

Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

September 20, 2020

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

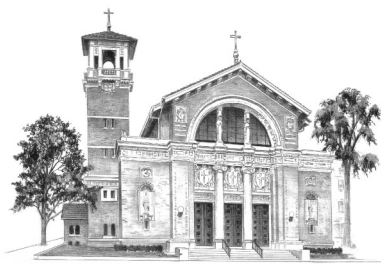
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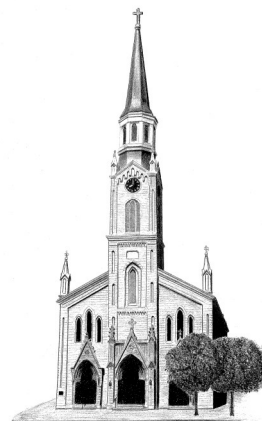
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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 21

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Essman family

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Gary Eilers

Tuesday, September 22

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Bernard Klein

6:00 PM Holy Trinity.....Rita Deis

Wednesday, September 23

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Albert Toth

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

Thursday, September 24

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Living & deceased members

Piedraverde family

6:00 PM Emmanuel.....Fr. Lee Sciarrotta, S.M.

Friday, September 25

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Intention of Paul Gray

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Jim Smolik

Saturday, September 26

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Lucille Schlater

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Judith B. Francis

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

5:15 PM Emmanuel.....Anna Polo

Sunday, September 27

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

10:00 AM St. Joseph.....Michael Vore

10:30 AM Emmanuel.....For our parishioners

11:30 AM Holy Trinity.....John Middleton

Next Week's Readings:

Ezekiel 18: 25-28; Psalms 25: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (6a); Philippians 2: 1-11;
Matthew 21: 28-32

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

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Miraculous Medal Novena with Adoration and Benediction at Emmanuel on Tuesdays 7:00 PM

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

DEACON RUSTY BALDWIN REFLECTION

Seeing things from the “other” side

Have you ever found yourself, after hearing a Gospel story or parable, leaning more towards agreeing with the “wrong” side? For instance, the story about Jesus and his disciples at the house of Martha and Mary is a good example. Martha is quite busy getting everything ready, preparing the meal for Jesus and all his disciples, basically doing all the work while Mary sits at Our Lord’s feet not helping at all. Martha complains to Jesus and (to oversimplify it somewhat) Jesus takes Mary’s side. Whenever I read that Gospel, I imagine couples leaning towards one another and saying something under their breath. Something like, “I still think Mary should have helped Martha.”

Today’s parable is another case in point. It’s hard not to be sympathetic to those who worked all day long and got the same pay as all the others. But let me share a key principle for interpreting the Bible. Whenever what we think differs from what we read in the Bible, or in Church teaching for that matter, that is like a huge neon sign with a flashing arrow that reads, “Divine wisdom hidden below, dig here!!” That being the case, let’s do some digging!

To begin with we need to recognize it is a mistake to think the principal focus of Scripture is temporal or earthly. Scripture, at its core, is focused on the eternal and spiritual; it’s trying to tell us something about heaven; telling us the story of how to get to heaven, really. In this parable we will not reach this eternal and spiritual message if we look for it from the laborers’ perspective. After all, the message Our Lord is trying to get across is NOT, “Laborers need to unionize and start negotiating a collective bargaining agreement.”

Now the parable starts out by saying that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a landowner. Clearly the landowner represents God, so let’s take a look at the parable from the “other side,” that is, from his perspective. And the first thing we notice about the landowner is what he does most throughout the parable. For nearly all the time he is seeking. He is taking the initiative, he is seeking people out. All day long he is seeking. The landowner always finds workers standing around even though there’s plenty of work to be done. And the parable seems to imply that the laborers aren’t all that interested in taking the initiative – they are idle, let somebody hire me, I’m not going to look for work.

