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PASTOR'S PEN

This week I spent some time with students at Carroll High School at a vocation fair. As I spoke with the students I got to thinking about the years I was in school and a couple of teachers who had a big influence in my life. They were teachers who pushed me to excel, who stretched my understanding and helped me to see things from a new perspective. Their classes were not easy, and I tended to complain about all the work, but their lessons have stayed with me.

In today's gospel Jesus, the teacher, is stretching the disciples' understanding of what it means to be the Messiah. Being Messiah was not some cushy job where everyone waited on you and praised you for your goodness. In fact, Jesus teaches his followers that the Messiah would have to suffer, be rejected by the elders, put to death and raised on the third day. This was in sharp contrast to the popular belief that the Messiah would come in a blaze of glory and destroy the enemies of Israel so that she could be restored to her previous place of power and prestige.

The message Jesus offered was totally beyond what Peter had imagined about the Messiah and so Peter objects to the teaching. What good is a Messiah if he fails to be a mighty warrior? Why would I want to follow a failure, someone who suffers and is put to death? Mark places this revelation about the Messiah in the middle of his gospel. Everything up until this point has affirmed the belief that Jesus is the Messiah and now the truth comes to light that Christ came to teach a very different lesson, the way of the cross.

For Peter and the other disciples, we could say that "the honeymoon is over." Just as a young married couple finds their love tested as they experience their first fight, so too, the disciples are trying to make sense of the lesson that Jesus was teaching. Over time the disciples discover a richer, fuller kind of love as they come to understand the mystery of the cross and what it means to sacrifice yourself for another person.

Jesus teaches us that despite the hardships and suffering that come our way we can still find meaning and purpose in life. This is how faith is put into action. Because of my beliefs I am willing to live my life in such a manner that I am embracing the values of the Kingdom of God while still here on earth. So, sometimes those people closest to us have irritating habits or do things differently than I do. Can I offer up these challenges and grow in patience and understanding? It is not easy to live this way and yet it is the path that will lead us to everlasting life.

This is what Jesus was getting at as he corrected Peter. Peter was thinking as a human rather than as God thinks. This is often our biggest problem in the way of faith. All too often we are focused on ourselves, our concerns and wants and we chase after material solutions to our problems thinking, if I only had more money, this newest thing, if only I'd get my own way at work or at home, then things would be better.

God looks at things differently, his perspective is eternity. We need to look at our sufferings, our irritations and our desires through the perspective of eternity. When we can do this, we will see that our greatest concerns fade away and other values become more important; values such as patience, endurance, hope, love and trust. These are the things that will bring us joy and will lead us to life that is eternal.

Whatever we surrender—our pain, our failures, our sins—will somehow be blessed by God and transformed. God can take any cross and transform it into something beautiful. That is why we

PASTOR'S PEN continued...

can say like the prophet Isaiah, "The Lord God is my help therefore I am not disgraced; I have set me face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame."

REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Regional Picnic is Sunday!

When: Sunday, September 16, Noon – 3:00 p.m.

Who: All parishioners from downtown Dayton Region 7's three parishes (Emmanuel, Holy Trinity, St. Joseph)

Where: Chaminade-Julienne High School cafeteria.
Handicapped accessible w/ close parking in CJ's lot off Washington St. More parking at Emmanuel.

Special: Children's activities in courtyard outside cafeteria.

Food: Parishes will provide fried chicken.
Parishioners are asked to bring a dish or dessert for 16-20 people in DISPOSABLE containers, assigned by last names:
A—S: Side dish (hot or cold; hot veggies/casseroles popular); T—Z: Dessert.

Formed Pick of the Week: Truth and Life Audio Bible-The Gospel of Matthew. Hear the Gospel Come Alive! You'll feel truly present at the events of the earthly life of Jesus with this dramatized audio version of the Gospel of Matthew. This presentation will move the Good News of the Incarnate Lord from your head to your heart. To access the FORMED website, go to Formed.org and login using our parish code: FZ4VY9 (All upper-case letters).

40 Days for Life Fall Campaign takes place September 26 – November 4. The campaign draws attention to the evil of abortion through prayer, fasting, constant vigil and community outreach, with the goal of turning hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life. For directions and/or other information, please visit www.40daysforlife.com.

