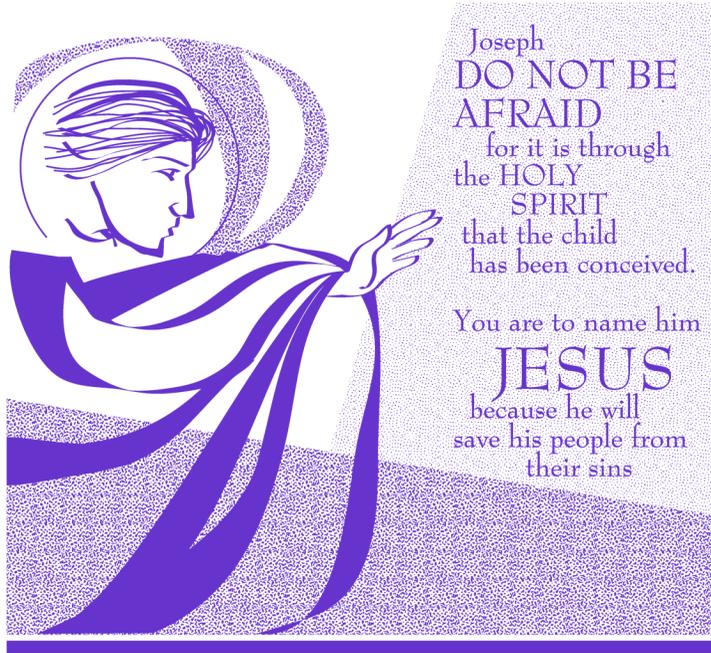


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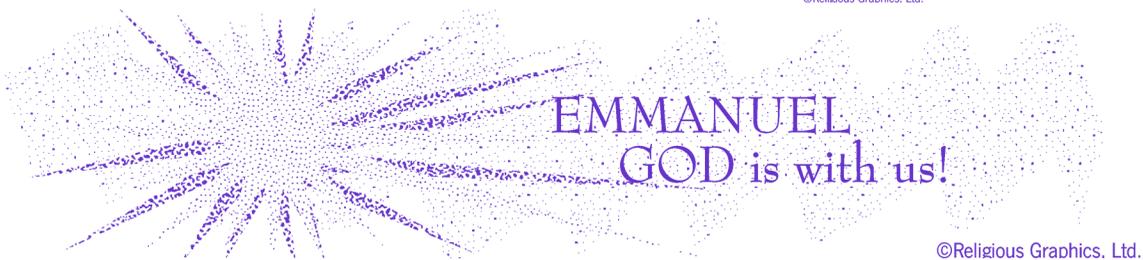
Fourth Sunday  
of Advent

December 18, 2016

Come and rescue us, Lord, with  
your mighty power.



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GOD is with us!

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# WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2016

Extraordinary Minister of Holy

**Communion:** Janet B.

**Lector:** John L.

**Server:** Volunteer

**Greeter:** Gary L.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2016

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy

**Communion:** H Scott F., Paty G.

**Lector:** Jim F.

**Servers:** Bronwyn & Joseph N.

**Greeters:** Amy W-S & Girls

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2016

Extraordinary Minister of Holy

**Communion:** Need Volunteers

**Lector:** Need Volunteers

**Server:** Need Volunteers

**Greeter:** Need Many Volunteers

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2016

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy

**Communion:** H Scott F. and Volunteers

**Lector:** Stephanie F.

**Servers:** Need Volunteers

**Greeters:** Need Volunteers

# MASS INTENTIONS



Sat., Dec. 17, 6:30 PM—†Joseph T. and Marcella Korson

Sun., Dec. 18, 9:30 AM—†Miguel & Aida Rivera

Wed., Dec. 21, 6 PM—†David Bartram

Sat., Dec. 24, 6:30 PM—†Doug Mease & Monica Phillips

Sat., Dec. 24, 8 PM—†Matthew Benjamin Woodard

Sun., Dec. 25, 9:30 AM—†Norbert Wolter

We are now taking requests for Mass intentions for January through November, 2017. Reserve your date(s) by filling out a Mass intention envelope found in the narthex of church in the marked drawer. Most people like to reserve a date on or close to significant milestones such as a birthday, anniversary or even the anniversary of a death. With the exception of a few dates, most are available for 2017.

*Pray for*



Patty Billman, Torrie Brown, Autumn Burton, George & Mary Carpenter, Isabelle Estep, Shirley Freese, Nan Hayes, Larry Higdon, Mariana Lee, Quinton Richardson, Sherry Tatlock & Larry Whitlock.



