

Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

February 28, 2016

3rd Sunday of Lent

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

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

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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 29

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Messina family
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Robert & Ruth Deschler

Tuesday, March 1

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Edith Heiser
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Pauline Wegerzyn

Wednesday, March 2

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Unborn children and their parents
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Angelo McCarthy

Thursday, March 3

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Living & deceased members Moore family
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Jerry Westendorf

Friday, March 4

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....John Duffy
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Fr. William Dineen C.P.P.S.

Saturday, March 5

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Oster & Niehaus families
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Mass of Thanksgiving
4:30 PM St. Joseph.....Living & deceased members Moretto family
5:15 PM Emmanuel.....For the parishioners

Sunday, March 6

8:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Daniel Laurcella
10:00 AM St. Joseph.....For our parishioners
10:30 AM Emmanuel.....Fr. John McGrath, S. M.
11:30 AM Holy Trinity.....For our parishioners

Next Week's Readings:

Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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

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

Mary Beemsterboer, Secretary

Dennis Pyles, Maintenance

Gary Geisel, Music Director

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Judith L Trick, Business Manager

Jan Reed, Pastoral Associate

Thomas Aldridge, Music Director

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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...

For the next three weeks our readings will focus upon the call to repentance. In this season of Lent we hear the call to return to the Lord with all our heart. In small and seemingly insignificant ways we stray from the way of the Lord and can easily find ourselves in a web of sin that keeps us from responding fully to God's call in our life.

This is the heart of the parable Jesus offers in our gospel reading this weekend. The owner of an orchard planted a fig tree with the expectation that the tree would produce fruit. The tree is mature enough and ought to be bearing fruit, but so far none is to be found. We use sayings to describe this reality in human beings like they are apathetic, a couch potato, someone just putting in time, vegetating or standing along the sidelines of life. We were not created to simply take up space here on earth! God desires for us to bear fruit, to be living signs of his presence in the world.

Moses is one such example. God had great plans for him, but after he killed the Egyptian who was hurting a Hebrew person, Moses fled to the desert of Midian to live a hidden life. Speaking through a burning bush that was not consumed, God calls Moses and Moses responds "Here I am." Now Moses is in a relationship with God and the fire of God's presence works to ignite a call within the heart of Moses to save God's people who are suffering in Egypt. Moses objects to God's call five times even after seeing the miraculous burning bush! Finally, Moses overcomes his complacency and slothfulness and accepts God's call and mission.

We have something greater than a burning bush to wake us from our sleepy existence. When we gather for the Eucharist we are in the presence of the Living God, we stand on holy ground. This awareness ought to wake us from our sleep, throw us off the couch and put us in the game of life using the gifts and talents God has given us to bring His life, love and truth to others. This Lent, God is cultivating and fertilizing our lives with the spiritual practices of fasting, prayer and almsgiving. In what ways will you repent of your sin, give of yourself in loving service and bear abundant fruit through your life?

Year of Mercy...In this Holy Year of Mercy, let us not fall into humiliating indifference or a monotonous routine that prevents us from discovering what is new. Let us ward off destructive cynicism! Let us open our eyes to see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity, and let us recognize that we are compelled to heed their cry for help! May we reach out to them and support them so they can feel the warmth of our presence, our friendship, and our fraternity. May their cry become our own, and together may we break down the barriers of indifference that too often reign supreme and mask our hypocrisy and egoism.

PASTORAL REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Corporal Work of Mercy: Shelter the Homeless

"Have you ever wondered where you are going to sleep at night? There are nearly 100 million people in the world who have to ask that question every day." This corporal work of mercy has its roots deep within the history of Israel recalling

PASTORAL REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS—cont.

the times when the People of God were exiled strangers in a foreign land. The stranger is to be greeted with love and welcomed in the name of God who created him in love. Welcoming the stranger is also seen in the Emmaus story as the two disciples going away from Jerusalem welcome the stranger to stay with them and in the breaking of the bread they recognized him as Jesus. As we read in the Letter to the Hebrews 13:2 "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." Opening the door of our heart to shelter someone in need means that I see my brother or sister in the face of each person I meet and treat them with the dignity deserving a child of God.

