# **Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes** May 31, 2020

# **Pentecost Sunday**

Pastor: Fr. Angelo Anthony, C.PP.S. Parochial Vicar: Fr. Matthew Keller, C.PP.S. In residence: Fr. Ken Pleiman, C.PP.S. Served by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood

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Emmanuel Church 1837

St. Joseph Church 1847

Holy Trinity Church 1861

#### **Mass Intentions**

Monday, June 1
7:30 AM Holy TrinityFrank, Josephine & Randall
Cooper
12:00 PM St. JosephRosalie Caperna
Tuesday, June 2
12:00 PM St. JosephPaula Deschler
6:00 PM Holy TrinityTom & Ranate Schommer
Wednesday, June 3
7:30 AM EmmanuelJim Monnin
12:00 AM St. JosephSusanna Flynn
Thursday, June 4
12:00 PM St. JosephLarry Schieltz
6:00 PM EmmanuelRobert Kappeler Jr.
Friday, June 5
7:30 AM EmmanuelIrv Bieser
12:00 PM St. JosephPhillip & Edith Mercurio
Saturday, June 6
7:30 AM EmmanuelAll unborn children and their
parents
12:00 PM St. JosephTom Zimmerman
4:30 PM St. JosephGreg Grewe Sr.
5:15 PM EmmanuelFor our parishioners
Sunday, June 7
8:30 AM Holy TrinityJoseph & Maria Bellino
10:00 AM St. JosephFor our parishioners
10:30 AM EmmanuelNoland Gray
11:30 AM Holy TrinityFor our parishioners

# Next Week's Readings:

Exodus 34:4B-6, 8-9: Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56: 2 Corinthians 13:11 -13: John 3:16-18

#### **Confessions:**

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

# **Emmanuel Church**

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Dennis Pyles, Maintenance Michelle Carner, Music Director

# **Holy Trinity Church**

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# Saint Joseph Church

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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.

#### **PASTOR'S PEN**

The Solemnity of Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church. What a wonderful way to celebrate this feast as we open our churches to resume the public celebration of the Mass! These are challenging times and yet, the Holy Spirit is with us to lead and guide us as we journey in faith. As we resume public celebration of the Mass we must not forget that the Covid-19 virus is still with us and as we await the approval of a vaccine, it is essential that we care for one another in any social setting.

Just as parents set rules for their household so too the pastor of the parish sets rules to guide the parishioners, always seeking to follow the example of Jesus who emphasized the importance of reaching out and caring for the vulnerable, the sick, the lost, the weakest among us If you are strong, you are to protect the weak by becoming least in the eyes of the world. It is with this teaching in mind that I ask parishioners to please follow the safety guidelines that have been established.

Prudence is the first of the cardinal virtues that flows from the theological virtues of faith, hope and love. It teaches us knowledge of reality. St. Thomas Aquinas would say that by using the virtue of prudence we gain the ability to discern what is good in every circumstance and to choose the right actions. Given the serious nature of the Covid-19 virus the prudent choice is to choose what is the action that protects life. It may mean that I am inconvenienced by taking extra precautions, but those sacrifices are more pleasing to the Lord than simply doing what I want to do. We never practice prudence in isolation. God creates everything to be in relationship.

For this reason, as pastor, I ask that parishioners make the choice to protect others by wearing masks while in church, maintain the practice of social distancing and receive communion in the hand. These are temporary adjustments being made so that we can choose the higher good of protecting life within our community. Protecting life is a higher moral good than pious spiritual practices. Jesus challenged the Pharisees on this question quite often. If we do not work together to create a safer environment then there is the real possibility that we would need to suspend public celebration of the Mass again in the future.

Please, let us work together as a community and not as a group of individuals. Choosing to recognize the face of Christ in each person we meet and to care for them as part of the Body of Christ is what the Holy Spirit is calling us live each day. When we do so, then we will know the peace that comes from the Risen Lord.

#### Reflecting on the Word of God

In our First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles we heard that many of the Jews had gathered in Jerusalem because it was time to celebrate Pentecost, a Greek word meaning fiftieth day. The feast of Pentecost was a Jewish festival celebrating the spring wheat harvest in which the people offered the first fruits of their crop to God. This festival was observed 50 days after Passover to renew their covenant relationship with God.

