

# Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

April 12, 2020

Easter Sunday

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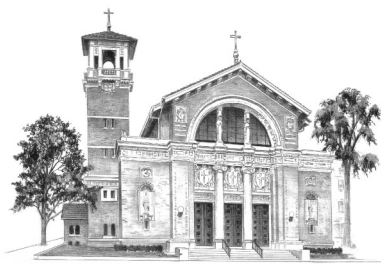
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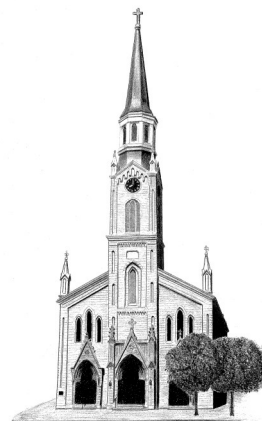
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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

## Mass Intentions

*While no public Masses are being celebrated, the Priests will continue to offer your Mass Intentions in a private Mass daily:*

### Monday, April 13

Holy Trinity.....Justin Shoemacher  
St. Joseph.....For all those who have COVID 19

### Tuesday, April 14

Holy Trinity.....Pat McEldowney  
St. Joseph.....Larry Schieltz

### Wednesday, April 15

Emmanuel.....George Riess  
St. Joseph.....Agnes Roach

### Thursday, April 16

Emmanuel.....Harold & Wanda Brinkman  
St. Joseph.....Tom & Rose Erhart

### Friday, April 17

Emmanuel.....Carrie Trivison  
St. Joseph.....Virginia Griffin

### Saturday, April 18

Emmanuel.....Intention of Adam & Emily Demeter  
St. Joseph.....Paul & Phyllis Creager  
St. Joseph.....Living & deceased members Moretto Family

Emmanuel.....For our parishioners

### Easter Sunday, April 19

Holy Trinity.....Red Buschur  
St. Joseph.....For our parishioners  
Emmanuel.....Living & deceased Enochs Family  
Holy Trinity.....For our parishioners

### Next Week's Readings:

Acts 2:42-47; Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Peter 1:3-9;  
John 20:19-31

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## PASTOR'S PEN

Our gospel reading for Easter Sunday begins where Good Friday ended—in a cemetery. “Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb.” (John 20:1) In many cultures it is a traditional practice to go to the cemetery on Easter Sunday to remember loved ones and to live in the hope of the resurrection.

There was once a six-year old boy named David who was taking a walk with his grandmother. On their way home, they decided to take a detour through the local cemetery, stopping every once in a while to read the headstones. Grandma explained that the first date on the tombstone was the day the person was born, and the second date was the day the person died.

“Why do some of the tombstones only have one date?” David asked. “Because those people haven’t died yet,” his Grandma explained. David was obviously puzzled by his Grandma’s explanation because that night he couldn’t stop thinking about their visit to the cemetery. “Mommy,” he said with wide eyes. “Some of the people buried in the cemetery aren’t even dead yet!” (*Don’t Stop Laughing Now*, 2002)

Leave it to a six-year old to put a different twist on life and death. When we stop and think about it the gift of Easter puts the greatest twist of all on life. Easter says that all who are buried in Christ are not dead at all; for them life is changed not ended.

And yet, like Mary of Magdala, there are times when the Risen Jesus seems far from our eyes. For some of us it has been difficult to celebrate Easter while we continue to follow the stay-at-home order and are not able to gather for Mass and receive the Eucharist. Maybe the Lord feels distant because of sickness, loneliness or family difficulties. Sometimes the tears that come from grief or loss can blind us from seeing the Risen Lord. Other times, in our confusion or doubt Jesus remains hidden from our eyes.

The gift of resurrection life means that the most powerful obstacle to our union with God has been overcome. As St. Paul says, “Nothing can separate us from the love of God.” Not even death itself. For the next fifty days we are entering a journey of discovery to see and to give witness to the presence of the Risen Lord among us.