Having Trouble Keeping Your Lenten Promise? Maybe it's time you try something different. Sign up for Dynamic Catholic's email program *Best Lent Ever*. Each day you'll receive an email with a short video featuring Matthew Kelly and a member of the Dynamic Catholic Team. Using Matthew's new best seller *Rediscover Jesus* as their guide, they will take you on a 40-day spiritual journey to encounter Jesus—and yourself—in a deeply personal way. The program is free! Sign up at: DynamicCatholic.com/Lent

Lenten Mission Schedule - 7:00pm each night

Make time this week to participate in our Lenten Mission entitled Mercy Received—Mercy Shared. Our Parish Mission, led by Fr. Angelo will reawaken our hearts to the gift of God's mercy and creative ways for us to be streams of mercy for others.

Wednesday, March 2nd at Holy Trinity Church,
Jesus the Face of Mercy

Thursday, March 3rd at St. Joseph Church,
Jesus Nourishing us in Mercy

Friday, March 4th at Emmanuel Church,
Blood of Christ Stream of Mercy

Catholic Ministries Appeal

Each year, the Catholic Ministries Appeal offers us the opportunity to live as disciples of Christ by supporting ministries serving people throughout our archdiocese. Please join with your fellow parishioners of Emmanuel, Holy Trinity, St. Joseph and all the other parishes in the archdiocese as we all work together to support the CMA. For more information and to pledge securely online, visit CatholicAppeal.info.

To date, our parishes have pledged:

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| Emmanuel: | \$25,459.00 | Goal: \$17,164.00 |
| Holy Trinity: | \$ 7,558.00 | Goal: \$13,867.00 |
| St. Joseph: | \$ 13,452.00 | Goal: \$15,991.00 |

Women's Day of Reflection—"Come and See!"

Images of Jesus From the Four Gospels

Meet Jesus in new and amazing ways as we follow each of the Gospel writers on paths leading to the wonder, meaning, and joy of the Good News.

Scripture – Prayer – Meditation – Reflection

Saturday, March 12th, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Bainbridge Center

Registration after Saturday/Sunday Mass,

February 27/28 and March 5/6

Year of Mercy Lenten Pilgrimage

Saints Peter and Paul Parish, 307 North Locust Street, Ottawa Ohio. Outreach activities include Habitat for Humanity, the County Thrift Store and Food Pantry to house, clothe and feed the poor. <http://spps.noacsc.org/parish/>

The reflection on Mercy is: In life, we all have a cross to carry - weaknesses, and battles that we face. In these moments we have a choice, to carry our crosses or let them drag us around instead. What have you been doing with your cross lately? Turn to Jesus to help you. God's mercy is waiting for you.

Miles for week two: 272

Total Miles to date: 406 Great job! We have exceeded the cumulative goal of 208 miles!

Total your miles walked, or 15 minutes of physical activity as one mile. Submit your miles each week on the forms provided in back of church. Questions and exercise totals may be emailed to Beth Anderson at banderson1nana.4@roadrunner.com.

Living Stations of the Cross

Emmanuel parish invites children and teens to participate in a special Lenten devotion, The Living Stations of the Cross, on Friday, March 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the church. This is a serious, dramatic re-enactment of Our Lord's Passion and Crucifixion by narration, meditation, acting, and song. Children, ages 8 and up, are welcome to participate. Rehearsals will be March 14 and 16. If you would like to be a part of this, please contact Mary Izor by March 2 at 866-6032 or mizor39@hotmail.com.

EMMANUEL CHURCH

Generous Contributions for February 21, 2016

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| Weekend Offertory: | Budget | Collection |
| | \$7385.00 | \$5391.90 |
| YTD excess or (deficit) | \$1736.94 | |
| Tithe to Emmanuel St. Vincent De Paul | \$599.10 | |
| Many thanks for the generous spirit of our parishioners. | | |
| Fr. Angelo and Ken | | |

Prayer List

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, 228-2013.

Joan Hicks

LAST CALL For Parish Pictorial Directory...The last photo session for our church directory will be on Saturday March 19th and Sunday the 20th. Saturday sessions start at 6:30 and Sunday sessions start 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.

High School & Adult Catholic Education

Saturdays, 9:30-11:00am in the Church Basement. February 27th: The Bible and The Story of Salvation. March 12th: Who is Jesus? And The Paschal Mystery. March 19th: The Holy Spirit and The Life of Grace. April 9th: Why Do I Need the Church? April 16th: Mary and the Saints and The Last Things.