*The heavens announce  
the Lord's coming!*

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# Stewardship UPDATE

## 2016-2017 Regular Collection

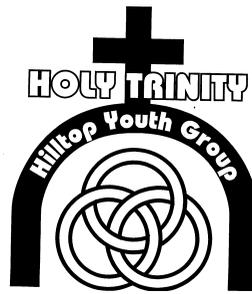
Budgeted Amount/Week	\$3,653.85
Online Giving	\$180.00
December 11	\$5,551.00
	+\$2,077.15
Religious Retirement	\$659.84
Christmas Flower Memorials	\$60.00
Immaculate Conception	\$241.00

“He shall receive a blessing from the LORD, a reward from God his savior.” (Psalm 24:5)

## THIS WEEK’S READINGS December

- 18 SUN Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24  
 19 Mon Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25  
 20 Tue Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38  
 21 Wed Sg 2:8-14/Lk 1:39-45  
 22 Thu 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56  
 23 Fri Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66  
 24 Sat 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79  
 25 SUN Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18

When we pray, we speak to God. When we read the Bible, God speaks to us.



## YOUTH GROUP NEWS—

The Hilltop Youth Group met last week and has great plans for next year. We hope to have a mission trip as well as attend the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC). We will gather around 9 a.m. on Saturday, January 7, to paint the walls in the youth room and make personal pizzas. We invite all youth, grades 6-12, to join us for this day. We'll



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## Fourth Sunday of Advent Weekend of December 17/18, 2016

In today's Gospel we hear of the coming of Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." We celebrate three Advents: the birth of Christ, his Second Coming, and his presence in the world today. Our daily lives are attended by God's presence. Indeed, "God is with us." The Good News of Christ's Incarnation is that we are the sign, "sacrament," of Christ's presence in the world. People are supposed to see us, see how we love one another, see how we treat the stranger among us, give comfort to the poor and afflicted, share the Good News with joy. They see how good stewards are the light of Christ. And there can be no possible response except to say: "God is here!"

## **THOUGHTS FROM DEACON RUSS**

**CLOSING IN ON CHRISTMAS**—We have one full week of Advent left. This is the longest Advent possible when Christmas falls on a Sunday. Next year, we'll experience the shortest Advent possible as Christmas will fall on a Monday.

If you are able, I hope you will assist in decorating the church after Mass this Sunday. My understanding is that various groups normally take care of different aspects of the decorating. I'll try to stay out of the way.

Have you taken time to truly prepare your heart, soul, and mind for this wonderful feast? We have a week left, why not find some quiet time among all the hustle and bustle of the season and spend it contemplating the greatest gift ever given, our redemption.

**OUR LAST ADVENT REFLECTION**—will take place at Phil's "Big Belly" Deli, at its new location at 101 E Main Cross, Wednesday after 6:00 p.m. Mass. Even if you can't make it to Mass, we invite you to join us at the deli around 6:45 for a delicious meal and a time of reflection on this week's Gospel reading. We took Bubba's by storm last week, and no one got arrested. We had a very nice conversation from the nine of us who attended. I hope you can join us this week.

**RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION**—Thank you for your support of the collection for retired religious. If you would still like to contribute. There are additional envelopes in the narthex of church which you can drop in the regular collection.

## **UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL—**

Thank you to those of you who and returned a UCA pledge cards. So far, our parish members have pledged \$17,413 with 46 households pledging. Nothing changed from last week, but I think we may have turned in additional cards which have not yet been tabulated. We are at a 42% participation rate. I'd like to see 50% or better. If you have not yet turned your pledge card in, it's never too late to do so. You can mail it to them directly, or you can drop it in the collection, and we will take care of sending it in for you. As Cardinal Tobin stated in the video, "No gift is too small." God cannot be outdone in His generosity. Additional pledge cards are available in the back of church on the tables. Pick one up today. The overall campaign has collected nearly 5.3 of the 6.4 million dollar goal.

## **WHAT ARE YOUR HOPES AND DREAMS FOR THIS PARISH?—**

2017 is just around the corner, and the New Year always brings with it resolutions. What do you hope we can do as a parish in the new year? Maybe we need a Bible study? Perhaps we need to reach out more to our community? Let me know your thoughts. How can we all grow closer to God and invite others to join us as well. There are several projects that need our attention on the church. I don't think we can accomplish all of them in one year, but we really need to get started. How will we do that? I would like to hear your thoughts, and I would also like to enlist your help. One PLC can't do it all.

