

# Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

March 13, 2016

## 5th 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 14

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Andrew Chiovaro

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Paul Creager

#### Tuesday, March 15

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Gerald & Randall Cooper

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Poor Souls

#### Wednesday, March 16

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Living & deceased members of the  
Demeter Family

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Al Dabrowski

#### Thursday, March 17

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....James & Evelyn McCarthy

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Ralph Kleibecker

#### Friday, March 18

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....John, Alice & Tim Duffy

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Ed & Craig McGinnis

#### Saturday, March 19

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Intention of Luke Thill

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Tom & Carolyn Hogan

4:30 PM St. Joseph.....Mary & Bud Loges, daughter Peggy

5:15 PM Emmanuel.....John R. Braun

#### Sunday, March 20

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.....David Monaghan

#### Next Week's Readings:

Luke 19:28-40 (Procession) Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;  
Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56 [23:1-49]

### 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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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...

On Tuesday, March 15th from 6:00am until 6:00pm at St. Joseph Church the Missionaries of the Precious Blood will be hosting a **Day of Mercy** in response to Pope Francis' call for the Catholic Church to observe a year of study and reflection on the virtue of mercy. Throughout the day the faithful can stop in and participate in the sacrament of reconciliation, receive spiritual guidance or pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

The motto for the Year of Mercy is "*Be merciful as your Father is merciful.*" The very nature of God is mercy and since we have been created in God's image and likeness we are called to be the face of mercy to others. Looking back on salvation history we can see that the message of God's mercy runs throughout the bible. God's merciful plan is to restore the order that was lost by original sin. We might say that salvation history is one long love story in which our merciful God seeks to draw us back into communion with him.

When we talk about being merciful we are not talking about simply having an attitude that is less judgmental of ourselves and others. Mercy is more than feeling sorry for someone else. As Fr. George Kosicki, CSB once said, "Mercy is having a pain in your heart for the pain in another person's heart." This pain motivates you to action. Mercy cannot simply be present in our words; it must also be present in our living. The violence that we see escalating around us is due in part to the reality that we have lost the virtue of mercy in our culture.

Everything in the life of Jesus was a message of mercy. Whether he was reaching out to the lost, healing the sick, teaching with parables or crossing boundaries set up by law or culture, Jesus revealed the Father's mercy as a gift of love.

Today's gospel offers us a tremendous picture of mercy. In reflecting upon the gospel of the woman who was going to be stoned for committing adultery St. Augustine summarized the scene by saying, "there are left the two—misery and mercy." She is miserable, he is merciful. Mercy is an expression of love. Like Jesus we are to learn how to expand our heart to respond to the pain of another person.

The Pharisees said Jewish law demanded that she be stoned. Roman law removed the authority from Jewish courts to render the death sentence upon anyone. Once again the Pharisees were trying to trap Jesus in a corner to see whether he would support Jewish law or Roman law. Jesus responds in an act of mercy by bending down to write on the ground maybe with a stone in his hand. He de-escalates the tension that was building and invites people to ponder in their own hearts, "Let the one among you who is without sin cast the first stone." Jesus turns the conversation back to the heart of each person and everyone drifts away. He doesn't judge them but rather, asks them to consider their own sinful lives. If their sin was made public wouldn't they want someone to show them mercy?

Jesus acknowledges that the woman has sinned, but he does not condemn her. He sets her on the right path and tells her to sin no more. Jesus is the only one without sin and therefore the only one who is to judge. Rather than rendering judgment Jesus chooses to forgive, to reveal the Father's mercy. How are you being called to be an instrument of mercy today?

## PASTORAL REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Corporal Works of Mercy Series: Visit the Imprisoned**  
In the early Christian community there were many members of the faithful who were imprisoned because of their faith. While in prison both Sts. Peter and Paul speak of the consolation they found in people praying for them. Throughout scripture we see that God's mercy is extended to the good and the bad alike. When we sin we do not lose our identity as children of God. There is always hope of conversion for those who have committed crimes. We hear the call to forgive others because God has forgiven us. We can show God's mercy by visiting or writing letters to those in prison. We can also pray for those who are incarcerated as well as those imprisoned through addictions or youth held against their will in child trafficking. Care and outreach for the families of those who are imprisoned is also a very important aspect of this corporal work of mercy.

### Year of Mercy

"The season of Lent during this Jubilee Year should also be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God's mercy. How many pages of Sacred Scripture are appropriate for meditation during the weeks of Lent to help us rediscover the merciful face of the Father! We can repeat the words of the prophet Micah and make them our own: You, O Lord, are a God who takes away iniquity and pardons sin, who does not hold your anger forever, but are pleased to show mercy. You, Lord, will return to us and have pity on your people. You will trample down our sins and toss them into the depths of the sea."

**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.

### 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](mailto:sharonbecker6@gmail.com).

### Living Stations Presentation

The Living Stations of the Cross, a dramatic re-enactment of Our Lord's Passion and Crucifixion by narration, meditation, acting, and song will be presented by youth on Friday, March 18 at 7:00 pm at Emmanuel Church. A reception will follow in the basement.

