

Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

March 31, 2019

4th Sunday of Lent

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

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Matthew Keller, C.P.P.S.

In residence: Fr. Ken Pleiman, C.P.P.S.

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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 1

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....John Middleton

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Katie Blauser

Tuesday, April 2

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Deceased members of Essman Family

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Halpin & Karl Families

Wednesday, April 3

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Intention of Fr. Matt Keller C.P.P.S.

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Paula Deschler

Thursday, April 4

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

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Christine Durr

Friday, April 5

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Kathy Doncaster

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....James Coughlin

Saturday, April 6

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....All Unborn Children and their Parents

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....For all cancer patients

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

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

Sunday, April 7

8:30 AM Holy Trinity.....For our parishioners

10:00 AM St. Joseph.....All First Responders

10:30 AM Emmanuel.....Living & deceased members of the Sadauskas Family

11:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Ted Randall

Next Week's Readings:

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

Confessions 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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Michelle Carner, Music Director

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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

Today we celebrate Laetare Sunday. We are half way through the season of Lent. Laetare means "rejoice" in Latin. We rejoice that the day of our salvation is near as we journey through this season.

In our Second Reading St. Paul uses the image of an ambassador 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. Notice that the father does not force his son to stay home against his will, otherwise he would never learn how to understand the father's love. It takes hitting rock bottom for the son to admit he made a mistake. Finally he comes to his senses and heads home hoping his father will accept him as a hired hand on the farm.

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 giving him a robe symbolizing he is a new creation, a ring restoring his identity as a son and shoes on his feet symbolizing that his son is no longer a slave. That which was lost has been found!

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!

Both sons have a choice...to enter the house and join the celebration or to stay outside refusing the father's merciful love. Could the younger son forgive his foolish choices or did he go out to the barn to live as a hired hand? Could the elder brother admit that his pride and sense of entitlement made him a stranger in his own father's house? We all stand before God the Father carrying the heavy load of sin. Will I accept my Father's invitation of merciful love?

As we continue our Lenten journey I invite you to be 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. Which of the three characters in today's parable expresses where you are in your journey of life? Let's look to the face of Jesus and be the face of mercy to sinners and saints alike.

Beware of Internet Scams...There is an internet scam that is using Fr. Angelo's name asking the receiver to send money or gift cards to help someone in need. This has been reported to the Archdiocese and unfortunately it is happening to a number of pastors in the Archdiocese. I would not ask anyone to send money or gift cards through an email or Facebook posting. Delete the message and pray for the conversion of the perpetrator.

REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Region 7 Youth Group invites all TEENS to an afternoon of fun and friendly competition at Poelking-Woodman Bowling Alley on Sunday, April 7. We will be gathering from 3-5:30 pm and the cost is \$10/person (includes shoe rental and 2 hrs of bowling). Please bring cash payment and extra adult chaperones will be needed. TEENS who have NEON in their outfit will receive a PRIZE at the door! For more information email sarahvpark6@gmail.com.

April Marriage Uncorked! Dare to Date! The Marriage Ministry of Region 7 parishes invites you and your spouse (or fiancé) to hone your dancing partnership in the Emmanuel school building from 6:30-9:00 p.m. on April 13th! Jennie and Choco Valdez have been dancing together for years. Come to witness the love and joy they have for one another in their dancing, and learn some beginner salsa dance moves. They will provide some Latin dance tunes to inspire chemistry. No dance experience is necessary. **Babysitting is available for \$3 per child. Please register yourselves and any children you might like to bring for babysitting by Wednesday, April 10th by contacting Anna Earl at anna.earl7@gmail.com.** On the second Saturday of each month we alternate between a social event and a formational event designed for fun and enrichment of your marriage. You won't want to miss it! Bring an appetizer or sweet to share. We will provide the wine and festivities!

Health Ministry Lenten Pilgrimage...Maharashtra, Mumbai In 1976, thousands of poor and middle-class families, mostly from South India (such as Tamil Nadu and Kerala) were moved to Cheeta Camp, located on the Arabian seafloor. CPPS Missionaries serve the Tamil speaking people in the slums of Mumbai Cheeta Camp. There are also large numbers of people who have come to the big cities to find work.

Reflection: "He came not to give the peace of the world, which is only that we don't bother each other. He came to give the peace of heart, which comes from loving, from doing good to others." (St Teresa of Calcutta)

Total Miles earned this week: 2714 (485 exercise miles and 2229 spiritual miles). We have traveled 4464 miles since Ash Wednesday, 48% of our goal!

"I was in prison and you visited me."

Have you ever been interested in volunteering in a prison? Help through Story Chain! Story Chain helps inmates record themselves reading stories to send back to their children at home. The program begins April 2nd and will be every Tuesday in April from 6-7:30pm (5 sessions all together) in the Montgomery County Jail. If you are interested in registering or have any questions email Shaughn at sphillips@daytondowntowncatholic.com.

