

Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

May 17, 2020

6th Sunday of Easter

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

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

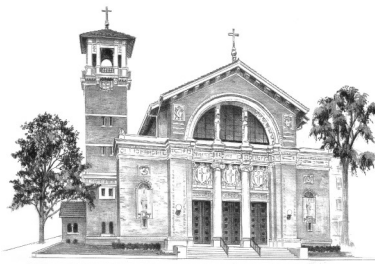
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Emmanuel Church 1837



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:

Please Note: Sunday Mass will be live streamed every Sunday at 10:00am via the link on our parish websites. Weekday Masses are also live streamed at 8:00am.

Monday, May 18

Holy Trinity.....Essman Family
St. Joseph.....Ruth & Robert Deschler

Tuesday, May 19

Holy Trinity.....Tom Newsad
St. Joseph.....McIntosh, Markoff, Bowers, Francis Families

Wednesday, May 20

Emmanuel.....Intention of Richard Baltes
St. Joseph.....William & Helen Flynn

Thursday, May 21

Emmanuel.....John Lacey
St. Joseph.....Marian Dickas

Friday, May 22

Emmanuel.....Niehaus Family
St. Joseph.....Mary Jane & Karl Behnke 55th Wedding Anniversary

Saturday, May 23

Emmanuel.....Robert Kappeler Jr.
St. Joseph.....All those suffering from COVID 19
St. Joseph.....Grace Lee
Emmanuel.....For our parishioners

Sunday, May 24

Holy Trinity.....Thomas Sheetz
St. Joseph.....For our parishioners
Emmanuel.....Sr. Marguerite Schoenung
Holy Trinity.....For our parishioners

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 1:12-14: Psalms 27:1, 4, 7-8: 1 Peter 4:13-16: John 17:1-11

Confessions:

St. Joseph Church - Monday - Saturday 11:30-12:30

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To Register for any parish please contact the parish office

For Baptisms, Weddings or Ministry to the Homebound please contact your parish office.

Church buildings open the following times for private prayer:

Holy Trinity: Mon—Tues. 7:30-9:30am

Emmanuel: Wed-Sat. 7:30-9:30am

St. Joseph: Mon-Sat. 11:30am-2:00pm

PASTOR'S PEN

Archbishop Schnurr has announced his decision to resume public celebration of the Mass and other liturgical celebrations beginning the final week of May. Here within the Downtown Dayton Pastoral Region we will begin having daily Mass on Tuesday, May 26th following our usual Mass schedule.

Even though we are beginning the process of resuming public worship, the Archbishop is emphasizing that all the faithful of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. The elderly, the sick and those who are at risk or fearful that they or their family might become sick are encouraged to stay home and join the Church by viewing live-streamed Masses.

Our first consideration must be for the health and safety of our parishioners and those who they will encounter. The adjustments we are making will be with us for a long time, but not forever. All of us are being asked to continue to sacrifice some of our wants and desires for the health of the Body of Christ of which we are all a part. Social distancing, wearing of masks and increased cleaning procedures will be the norm for the time being.

In all circumstances, appropriate social distancing and the regulations given to us by public health authorities must be observed. Next week you will receive a mailing from the parish office outlining the guidelines that we will use in resuming the public celebration of the Mass. In the guidelines you will see that we will be closing off every other pew which will diminish our seating capacity. Since the faithful continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass we are looking at ways that we can avoid overcrowding our churches on Sunday.

For those who attend Sunday Mass you could choose to attend a weekday Mass instead to help reduce the Sunday crowd. Beginning in June, we are moving two of the 7:30 AM Masses to the evening to encourage families or those working during the day to come to Mass during the week instead of on Sunday. We will have a Tuesday 6:00 PM Mass at Holy Trinity and a Thursday 6:00 PM Mass at Emmanuel. The 12:00 Noon Mass at St. Joseph will continue. The first couple of weeks that we are back together we will be assessing attendance and if needed, we are considering the option of adding a weekend Mass at Emmanuel Church.

