# Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

February 19, 2017

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor: Fr. Angelo Anthony, C.PP.S. Parochial Vicar: Fr. Ken Pleiman, C.PP.S. Served by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood www.cpps-preciousblood.org









Emmanuel Church 1837

St. Joseph Church 1847

Holy Trinity Church 1861

# Emmanuel Church

149 Franklin St. - 45402<br/>Office: 937-228-2013Web Site: www.emmanuelcatholic.comE-mail: parishoffice@emmanuelcatholic.com<br/>Deacon Rusty BaldwinBr. Matt Schaefer, C.PP.S. DRE & Bookkeeper<br/>Mary Beemsterboer, Secretary<br/>Dennis Pyles, Maintenance<br/>Gary Geisel, Music Director

# **Holy Trinity Church**

272 Bainbridge St. - 45402 Office: 937-228-1223 Web Site: www.holytrinitydayton.org E-mail: ht\_busmgr@sbcglobal.net Deacon Michael Leo Judith L Trick, Business Manager Annie Foos Jan Reed, Pastoral Associate Thomas Aldridge, Music Director

# Saint Joseph Church

411 East Second St. - 45402 Office: 937-228-9272 Web Site: www.stjosephdayton.org E-mail: stjosephday@sbcglobal.net 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.

# **Mass Intentions**

Monday, February 20 7:30 AM Holy Trinity......Harry Heiser

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Rosalie Caperna

**Tuesday, February 21** 7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Ruth Lauber 12:00 PM St. Joseph......May Redrick

#### Wednesday, February 22

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Intention of Nancy Valenzuela 12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Claude Sacksteder

# Thursday, February 23

7:30 AM Emmanuel......Mary Ellen Hoefler 12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Jerry Kowalski

#### Friday, February 24

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Dorothy Sweeney 12:00 PM St. Joseph.....John Kuntz Sr.

## Saturday, February 25

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Daniel Barefoot 12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Tom & Rose Erhart 4:30 PM St. Joseph.....Fabian Diorio 5:15 PM Emmanuel.....For our parishioners

### Sunday, February 26

8:30 AM Holy Trinity	Oliver Gast
10:00 AM St. Joseph	For our parishioners
10:30 AM Emmanuel	Jim Davis
11:30 AM Holy Trinity	For our parishioners

**Next Week's Readings:** Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

# **Confession Schedule**

Emmanuel:Saturday 4:00-5:00 PM, Sunday: 10:00 AMHoly Trinity:Sunday: 8:00 AMSt. Joseph:Monday-Saturday 11:30 AM; Saturday: 4:00 PM

## **PASTOR'S PEN**

Jesus invites us to "be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." When we think of the word perfect our minds automatically go to the Greek understanding of this word. In the Greek world, something is thought to be perfect only if it is flawless. But Jesus is asking something else. The cultural framework that Jesus lived within was more Hebrew than Greek, and inside the Hebrew mind, perfection did not carry the understanding of perfect as being flawless.

Rather, Jesus' concept of perfection is more identified with COMPASSION, so much so that sometimes the Gospels simply name "perfection" as compassion. Looking at it from this perspective we can say that compassion is something we can strive to achieve. So, Jesus challenges us be perfect (compassionate) as your heavenly father is perfect (compassionate).

How is God compassionate? Jesus defines it this way: God says, "His sun shines on the bad as well as the good." God's love does not discriminate; it simply embraces everything. Take for example the sun. It does not shine selectively only giving light and warmth to the vegetables because they are good and refusing to shine on the weeds because they are bad. The sun just shines on everything, good and bad.

This is the amazing truth: God loves us when we are good, and God loves us when we are bad. Consider the parable of the prodigal son. The father in this parable loves both of his sons equally, the younger son in his weakness and the older son in his bitterness, and his embrace does not depend upon their conversion. He loves them both even though they are distant from him. God asks us to love in the same way. This is what it means to be perfect, compassionate, in the biblical sense.

How can we be compassionate as God is compassionate? How do we let our love shine on the bad as well as the good, without saying that nothing matters? How do we love as God loves and still hold true to who we are and the values that we hold important? We do so by holding our personal and moral ground in a gracious and loving way even as we let our love and understanding embrace everything.

Our example for this kind of response is Jesus. He embraced everyone—sinners and saints alike—without ever suggesting that sin and virtue are unimportant. Jesus is teaching us how to attain spiritual maturity by remaining committed to the Lord especially when everything else around us says to fight back.

All too often revenge is used as a means for justice and offering mercy is seen as a sign of weakness. Jesus is telling us to act in an unexpected way. The world says "An eye for an eye." Jesus wants us to realize that we are all children of God. Offering your left cheek when someone strikes your right cheek is a call to stand-up for oneself, to hold your ground for what is right. It is a choice for compassion, to break the cycle of violence and to respond to life's challenges in a way that continues to respect human dignity.