Today, with God’s help we are given the courage we need to roll back the stone that entombs us, that keeps us from becoming the person God meant us to be. To stay in the tomb of our unbelief is to deny our belief that God has the last word and that word is always LIFE!

As we journey in faith, it is important to remember that God has not come to rescue us from pain and suffering and death like some knight in shining armor; God has come to redeem us, to transform our lives, to make us new! This calls us to a deeper awareness of the importance of faith, hope and trust in God, to remain faithful especially when nothing makes sense.

Like the disciples we know how the story ends. The gift of resurrection life must strengthen us and enliven us to be people of hope. It’s like a friend of mine who likes to read mystery novels. But, instead of reading the book from start to finish he reads the last chapter first to see what happens to the villain. Then he goes back and reads the book from the beginning always prepared to say to the villain, “Don’t get too sure of yourself, I know that you will get what’s coming to you in the end.” Because of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead we all hold a different script in our hands. Sin and death do not have the last word. And so, on this Easter Sunday we lift our voices and say, “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad, Alleluia!” (Psalm 118)

## REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Easter Blessings!** Fr. Angelo, Fr. Matt and Fr. Ken extend to all our parishioners, prayers for a blessed safe and healthy Easter Season. We miss you and look forward in hope to that day when we will be able to gather at the Table of the Lord and receive Jesus in the Eucharist once again. Until that day, may we draw strength from our faith and offer our sacrifices for the needs of our world. Today is a day of rejoicing: “Christ is risen! He is risen, Indeed!”



**Children as Easter Observers.** As the Easter season begins, challenge children to be “Easter Observers.” Ask them to use all of their senses to observe, experience, and record as many signs of new life as possible as the Easter season begins—both at home or in their neighborhood. Encourage them to listen for the ringing of bells, the singing of “Alleluia,” the sounds of birds, animals, and insects. They can see and smell the flowers that we use to decorate our parishes, homes, and gardens. They may find the gold and white colors of the priest’s Easter vestments in their churches and outdoors. Baby animals may appear in the places the children visit. After giving children some time to be “Easter Observers,” invite them to share at the dinner table some of the signs of Easter that they have spotted. (*From: Sadlier Connect*)

**Blessing of Easter Meal** (Share this prayer as a family when you gather for your Easter meal). “God of glory, the eyes of all turn to you as we celebrate Christ’s victory over sin and death. Bless us and this food of our Easter meal. May we who gather at the Lord’s table continue to celebrate the joy of his Resurrection and be admitted – finally to his heavenly banquet. Grant this through Christ our Lord.” Amen. (*Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers, USCCB*)

### **Prayer to St. Gaspar during the time of Covid 19** (*St. Gaspar, founder of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood*)

Saint Gaspar, during this time of distress we ask you to intercede for us before our heavenly Father.

During your exile, you experienced the pain of imprisonment and separation from your family.

We ask your intercession for all those who are now in quarantine and restrained from moving freely.

You said we are all patients in the hospital of the world.

Now we are living this reality in a dramatic way.

We ask your intercession for all the sick and for all those who are caring for them beyond the limits of their strength.

You reminded us that the thought of death was a great counsellor. Death is close to us these days.

We ask your intercession for all those who have died and also for those who mourn them. Through you, Saint Gaspar, we seek refuge in the wounds of our Lord Jesus Christ and we trust in the power of His redeeming blood.

Saint Gaspar, pray for us. Amen.

(*Fr. Alois Schlachter C.P.P.S., 3/22/2020*)

## REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**What are you missing?** The author Colleen Vermeulen invites us to ponder what you personally miss this year, without the usual public celebrations of Holy Week and Easter Sunday Mass. It could be a hymn, a favorite piece of art or decor in your parish sanctuary, a Psalm, a liturgical gesture like the passing of the "light of Christ" at the Vigil, the return of the Gloria, a particular Scripture reading or the gift of the Eucharist. Then, reflect again with the question: "How can I participate in the liturgical moment I know that I'll long for, in a new way this year?"

