

# Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

March 11, 2018

## 4th Sunday of Lent

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

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

Pastoral Associate: Deacon Matthew Keller, C.P.P.S.

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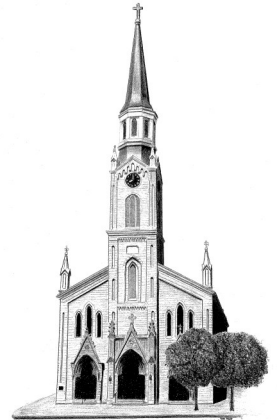
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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, March 12

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....James & Catherine  
Poffenberger

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Dick Antolini

#### Tuesday, March 13

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Mileti Nicola

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Kathleen Caulfield

#### Wednesday, March 14

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Marcia Cindy Knab

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Mike & Nancy Longo

#### Thursday, March 15

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Marian Elizabeth (Trick) Sullivan

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Wilfred Ruschau

#### Friday, March 16

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Pete Baldwin

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Jerry & Pauline Westendorf

#### Saturday, March 17

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Living & deceased members of  
James & Evelyn McCarthy family

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....

4:30 PM St. Joseph.....For our parishioners

5:15 PM Emmanuel.....For our parishioners

#### Sunday, March 18

8:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Tom Sheetz

10:00 AM St. Joseph.....Nicholas Brundage

10:30 AM Emmanuel.....Jean Thomason

11:30 AM Holy Trinity.....For our parishioners

#### Next Week's Readings:

Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

#### 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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Deacon Michael Leo

Judith L Trick, Business Manager

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Thomas Aldridge, Music Director

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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

Several years ago while on retreat I met a lady named Dixie who told me about a game her young grandson Hugh came up with one wintery day. Hugh said, "Grandma, I love you bigger than New York City." In response, Dixie said: Hughie, I love you more than the state of New York and New Jersey together!" And Hugh responded, Grandma I love you bigger than the whole United States. And they would go on and on trying to describe how much their love was for the other ending with Hugh being able to say the names of all the planets and the universe combined! Dixie says, the game always stops there with Hugh as the winner. In his innocence, Hugh was trying to describe what unconditional love is all about.

God says to us today, "I love you unconditionally." Lifted high on the cross we see Jesus reaching out his arms and embracing the world, drawing all people to himself. The cross, an instrument of death, becomes the sign of life. This is our cause for rejoicing on this Laetare Sunday. All three readings this weekend focus upon the unconditional love and mercy of God.

In our reading from Second Chronicles we learned that even though the people of God had walked away from His covenant of Love and through their sinfulness found themselves in exile, God never gave up on His people, but kept reaching out to them in love and mercy. Death and destruction was not to be the last word. Rather, God uses the darkness of the Babylonian exile as a backdrop to the bright promise of new life! In a most unsuspecting way, God uses a pagan, Cyrus, King of Persia to conquer the Babylonians and inspires King Cyrus to allow the people of God to return home and to build a house of God in Jerusalem.

St. Paul says clearly in the second reading that "God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ." In order to enter more fully into the depth of God's love for us in this scripture passage it is helpful to note that one of the translations for the word mercy comes from the Hebrew word for womb. This insight draws us to think about the image from the Prophet Isaiah: "Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child within her womb? Even should she forget, God says, I will never forget you." (*Is 49:15*)

Our Gospel reading today includes one of the most famous passages of scripture, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." (*John 3:16*) This quote is situated in the context of an Old Testament story in which Moses is ordered to make a bronze serpent and put it on a pole as a remedy for the Israelites who had rebelled and sinned against God even though God had rescued them from slavery. Those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed. This image became a symbol of Jesus on the Cross. From the cross of Christ, we see how much God loves us, redeeming us through his Precious Blood.

On this Laetare Sunday, we are over halfway through our Lenten journey and we hear the call to rejoice! The cause of our joy is God's great love for us. If you have not experienced the sacrament of reconciliation yet this Lent, I encourage you to do so! There is healing that comes from speaking to another person the wrong we have done and to hear the amazing words of absolution from God through the priest. If there are areas in which you have failed to keep your Lenten promise, humbly restart your journey so that in choosing to live in God's Light you can celebrate fully your unique identity as a child of God at Easter.

## REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Lenten Reconciliation Service.** The Sacrament of Penance will be offered on Sunday, March 18th at Holy Trinity Church at 12:45 PM. There will be several confessors available to hear confessions.

**FORMED Pick of the Week, The Trials of St. Patrick.** Follow St. Patrick on his dramatic journey through hardship and loss to mercy and forgiveness. His story will come to life in Augustine Institute Radio Theatre's most recent audio drama. To access the FORMED website, go to [Formed.org](http://Formed.org) and login using our parish code: FZ4VY9 (All upper-case letters).

**Fish Fry...** Dayton Council 500, Knights of Columbus will have a fish fry; including games of chance at Bainbridge Hall on Friday March 16, from 6 to 10pm. Includes fried cod, fries, coleslaw, baked beans, adult beverages and pastries. Price of admission is \$15 plus a can/box food item for the food pantry. Donated bakery items are always appreciated. Email [program-director@kofc500.net](mailto:program-director@kofc500.net) or 937-558-9311 for RSVP and tickets.

### Downtown Dayton Parishes 2018 Retreat

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John each hold a unique key to unlocking the depth of the Pascal Mystery through their particular telling of the Passion and Resurrection stories. Break open these familiar Gospels on multiple levels as you journey through the Holy Land and hear the Bible readings in a new and astounding way.

#### Scripture – Prayer – Visuals – Reflection – Inspiration

Thursday, March 22, 6:30-8:30, Bainbridge Hall

Presenter: Dennie Stieritz, (Ret.) Chairperson-CHS, Theology Dept. and Adjunct Professor – UD, Religious Studies Dept.

### Pilgrimage—Kisasa Ward, Dodoma Region, Tanzania

The Village of Hope began in 2002 by the Sisters Adorers of the Blood of Christ, United States Province, in response to the plague of AIDS in Tanzania. The village is situated in one of the poorest regions of the country. Missionary work is aimed at treatment of HIV positive patients and prevention of the spread of the disease, especially among children. HIV orphans are often ostracized and abandoned. The village is home for them: they live in family style houses with Tanzanian parent-educators. Children have a sense of home and the love of parents and family. The project includes child care, education, clinic, laboratory, dispensary, and lodging for pregnant women to enable safe birth and needed treatment. St. Gaspar Hotel and Conference Center at the Village, under the Society of Precious Blood, opened in 2007.

#### Reflection

*Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.*

#### Weekly Total 1213 miles

Total Miles: 2235 this is 15% of the total miles of Pilgrimage (2234) Keep up the good work!

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** St. Joseph's has Adoration on Saturdays from 12:30 until 4:00 PM. You can earn 10 miles for this Lenten Event.

### Exercise Series for Health Returns in March!

The next Tai Chi/Qigong classes will be held Tuesday, March 20 through May 1, (skipping March 27th). From 6:00-7:30 pm, Trinity Center, 266 Bainbridge St. Fee is \$60.00 for the 6-week class, payable in full at the first class to Holy Trinity Church. Pre-registration by Thursday, March 15th. To register contact Sharon Becker 734-9452, or [sharonbecker6@gmail.com](mailto:sharonbecker6@gmail.com).

## EMMANUEL CHURCH

### Generous Contributions for March 4, 2018

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$ 7,920.00	\$7235.00
St. Vincent DePaul	\$ 723.50	
YTD excess or (deficit):	<b>\$36,699.00</b>	
CMA 2018 Pledged	<b>\$21,503.00</b>	
2018 Goal:	<b>\$16,759.00</b>	

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#### Prayer List

Daniel Branch	Joan Hicks	Bridget Portune
Larry Byrd	Betty Kleinhenz	Randy Rosenthal
Lawrence Case	Mike McDonald Sr.	Albert Veith
Bernard Chachula	Patrick McDonald	Donna Williams
George Hendrix		

#### Stations of the Cross

Each Friday Evening during Lent at 7:00pm in the church. Living Stations will take place on Friday, March 23rd.