Roots of Faith - Bible Series, Thursday, Sept 20

The Exodus story – slavery, freedom, wandering, Promised Land. Travel with Moses and the Israelites on their erratic journey to become the People of God. This is the high point of the Torah and the blueprint for much of the Gospels' telling of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Learn about the multiple connections between God's covenant rituals with Israel and our sacramental encounter with the Lord in the liturgical celebration of the Mass. K of C Bainbridge Hall, from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Council 500, and the Downtown Dayton Parishes. No registration necessary. Bring your Bible.



Young Adults! Theology on Tap is Back!

Join us this Thursday September 20th at the Oregon Express in the Oregon District at 7pm for the first week of this fall's 6 week Theology on Tap series! Curtis Kneblak will talk on: "Everyone Can Play: The Call to Missionary Discipleship." Park for free at Holy Trinity. This event is 21+.

EMMANUEL CHURCH

Generous Contributions for September 9, 2018

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| Weekend Offertory: | Budget | Collection |
| | \$7,920.00 | \$5,770.00 |
| St. Vincent DePaul: | \$ 577.00 | |
| YTD excess or (deficit): | \$ 986.00 | |

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Prayer List

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| Dave Bakan | Nancy Glazier | Tyler Pich |
| Daniel Branch | George Hendrix | Jonathan Reihle |
| Lawrence Case | Peggy McCarley | Randy Rosenthal |
| Bernard Chachula | Kathy McCrabb | Karen Vanfile |
| Michael Dalessio | Mike McDonald | Thomas Williams |

Family Rosary Rally XIV will take place on Sunday, October 14th at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Church. Prelude music will begin at 2:00pm with adoration, live rosary, and benediction at 2:30pm. Bishop Joseph Binzer will preside.

VIRTUS Monthly Bulletins... have you been checking in and completing your monthly questions from VIRTUS? After you have completed your live VIRTUS training, you should receive a monthly reminder e-mail from VIRTUS stating in the subject line "New Content on VIRTUS Online." Please check your account to make sure that you do not have a suspended account. Simply go to www.virtus.org to log in, on the far right side of the page under "Training Bulletin Report," click on "Click here to see your complete report." If you have questions please call or email Brother Matt, brothermatt@emmanuelcatholic.com.

Consider Making Gifts of Stock or Mutual Fund Shares

Donating shares of stock or mutual funds that have increased in value may benefit both your parish and provide personal financial benefits. Depending on your age, it may be beneficial for you to contribute assets directly from a retirement savings plan. For more information on making such gifts please contact Brother Matt at the Parish Office.

Did you forget to pick up a bulletin at Mass?

They are available on our website, www.emmanuelcatholic.com. Click on the bulletin link and then choose the week you would like to read. Emmanuel keeps 4 weeks of bulletins on our website as well as a link to the archive of the Region 7 bulletins. Keep informed on the happenings within our Downtown Dayton Catholic Parish Community.

Miraculous Medal Novena with Adoration and Benediction

Join us on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm for the Miraculous Medal Novena, with church doors opening at 6:30pm. During this holy hour we pray the Novena as well as have Exposition, Benediction, Communion and a short homily. Come and spend some quiet time in the presence of God.

OCCUPANCY

The value of life does not depend upon the place we occupy. It depends upon the way we occupy that place.

—St. Thérèse of Lisieux

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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| | \$ 6,400.00 | \$4705.00 |
| YTD excess or (deficit): | (\$4,366.00) | |

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It's not too soon to be thinking About the RCIA Program!

Do you or someone you know want to investigate full membership in the Catholic Church? Classes will begin this Fall. Please call the parish office – 228-1223 for further information.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Nov. 3 in Trinity Center

We are accepting new or gently used items for the Silent Auction, Raffle Row, U-Pick-it, Holiday and Grab Bags. Also, small items are needed for Attendance Prizes and the Tyke Shop. The items for the Tyke Shop are for children under 12 yrs old to purchase gifts for their parents, grandparents, and siblings. Donations may be dropped off at the parish office Monday -Thursday from 8 am-4 pm and Fridays, 8 am -11 am. All items are welcome.

Exercise Series - Returns in this fall!

The next Tai Chi/Qigong exercise series will be held Tuesday, Oct. 9 to Dec. 4, 2018 (skipping Nov.20th). 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 the Trinity Center at 266 Bainbridge St. Fee is \$80.00 for the 8-week class series and is payable in full at the first class to Holy Trinity Church. **Pre-registration is required by Thursday, Oct. 4th as a minimum of 12 people is needed to hold the class. The class will close at 22 participants.** Contact Sharon Becker to register and for more information at 227-9452, or by email at sharonbecker6@gmail.com.

