

Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

March 6, 2016

4th Sunday of Lent

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

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

Served by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood

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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 7

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Harry Heiser
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Stephen Sichman

Tuesday, March 8

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Zara Thuney
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Rebekka Manzo

Wednesday, March 9

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Most Forgotten Souls
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Jerry Kowalski

Thursday, March 10

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Cecilia Muckenthaler
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Kathleen Caulfield

Friday, March 11

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Ida Fackler
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Dick Antolini

Saturday, March 12

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Effie Minham
12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Darrel Francis
4:30 PM St. Joseph.....Jim Pettit
5:15 PM Emmanuel.....Living & deceased members
Muckenthaler Family

Sunday, March 13

8:30 AM Holy Trinity.....For our parishioners
10:00 AM St. Joseph.....For our parishioners
10:30 AM Emmanuel.....For our parishioners
11:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Helen Minogue

Next Week's Readings:

Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

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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Mary Beemsterboer, Secretary

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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...

St. Paul uses the image of an ambassador in his Second Letter to the Corinthians to describe the kind of mission we have been given as followers of Christ. An ambassador is a person sent from a country as an official representative to a foreign country. St. Paul reminds us that our citizenship is in heaven and so we have been commissioned by reason of our baptism to be ambassadors for Christ to proclaim the message of God's reconciling love. As Christ reconciled the world to himself through the shedding of His Precious Blood we too are called to continue this ministry of reconciliation.

In our gospel reading this weekend Jesus offers us a wonderful image of someone acting as an ambassador of Christ with the parable of the prodigal son. So often we focus on the sinful choices of the younger son when we reflect on this parable, but I would like to focus our attention in the direction of the father. He is the ambassador for Christ. He is the one sharing the ministry of reconciliation as a missionary of mercy.

In the parable the younger son rejects his home, family and community. He basically says, "Dad, I don't want to wait until you are dead to start living my life my way. Give me my inheritance now." All too soon the younger son has blown his money and is starving. He finally comes to his senses and heads home. As an ambassador of reconciliation, the father does not condemn his son or compare him to his older brother. With a heart full of mercy he runs out to meet his son and welcomes him home.

The older more dutiful son who has done everything right is angry with his father's decision to throw a banquet for the irresponsible younger son. He turns his back on his father and passes judgment on both the younger son and the father. Even though he has stayed home and worked all this time he has wandered far from any understanding of what it means to be family. Again, the father with a heart full of mercy takes on the role of ambassador and goes out to his son and tries to help him see that there is cause for joy. His brother was dead, but has come back to life!

As we continue our Lenten journey I invite you to see yourself as an ambassador for Christ by reflecting the face of Christ and his gift of mercy to all those you meet. Recognizing that our citizenship is in heaven we will have the courage and strength we need to continue the mission of Jesus by being missionaries of mercy and building the Kingdom of God on earth.

PASTORAL REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Day of Mercy, March 15th

Immerse yourself in the Father's mercy. Spend some time with God and with the Missionaries of the Precious Blood at beautiful, peaceful St. Joseph Church in downtown Dayton during a Day of Mercy on Tuesday, March 15. From 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on that day, the sacrament of reconciliation will be available in the church, except during Mass at noon. Precious Blood brothers and sisters will also be on hand to act as spiritual mentors or talk with people who are dealing with difficult issues, more than can be addressed in the confessional. There will also be Eucharistic Adoration. All are welcome at the Day of Mercy, which will be repeated at Precious Blood Church on July 1, the Feast of the Precious Blood.

PASTORAL REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

Corporal Works of Mercy: Visit the Sick

Jesus often reached out in love to those who were sick in mind, body or spirit restoring order to life. When we visit the sick we are honoring the dignity that is found in that person as a child of God. "Illness and suffering have always been among the gravest problems confronted in human life. In illness, humanity experiences his powerlessness, his limitations, and his finitude. Every illness can make us glimpse death" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1500). This corporal work of mercy costs you nothing and does not require a special skill or training. You do not have to worry about what you are going to say because your presence is what is most important along with a listening ear. We do not have to look very far to find someone who is sick or lonely, sometimes they are right in our own home. A friendly visit to someone in the nursing home or to someone living alone down the street will bring healing and new life. In visiting the sick we let the person know that they are not alone, that God's healing love will be at work in their lives because God is full of mercy and compassion.

Vocation Retreat

Pope Francis has declared this the Year of Mercy. Does the call to the consecrated life speak to you, or to someone you know? Young men who would like to learn more about the consecrated life as a priest or a brother are invited to a vocation discernment retreat sponsored by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood on March 11-13 at St. Charles Center in Carthagen, Ohio. This retreat is open to men who have graduated from high school and are of college age or older. It begins with dinner on Friday and ends after lunch on Sunday, and will include times of prayer, presentations, and an exploration of community life with the Missionaries. For more information, contact Fr. Vince Wirtner, C.P.P.S., director of vocation ministry, at vocation@cpps-preciousblood.org or visit Missionaries of the Precious Blood Vocation Ministry on Facebook.

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, this weekend.

Exercise series returns in March!