## HAPPENING AT SAINT BARTHOLOMEW

**SIX DATES FOR CATHOLIC COUPLES: A MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT PROGRAM**—Calling all married couples! Make time to enjoy each other's company by joining us for SIX DATES Catholic Couples on Tuesday evenings beginning January 10 – February 14 at Saint Bartholomew. SIX DATES for Catholic Couples is a marriage building opportunity that focuses on what is positive in a marriage relationship and on the strengths couples possess through their Christian faith. Evening sessions consists of a short video based on the book, *Happy Together: The Catholic Blueprint for a Loving Marriage*, one-on-one discussion time with your spouse, and a group activity. Contact the Saint B Adult Faith Formation Office to register. Cost is \$25.00 per couple. Financial assistance is available. For more information, contact Mike and Lourdes Padilla at 812-374-7331 or 812-378-2941 or [padillas4life@comcast.net](mailto:padillas4life@comcast.net).

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY**—Saint Bartholomew will be coordinating a Financial Peace University class starting January 8th. This life-changing class taught by Dave Ramsey and the FPU teaching team on video will help you achieve your financial goals by showing you how to eliminate debt, save for the future, and give like never before. You will be challenged and motivated to make a plan for your money and change your family tree forever. For a preview and more information, please go to [DaveRamsey.com](http://DaveRamsey.com).

[sey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com). A direct link to their specific class is: <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/classes/1028421>. You can register. This is a 9 week class that will meet from 3 to 4:30pm each Sunday starting January 8th through March 5th. Please contact Greg Schmelz with any questions at [greg\\_schmelz@hotmail.com](mailto:greg_schmelz@hotmail.com) or 317-331-6591. Cost is \$100 per family. Deadline for registration is January 2nd

### LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY WINTER 2017—THE SPIRITUALITY OF PAUL

#### WEEK OF JANUARY 9TH THROUGH FEBRUARY 27TH

Little Rock Scripture Study is the most widely used Catholic Bible study program in the United States; This winter Saint Bartholomew will offer an overview study of the Spirituality of Paul starting the week of January 9th. There are 2 options to attend:

**Monday evenings, 7:00 PM-9:00 PM  
starting on January 9th**

**Thursday mornings, 10 AM-12 Noon  
starting on January 12th**

Connect more deeply with the Bible, your Catholic faith and other parishioners. Sign up for the session you prefer by calling Adult Faith Formation (812) 379-9353 ext.240. Suggested donation for books and materials is \$20.00, scholarships are available. For more information call Judy Richardson at (812) 372-1943 or Marilyn Clerc at (812) 379-9554.

**PART-TIME BOOKKEEPER/ SECRETARY SOUGHT**— The Ministry Position Description for this opening is on the parish web site. Hours will be on Tue., Wed. or Thurs. during the day. If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please have them send in a résumé to me by January 6, 2017.

**ANGEL TREE 2016**—A huge Thank You to every one who contributed to the Angel Tree project this year. We are very thankful for your Generosity. The items were delivered to the United Way of Johnson County and the people there were delighted with the amount of items we collected. Thank you again for making this project a success. I would like to thank Angie and Pam Thompson who, as I understand it, have coordinated this effort for many years. I am especially grateful to them for seeing this through this year in midst of the grief they experienced in the loss of Steve.

**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES**—Our Mass times for Christmas and New Year's Day have now been determined. Since both of these holidays fall on Sundays this year, my hope was to maintain our regular schedule. For the Masses in English, we were able to do that. So, on Saturdays, December 24 and 31 our Mass in English will be at 6:30 p.m. as usual. Our Masses on Sundays December 25 and January 1 will be held at 9:30 a.m. per our regular schedule. Please note, there will not be coffee and donuts on either of these two Sundays. We will resume coffee and donuts on January 8, 2017. Our Christmas Eve Mass in

Spanish will take place at 9:30 p.m. to accommodate the schedule of our celebrant, Fr. Michael Keucher, from Our Lady of the Greenwood. I am most grateful to Fr. Mike for squeezing us in between two other Masses that he is celebrating.

My understanding, and my personal experience in other parishes, is that Christmas Eve Mass at 6:30 p.m. will be crowded. I invite all of you “season ticket holders” to keep this in mind. You may want to show up earlier than normal.