This situation is depicted magnificently in a famous painting by Michelangelo, the renowned artist of the Renaissance. In his painting called, “The Creation of Adam,” which he painted on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in Rome, God is depicted as straining with all his might, his arm stretched to the fullest to reach out and touch Adam. For his part, Adam’s arm is leisurely resting on his knee and he is barely lifting a finger to reach God.

Another interesting aspect about the parable is that the landowner specifically started paying the workers in reverse order of when they were hired, starting with the last and ending with the first. And he paid all of them the same wage out of a generous love for them and perhaps as a lesson or even a test. You see, God, that is the landowner, is generous to all; and he always operates out of love. Rain falls on the good and the bad alike. And had the hearts of the laborers been loving as well, they would have rejoiced at their fellow laborers good fortune and likewise been satisfied with their daily wage, that is their daily bread. God was trying to show them what generosity looks like. That is a particularly timely message for our culture isn’t it, where we think God himself, if we acknowledge him at all, somehow owes us something and we are doing him a favor by being willing to work at all. If there is one thing we lack as a culture it is gratitude. What we have no lack of is envy and grasping.

To be a Christian is to be a disciple – a learner – always seeking to see things from God’s perspective; to be more like the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; ever seeking to advance in the ways of love.

REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for your Continued Support! I am grateful to all the parishioners who have continued to financially support our three parishes during these challenging months of living with the coronavirus. We have been able to maintain good fiscal health in the midst of so much uncertainty. The sacrifices you are making in sending your offertory contributions are a blessing to our parish communities. With gratitude, Fr. Angelo & Fr. Matt.

Encounter for High School students: This will be an evening of Eucharistic adoration, praise and worship, powerful testimony, and confession. Sunday, September 20th from 6:30 pm -8:30 pm at Ascension Church in Kettering.

Fall retreat at Damascus- CYSC, Friday, October 30th - Sunday, November 1st. For details, contact Tanya Lee, 937-885-7432.

Live Casting Crowns concert at Twin Dixie Drive on Friday, October 2nd at 6 pm. Tickets are \$17 a person. Please contact Tanya Lee, 937-885-7432 or MichaelLee25@sbcglobal.net.

Region 7 Picnic...For the protection of our families, volunteers, and our Priests in the midst of the Covid-19 Pandemic, we will not be having the Region 7 Picnic this year. Let us continue to pray for one another and for our world in this difficult time.

Racism Listening Sessions

In light of the deep divisions facing our country around racism and racial justice, it seems that one of the first and most important ways we can work towards healing is to listen. Hearing someone’s personal story can be a powerful antidote to the othering and prejudice that is so pervasive. To that end, the Archdiocesan Anti-Racism Task Force invites you to join us on Monday 9/21 at 7:00 p.m. or Sun. 9/27 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom to hear the testimonials of two people – one a person of color and one white – about their experiences of racism. We’ll also take time to reflect and share our own experiences. Register for the Mon. 9/21 session.

<https://catholiccincinnati.zoom.us/j/9378857432>

Register for the Sun. 9/27 session.

<https://catholiccincinnati.zoom.us/j/9378857432>

Is There More To Life Than This?

Need a welcoming environment where you can ask the bigger questions in life? Or simply need an opportunity to recharge your relationship with Jesus? Check out Alpha, an opportunity to share and listen to a short video and to one another in exploring these questions. There will be three come and see (via zoom) opportunities to check out Alpha; Sunday 9/27 at 8pm, Tuesday 9/29 at 8:30pm, and Wednesday 9/30 at 1pm. Each will be an hour. Space is limited to 12 people each so sign up as soon as you can at sphillips@daytondowntowncatholic.com or by calling Holy Trinity’s parish office, 937-228-1223.

Young Adults: Need Direction For Your Week?

Come to Dayton Downtown Catholics Young Adult’s Gospel Prayer Sessions (GPS)! Pray with the Sunday gospel with other young adults every Thursday at 7pm at Holy Trinity between the school building and rectory outside in the lawn (#socialdistancing). Bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit on plus your Bible/Sunday devotional, prayer journal, and water bottle. For more information contact Shaughn Phillips at sphillips@daytondowntowncatholic.com.