Maybe you'll illustrate text of a passage of Scripture, maybe you'll teach yourself to sing a favorite hymn, psalm, or prayer, maybe you'll start praying by candlelight or in darkness, or maybe you'll prayerfully incorporate a liturgical gesture into your own prayer time. Allow the Spirit to renew you through your longing, to form you in a new way, through what you'll know you'll truly miss during this exceptional Holy Week and Easter.

**Lenten Pilgrimage:** Hong Kong, China - Holy Spirit Study Center Maryknoll Missionaries in China hosted visiting seminarians to work with Catholic missionaries and learn about the culture and relationship between the people and the Church. Seminarians were introduced to the Diocese of Hong Kong's Holy Spirit Study Center. This research institute gathers, stores and analyzes pertinent data about China that serve to broaden understanding of the Mainland's changing situation and to effect appropriate Christian responses. The Center forges close relationships with Mainland Christians in both registered and unregistered Churches and assists Church related groups enroute to and from China. It is mindful of its responsibility to further the cause of reconciliation and unity within the China Church and to contribute to its on-going development.

Prayer: "My God, I believe most firmly that you watch over all who hope in you, and that we can want for nothing when we rely upon you in all things. Therefore, I am resolved for the future... to cast all my cares upon you... My confidence in you fills me with hope." Pg 49

Miles reported this week - spiritual 125, exercise 40. Thus far, we have walked 1,971 spiritual miles and 429 exercise miles, 83% of this week's goal! Happy Easter! Keep walking, praying and reporting your miles!

### Pray with Sunday's Gospel During This Time:

Shaughn will be extending his Sunday Gospel Prayer Sessions (GPS) for the rest of the pastoral region during this time. We will gather on Zoom, a video-conferencing platform. The times each week are as follows: Sundays at 3pm, Tuesdays at 11am, Thursdays at 9am. Please email Shaughn at [sphillips@daytontowncatholic.com](mailto:sphillips@daytontowncatholic.com) if you are interested with your desired day and time to pray. Shaughn is happy to help you learn how to use Zoom.

### Domestic Church: Celebrating Easter!

Happy Easter! Truly He is Risen! Simply celebrate Easter this week as a family with the special family traditions you have. Whether it's that special meal or dish, looking at old family photos or watching recorded home videos from previous years, to playing your favorite board game, or particular prayers your family prays; celebrate the Resurrection this week as a family!

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

Rebekka Anders	Nicholas Kern	David Musgrove
Yves Benimana	Morgan Konsdorf	Diane Nyirasimbi
Michael Borgert	Cody Landers	Anthony Pelfrey
John Carner	Greg Marcus	Jessica Pruitt
Kelli Anne Cartuyvelles	Alex McGarvey	Aimee Storm
Jon Chachula	Zachary McIntyre	Susan Varmuza
Laura Chachula	Matthew Melvin	Justin Williams
Gary Eilers		

## EMMANUEL CHURCH

### Generous Contributions for April 5, 2020

Weekend Offertory:	Collection
	\$ 4507.00
St. Vincent DePaul	\$ 450.70

*Many thanks for the generous spirit of our parishioners.  
Frs. Angelo and Matt*

### Prayer List

Ralph Berry	Gary George	Phyllis Rieger
Teresa Bond	Craig & Mary Hathaway	Tony Rocco
Daniel Branch	George Hendrix	Eric Rosenthal
Bernard Chachula	Virginia Hicks	Randy Rosenthal
Michael Dalessio	Thomas Ledinsky	Molly Schneider
Rick Emerick	Judy Marks	Jan Timerding
Annette & John Fohl	Mike McDonald	Daniel
Liz Fulton	Patrick McDonald	Helen
Cindy Gardina	Brian Napier	

**Bequest to Parish.** Emmanuel Church recently received a bequest from the estate of Helen C. Cruise in the amount of \$31,200. Please remember the Cruise family in your prayers as generous benefactors of our parish.