In a Quandary as to How to Support Our Parish?

Here are three ways:

1. Go to our webpage Holytrinitydayton.org, chose "Online giving from the menu on the left and make a donation
2. Call the parish office for a box of envelopes
3. Call Judi (228-1223) to sign up for ACH withdrawals from your checking or savings account.

However you choose, we would be most grateful for your support.

Faith Formation Classes Begin Soon

If you have not yet registered for any of the following programs, please call the office, if any of the following apply to your family.

If you have a child in public school, we offer the required Religious Education to meet the Archdiocesan guidelines for their Catholic faith formation. Children in Catholic Schools are also encouraged to attend since this is a family oriented program. Our Preschool classes (ages 3-6) will be held during the 8:30 Mass twice a month. The FIRE classes will be held between Masses twice a month. Parents and/or grandparents are participants in these classes since they are the first and most important teachers of the faith for their children.

Remember Them in Your Prayers... Please keep our elderly, sick and homebound in your prayers. Knowing that Trinitarians are praying for them means a lot. If you or a family member is going into the hospital, please call the parish offices and let us know. We are no longer informed by the hospitals of admissions.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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 Charity: \$5,683.00
 \$ 201.00

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Parish Directory

Lifetouch Photography will take our photographs and assemble our new parish directory. Each household that has a photo session will receive a free 8x10 portrait and the opportunity to purchase photos for family and friends. Sign-up online for your photo session at <https://booknow-lifetouch-appointment-plus.com/yx8rq9pc/>. Or go to our Parish website and click on "Parish Directory Sign-up" under the Current Events heading in the middle of the home page. Photo sessions will be held on October 23, 24, 25 and November 1, 2, 3. If you are unable to sign-up online call the parish office 228-9272.

We will begin taking requests for Masses to be offered for loved ones in 2019 starting October 1st. Each family can schedule four Masses at that time. Starting in January you can request additional Masses.

Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Call the rectory if you would like to be added to the prayer list.

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| Dolores Broerman | Brenda Magnum | Karen Thomas |
| Kristina & John Cole | Vanessa Padgett | Tony Riggs |
| Michael Culp | Victors Polovskis | Sharon Wenzel |
| Donna Folfas | Jean Sichman | |

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

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| 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 | | |

Area Activities

Encounter: September 16 at Ascension Parish from 5:30-8:30 PM. Encounter is a gathering that allow youth ministers and teens to encounter Jesus Christ in adoration. This event, open to high schoolers, seeks to gather groups of disciples from across the Archdiocese for an evening of worship, a powerful testimony, Eucharistic adoration, confession, and accompaniment.

The Dayton Catholic Women's Club annual DAY OF RECOLLECTION Saturday, October 6th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Church of the Ascension at 2025 Woodman Drive. Please call Margene Robinson for questions at 937-371-4521 and/or go online at: www.daytoncatholicwomensclub.org.

Catholic Social Services and Archdiocese of Cincinnati Distinguished Speaker Series Focuses on "Faith in Action" Tuesday, September 18 at Incarnation Parish in Centerville and on Thursday, September 20 at the Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics. This year's speaker is Kevin Heider, a talented musician who has traveled and toured extensively as a singer-songwriter, performer, recording artist and producer. Event tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at www.cssmv.org/events. For more information, contact Catholic Social Services (937) 223-7217 x1141 or email cattlinemc@cssmv.org.

A Glass Half-full: An Introduction to Luke, presented by Fr. Satish at Immaculate Conception Church on Wednesday, September 19th at 7:00 pm in MSH, in the lower level of the church. After seeking to understand the author and the audience, we will get a glimpse into Luke's world-view. How does he understand the relationship between the peoples and cultures of the world?

Dayton Right To Life Annual Celebration of Life. Dayton RTL will hold its annual banquet and fundraiser on Tuesday evening, September 25, at the Kettering Presidential Banquet Center. The keynote speaker is Hollywood actor Kevin Sorbo of *Hercules, Andromeda, God is Not Dead, Let There Be Light and Soul Surferfame*. Tickets are \$50. Register online at <http://www.daytonlife.org> or call 937-461-3625.

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