As we look to opening church, please be mindful that your favorite place to sit may not be available because of social distancing. See this as an opportunity to try out various places within the church to get a different perspective during your prayer time.

Because of the concern of transfer through the handling of books, we will remove all the hymnals and missalettes from the pews. Our music directors will develop a simplified worship sheet that is disposable. You are encouraged to take the handout home with you to use the songs during your personal prayer time.

Before coming to church please make sure everyone in your household has washed their hands and used the bathroom. If you have a homemade mask you are encouraged to wear it to Mass. We will have some paper masks available and hand sanitizer for your use in back of church. Our hope is to strike a balance between the need to be safe with restrictions and having parishioners feel welcome in their church home. Your patience and understanding will be appreciated.

Reviewing history reminds us that as Ecclesiastes says, "There is nothing new under the sun." Sociologist and Historian Stephen Bullivant notes that the Church is no stranger to plagues and disease. Around the year 240 AD a grave highly contagious illness arose in the Roman Empire lasting almost two decades. It would be severe in the winter and ease up in the summer months. St. Cyprian of Carthage speaks clearly of the illness, its devastation, and the loss of life. The Christians stood out as a shining light in the midst of

PASTOR'S PEN Continued...

darkness helping the sick and the dying.

In the year 1575, plague came to Milan and the city's bishop, St. Charles Borromeo sprang into action. At the peak of the epidemic the churches were closed, and St. Charles instructed the priests to set up altars outside in the neighborhoods so that the faithful could attend Mass from their homes. St. Charles also emphasized strict social distancing policies, telling everyone to treat him as if he were infected, carrying a long pole to keep people at a proper distance. Doesn't this sound familiar? Throughout history the Church has served as a leaven in the midst of so much pain and suffering. This is our time to let the light of Christ shine through our lives. How will you respond?

FR. MATT'S REFLECTION

Because of COVID-19 many events have been canceled or postponed and this is unfortunate. Thanks to the gift of technology many of these events have shifted from happening in person to happening virtually either by Zoom, Streamed, or some other digital means. And this 'works' but as many would point out it is not the same as being there. There is something about being in the environment that a screen experience just cannot pick up. You know it is just not about watching the event, but it is also about the comradery that goes along with being at the event.

As I reflect on everything that has either been canceled or postponed or has shifted to happening virtually it is all unfortunate and sad but one group that I feel for, are those that are graduating. Graduation is a rite of passage that changes everything. Graduation is a rite of passage that I think would be very hard to simulate virtually and in some ways is kind of scandalous to just cancel. I mean the graduates worked long and hard hours to get to this point. Graduation is about celebrating an accomplishment. Graduation for some is about receiving a diploma and never looking back and on the surface this is true. But if we look below the surface, it is a time of a lot of emotions. The excitement in the accomplishment of completing a degree, the excitement of going out into the world and putting into practice what they've learned, the emotion of gratitude for all who helped to achieve this goal, and there are those emotions of uncertainty, of not knowing what the future holds. And then there is the sadness in the disconnect or change of relationships between teachers and classmates. For most graduates this year this change in relationship happened rather abruptly. In a typical year graduates are given that opportunity to say farewell and often times there is a hope of remaining connected with classmates and teachers as they move into the future. It is not uncommon for fellow graduates to exchange contact information as they depart from each other. The hope for many is to stay connected but in my experience of graduation this does not always happen. Sure you may keep in contact with some but it is almost impossible to keep up with everybody.

The context of our scriptures today is set in a time of transition. A transition from Jesus just having washed the disciples' feet, to just before going to the cross, and it is within this phase of transition where Jesus is preparing to leave the disciples. Jesus is calling on the disciples to carry on his mission. In a certain sense Jesus is having a graduation ceremony for the disciples and there is a hope in wanting to remain connected. And Jesus tells the disciples the way that we will remain connected is "If you love me, you will keep my commandments". (John 14:15).

