

Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

February 14, 2016

1st Sunday of Lent

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

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Ken Pleiman, C.P.P.S.

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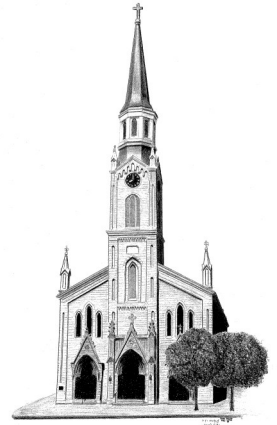
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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 15

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Ted Randall
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Leroy Dieringer

Tuesday, February 16

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Ruth Lauber
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Tom & Rose Erhart

Wednesday, February 17

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Ida Fackler
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....For our parishioners

Thursday, February 18

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Elizabeth Loewer
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Joseph Wegerzyn

Friday, February 19

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Janice Subler
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....In thanksgiving for favor received

Saturday, February 20

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Kaplan Family
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Rose Knab
4:30 PM St. Joseph.....William & Helen Flynn
5:15 PM Emmanuel.....For the parishioners

Sunday, February 21

8:30 AM Holy Trinity.....For our parishioners
10:00 AM St. Joseph.....Rita & Vic Gentile
10:30 AM Emmanuel.....John, Alice, & Tim Duffy
11:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Jose R. Davila Sr.

Next Week's Readings:

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17 - 4:1 [3:20—4:1];
Lk 9:28b-36

Confession 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

Emmanuel Church

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Deacon Rusty Baldwin

Br. Matt Schaefer, C.P.P.S. DRE & Bookkeeper

Mary Beemsterboer, Secretary

Dennis Pyles, Maintenance

Gary Geisel, Music Director

Holy Trinity Church

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Saint Joseph Church

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Rita Zimmerman, Business Manager

Bill Baron, Maintenance

Bradley Wilson, Music Director

Miraculous Medal Novena with Adoration and Benediction at Emmanuel on Tuesdays 7:00 PM

Anointing of the Sick the first weekend of the month.

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 year the First Sunday of Lent falls on Valentine's Day. One common image between the two celebrations is the image of the heart. In the season of Lent we hear the call to return to the Lord with all our heart and on Valentine's Day we hear lovers say, "I give you my heart." Throughout the bible the heart is looked upon as containing the very core or center of what it means to be human. A hardened heart has turned away from God. A heart of flesh is open to God's love.

Valentine was a young Roman priest who lived in the 3rd century during the persecution of the emperor Claudius II. The emperor prohibited the marriage of young people because he felt it weakened his soldiers, distracting them from their responsibilities of keeping the empire safe. Valentine encouraged couples to marry and secretly married them against the edict of the emperor. He was imprisoned, tortured and eventually killed because of his faith. While in prison he is said to have written messages of hope to fellow Christians. In imitation of Christ there are times when we must be willing to lay down our life out of love for others.

The season of Lent calls us to take a closer look at what we are willing to sacrifice out of love for Christ. Just like Jesus we are tempted by the devil to reject our true identity as beloved of God. In today's gospel we see the devil tempting Jesus in three different ways.

The first temptation is for Jesus to turn stones into bread. After fasting 40 days Jesus is hungry. The devil tempts Jesus to end his hunger pains, to stop his suffering. It's the lie we fall into, "If it feels good do it." We all have experienced desert times in our life, times when we have felt lost, empty, unfulfilled or disconnected from God. The devil tempts us to fill the pain with whatever will help us feel better by falling into addictive behaviors, finding solace on the internet, choosing to be unfaithful to one's covenant or stealing to get what you want...by all means stop the pain.

The second temptation by the devil is to seek power and glory for personal gain. The devil promises to give us everything we want if we but follow him. His goal is to get us to reject eternal life. Jesus could not turn away from God's plan for the salvation of the world. His kingdom is not of this world. Jesus teaches us to "Keep your eyes on the things of heaven."

The third temptation is to look for the easy way out in life. Don't worry about others, take care of #1. The devil wanted Jesus to throw himself off the temple so that angels would come and break his fall thus showing he was the Messiah. Being a miracle worker was not why Jesus came to earth. He came to serve, not to be served. He came not to save himself but to save humanity. Jesus did not take the easy way out, but took our sins to the cross. The devil will tempt us to take the easy way out, to go along with the current of the culture, just watching out for #1. Like Jesus, like Valentine we must embrace the cross, sacrificing ourselves for what we believe; trusting in God above all things.

This Lenten season take a look at your heart. What needs to be changed so that you can truly give your heart to God and to others?

PASTORAL REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Corporal Work of Mercy Series: Give Drink to the Thirsty
The recent accounts of unsafe drinking water in Flint, Michigan have brought home to us the importance of fresh water. The gift of water is a rich symbol within the bible and in our faith tradition. It quenches our thirst and cleanses us physically and spiritually. In the waters of baptism we become children of God and temples of God's Spirit. In John's gospel Jesus encounters the Samaritan woman at the well. (Jn 4:5-42.) She comes to the well with an empty bucket and Jesus promises to give her life-giving water. "Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." This week, be aware of the amount of water you use in the course of a day. Do you see God as living water cleansing you and quenching your thirsts? Have you been seeking to quench your thirsts from a polluted well of pornography, poor self-esteem, gossip or any addictive behavior? How can you be a refreshing drink to someone in need, helping them find hope and peace?