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 September 13, 2020

Weekend Offertory:	Collection
	\$ 5,614.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 561.40
Holy Land Shrines:	\$ 988.00

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

Prayer List

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

RCIA - the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults... If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, RCIA classes begin Sunday, Sept. 27th in the Holy Trinity Church Office. Contact Br. Matt at brothermatt@emmanuelcatholic.com.

Opening Rally for the 40 Days for Life is today Sunday, Sept. 20 at 2:00pm outside the abortion mill, 1401 East Stroop Rd. Come and pray for healing and an end to abortion in our country. The 40 days of peaceful prayer begins on Wednesday September 23rd and will occur outside the mill every day from 7 am -7 pm. Emmanuel Church/Region 7 is responsible to cover each Wednesday from 4 to 7 pm. If you have questions, or would like to sign up to pray at the mill, please call Gwen Sobieski at 937-623-4612.

In Remembrance of Fr. Lee Sciarrotta, S.M. Ten years ago, on September 23rd, God called Fr. Lee home to the dwelling place he had prepared for him. You are invited to remember Fr Lee in your prayers on the anniversary of his death in thanksgiving to God for the gift of this faithful servant of the Lord.

Generous Bequest. The parish recently received a bequest from the estate of Helen Cruise in the amount of \$30,020. Please remember Mrs. Cruise in your prayers as a generous benefactor of the parish.

What Does Pope Saint John Paul II Have to Say? Above all, the common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights – for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture – is false and illusory if the *right to life*, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination. (*Christifideles Laici* 38).

From the Joyful Noiseletter:

“Laughter is the beginning of prayer.” —Reinhold Niebuhr

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Generous Contributions for September 13, 2020

Weekend Offertory:	Budget	Collection
	\$6,400.00	\$5,279.28
Marianist Missions:		\$1,091.00

Many thanks for the generous spirit of our parishioners and to all who are making up their Sunday offerings, either by mail or through the Sunday collections.

Fr. Angelo and Fr. Matt

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults begin on Sunday, September 27th at 12:45pm in the Holy Trinity Church Office. All adults who are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church are invited to attend. No commitment is necessary, just an open mind and a willing heart to grow closer to Jesus.

Welcome to our newly baptized at Holy Trinity this past Sunday, Caraway Lena, Fennell Gene, and Coriander Mick White, children of Richard and Melanie White. Congratulations to the proud parents.

Mary, Mother of God... What was it like to be the Mother of God? How does knowing Mary increase our knowledge of and love for her Son? What can we know about her, in her time and in our own? October 5, 12, 19, and 26 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus, Bainbridge Hall, Bainbridge Street, Dayton. To Register for in-person Sessions: Contact: Lynda Middleton at Lyndamiddleton9@gmail.com To Register for Virtual Sessions: Contact: Shaughn Phillips for Zoom information at sphillips@daytondowntowncatholic.com Presented by the Region 7 Downtown Dayton Catholic Churches And The Knights of Columbus. All are welcome to participate.

Action Alert:

As Catholics, we recognize the inherent dignity of each person, and hear the call of Jesus, who was part of a refugee family, to welcome immigrants and refugees. Refugees contribute greatly to the United States in ordinary times and have continued to contribute as essential workers during the COVID-19 crisis, including 176,000 refugees serving in the healthcare field and 175,000 laboring as part of the food supply chain. Resettlement will continue to be done safely as all refugees must and do undergo medical checks for COVID-like symptoms prior to entering the United States and are required to quarantine for 14 days upon arrival. Visit justiceforimmigrants.org and follow the link to action alert for the refugee resettlement program.

Register to vote 2020 (or update address or name)

In person: At any library or public secondary school (contact your board of elections for more locations)

By mail: Request form from: Greene County Board of Elections (937) 562-6170

Miami County Board of Elections (937) 440-3900

Montgomery County Board of Elections (937) 225-5656

Preble County Board of Elections (937) 456-8117

Online: www.olvr.ohiosos.gov/

Registration must be complete and received by October 5, 2020.