We gather today, 50 days after Easter to celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death and the fulfillment of his promise to send the Holy Spirit to be with us, God's indwelling presence within the Church. This Pentecost Sunday is also marked by a special joy in our hearts as we begin to see various sectors of our society opening up following the Covid-19 quarantine.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that the Presence of the Holy Spirit *builds, animates and sanctifies the Church.* (ccc.747) "The Holy Spirit builds the church by maintaining harmony in the Body of Christ. The Holy Spirit animates the church by being the ongoing presence of Christ among us; in his Body and Blood, in the ministry of the priest; and in this assembly, gathered as the Body of Christ. The Holy Spirit sanctifies the church by continually bringing Truth to light."

#### PASTOR'S PEN continued...

The life of the Holy Spirit we receive in Baptism ignites a fire that can motivate us to share and proclaim the message of Jesus Christ to friends and strangers alike. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are given the gifts of wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord. Use these gifts often and you will find peace in the midst of any storm, suffering or sadness.

This is what Jesus was teaching his disciples as he appeared to them after the resurrection. "He showed them his hands and his side." His glorified and Risen Body still showed the marks of crucifixion, but they were no longer bleeding and ugly. They had become sacred wounds. It seems to me that this is a reminder to us that there is going to be suffering in life. There are times when life knocks the wind out of us.

- The challenges that come with responding to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- The discovery of a terminal illness.
- The loss of a job or someone forced to take an early retirement.
- Loss of trust in a friend.
- Fear of a new school...new neighbors.
- Tragedy strikes through a natural disaster.

These experiences can lay us low and cause us to fear and doubt. Then when we least expect it, Jesus breaks into our life and breathes upon us the gift of the Holy Spirit, giving us the gift of peace! We can learn from any trial or struggle because when we connect our suffering with the suffering of Jesus it can lead us to new life because Jesus can heal our wounds, which enables our suffering to become redemptive. Once healed, our wounds can become a source of new life for others.

This gift of re-creation and new life is beautifully shown in the gospel of John we heard today. (Jn 20:19-23) Jesus said to the disciples "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." This image takes us back to the Book of Genesis as God "formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being." (Gn 2:7)

Jesus breathes upon the disciples giving them the gift of new life. Before Pentecost, the disciples were timid, introverted, and fearful as they huddled in the upper room. After Pentecost, they were filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, unafraid to continue the mission of Jesus and spread the Good News of the Father's love. The Holy Spirit continues to animate the life of the Church guiding us as we continue the mission of Jesus.

The more we are able to include the gifts of the Holy Spirit into our day-to-day living the greater our ability to remain at peace and to reflect the face of Christ to others. Call upon the Holy Spirit often.

- When anxiety takes over and restlessness leaves us empty...
   Spirit of God pour forth your peace into my life.
- When I hurry too much and my anger flares because things aren't the way I want them to be...Spirit of God pour out your patience into my life.
- When the world seems dark and heavy... Spirit of God pour your gift of hope into my heart.
- When others dominate and we feel burdened by them... Spirit of God pour out your understanding.

"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. V. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created." R. "And You shall renew the face of the earth."

#### REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Lenten Pilgrimage:** This week is the end the 2020 Virtual Pilgrimage in Asia. It has been a very unusual year for all of us. Thankfully, we are returning to our communal worship using healthy practices to stay safe.

"Oh God, I wish from now on to be the first to become conscious of all that the world loves, pursues, and suffers... to become more widely human and more nobly of the earth than any of the world's servants." *Hearts on Fire, p 75* 

We completed 200 spiritual miles and 200 exercise miles this week. So far, we have 3,703 spiritual and 1,765 exercise miles (total 5,468 miles). Anyone who has been saving miles can still submit them for another week to get us over the edge to our goal of 6,451 miles!

#### **Domestic Church: Pentecost and Birthdays!**

This week as we celebrate Pentecost we celebrate the birthday of the Church! Have a birthday party to celebrate and read Acts 2 as a family. Maybe take some time to share the stories of each of the births of your family members. Sharing these stories reminds us who we are and who we belong to; God's family!

#### **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.

#### From the Joyful Noiseletter:

Epitaph on Winston Churchill's tombstone:

"I am ready to meet my Maker. Whether my Maker is prepared for the great ordeal of meeting me is another question."