And so, what are the commandments that we are to keep? In another place in the scriptures Jesus is asked about what is the greatest commandment and he says "The first is this: 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment

FR. MATT'S REFLECTION continued...

greater than these" (Mark 12:29-30). It is with observing these commandments that Jesus' presence promises to remain with the disciples. It is also in our loving and keeping the commandments that the Lord promises to remain with us as well.

Virtual Retreat for Our Parishioners

Title: Hope: The Anchor of Life

Date: May 17-19, 2020

Time: 7:00 PM

Presenter: Fr. Angelo Anthony, CPPS



Hope is the distinguishing mark of the Christian life, a gift from God which provides us with an anchor of strength. This parish retreat will reflect upon the theological virtue of hope and ways to call upon its strength in our daily life.

You can access the retreat through the link that will be provided on our parish websites.

REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Pilgrimage: Dhaka, Bangladesh -Trade School for Women

The Maryknoll Trade School for Women in Dhaka was founded in 1992 and continues to successfully teach poor women to sew professionally so they can help support their families. Women also receive an academic education since many never went to school. Over the years, more than 200 poor women have improved their economic situation.

"Lord, help me enter that peace which consists in having put my life in your hands." *Pg 138 Hearts on Fire*

We completed 360 spiritual miles and 201 exercise miles this week. So far, we have 3,303 spiritual and 1,395 exercise miles. Our goal this week is 5,900 miles, so we met 80% of our goal! Thanks for continuing to send in your miles over the final two weeks until Pentecost.

Domestic Church: Bring Prayer to your Backyard

During the current quarantine, being inside for too long can get dreary. If you have a statue of Jesus, Mary or a saint who is important to your family, find a place outside for it. Create a garden or special location in your yard to place the statue. Once it's finished, schedule a time to pray together as a family, invoking the blessing of your family's patron.

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 Cartuvelles	Alex McGarvey	Aimee Storm
Jon Chachula	Zachary McIntyre	Susan Varmuza
Laura Chachula	Matthew Melvin	Justin Williams
Gary Eilers		

EMMANUEL CHURCH

Generous Contributions for May 10, 2020

Weekend Offertory:	Collection
	\$7,100.00
St Vincent de Paul:	\$ 710.00

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Emmanuel Church is open every Saturday from 4:00-6:00pm for confessions and Eucharistic Adoration.

EMMANUEL CHURCH Continued...

Corpus Christi Art Contest! Youth and Adults are invited to create artwork with the theme of the Body and Blood of Christ. This year we ask for pictures of the artwork to be sent to corpuschristiartcontest@gmail.com. Art pieces may be of whatever medium you choose. When taking the pictures, put the artwork on a flat surface near a window so the natural light will hit the piece. Entries are due by June 6th. Please include the artist's name and age (or just "adult" if it is not a student entry) on the email with the piece. Questions? email corpuschristiartcontest@gmail.com.

Thank you for continuing to support Emmanuel Church by mailing in your contributions. Your support is greatly appreciated during these challenging times.

Prayer List

Ralph Berry	Gary George	Phyllis Rieger
Teresa Bond	Craig 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
Anna Espy	Mike McDonald	Daniel
Annette & John Fohl	Patrick McDonald	Helen
Cindy Gardina	Brian Napier	

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Generous Contributions for May 10, 2020

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$6,400.00	\$4,318.86

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We are very grateful to all the families who have mailed in their offertory envelopes during the closing of our church during the pandemic and to all those who have recently signed up for online giving from our webpage.

Pentecost Sunday is May 31 and we will be back together celebrating Mass in our church. We invite everyone to wear red in celebration of Pentecost.

Trinity Sunday is June 7 - At present we are still planning on our Annual Trinity Sunday celebration. It will be scaled back considerably, but will still be a time to celebrate our parish and each other. We will not be doing any carry in food, but will do all preparation on the grounds under the tent. We will simply be doing hot dog, mett and brat sandwiches, beverages and snacks. There will be "fun" bingo for adults and children, games for the kids and music for listening. We hope you will all join with us at the 11:30 Mass when we will celebrate the First Communion of one of our children and stay for the picnic afterwards.