The Region 7 Health Ministries Team is sponsoring the next Tai Chi/Qigong class Monday, March 14 through April 18th. Location is Trinity Center on the Holy Trinity parish grounds. A Beginner's level class will be held from 5:45 – 6:45 pm and an Intermediate class (for those who have completed two beginner class series) at 7:00 – 8:00 pm. Fees are \$40.00 for five weeks payable in full at the first class. Based on ancient forms of Chinese exercise there are a number of health benefits including improved balance and joint health as well as cardiovascular fitness. Pre-registration is preferred by Friday, March 11th. To register contact Sharon Becker at 227-9452, or email sharonbecker6@gmail.com.

We will have our annual St. Patrick's Day Mass at St. Joseph's on Thursday, March 17, starting at 12 noon. There will be a bagpiper, the Knights of Columbus, and an Irish priest celebrating. All are invited.

Catholic Ministries Appeal

To date, our parishes have pledged:

Emmanuel: \$29,769.00	Goal: \$17,164.00
Holy Trinity: \$ 8,108.00	Goal: \$13,867.00
St. Joseph: \$13,452.00	Goal: \$15,991.00

Year of Mercy Lenten Pilgrimage

Saint Augustine Parish, 48 North Hanover Street, Minster Ohio Volunteers deliver Easter flowers to homebound and elderly residents, which provides an opportunity to visit and show them that they are not forgotten. www.staugie.com/caring-ministry

The reflection on Mercy is:

Imagine the scene of Jesus' passion through the eyes of Mary. What did she see? What was she thinking? How did she love those in the crowd, even in this moment? How can this help you to learn to love others too?

Miles for week three: 500.7

Total Miles to date: 906.7 Great job! We have exceeded the cumulative goal of 344 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 bandersonlnana.4@roadrunner.com.

EMMANUEL CHURCH

Generous Contributions for February 28, 2016

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$7385.00	\$6773.40
YTD excess or (deficit)	\$1125.34	
Tithe to Emmanuel St. Vincent De Paul	\$752.60	

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

Emmanuel Pro-Life Committee ...will be hosting a table at the Elizabeth New Life Center's Banquet on Thursday, April 7th. We'd love to have you join us for a very inspiring evening with Fr Frank Pavone. He's one of the most prominent pro-life leaders in the world. He was asked by Mother Teresa to speak in India on life issues and was present at the bedside of Terri Schiavo as she was dying. Please call Charlie/Susie @ 890-6262 for details or reservations which are needed by March 26th.

High School & Adult Catholic Education...Saturdays, 9:30-11:00am in the Church Basement. 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.

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 after Mass 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 890-6262.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Generous Contributions for February 28, 2016

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$6100.00	\$4509.00

YTD excess or (deficit) (\$6306.00)

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*God welcomes us home with extravagant love.
Let the call to holiness draw you home
into a deeper relationship with God.*

Thanks to the Rohde, Hempstead and Harmon families for hosting the Pancake Breakfast last Sunday. It was delightful to see all the young children being so attentive to their responsibilities. Praise to the cooks, also, the food was delicious.

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.



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.

Many Thanks to the excellent crew of workers who helped put the name plates in our new hymnals – Mary and Jim Cannon, Fran Eden, Debbie Nye, Amy Wiedeman, Patsy Martin, Tea Yankel and Alice Cox.

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!

Our Sympathy is extended to the family of Ann Newby and the family of Eileen Rogers, both buried from Holy Trinity this past week. May they rest in peace.

Our Lenten Reconciliation Service is next Sunday at 12:45 p.m. Please join with us in prayer, song and the sacrament of confession.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Generous Contributions for February 28, 2016

Weekend Offertory: Collection
\$4516.00
Charity \$ 153.00
Many thanks for the generous spirit of our parishioners.
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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.

Join us for Coffee and Donuts following the 10:00 Mass next weekend. All are welcome.

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.

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.

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

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.

Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Jeanne Folfas Jennifer Grant Joe Franchina
Lee Pleiman

AREA ACTIVITIES

Lenten Concert...The St. Anthony Choir, under the direction of Madelon Kinzig, will present The Seven Last Words of Christ by Theodore Dubois on Palm Sunday, March 20, at 4:00 p.m. at St. Anthony Church, 830 Bowen St. in Dayton. As an added feature to this beloved work, a slide show of art work of our Lord's final hours will enhance this experience. This work is inspirational and a perfect way to begin Holy Week. The program is free and open to the public.

The Holy Family Church choir will perform a free concert of sacred music from Passiontide and Holy Week at 1:00 pm Sunday, March 13th, following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. While there is no charge to attend the concert, goodwill offerings are appreciated. During the concert, featuring works of Mozart, Victoria, Palestrina, Lotti and many other composers, plus chants from the 6th - 13th centuries, Dr. Michael Carter, Associate Professor of History at the University of Dayton, will offer information about the composers, music, liturgical usage, and texts.

The Montgomery County Chapter of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will sponsor its annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration Saturday, March 12th, from 3 to 10 p.m., at the Dayton IUE-CWA Local 755 Hall, located at 1675 Woodman Drive in Dayton. Traditional Celtic and American food and beverages will be provided, as well as Irish dancers. All are invited. For ticket information, contact Brian Ross at 937-256-6373.



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