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

### EMMANUEL CHURCH

#### **Generous Contributions for May 24, 2020**

Weekend Offertory: Collection \$2,413.00
St Vincent de Paul: \$ 241.30

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

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

**Miraculous Medal Novena** will resume on June 2nd at 7:00pm. The safety procedures and guidelines for social distancing will be followed.

#### EMMANUEL CHURCH Continued...

Corpus Christi Art Contest! Last Week to Enter! Youth and Adults are invited to create artwork with the theme of the Body and Blood of Christ. Pictures of the artwork must be sent by Saturday, June 6th to <a href="mailto:corpuschristiartcontest@gmail.com">corpuschristiartcontest@gmail.com</a>. Art pieces may be of any medium you choose and the pictures should be taken in natural light near a window. Please include the artist's name and age (or just "adult" if a non-student entry) on the email with the piece. Please email questions to <a href="mailto:corpuschristiartcontest@gmail.com">corpuschristiartcontest@gmail.com</a>.

#### **Prayer List**

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

### **HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**

### **Generous Contributions for May 24, 2020**

Weekend Offertory: Budget Collection \$6,400.00 \$2,994.00

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

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.

Trinity Sunday is June 7 – Our big celebration is next Sunday beginning with the 11:30 a.m. Mass, followed by a picnic under the tent on the north parking lot. If you would like to help set up for the party come to Trinity at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 6. Many hands will make for light work. Additionally if you would like to help on Sunday, please call Judi at the parish office (937-228-1223) or email <a href="mailto:busmgr.holytrinity@gmail.com">busmgr.holytrinity@gmail.com</a>. There will be no carry in food or beverages, everything will be provided by the parish. Take this time to join with us out of doors enjoying each other's company while following social distancing. Our celebration will be scaled back, but it will still be a time to celebrate our parish and each other. We will have a fun bingo, games for the kids, music for listening and maybe even a 50/50 raffle.

**Thanks** to all who are participating in our recycling program here at Holy Trinity. 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.

Please continue to bring your aluminum beverage cans to Mass with you or drop them by the parish garage when you come through town. Thank you!

### **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 24, 2020**

Weekend Offertory: Collection \$2,913.00

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

Congratulations to Tayler Finsel and Ronald Zeszut who were married at St. Joseph's last week. May your love for one another grow stronger each day.

We have many openings for Masses during the week. If you would like to have Masses offered for living or deceased family and friends please call the rectory 937-228-9272.

We have several white boards available to anyone who can use them. Call the office at 937-228-9272.

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

We've removed all the missalettes from the pews and put them at the back of church for anyone who wishes to take one home. If you want you can bring it to church each week but you need to take it back home each time.



# Please keep the following people in your prayers.

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

Cheryl Anderson Ken Belcher **Bob Bruns** Mooneen Caulfield Michael Culp Catherine DeMange

Rita Downs Bennett Hart Rick Kalinev Vanessa Padgett Victors Polovskis

Tony Riggs Janet Rudy-Gerrard Karen Thomas Sharon Wenzel Mark Williams

#### 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/ <u>DowntownDaytonCatholicPa</u> 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)!

FORMED Pick of the Week: Lectio: Mary The Queen Mother. In the Old Testament, throughout the lines of Davidic kings, the queen was not the wife of the king, but rather the king's mother. Jesus rules as king of heaven and earth with is mother, Mary as the queen mother.

How do new parishioners register for an account?

- Visit FORMED.org 1.
- Click Sign Up and Select "I Belong to a Parish or Organization" 2.
- Find your parish by zip "45402" or name "St. Joseph" 4.
- 5. Enter your email - and you're in!

Already have a FORMED Account?

- Visit FORMED .org 1.
- Click Sign In and Enter your email 2.
- 4. Click the link in your email
- 5. You're in! No more passwords!

# Area Activities

You are invited to join us for a blessing of our new facility by Archbishop Schnurr.

Elizabeth's New Life Center will be hosting an open house for its Women's Center on North Dixie Dr. on June 14th. from 2-3:30 p.m. The open house will provide an opportunity for supporters and community members alike to view the new facility. Visitors will also be able to attend the blessing provided by Archbishop Schnurr, for our new 3D/4D ultrasound. Please join us for this exciting opportunity and see how we are improving our services for local women and families facing unplanned pregnancies!

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