All Mass intentions that were not celebrated due to the adjustment of Masses will be rescheduled at the first possible dates.

Thanks to all who are participating in our recycling program. The green and yellow dumpster at the north end of Bainbridge Street is there for you to drop off catalogs, magazines, newspapers, junk mail, office paper, fax paper, notebooks, folders and cardboard.

BOILER FUND UPDATE:

Goal - \$73,000

Pledged/collected: \$70,905.00

**We are inching our way toward the goal. \$2,095.00 to go!
Can you help us?**

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Generous Contributions for May 10, 2020

Weekend Offertory: Collection
\$11,210.00

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Welcome to our new parishioners Nicholas and Elizabeth Miller and son Orson and Theresa and Donald Edwards. We're delighted you've decided to join us.

Thank you to everyone who are sending in donations during this pandemic. We truly appreciate your continued support of the parish.

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.

Please visit the website www.stjosephdayton.org and Facebook page for the most up-to-date information.

Since we need to remove all the missalettes from the pews we will put them at the back of church for anyone who wishes to take one home. If you want to bring it to church each week you can but please remember to take it home again.

From the Joyful Noiseletter:

"When you get to your wits end, you'll find God lives there."
- Author Unknown

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

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

Announcement About Flocknotes!

As a way of strengthening communication within our parishes and pastoral region we joined the ranks of "Flocknotes," an internet service that enables us to send email and text messages to our parishioners as one group. If you would like to start receiving email, text messages or both please use this link <https://flocknote.com/DowntownDaytonCatholicPa> or go to the homepage for Flocknotes, click on "Find Your Church" using our Zip code 45402 and from the selection of churches that appear click on "Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes." You can join our network and be on your way to receiving messages from the parish (all without needing to create a password)!

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.

Area Activities

Permanent Deacon Informational Evenings - The Office of the Diaconate will conduct two Informational Evenings for those men considering the Permanent Diaconate. The meetings will be conducted via webcast. The dates for these two sessions will be: Wednesday, May 20, 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday, May 26, 7:00 p.m. These meetings are intended to provide information about the diaconate, formation, pre-requisites and to answer any questions. Wives of those men who are interested are encouraged to attend with their husbands. You must register in order to receive the link to the online meeting by email. Please send your registration request to: deaconoffice@catholiccincinnati.org. Call Deacon Mark Machuga at 513.263.6641 for more information.

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Hope the Anchor of Life

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Catholicism of the Catholic Church #1817 “Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of Heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ’s promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit.”



Romans 8:18-25 “I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the

redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that sees for itself is not hope. For who hopes for what one sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait with endurance.”

1 Peter 1:18-21 “Realize that you were ransomed from your futile conduct, handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the Precious Blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb. He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you, who through him believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Psalms 72:5-6 “You are my hope, Lord; my trust, God from my youth. On you I depend since birth; from my mother’s womb you are my strength; my hope in your never wavers.”

1 Corinthians 15:12,13, 19-20 “Tell me, if Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how is it that some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, Christ himself has not been raised. If our hopes in Christ are limited to this life only, we are the most pitiable of people. But as it is, Christ is now raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.”

Questions for Reflection

Where are the dark places of your world, in your home, at work, in relationships; those areas that need the Light of Christ? How can you be a messenger of hope? 1 Peter 3:15 “Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope.”

Is there a wound from the past that needs healing? Let God speak to you about that wound and make a choice to forgive. Is there a sacred wound in your life that God has used as a gift of healing and grace in the life of another person?

How can you begin to cultivate the gift of hope in your life? Do something from scratch...baking, wash the car with hose and sponge, paint a picture, etc. Ponder the gift of beauty found in art, music, or nature. Allow God to speak to you through this gift of beauty.