Pray with Scripture this Lent!

Spend some time with the Lord this Lent praying with scripture through an ancient form of prayer called Lectio Divina. This opportunity will be every Tuesday through April 16th from 7-8am at the Panera on Brown Street. RSVP to Shaughn sphil-lips@daytondowntowncatholic.com.

Young Adult (20s and 30s) Lenten Series:

Pray with scripture and the beautiful artwork, specifically the stations of the cross, in our churches this Lent. Thursday, April 11th from 4:30-5pm at St. Joseph.

Holy Hour for Peace—April 4, 2019 is the 100th anniversary of the death of St. Francisco Marto. A Holy Hour will be offered at Emmanuel Church after the 7:30am Mass.

40 Days For Life Lenten Campaign

The Spring 2019 campaign runs March 6 through April 14th. Please go to <https://40daysforlife.com> for further information

REGION ANNOUNCEMENTS continued...

Please join Dayton Council 500, Knights of Columbus, for a **Spaghetti Dinner**, Saturday, April 13, from 6-9PM at 267 Bainbridge, Dayton. The dinner will include spaghetti with meat balls, salad, Italian dressing and garlic bread and coffee for \$10 plus a donation of a can or boxed food item for the STVDP Emmanuel food pantry. Children 12 and under are free with teens priced @ \$5 and a Family pricing of \$25. Adult beverages available at regular prices. Dessert donations are welcomed. Please RSVP to Larry Clark 937-470-3594 by Monday April 8th.

EMMANUEL CHURCH

Generous Contributions for March 24, 2019

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$7,980.00	\$6,491.00
St. Vincent de Paul total for		\$ 649.10
YTD excess or (deficit):		\$7,025.00

Many thanks for the generous spirit of our parishioners.
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Prayer List

Daniel Branch	Andy Kleinhenz	Tony Rocco
Bernard Chachula	Thomas Ledinsky	Eric Rosenthal
Michael Dalessio	Mike McDonald	Randy Rosenthal
Rick Emerick	Wayne Meny	Molly Schneider
Annette & John Fohl	Katie Rafferty	Jan Timerding
Helen & Gene	Mike Riahle	Evelyn Varmuza
George Hendrix		

Nominations for Parish Pastoral Council—We are accepting nominations for parishioners to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council and the various Commissions of the parish. In the next few weeks we will publish descriptions of the various commissions to assist parishioners in their discernment about serving on the Parish Pastoral Council or one of the Commissions. Please give serious consideration to sharing your gifts and talents to help strengthen the life of our parish. The nomination process will close on April 22, 2019. Elections will take place May 18-19, 2019.

Liturgy Commission: This Commission helps the Pastor in carrying out the Liturgical themes throughout the year by assisting in the seasonal planning, training of Alter Servers, Lectors, Ushers and Extraordinary Ministers. The Liturgy commission works with the Evangelization Commission.

Evangelization Commission: This Commission is concerned with how Emmanuel reaches out to its parishioners and the Dayton area. They arrange events designed for the Dayton community and collaborate with the Education Commission on events such as the Parish Mission. They serve as a means to connect the various Emmanuel commissions and the parishes in our pastoral region.

Stations of the Cross every Friday evening during Lent, 7:00pm.

Please join us for a **Soup & Salad Potluck Dinner on Friday, April 5** before the youth of our parish will be enacting a beautiful presentation of the Stations of the Cross in the church beginning at 7pm. The dinner will be held from **5-6:30pm in the school building. Please bring something to contribute to the community meal:** a crockpot of meatless soup, salad, fruit, rolls, chips, drinks, etc. All are welcome!

The 40 Days for Life Campaign runs through April 14th. 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 by calling Gwen Sobieski 937-623-4612 or go to www.40daysforlife.com/Dayton.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Generous Contributions for March 24, 2019

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$6,400.00	\$6,616.00
YTD excess or (deficit):		(\$7052.56)

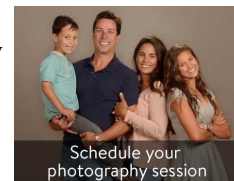
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Online Giving – An easy way to support our parish financially is through online giving. No worry! No fuss! No forgetting envelope or check book! Simply go to our webpage Holytrinitydayton.org, choose “Online giving” from the menu on the left and follow the instructions. You can make a one time gift or a recurring gift, either weekly or monthly as you desire. Any questions, call Judi – 228-1223.

We Want You In Our Directory!

Stop by the table in back of church after Sunday Mass, call the parish office (228-1223) or visit <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yvzxhntk/> to schedule your time. Each family photographed receives an 8x10 photo and directory free.

We are also in need of help on the days portraits are taken to welcome people and sign them in. If you can help, please call Judi. The dates and times are: Thursday, April 25, 1:45 to 5:00 p.m. and 4:50 to 8:00 p.m., May 2 from 4:50 to 8:30 p.m.. Thanks to those who have already said “Yes”!