**We are in need of volunteers** to help clean the church. Cleaning takes place on Monday & Friday mornings after the 7:30am Mass and usually finishes around 10:30am. Please consider donating some of your time to help our volunteer crew with this task. We appreciate any time you have to help. Please call the church office for more details, 937-228-2013.

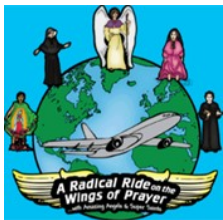
**The 40 Days for Life Campaign** continues through March 25th. Our church is responsible for each Wednesday of the campaign from 4:00-7:00pm at the abortion facility in Kettering on Stroop Road. You may sign up for an hour or more at [www.40daysforlife.com/Dayton](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Dayton) or by calling Gwen Sobieski 937-623-4612. You can be a sign of Christ's love and mercy to them by your prayerful presence on the sidewalk. As Jesus asked His apostles: "Could you not watch one hour?" Mk 14:37

#### Save the Date ...

**March 18th** – Communal Reconciliation Service & Soup Meal at Holy Trinity at 12:45pm

**March 23rd** – Living Stations of the Cross at Emmanuel, 7:00pm

**April 8th through April 12th** – Parish Mission at Emmanuel with Fr. William Casey, C.P.M.



#### Vacation Bible School

Save the date for the annual Vacation Bible School, open to all children, at Emmanuel Church the week of June 25th through June 29th. More details to come!

#### Finding Your Ancestors Using Catholic Sacramental Records

On Saturday April 7th the Health Ministries team is sponsoring a program to learn more about searching ancestral records through the church. The afternoon will begin with a tour of Holy Trinity at noon, followed by a presentation at the K of C hall by Sarah Patterson, MLS, Archivist for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Genealogy exhibits and refreshments will be available. Free tickets for the presentation are available through Eventbrite at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com). Just search for the title of the event. Contact Annie Foos at 419-598-1362 or [emailfoosannie@gmail.com](mailto:emailfoosannie@gmail.com) for further information.

## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

### Generous Contributions for March 11, 2018

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$ 6,100.00	\$8,087.00
YTD excess or (deficit):	<b>\$26,795.54</b>	
Outreach Collection:	\$ 802.00	
CMA 2018 Pledged:	<b>\$ 8,490.00</b>	
2018 Goal:	<b>\$14,651.00</b>	

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**We will be praying the rosary immediately after the 8:30 Mass today. If you are not remaining to pray with us, please leave the church quietly.**

#### Lenten Soup Supper – Come one, come all!

Join us for our next Soup Supper following our parish Reconciliation Service Sunday, March 18 at 12:45. Come and celebrate the beautiful sacrament of Reconciliation and then dine with us. It will be a meager meal of soup, bread and a beverage. A donation jar will be available if you wish to help the Emmanuel Food pantry feed the poor.

**Easter** is just around the corner and in preparation for beautifying our worship space, we are accepting donations for flowers. You may place your donation in an envelope marked "altar flowers" along with the name of someone you wish remembered and drop it in the collection basket. Thank you!

#### Our Easter Egg Hunt will be March 31 starting at 12:00 noon.

As per usual we have plenty of plastic eggs that need to be filled with wrapped candies. If you would like to help with this project, please stop by the parish office and pick up some eggs. All children, age 8 and under, are welcome to scamper for the eggs, so the more the merrier – both eggs and kids!

**Shoes for the Shoeless** – Our Lenten almsgiving project is Shoe for the Shoeless. Donating one new pair of shoes and/or socks suitable to be worn in gym class can change a child's life. Let's see how many lives we can change by our donations. Sizes appropriate for kindergarten through senior year are requested. If you would rather make a monetary donation, please write your check to Shoes for the Shoeless and drop in the collection basket. Thanks to all who are participating.