St. Vincent de Paul Fish Dinner/Monte Carlo Event

Our event was a huge success. It was an evening of fun and fellowship for a great cause. Our sincere thanks to every one who took part: our guests, our volunteers, the Knights of Columbus and the many businesses who supported the event. It was great to see all three parishes come together. Many thanks.

Year of Mercy Lenten Pilgrimage

Saint Vincent Charity Hospital, 2351 East 22nd Street, Cleveland, Ohio. A Precious Blood Sister organized annual podiatry services for the Homeless, including washing feet, medical care and providing new socks. Sister stated, "the event offered a warm and loving environment to comfort the souls of those who so often live every day on meager subsistence." <http://www.handsonneo.org/HomelessStandDown>

The reflection on Mercy is:

What is the law of love? Loving even when it hurts. Doing what is right even when no one is looking. In God's mercy, he's done all of these things for us. He has taught us a new way, and now it's our turn to do this for others. (p.55)
Next week we will post the miles on our 3,000 mile journey.

Catholic Ministries Appeal

We thank everyone from Emmanuel, Holy Trinity and St. Joseph who has participated in the 2016 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Our pledges let us share our blessings and change lives through six important Catholic ministries right here in our archdiocese. Additionally, a portion of all pledges in excess of our parish goal will go to the support of specific ministries we've identified here in our parishes, so please be as generous as you can. For more information and to pledge securely online, please visit CatholicAppeal.info. Or, Text to Donate: Text the phrase "2016CMA" to 555-888 (*standard data and message rates may apply*). Thank you!

Save The Date

Women's Day of Reflection Saturday, March 12, 2016, 10:00am-3:00pm. A day of scripture, prayer and meditation entitled "Come and See". More details to come.

EMMANUEL CHURCH

Generous Contributions for February 7, 2016

Weekend Offertory: Budget Collection
 \$7385.00 \$8672.40
 YTD excess or (deficit) \$6300.04
 Tithe to Emmanuel St. Vincent De Paul \$963.60
 Many thanks for the generous spirit of our parishioners.
 Fr. Angelo and Ken

Stations of the Cross—Fridays of Lent at 7:00pm

Last Call for First Communion

Anyone who is interested in having their child make first communion this spring must notify Emmanuel Parish by Feb. 15th. Please call Brother Matt at the parish office, 228-2013.

Donut Sunday Volunteers

We need volunteers to set up, serve and clean up at our Donut Sunday events. If you can help, please call or email the church office. Feb. 21st is the next scheduled Donut Sunday.

Emmanuel Pro-Life Committee

The "Catechism of the Catholic Church", paragraph 2240, states that voting is a duty, and is a part of how Christian citizens exercise their co-responsibility for the common good. If you are eligible to vote, or have changed your name or address since last registering, the voter registration cards in the pamphlet racks in the back of Emmanuel church can be used to update your registration information. The cards include information on eligibility requirements.

Parish Pictorial Directory

The last two photo sessions for our church directory will be on Saturday February 20th and Sunday the 21st and Saturday March 19th and Sunday the 20th. Saturday sessions start after Mass at 6:30 and Sunday sessions start after Mass at 12:30. The sessions go quickly and you may ask for a CD with all the photos taken during your session. There is no cost for the CD! If you are unable to make one of these sessions we will come to your home to take a photo. The sign-up sheets are in the back of church or call Charlie or Susie Gross at 937-890-6262.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Generous Contributions for February 7, 2016

Weekend Offertory: Budget Collection
 \$6100.00 \$7791.00
 YTD excess or (deficit) (\$3179.40)
 Many thanks for the generous spirit of our parishioners.
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*God brings us through difficult experiences
 and always leads us to life.*

Depend on the Holy Spirit to guide you on the path of life.

Update on our new hymnal, "Gather"

We are very appreciative of all who have sponsored hymnals thus far. We still have 33 that have not been sponsored. The cost of sponsorship is \$20 each and sponsorship forms are on the table at the entrance to the main aisle.

Many Thanks to all who came and enjoyed our Fish Fry and Sausage Fry last evening. To those who helped and to all who just came to play games and have good food. You made it a good time for all. A special thank you to Barb Gilbert and her kitchen crew and to Sam Eckhart and Leah Presutti for all the phone calls and getting the workers. To those who donated Silent Auction gifts and baked goods, you are much appreciated.

Please Mark Your Calendar

Thanks to Don and Pam Richison, who have once again stepped forward to organize our Rummage Sale, it will be held on Saturday, May 7 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in Trinity Center. So, if you are cleaning out and "de-thinging" yourself of unwanted usable items, set them aside for our Rummage Sale. We take everything except clothing and shoes. Drop off dates will be published in upcoming bulletins.