When we strive to love our enemy, we are reminded that we share a common humanity. As temples of God's Spirit, we are called to let His loving presence shine through our lives. This is what it means to be perfect in the eyes of God.

## **REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the 2017 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Our pledges let us provide paths of hope through six important Catholic ministries right here in our archdiocese. Additionally, 50% of all pledges in excess of our parish goals will go to the support of ministries here in our parishes, so please be as generous as you can. For more information and to pledge online, please visit CatholicAppeal.info. Thank you!

**40 Days for Life...**spring campaign will kickoff on Sunday, 26 February 2017 at 2PM. The event will take place at 1401 East Stroop Road in Kettering. The campaign runs from 1 March until 9 April 2017 with a Rosary Rally featuring Archbishop Schnurr on, Sunday 12 March at 2PM. Please contact Rhonda Reichel, <u>BNcrazywoman@aol.com</u> if you have any questions or if you would like more information.

#### **Region blood drive returns for heart month!**

The Region 7 Health Ministries Team is sponsoring the next blood drive on **Thursday, Feb. 23rd. from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm** at the Community Blood Center, 340 S. Main St. The goal is to build upon the great success of previous blood drives sponsored in honor of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. There are peak needs during the winter, so please consider taking a bit of time out of your day to donate a true gift of life! Appointments are encouraged. Just call 1-800-388-GIVE, or go to their website at www.donortime.com.

#### **Vocation Discernment Retreat**

Are you or is someone you know discerning a call to religious life as a priest or brother? The Missionaries of the Precious Blood, the Congregation that serves our parishes, are holding a discernment retreat on March 10-12 at St. Charles Center in Carthagena, Ohio. The Missionaries invite men age 18 or older to the retreat, which begins with dinner on Friday and ends with lunch on Sunday. The retreat is an opportunity to learn about discernment to the consecrated life, spend time in prayer, and get to know the Missionaries. If you've been wondering if God is calling you to serve Him and the Church, this is a chance to explore that call in a friendly and informative atmosphere. Space is limited. To register or learn more, contact Fr. Steve Dos Santos, C.PP.S. vocation@cpps-preciousblood.org or 937-228-9263.

Exercise Series For Health Returns in March and April

The next Tai Chi/Qigong class will be held Monday, March 6th - through April 10th. The series will feature one 90 min. class each week with both beginner and intermediate styles being taught. Time is 6:00 - 7:30 pm and location is Trinity Center at 266 Bainbridge St. Fees are \$60.00 for the 6 week class series and are payable in full at the first class to instructor Sharon Trekell. Pre-registration is preferred by Thursday, March 2, as a minimum of 10 is needed to hold the class. The class will close at a maximum of 25. Contact Sharon Becker for more information at 227-9452, or sharonbecker6@gmail.com.

# Lent begins on March 1st, Ash Wednesday

# **EMMANUEL CHURCH**

# Generous Contributions for February 12, 2017

Weekend Offertory:	Budget \$7300.00	Collection \$9120.00
YTD <b>excess</b> or (deficit): St. Vincent de Paul:	<b>\$4866.00</b> \$1013.40	

Many thanks for the generous spirit of our parishioners. Frs. 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.

Bernard Chachula William Pfarrer

# 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 31, 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 27 and 29. If you would like to be a part of this, please contact Mary Izor by March 15 at 866-6032 or mizor39@hotmail.com.

# Promoting the Gift of Life

"I feel the greatest destroyer of peace today is 'Abortion', because it is a war against the child...A direct killing of the innocent child, 'Murder' by the mother herself...And if we can accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another? How do we persuade a woman not to have an abortion? As always, we must persuade her with love...And we remind ourselves that love means to be willing to give until it hurts..." St. Teresa of Calcutta

Want to learn more appropriate responses to hard cases involving abortion? See the free pamphlet from Cincinnati Right to Life, "If They Say... You Say...", in the back of church.

Coffee & Donuts after Mass today (Sunday) in Emmanuel's Church basement.



### Did you forget to pick up a bulletin at Mass?

Not to worry, the bulletins are available on our website, <u>www.emmanuelcatholic.com</u>. Click on the bulletin link and choose the week you would like to read. Emmanuel only keeps 4 weeks of bulletins on the website. Visit St. Joseph's website, <u>www.stjosephdayton.org/bulletins/</u>, as they have an archive of the bulletins, or Holy Trinity's website,

www.holytrinitydayton.org/bulletin.html. Stay informed on the happenings of our Parish Community.

From the Joyful Noiseletter:

If you can laugh at it, you can live with it." —*Erma Bombeck* 

# HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

# Generous Contributions for February 12, 2017

Budget	Collection
\$6100.00	\$5399.00
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**Boys and Girls,** third grade thru high school, if you would like to help your parish by becoming an **Altar Server**, now is the time to sign up. Call the parish office and volunteer 228-1223. A training class will be held and then you will be assigned to serve at one of our weekend liturgies. Altar Servers learn about the Mass, how to assist the priests and deacons at the altar, and how to help the parish family pray together. The parish family appreciates your service and God blesses you as you serve at the altar.