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.

Holy Father Prayer Intention

Care for Creation

That we may take good care of creation—a gift freely given—cultivating and protecting it for future generations.

From the Joyful Noiseletter:

“On shopping: the odds of going to the store for a loaf of bread and coming out with only a loaf of bread are three billion to one.”

- Erma Bombeck

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Generous Contributions for February 21, 2016

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| Weekend Offertory: | Budget | Collection |
| | \$6100.00 | \$5405.00 |

YTD excess or (deficit) (\$4715.40)

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Fr. Angelo and Ken

Moses heard God's call from a burning bush.

What is your passion, your burning bush?

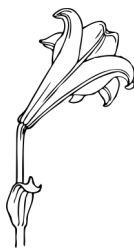
Take time to know what

God is sending you to do and be.

Calling All Want-To-Be Mass Servers!

There will be a training for new altar servers after the 11:30 Mass today. Any boy or girl who has made their First Communion is welcome to come and learn how to assist at Mass.

Everyone is Invited to Join With us Today for the Pancake Breakfast in Trinity Center. We will be serving following both masses. Looking forward to seeing YOU!



Holy Trinity Outing at The Dayton Dragon's

Game. We had such fun last year we've decided to do it again. The date is July 29 and we have reserved 50 seats. If you would like to fill one of those seats, please call Judi to get on the list.

Easter Flowers for the Sanctuary...If you would like to remember a loved one in a special way this Easter or just to thank God for all his blessings, we are accepting donations to purchase the Easter flowers for our sanctuary. Simply drop an envelope in the collection basket noting "Easter Flowers" by Sunday, March 20, and include your offering and the names of those you wish remembered. Thank you!

Easter Egg Hunt – Would you like to fill some plastic eggs for our children to hunt on Saturday, March 26? We have an over abundance of plastic eggs and would like to share them with you and save you the cost of purchasing more plastic eggs. Please call the office before stopping by to pick up some. And thank you so much for helping with this fun event for the children.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Generous Contributions for February 21, 2016

Weekend Offertory: Collection
\$6744.00
Charity \$ 165.00
Many thanks for the generous spirit of our parishioners.
Fr. Angelo and Ken



Rest in Peace
Al Dabrowski
Jerry Kowalski

Mass Intentions...If you would like to have a Mass offered for a living or deceased family member or friend, please call the rectory 228-9272.

Consider Joining The Easter Choir...An Easter Choir is being formed to sing for the 10am Easter Sunday Mass on March 27. We are looking for all voice parts. Please consider serving your parish in this special way by helping provide extra beauty to the Easter liturgy. If you are interested in joining, please see Brad in the choir loft after Mass. You may also call 937-207-8976 or email wilson.bradley@live.com. There will be four mandatory rehearsals in the choir loft: March 1, 8, 15 and 22 at 7:00pm.

Spring Potluck Dinner...Join us for a potluck dinner to celebrate St. Joseph day and the beginning of Spring. We'll meet in the school cafeteria following the 4:30 Mass on March 19th. Watch the bulletin for more details.

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

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

Dayton 40 Days for Life...Join the worldwide movement to protect mothers and children. Pray and get involved, and YOU can help save lives! Take some time to pray at the Stroop Road abortion facility from Feb. 10 - Mar. 20, 7am to 7pm.

Dayton Right to Life Thanks You...Thank you for the many gifts at Christmas time for our Stork's Nest. We were so blessed by the wonderful items and they came at a perfect time. Our pantry served 1264 clients in 2015. Thank you for helping them.

Please keep the following people in your prayers.

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Jeanne Folfas Jennifer Grant Joe Franchina
Lee Pleiman

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.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Reinvigorate your Lenten journey...Come and hear Father Angelo speak at the next Food 4 Thought on Sunday, March 6. His talk is titled: *As We Wait in Joyful Hope; a reflection upon the virtue of hope and why it is essential that we cultivate this gift so that we can be effective witnesses of the gospel in the world today.* Dinner at 5:00 with the talk starting at 6:00pm at the Christopher Club, 3150 S. Dixie in Kettering. RSVP IS REQUIRED: Susie or Charlie @ 937-890-6262 or susie@susiegross.com.



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