At the 11:30 Mass today, our Confirmation students will participate in the Rite of Enrollment when they sign the book indicating their desire to become fully initiated into the Catholic Church by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation next Sunday at Ascension Church at 3:00 p.m. Please keep Anthony D'Alesandro, Benjamin Goeller, Jordan Harlow, Cole Rohde, Ashley Tinney, Ryan Walsh and Thomas Walsh in your prayers.

The RCIA catechumen and candidates will also celebrate with us at the 11:30 Mass with the Rite of Sending. They will sign the book that will be taken to the Bishop for the Rite of Election at 7:00 p.m. tonight at Immaculate Conception Church. Please keep Rebekka Anders, Cortney Bastian, Elizabeth Eckhart, Mikki Plantz and Katie Schaeffer in your prayers as they begin the final process toward their acceptance into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Generous Contributions for February 7, 2016

Weekly Offertory: \$9195.39
 Charity \$ 199.00

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Spend some time with the Lord this Lent

There will be Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturdays during Lent following the noon Mass until 4pm at St. Joe's. There will be short periods of group prayer every half hour followed by time for private meditation. You can sign up for a specific hour using the sheets in back of church or just drop by whenever you can for personal prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Call Bobby at 435-4858 with questions.

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

Michael Cook	Greg Marcus	Alex McGarvey
Gary Eilers	Tim Melvin	David Musgrove
Cody Landers	Matthew Melvin	Jessica Pruitt

Please keep the following people in your prayers.

If you are seriously ill or undergoing surgery and would like your name added to the prayer list for 4 weeks, please call the Parish Office, 228-9272.

Jeanne Folfas Jennifer Grant Joe Franchina

Coffee and Donuts...Join us for coffee and donuts following the 10:00 Mass this weekend in the school cafeteria. All are welcome.

Dayton 40 Days for Life

Join the worldwide movement to protect mothers and children. 40 Days for Life is a peaceful pro-life effort...and 675,000 volunteers in 607 cities across 32 nations have taken part. With God's help, 40 Days for Life has seen 11,165 babies saved from abortion, 127 abortion worker conversions, and 64 closed abortion centers. Pray and get involved, and YOU can help save lives! Take some time to pray at the Stroop Road abortion facility from February 10 through March 20, from 7am to 7pm.
www.40daysforlife.com/dayton

Dorothy Lane Market Good Neighbor Program

Did you know that every time you shop at DLM and scan your Club DLM Card, you can select a nonprofit to be "credited" with the purchase through the Good Neighbor Program? At the end of the year, each organization is credited a prorated amount based on the total donation by DLM. Be sure to link your Club DLM Card to St. Joseph Church. This year we received a check for \$228.39. Add St. Joe's as your nonprofit of choice now at:
www.dorothyane.com/goodneighbor.

Hearing Aid Receivers Available...Are you having difficulty hearing the Mass? If so, we have hearing aid receivers available for your use. Just ask an usher and they will get you one. You can keep the hearing aid receiver to use each week. When you no longer need to use it just give it back to an usher.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Are you feeling like God is gently nudging you, calling you to an adventure? If so, we invite you to a weekend of prayer, reflection, conversation, and fun with the Sisters of the Precious Blood. Come hear our stories and maybe discover the adventure to which God is calling you. Join us at Salem Heights in Dayton Feb 26-28. Register online at vocations@cpspsadmin.org or call Sr. Patty Kremer at 937-609-0653 for more information.

Lenten Series on Mercy at Bergamo

The Bergamo Center for Lifelong Learning is offering series of Mercy gatherings which will be a combination of prayer and recollection over the Gospel of Luke through a guided Ignatian meditation with an Application of the Senses led by Bergamo's Jubilee Retreat Guide Anthony Franchina. The day of recollection on March 5 will include a wholesome lunch to be enjoyed in sacred silence. You may register for one, two, or all three.

Lost Sheep (Lk 15:1-7) & the Spiritual Works of Mercy
 Tues., Feb. 16, 7-9pm, Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel (Free will offering)

Persistent Widow "Praying Without Ceasing" (Lk 18:1-8) & the Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy. Sat., March 5, 9am - 3pm, Sieben Hall (\$25 paid on day of event, includes lunch)

Prodigal Son (Lk 15:11-32) & the Corporal Works of Mercy
 Weds, March 16, 7-9pm, Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel (Free will offering)

Register at www.bergamocenter.org/Jubilees.htm or by calling the Bergamo Center at 426-2363.

Introduction to Theology of the Body

If you are wondering if there's more to life than just "getting by" and are ready to focus on what really matters, then discover the extraordinary Catholic teaching known as the Theology of the Body. This DVD and workbook study directed by Christopher West, will be held on 8 consecutive Monday evenings beginning on February 29th at 7pm at the Transfiguration Center for Renewal. The cost is only \$25 including all course materials and refreshments. For more information and to register, contact Fr. Eric Bowman, Transfiguration parish at 937-698-4520 or pastor@tchurch.org.

Maximilian: Saint of Auschwitz, an original one-man live drama will be performed at St. Peter Church, Huber Heights, on Wednesday, March 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$8/each and \$20/family. For information and tickets contact St. Peter Parish Office, 937-23-1503 or visit www.saintpeterparish.org.

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