**Divine Mercy Sunday.** Due to the stay-at-home order that continues to be enforced Emmanuel Church will not host the Divine Mercy services this year. You are invited to offer the Chaplet of Divine Mercy next Sunday at 3:00 PM in your home.

**You may financially support** your parish during this pandemic by mailing in your donation to the parish office. Your contributions are appreciated.

### From the Joyful Noiseletter:

Sign outside North Carroll Assembly of God, Hampstead, MD:  
"Be an organ donor. Give your heart to Jesus."  
— via Lorene Irving, Lutherville Timonium, MD

## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

### Generous Contributions for April 5, 2020

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$6,400.00	\$6,121.99

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**The parish office** is closed but voice mail is being checked throughout the day. Please leave a message and someone will get back to you.

**There are a couple** ways for you to continue to financially support your parish during this pandemic. You can go online at [Holytrinitydayton.org](http://Holytrinitydayton.org) and sign up for online giving or mail your donations to the parish office. Your contributions are appreciated.

*Alleluia!*



## ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

### Generous Contributions for April 5, 2020

Weekend Offertory: Collection  
\$7,529.80

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**Thank You** to everyone who is sending in your donations!! Your support of the parish during these challenging times is greatly appreciated. If you pay your bills online you can add St. Joe's as a bill pay and send your donations that way as well.

**The church** will be open for private prayer Monday through Saturday from 11:00—2:00 with Exposition and confessions from 11:30-12:30.

**Because things are changing daily** please visit our website [www.stjosephdayton.org](http://www.stjosephdayton.org) and Facebook page for daily updates.

### 2020 Golden Anniversary Mass

Saturday, August 1, 2020, 4:30 PM, St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, Cincinnati Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr, Celebrant and Saturday, August 1, 2020, 4:30 PM, Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Dayton, Bishop Joseph Binzer, Celebrant.

### Wedding Anniversary Certificates

Married couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary (25, 40, 50, 60, 65, 70, 75) in 2020 may request a congratulatory certificate from Archbishop Schnurr. Parishes may also make this request for couples. Certificates will be mailed to parishes for distribution in late July or early August. More details can be found here or by calling 513.263.6692.

*Please keep the following people in your prayers.*

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

Cheryl Anderson	Catherine DeMange	Tony Riggs
Ken Belcher	Rita Downs	Janet Rudy-Gerrard
Katie Blauser	Bennett Hart	Karen Thomas
Bob Bruns	Vanessa Padgett	Sharon Wenzel
Mooneen Caulfield	Victors Polovskis	Mark Williams
Michael Culp		

## REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FORMED Pick of the Week: "Presence, The Story of the Eucharist"** God authors His great love story not only with words, but with deeds. All of God's mighty deeds throughout history make up one beautiful narrative of salvation, which culminates in the Paschal Mystery

How do new parishioners register for an account?

1. Visit [FORMED.org](http://FORMED.org)
2. Click Sign Up
3. Select "I Belong to a Parish or Organization"
4. Find your parish by zip "45402" or name "St. Joseph" (This is for all parishes in our pastoral region)
5. Enter your email - and you're in!

Already have a FORMED Account?

1. Visit [FORMED.org](http://FORMED.org)
2. Click Sign In
3. Enter your email
4. Click the link in your email
5. You're in! No more passwords!

## Area Activities

### Family Encounter: Sunday, April 26, 7:00 p.m.

The Evangelization Office would like to invite all families to "ENCOUNTER" – an evening of worship, testimony and Eucharistic adoration. This event will be live-streamed from Ascension Catholic Church in Dayton on Sunday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m.. The topic of the night is *Jesus Closes the Gap: What the story of Emmaus offers us in a climate of social distancing*. For more information about the event, visit [www.viacatholic.org/encounter](http://www.viacatholic.org/encounter).

### Cincinnati Men's Conference

Becoming a Leader for God -Saturday, April 25th  
Hosted on-line because of COVID-19 restrictions.  
Conference will run from 9:00 AM until 12:00 Noon  
For information please see their website:  
<https://catholicspeakers.com/cincinnati-mens-conference>

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