O'Meara family | Albert E. Becker, Sr. |
| Samuel and Ione Maiden | John E. Schneider |
| Oliver and Jackie Gast | Peter Slivinski |
| Russell Gilmore, Jr. and David Gilmore | Ron Snyder |
| Carl Martin | Deceased of Charles Martin family |
| Rose and Ed Flanagan | Robert Gast |
| Louis Wlodarski | Philip L. Wlodarski |
| Henry and Madeline Cummins | M/M Charles Balsamo |
| Herman, Thelma and Mary Anne Rock | Randy Money |
| Marvin and Norma Jean Rock | Ivan, Mary and Stephan Rock |
| Julio Trimboli | John Burgess |
| Dora Palmer | Gary Ahrens |

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR REGION 7 PARISHES
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 7-8, 2012**

**HOLY TRINITY – Sunday 8:30 and 11:30 a.m.
Confessions 8:00 a.m.
Weekdays - Monday and Tuesday 7:30 a.m.**

**ST JOSEPH – Saturday 4:30 p.m. Confessions 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m.
Weekdays – 12:00 noon Monday through Saturday
Confessions 11:30 daily**

**EMMANUEL –Saturday 5:15 p.m. Confessions 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m. Confessions 10:00 a.m.
Weekdays – Wednesday through Saturday 7:30 a.m.**