Quotes from Pope Francis taken from his Urbi et Orbi Blessings

Jesus' cross, said Pope Francis, is the anchor that has saved us, the rudder that has redeemed us, and our hope, because "by His cross we have been healed and embraced so that nothing and no one can separate us from His redeeming love." So, we embrace His cross in the hardships of the present time and make room in our hearts "for the creativity that only the Spirit is capable of inspiring." Embracing the Lord in order to embrace hope: that is the strength of faith, which frees us from fear and gives us hope." (March 27, 2020)

In this Easter night, the Church's voice rings out: "Christ, my hope, has arisen!" This is a different "contagion," a message transmitted from heart to heart—for every human heart awaits this Good News. It is the contagion of hope: "Christ, my hope, is risen!" This is no magic formula that makes problems vanish. It is a victory of love over the root of evil. (April 12, 2020)

The Risen Lord is also the Crucified One, not someone else. In his glorious body he bears indelible wounds: wounds that have become windows of hope. Let us turn our gaze to him that he may heal the wounds of an afflicted humanity. (April 12, 2020)

Keeping the Virtue of Hope Strong. The virtue of hope is a gift of the Holy Spirit and given to each of us through God's covenant of love. Do we use the gift, or do we allow it to be dormant? The following checklist offers some helpful ways to keep the virtue of hope strong in your life.

A Checklist of Hope

- Cherish memories and the power of imagination. They help us stay in touch with God's faithfulness and the dream God has placed in our heart which shapes how you and I choose to live.
- Nurture a healthy awareness of yourself as a child of God. Remember and celebrate that you are created in the image and likeness of God.
- See the cross as a gift to be embraced and appreciated. As in the experience childbirth, God is transforming your suffering into joy.
- Tend to a healthy spiritual life. Spirituality is about God's desire for us and what you and I do with this tug and pull we feel from God.
- Appropriately respond to fear. Live in the truth that you are redeemed in the Blood of Christ and that nothing can separate us from God's love.
- Choose to live in an environment of patience. This involves an active, attentive posture to life; staying with and living through whatever is before you with open ears, eyes, hands, and heart.
- Enter into the practice of simplicity. Find God in the most common of activities and experiences.
- Surround yourself with beauty which puts you in touch with the ultimate beauty which is found in Jesus Christ.
- Spend time in relationships that form community. Your heart expands in love as you reach out to others. It helps you realize that you are part of a much bigger mystery; you do not have to carry your burdens alone.

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

Hope the Anchor of Life Activities

What is hope?

Faith, hope and love are gifts flowing from the Father's love for us. We cannot create them but we can receive them as gifts given to us to help us on our journey towards God. We believe and trust that God will take care of us and the people and events in our lives.

- Hope has to do with things that seem impossible or difficult.
- Hope sustains us when we feel discouraged.
- Hope opens us up to future blessings on earth and the gifts of eternal life in heaven.

Ways to celebrate and grow in hope:

- Prayer: Prayer praises God and asks for God's help in our time of need.
- Art: Creating and looking at works of art create in us an appreciating of grace and beauty.
- Music: Music moves our hearts, minds and muscles into the spiritual realm.
- Nature: The never-ending cycles of growth, death and rebirth remind us of God's constant action in our lives.

Symbols of Hope:

- Anchor
- Rainbow
- Sunflower
- Butterfly

Activities for increasing hope:

- Tell a story about a time when you were faced with a difficult or seemingly impossible task.
 - What was it
 - How did you feel?
 - How did it work out?
- Make a collage.
 - Gather up your art supplies, magazines and a large piece of paper. Draw, paint and cut out and paste pictures of things that give you hope.
- Pick out a person or group that you would like to help.
 - Pray for them.
 - Send a card, letter or donate food, money or whatever that they may need.
- Choose a person, biblical character or saint who represents hope.
 - What makes them so hopeful?
 - What do they do when they feel discouraged?
- Make a goal and plan activities that will encourage you to meet that goal as a way of positively planning for the future.
- Be grateful for what is and what God has done in the past. Nothing increases hope like gratitude.
- Continue in faith, hope and love.

“Hope is faith standing on its tiptoes.”