# Don't Give Your Heart To Just Anyone

Knowing your numbers is the first step to a healthy heart. The **free screening** to help identify risk is tomorrow, Monday, February 20 in Trinity Center, from10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you haven't already made your appointment, walk-ins are welcome.

**If you or a family member** is ill or about to undergo surgery and would like Holy Communion or a visit from a priest, please call the parish office. We are no longer informed by the hospitals of admissions.

**Check out the flyer in today's bulletin about our "THIRTY ONE" FUN RAISER.** It's bound to be a good time and profitable for our parish. Please RSVP by Tuesday, February 21.

# Fish and Sausage Fry – Saturday, March 4

If you would like to help in any capacity at our Fish Fry, please call Sam Eckhart (902-9711) or Leah Williams (626-2374). We need help with set-up at 4:00 p.m., dealers, bakers for the Bake Sale, Silent Auction items. Advance sale tickets (\$15) will be available after Masses on Sunday and at the parish office during normal work hours.

### Our almsgiving project for Lent will be Brigid's Path, a Newborn Recovery Center for drug exposed newborns.

The following are the items needed in their work: Size 1 diapers, Wipes, Non-latex gloves, Baby bath, Baby lotion, Baby blankets, Avent soothie pacifiers, Clorox and Lysol wipes. Bins will be in the back of church to accept your donations beginning March 1.

# The parish office is closed Monday in honor of President's Day.

Send a Justice for Immigrants postcard to Congress - If you did not have the opportunity to sign postcards to your elected U.S. Senators and Representatives you may do so online at http://www.usccb.org/about/migration-and-refugee-services/action -alerts.cfm



**Holy Trinity Parish** 

# **ST. JOSEPH CHURCH**

# Generous Contributions for February 12, 2017

Weekend Offertory: Collection \$5470.50 Charity: \$ 231.00 Many thanks for the generous spirit of our parishioners. Frs. Angelo and Ken

### Welcome to St. Joseph Parish!

We're delighted you've decided to join our parish.

Carol Griesdorn Paul & Barbara Martin Olivia O'Sullivan

**Save the Date...**A potluck dinner is being planned March 18th to celebrate the feast of St. Joseph. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

Have you registered? It's easy...just call the rectory at 228-9272.

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.

# **Please keep the following people in your prayers.** Call the rectory if you would like to be added to the prayer list.

Betty Criner	Jennifer Grant	Tony Riggs
Joe Franchina	Jim Peacock	

### Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

Nick Borton	Alex McGarvey	Tim Melvin
Gary Eilers	Zachary McIntyre	David Musgrove
Cody Landers	Matthew Melvin	Jessica Pruitt
Greg Marcus		

# **Area Activities**

**Sisters of the Precious Blood Come and See Weekend.** We invite you to learn about life as a Precious Blood Woman. Friday, March 10 at 5pm through Sunday, March 12, noon. Salem Heights, 4960 Salem Avenue. Contact Sr. Patty Kremer, CPPS at 937-609-0653 or <u>vocations@cppsadmin.org</u>.

#### Administrative Secretary Campus Ministry Center for Social Concern – University of Dayton

This is an eleven month position (10 months full-time, 2 months half-time) with benefits. Salary commensurate with experience. Proposed start date April 1, 2017. See full description/ qualifications and submit cover letter, resume and list of references at <u>http://jobs.udayton.edu/postings/22302</u>. Deadline February 24, 2017.

**St. Francis Women's retreat...**February 24-26, Bergamo Retreat Center, 4400 Shakertown Rd, Beavercreek. Visit <u>http://</u><u>stfranciswomensrtrt.wix.com/retreat</u> or contact Joanie Rauch at 937-681-8319 or joanrauch@gmail.com.

**The Dayton Catholic Women's Club Scholarship** was established to assist graduating high school women of the Roman Catholic faith wishing to further her studies at an accredited college. Students can search and apply online for scholarships through <u>ScholarshipCONNECT</u>. Completed applications are due to The Dayton Foundation by March 10th.

The Dayton Catholic Women's Club St. Patrick's Day Card/ Game Party &Luncheon, Saturday, March 11, from 10-3p.m. The \$25 lunch of Grilled Chicken in Mediterranean Sauce or Baked Vegetarian Strudel will be served at noon at the Presidential Banquet Center, 4548 Presidential Way. Join friends and family members to play your favorite games in support of this fundraiser for the charitable work of DCWC. Please call Julianne McCain at 937-694-2176 or <u>www.daytoncatholicwomenclub.org</u> by March 6 to register.