Lenten Almsgiving Project: Forty Days of Giving

Are you remembering to fill your container each day with an item that someone else could use?

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt for your kids, your grandkids, nieces, nephews and neighbor kids is Saturday, April 20 at 12 noon. There will be refreshments and crafts for the kids. The hunt will be by age groups : 0-3 yrs; 4-6 yrs, 7-8 yrs and 9-10 yrs. We have lots of plastic eggs that need to be filled with wrapped candies for the kids to hunt. Are you willing to help? Please stop by the office and pick up some eggs. Thank you.



The Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes Annual Lenten

Reconciliation Service is Sunday, April 7 at 12:45 p.m. here at Holy Trinity. Following the service there will be a simple soup and bread meal in Trinity Center. All are welcome to come pray with us and dine with us following the service.

Easter Flowers For The Sanctuary

We are accepting donations for flowers to beautify the church for Easter. If you are interested in making a donation in memory of a deceased loved one, a special intention or simply to give honor and glory to God, please submit the names and the donation in an envelope and mark it “Easter Flowers” and drop it in the collection basket when you come to church. The last day to submit a name for publication in the Easter bulletin is April 14. Thank you.

Left Behind at the Dublin Pub: Man’s Pacific Trail black jacket size large with scarf and leather gloves and Zeroxposur M/M black jacket. If yours, you can pick it up at the parish office. If not claimed in the next few weeks they will be laundered and given to Corner Cupboard.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Generous Contributions for March 24, 2019

Weekend Offertory: Collection
\$8,182.00
Charity: \$ 134.00

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You're invited to a special meeting to discuss our school building and what you would like to see included in a parish gathering space. The meeting will be held following the 10:00a.m. Mass on April 14th in the school cafeteria. We hope to see you there.

The 10:00 am Mass on April 7th will be a Blue Mass for all First Responders. The Mass is an opportunity to thank those who serve and protect us every day. There will be a brunch following Mass in the school cafeteria for all First Responders. We thank The Ladies of the Ancient Order of Hibernians for coordinating this event.

Eucharistic Adoration each Saturday of Lent. During the season of Lent please join us for some quiet time with the Lord following the noon Mass until 4:00pm. Come, spend an hour with the Lord.

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

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

Please keep the following people in your prayers.

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

Katie Blauser	Steve Falter	Tony Riggs
Shannon Boyd	Mildred Gillotti	Sharon Schroeder
Dolores Broerman	Stephanie Ludwig	Katharine Smolik
Mooneen Caulfield	Vanessa Padgett	Karen Thomas
Michael Culp	Victors Polovskis	Sharon Wenzel

Area Activities

Sexual Revolution: 50 Years Since Humanae Vitae

The 50th anniversary of Humanae Vitae brings an opportunity to notice where our love lives have brought us in the last half century. Springtime Productions presents a documentary on the fallout of the free-love experiment against the backdrop of Pope Paul VI's 1968 encyclical about love, sex, and marriage with contributions from a myriad of experts like Christopher West and Mother Theresa. Join fellow meaning of life seekers Sunday, April 14 at 1:07 pm in the Chaminade Julianne High School auditorium. A soup lunch will be available beforehand at noon in the Emmanuel Church school building. The documentary is packed with thought-provoking adult content, so parental guidance is suggested for any youth who attend. Babysitting is available in the Emmanuel school building. Visit www.sexualrevolutionthemovie.com.

Women's Dinner & Faith Sharing

Young women (ages 21-45) are invited to attend dinner and faith sharing with the Sisters of the Precious Blood on the second Tuesday of the month. Our next dinner is on April 9th at 6:30pm at 1105Amherst Place in Dayton. For more information and to RSVP, please e-mail Jenna at JLegg@cppsadmin.org.

Explore Your Call: Dinner for Young Adult Women

Young women are invited to dinner, conversation, and a panel discussion on the call to religious or consecrated life. This event is FREE! It will be held on Wednesday, April 10th at St. Francis De Sales Church in Lebanon from 6-9pm. Register online at www.CincinnatiVocations.com/ExploreYourCall.

Ascension Church Fish Fry, Friday, April 5th from 5:30pm to 8:30pm in the Parish Activity Center. Tickets: presale \$12 and \$15 at the door. Presale Tickets via www.ascensionkettering.org or Parish.

Fr. Leo Patalinghug, invites you to grab a buddy and attend the 2019 Cincinnati Men's Conference, on Saturday, June 15th, 2019 at St. Maximillian Parish in Liberty Township, OH. To register visit <https://catholicspeakers.com/cincinnati-mens-conference>.

ENLC's 30th Anniversary Partnership Banquet

Mandalay Banquet Center-Dayton, Thursday, April 11 or Friday, April 12, Guest Speaker: Brad Stine, \$25 per person. Contact Lori Ernest at (937) 226-7414 or lernest@ElizabethNewLife.org.

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