**CARDINAL TOBIN**—We wish Cardinal Tobin well as he makes his transition to the Archdiocese of Newark in New Jersey. If you would like to see him once more before he leaves, he will be celebrating Midnight Mass at the Cathedral on Christmas. Please pray for the man who will be our new archbishop.

**ON THE HOME FRONT**—My son, who is in the Air Force, called me the other night to tell me that he had gotten engaged. What a happy time for him and his fiancée. I have met her, but I have not spent much time with her. She seems to be a very nice person. My son and youngest daughter will be “home for the holidays” or at least part of the time, so I look forward to spending time with them and my oldest daughter, who lives in Indy, during the week between Christmas and New Year's Day.

May each of you enjoy your visits with friends and family. I hope that all goes well and that you experience no “family feuds.” May your travels be safe and allow you some rest and relaxation. Let us take the Lord along; there may be someone who needs him.

## **HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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### **MASS SCHEDULE—HOLY TRINITY**

Saturday 6:30 PM  
Sunday 9:30 AM  
Wednesday 6:00 PM  
Holy Days—schedule will be published

### **ST. BARTHOLOMEW, COLUMBUS, INDIANA**

Saturday 5:00 PM  
Sunday 8:00 AM  
Sunday 10:45 AM  
Sunday 1:00 PM Misa en español  
Tues. 5:30 PM; Wed. Noon; Fri. Noon  
Holy Day 8:30 AM & 6:30PM

### **PARISH INFORMATION**

#### **PARISH LIFE COORDINATOR:**

Deacon Russ Woodard  
Telephone: Holy Trinity (812) 526-9460  
Cell (317) 456-7722

#### **SACRAMENTAL MINISTERS:**

Fr. Clem Davis  
Fr. Andy Syberg

#### **BOOKKEEPER/SECRETARY:**

Vacant

#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:**

It's always best to call before you come to the parish office. See the back page for those times I *plan* to be in the office this week. The church is open most days, except Sunday and Monday, from around 6 AM until 8 PM. **The parish office will be closed the week between Christmas and New Year's Day.**

### **NEW PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS:**

parishoffice@holytrinityedinburgh.net

**WEB:** hthilltop.weconnect.com

Scan this QR code to go directly to our web site.



### **WE NEED YOUR HELP—PARISH CENSUS**

—Included with this bulletin today is a parish registration form in English. We are still working on the Spanish version. I would ask that each English speaking parish family fill one of these out and return it as soon as possible. In the process of transferring data to our new computer system, we determined that we just don't have current information for many families. You will note that we ask about dates for Sacraments. If you know them, put them down. If you don't, that's okay.

I occasionally try calling someone at the number we have for them and receive a recording saying that phone number is no longer in service. That happens, but if you do change phone numbers, email addresses or postal addresses, it would be helpful if you think to let us know.

Our goal is to get all of this information gathered and input in the early part of 2017 and then provide each registered family with an updated phone directory. If you are a frequent visitor but belong to another parish, you are welcome to fill one out and let us know that.

Mark your calendars for the following events and activities:



- 12/18 Church Decorating 10:30 AM  
Coffee and Donuts
- 12/19 Office Closed
- 12/20 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM  
Office Open 8:30 AM—Noon  
and 1:00-4:30 PM
- 12/21 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM  
Office Open 8:30 AM—Noon  
and 1:00-4:30 PM  
Mass 6:00 PM  
Dinner and Advent Reflection  
at Phil's Deli 6:45 PM
- 12/22 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM  
Office Open 8:30 AM—Noon  
and 1:00-4:30 PM  
Rosario en español 6:00 PM
- 12/23 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM  
Office Closed
- 12/24 Christmas Eve—Mass 6:30 PM  
Misa en español 9:30 PM
- 12/25 No Religious Education  
Christmas Day Mass at 9:30 AM  
No Coffee and Donuts

## SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISM** - Please call the office to make arrangements at least one month in advance

**MARRIAGE** - Please contact the parish office at least nine months before the planned date.

**RECONCILIATION** - Saturday at 6 PM

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** - Please call Deacon Russ to make arrangements for anointing of the sick by a priest.

**COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOME-BOUND** - Please call Deacon Russ to make arrangements for communion by him or lay ministers.

## RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process through which people are welcomed into membership in the Catholic Church. Do you have a spouse or other relative who has expressed an interest in the Catholic Church please contact Deacon Russ at 812-526-9460.



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## 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