### Catholic Ministries Appeal

**To date, our parishes have pledged:**

Emmanuel:	\$31,899.00	Goal: \$17,164.00
Holy Trinity:	\$ 8,803.00	Goal: \$13,867.00
St. Joseph:	\$14,717.00	Goal: \$15,991.00

## Year of Mercy Lenten Pilgrimage

Immaculate Conception Parish, 229 West Anthony Street, Celina Ohio. Volunteers comfort grieving families through compassionate assistance, including funeral planning and serving funeral lunch. [www.celina-ic.org/](http://www.celina-ic.org/)

### The reflection on Mercy is:

How is your prayer life right now? What would you like it to look like? Make a resolution to take a step forward toward a strong prayer life this month.

**Miles for week four:** 234.6

**Total Miles to date:** 1141.3 Great job! We have exceeded the cumulative goal of 397 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](mailto:banderson1nana.4@roadrunner.com).*

## EMMANUEL CHURCH

### Generous Contributions for March 6, 2016

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$7385.00	\$7053.32
YTD excess or (deficit)	\$793.66	
Tithe to Emmanuel St. Vincent De Paul	\$783.70	
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.

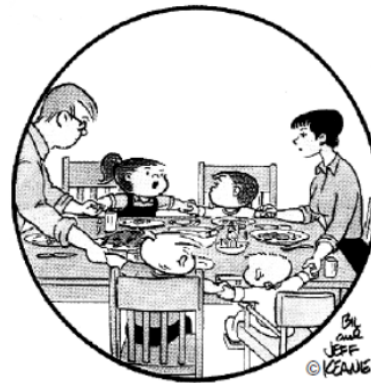
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**Emmanuel Pro-Life Committee ...**will be hosting a table at the Elizabeth New Life Center's Banquet on Thursday, April 7th. We would love to have you join us for a very inspiring evening with Fr Frank Pavone. He's one of the most prominent pro-life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

**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 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.

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



"Do we hafta hold hands during grace so everybody gets to start eating at the same time?"

from [JoyfulNoiseletter.com](http://JoyfulNoiseletter.com)  
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## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

### Generous Contributions for March 6, 2016

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$6100.00	\$7578.00
YTD excess or (deficit)	(\$4828.40)	
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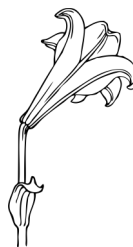
*God continues to open a way for us.*

*How is God doing something  
new in your life?*

*Perhaps God is inviting you  
to be a priest or religious.*

**Easter Egg Hunt..**Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, March 26 starting at 12 noon. ALL children up to age 9 are welcome to come join the fun. Bring your kids, your grandkids, the neighbor kids! We still have plenty of plastic eggs that need to be filled with wrapped candies for the children to hunt. Are you willing to help fill the eggs? Please call the office before stopping by to get some eggs.

**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 next Sunday, March 20. Include your offering and the names of those you wish remembered. Thank you!

**Our Sympathy** is extended to the family of Kathy Knoth, buried from St. Peter Church this past Friday. May she rest in peace.

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

## ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

### Generous Contributions for March 6, 2016

Weekend Offertory: Collection  
 \$8213.00  
 Charity \$ 187.00  
 Many thanks for the generous spirit of our parishioners.  
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**Our St. Joseph Day Potluck Dinner** will be Saturday, March 19th following the 4:30 Mass in the school cafeteria across the street from the church. Bring a covered dish to share and come celebrate the feast of St. Joseph and the beginning of Spring. All are welcome.

**The Little Sisters of the Poor** will be present at all the Masses next weekend seeking your assistance in their ministry. For the past 145 years, the Sisters have been offering the needy elderly of the tri-state, a home where they are welcomed as Christ, cared for as a family, and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to himself. The Sisters depend on our support to meet the needs of their poor elderly. Your generosity will be appreciated. For more information visit their website at

[www.littlesistersofthepoorcincinnati.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoorcincinnati.org).

**Spend some time with the Lord this Lent...**this is our last Lenten Saturday for Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the noon Mass until 4pm at St. Joe's.

*Please keep the following people in your prayers.*

Betty Criner	Rita Downs	Jeanne Folfas
Joe Franchina	Jennifer Grant	Lee Pleiman

### 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

## 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.

### Retrouvaille-A-Lifeline for Married Couples

The next program will begin the weekend of April 1-3, 2016. Retrouvaille is a Catholic sponsored, confidential program open to all faiths. It offers a chance to rediscover yourself, and your spouse. It is for couples that have experienced a breakdown in communication, become unloving and uncaring, thinking of separation or divorce or who are separated. Call 513-456-5413 or visit the website at [www.cincyretrouvaille.org](http://www.cincyretrouvaille.org).

### Eastertide Vespers & Choral Concert

Eastertide Vespers will be held on the Second Sunday of Easter, April 3 at 7:00 PM in the Chapel of Mount St. Mary's Seminary, 6616 Beechmont Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45230. The Easter Vespers (Evening Prayer) includes the singing of hymns, psalms and canticles and will include festival Easter choral music sung by the Athenaeum Chorale & Seminary Schola with the Cincinnati Brassworks brass ensemble. All are welcome.



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