After registering you may request your Absentee Ballot from your county board of elections.

Bundle Sunday is September 27th. The emphasis is on winter clothes, but other items are also needed. You may bring your donations with you when you come to Mass (the truck will be in the parking lot) or you can go to the website <https://stvincentsdayton.org/donate-goods/needs-list/> to see other things that are needed.

Bring your non perishable food donations for Emmanuel Food Pantry to church and place them behind the last pew.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Generous Contributions for September 13, 2020

Weekend Offertory:	Collection
	\$6,761.00
Charity:	\$ 606.00

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Missionary Co-Op Appeal Weekend. Next weekend (Sept. 27th) Fr. Ted Cassidy will be with us to speak on behalf of the Marianist, the Society of Mary, an international religious order of brothers and priests founded in 1817 in France by Fr. William Joseph Chaminade. The Marianists seek to follow the example of the Blessed Mother in bringing Christ to the world.

American Marianist have been serving the poorest of the poor in India and Eastern Africa for decades. Through education, job training and empowerment programs, the Marianists help people lift themselves out of desperate poverty and into lives of hope. Each year, the Marianists serve more than 12,000 people—mostly children and women—through these Partnering with the Poor programs. Your support of this appeal will be a blessing to many people.

Blessing and Ground-Breaking for Parish Life Center

On Sunday, September 27th after the 10:00AM Mass you are invited to join us for a special blessing and ground-breaking ceremony at the site of our new parish center. The architectural drawings have been submitted to the city for the proper permits. Once this is complete we will be another step closer to turning this dream into a reality.

Please keep the following people in your prayers.

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

Ken Belcher	Christine Durr	Tony Riggs
Michell Brown	Bennett Hart	Janet Rudy-Gerrard
Bob Bruns	Marie Henry	Jack Summers
Sara Bustetter	Rick Kaliney	Karen Thomas
Mooneen Caufield	Laura McHugh	Sharon Wenzel
Michael Culp	Vanessa Padgett	Mark Williams
Catherine DeMange	Tom Puckett	Linda
Rita Downs	Victor Polovskis	

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 emails and text messages to our parishioners as one group. To begin receiving email, text messages or both, use this link and follow the prompts:
<https://flocknote.com/DowntownDaytonCatholicPa>
You can join our network and be on your way to receiving messages from the parish (all without needing to create a password)!

Area Activities

Masses Resume at Shrine: Effective Saturday, September 12, 2020, Saturday morning Mass has resumed at the Shrine. Doors open at 9:00am, Confession is available at 9:30am and Mass begins at 10:00am. Due to COVID restrictions, seating is limited. For more information, please visit mariasteinshrine.org or call the Ministry Office at 419.925.4532.

Catholic Social Services and the Opus Est Committee invite you to participate in a three-month-long Sentimental Journey that's sure to engage, inform, and inspire you. Our programs are fundamentally about empowerment: giving individuals and families the "hand up" they need to change their own lives for the better. Every couple of weeks during the Journey, CSSMV will send out an email that will connect our followers with the next installment in the story. Be sure to sign up so you'll get to meet some of the agency's clients and volunteers and learn more about what CSSMV means to them. You'll also gain insights into the many different types of needs Catholic Social Services is meeting every single day. Visit cssmv.org/sentimental-journey

Knights of Columbus Ride for Charity, Saturday, Sept. 26, Xenia Station, 8:30 am -3:00 pm. Knights of Columbus Council #14882, from St. Henry's Parish in Dayton. Your donations will help requesting individuals and organizations having special needs. Donations encouraged (\$25-100 suggested). No registration fees. Sag support at turn-arounds. Target gift cards for top three total miles (1st -\$50, 2nd-\$35, 3rd -\$15. Riders will choose one of five trails riding out and back. Riders choose the distance of their choice 14 to 102 miles. Learn more, call or text Paul Coudron at 937-212-3862.

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