#### Online giving at Holy Trinity

Check out our [webpage](#) and find out how easy it is to support Holy Trinity through offertory contributions by using your credit card. Or you can call Judi at the parish office and she will walk you through the process. Online giving is just another way to support our parish. We continue to accept offerings through the collection envelopes, ACH and bank checks. Thank you for your support. Online giving is simple, easy and safe.

**Our Parish Council** is accepting self nominations to serve on our Council. If you are interested in submitting your name in nomination or would like more information, we would like to hear from you. Give Judi a call for particulars.

**Thanks** to all who are participating in our **Kroger Community Rewards Program**, we received a check in the amount of \$349.97. Imagine what it would be like if all parishioners participated in this program. Instruction forms are available on the book shelf at the entrance to church.



## ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

### Generous Contributions for March 4, 2018

Weekend Offertory:	Collection
	\$ 6164.00
Charity:	\$ 825.00
<b>CMA 2018 Pledged:</b>	<b>\$13,762.00</b>
<b>2018 Goal:</b>	<b>\$16,689.00</b>

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**Our sympathy** is extended to the family of John Demeter. May he rest in peace.

**Join us for Coffee and Donuts** following the 10:00 a.m. Mass today in the school cafeteria. All are welcome.

**St. Patrick's Day Mass.** A special Mass honoring St. Patrick will take place on Saturday, March 17th at 12:00 Noon. All are welcome!

#### St. Joseph Potluck Dinner

Join us on March 24th following the 4:30 Mass for a potluck dinner in the school cafeteria celebrating the feast of St. Joseph which is March 19th. Bring a covered dish to share.

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

Cheryl Anderson	Carol French	Jean Sichman
Charlie Brown	Brenda Magnum	Karen Thomas
Christine Durr	Vanessa Padgett	Sharon Wenzel
Nora Fass	Tony Riggs	

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

Rebekka Anders	Cody Landers	David Musgrove
Michael Borgert	Greg Marcus	Anthony Pelfrey
Nick Borton	Alex McGarvey	Jessica Pruitt
Kelli Anne Cartuyvelles	Zachary McIntyre	Susan Varmuza
Gary Eilers	Matthew Melvin	Justin Williams
Morgan Konsdorf	Tim Melvin	

## Area Activities

**The Incarnation Church Respect Life Committee** is hosting Rep. Niraj Antani who will address current Life issues and legislation in Ohio, on Monday, March 19th at 7PM, at Incarnation Church parish activity center, room 104. Please join us for the most recent updates on these very important issues.

**ENLC Partnership Banquet...** Thursday, April 19 or Friday, April 20 at the Mandalay Banquet Center-Dayton. Guest Speaker: Dr. Ray Guarendi, Suggested Donation: \$25 per person. To register or volunteer to be a table host: Contact Barb Garrison at 937-226-7414 or [elizabethnewlife.org](http://elizabethnewlife.org) or [bgarrison@elizabethnewlife.org](mailto:bgarrison@elizabethnewlife.org).

**A Weekend of Discovery... A Lifetime of Love!** You're invited to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend, where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones—and focus only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you'll like the difference a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can make! The next Marriage Encounter weekend is April 20-22, Ascension Parish. To register, contact Andy and Jeanne Folfas at 937-866-5196 or 800-343-5621 or [jeannemarie42@hotmail.com](mailto:jeannemarie42@hotmail.com) or [www.esharing.org](http://www.esharing.org).

#### Marian Devotion Today

Fr. Johann Roten and Fr. Thomas Thompson will explain how Marian theology and spirituality have evolved since Vatican II and can capitalize on emerging developments in theology and culture. Hear their scholarly presentations at the International Marian Research Institute's Marian Forum 6 on April 6 from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm in the University of Dayton's Roesch Library. Attend in person, or participate online. Free. Register by Friday, March 23. Go to [www.udayton.edu/imri/marian-forum](http://www.udayton.edu/imri/marian-forum), or call (937) 229-4214.

**Retrouvaille-A Lifeline For Married Couples...** The next program will begin the weekend of April 6-8. 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. For further information please visit the website at: [helpourmarriage.org](http://helpourmarriage.org)



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