

Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

February 21, 2021

1st Sunday of Lent

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

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

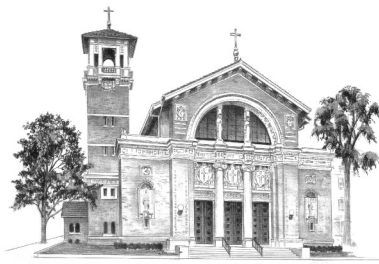
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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 22

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Robyn Essman Family

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Ann Mast

Tuesday, February 23

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Claude Sacksteder

6:00 PM Holy Trinity.....Christian Gottschlich

Wednesday, February 24

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Intention of Ruth & Richard
Baltes

12:00 AM St. Joseph.....George Marik

Thursday, February 25

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Jim Neary

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Ann Folfas

Friday, February 26

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Susan C. Loyd

12:00 AM St. Joseph.....William & Joann Beal

Saturday, February 27

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Niehaus Family

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

4:30 PM St. Joseph.....John & Kristina Cole

5:15 PM Emmanuel.....Joe Penno

Sunday, February 28

8:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Deacon Mike Leo

10:00 AM St. Joseph.....For our parishioners

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

11:30 AM Holy Trinity.....For our parishioners

Next Week's Readings:

Genesis 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Psalms 116: 10, 15-19; Romans 8: 31b-34; Mark 9: 2-10

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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Deacon Rusty Baldwin

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Dennis Pyles, Maintenance

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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'S REFLECTION

Signs of the covenant.

In 1972, a Canadian rock band named "The 5 Man Electric Band" wrote a song called "Signs." It's a secular song but there is a line in the chorus that goes, "Sign, sign, everywhere a sign." And that one line describes today's readings perfectly because in them we can find signs everywhere!

But these signs are not like the signs we may first think of, like street signs, billboards, or signs on buildings or businesses. The kind we hardly notice until we are lost or don't know which way to go that is. Then we search for them pretty diligently don't we?

No, the signs in the readings today are the historical events, the people, the miracles, and even the numbers in the readings that point us to something beyond themselves, for that is what signs do don't they? Like the first rainbow in the clouds that Noah saw; as beautiful as it was, it also pointed to a larger even more significant reality; namely, to the covenant God made with Noah never to destroy all mortal beings by water again. And every time we see it, we are reminded of that covenant. You see, the signs God gives are meant to be a constant reminder of the eternal significance of events in history as well as the eternal significance of events in our lives.

The signs in today's readings point to God's redemptive activity in two areas; namely, our purification and preparation. The second reading, for instance, very clearly states that the flood is a sign of our baptism. And what else is baptism than a purification from sin? In fact, anytime you read about water in the Bible, it is almost always a sign of purification. Pharaoh's army being destroyed by the waters of the Red Sea after the Israelites passed through on dry ground is a historical event that serves as a sign pointing to something of eternal significance: sin being destroyed by baptism.

Numbers in the Bible are signs too. The number forty figures prominently in the Bible as a sign of both purification and preparation. The rain fell for 40 days and forty nights during the flood, thereby purifying the earth of sin. The Israelites wandered for forty years in the desert until they were purified of the desire to return to Egypt. This historical event serves as a sign pointing to our need to be purified of concupiscence. That is, our desire to return to sin though we have been freed from it by baptism. This clearly has eternal significance! In the Gospel today Our Lord spent forty days in the desert, in preparation for beginning his public ministry. Oh, by the way, how many days are there in Lent? Right, forty!

So following the lead of the readings today, we should consider Lent as a time significant for its own sake, but also a time with eternal significance. It is a time of purification which we can accomplish by "going out into the desert," as it were. Where by the traditional Lenten penitential practices of fasting and denying ourselves we strengthen our ability to resist the desires of the flesh. But it is also a time of preparation through prayer and almsgiving, through our beautiful Lenten devotions and good works. But this begs the question, what are we preparing for? The joy of Easter Resurrection, certainly. But just as Our Lord spent 40 days in the wilderness preparing to begin His public ministry, so too are we called to prepare for our ministry.

We too are signs for our family, our neighbors, our culture, and the world. We are not signs like what they might first think of, like street signs, billboards, or signs on buildings or businesses. But the truth is, our world is lost and doesn't know which way to go and is searching pretty diligently for a sign, don't you think?

You see, our lives are not our own. We are not here for our own sake, but rather we are here so that our lives might point to, might signify something bigger than themselves. Like the bow in the clouds that points to the covenant God made with Noah for all to see, our lives too are a covenant of love with God for all to see. We are

DEACON RUSTY'S REFLECTION continued...

here as a sign to everyone that their lives have eternal significance and that the covenant of love God made with us through Our Lord Jesus Christ is a covenant he wants to make with them as well.

We are signs of the covenant!

REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Driving Pilgrimage... Each year during Lent the Health Ministries Commission in our pastoral region organizes a Spiritual Pilgrimage normally to distance places and it is always a good thing to learn about how our faith is lived in other places around the world. This year, in honor the Archdiocese's 200th Anniversary, our Health Ministries is doing a Spiritual Pilgrimage through the Archdiocese and what is cool about this spiritual pilgrimage is the churches are within driving distance from us. Over the next few months, I am going to organize a series of driving pilgrimages visiting various churches in the archdiocese. The first pilgrimage will be on February 28 as we will be visiting and praying in churches in Mercer and Auglaize Counties. We will meet at St. Joseph in Wapakoneta at 2 PM and from there we will visit: Immaculate Conception in Celina, St. Aloysius in Carthagenia, St. Joseph in St. Joe, St. Bernard in Burkettsville, St. Henry in St. Henry, St. Rose, in St. Rose, St. John the Baptist in Maria Stein, and St. Augustine Church in Minster. For more information contact Fr. Matt 937-228-9272 or matkeller1988@gmail.com.

Lenten Pilgrimage: A Journey Through the Archdiocese
Adams County 1950, Holy Trinity Church, 612 E. Mulberry St., West Union, OH 45693, www.holytrinity-ac.org. The first pastor was Fr. William H. Bishop. The Catholic community in Adams County dates to 1878. In 1928 the Glenmary missionaries celebrated Mass in Manchester, in 1949 moved to Mt. Union where Mass was celebrated in the rectory and on May 31, 1953 Holy Trinity Church was dedicated. An interesting fact, Holy Trinity Church in Dayton contributed to the building of the church in West Union. In 2000 the Glenmary priests transferred the Adams county parishes to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Auglaize County, 1832, St. Augustine Church, 8 North Hanover St., Minister, OH 45865, www.staugie.com. Fr. Johann F. Reese, Vicar General of Cincinnati celebrated the first Mass in the county in 1832. St Augustine with 200 primarily German families became the mother parish in 1836. A French missionary Fr. Louis Navarron, who had oversight of west central Ohio, encouraged Bishop Purcell that German speaking priests were needed. In 1845 the Missionaries of the Precious Blood under the leadership of Fr. Franz S. Brunner led the parish. The present church was dedicated in 1849.

Reflection- Am I open to the encounter? Do I believe that Christ wants a relationship with me?

Reminder: Miles calculations- Exercise miles- 15 minutes=1 mile. Spiritual Miles- Daily Mass, Reconciliation, Lenten Missions -10 miles each, Rosary/ Stations of the Cross=5 miles.

2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)

Archbishop Schnurr sends his thanks to everyone from our pastoral region who has pledged to the 2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so this week. These important local ministries depend on our help each year. You will find extra pledge envelopes in the back of Church for your convenience. To make a donation online, please visit www.AOCstewardship.org. Thank you!

2021 CMA goal:

Emmanuel Church: \$19,252
St. Joseph Church: \$18,192
Holy Trinity Church: \$14,465

Pledges as of Feb 16th

\$ 7,460
\$11,220
\$ 4,720

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

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

REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS continued...

40 Days for Life begins the Spring campaign of prayer and fasting to end abortion on Wednesday, February 17! Our peaceful presence of prayer in front of the abortion mill on Stroop Rd., in Kettering saves lives! Please join us once or every week during this time to make a difference in a child's life. Region 7 churches are asked to cover the hours 4-7 each Wednesday during the campaign. You can sign up at 40daysforlife.com. Questions, call Gwen Sobieski at 937-623-4612.

EMMANUEL CHURCH

Generous Contributions for February 14, 2021

Weekend Offertory:	Collection
	\$ 4,996.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 499.60
Year-to-date Deficit:	\$ 9,959.00

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

Prayer List

Virginia Allen	Annette & John Fohl	Tony Rocco
Ralph Berry	Cindy Gardina	Eric Rosenthal
Teresa Bond	Gary George	Randy Rosenthal
Daniel Branch	Craig Hathaway	Molly Schneider
Dave Cartuyvelles	George Hendrix	Robert Thoman
Nancy Cartuyvelles	Alex Lange	Jan Timerding
Bernard Chachula	Thomas Ledinsky	Trina Umberg
Michael Dalessio	Judy Marks	Daniel
Rick Emerick	Patrick McDonald	Helen
Anna Espy		

Experience Pietra Fitness®... A fitness class that stretches, strengthens and tones the body while refreshing the soul with prayer. In only one hour you will feel calmer, stronger, refreshed and renewed! A 6 session class for women will be offered on Thursdays at 5:00-6:00 PM and Saturdays at 8:30-9:30 AM starting March 4th in the Emmanuel school building. For more information & pricing, please contact Jen Kaplan at 937-212-8852 or Amanda Rieman at 513-410-0029, both are Certified Pietra Fitness Instructors. Registration is required.

Mass Intentions are still available. Please place your requests and money in an envelope marked Masses and place it in the collection basket, email requests to parishoffice@emmanuelcatholic.com, call the Parish Office 937-228-2013, Monday-Friday 9:00am-2:00pm, or by mailing your requests to the parish office.

Miraculous Medal Novena with Adoration and Benediction... Join us on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm for the Miraculous Medal Novena, with church doors opening at 6:30pm. During this holy hour we pray the Novena as well as have Exposition, Benediction, Communion and a short homily. The safety procedures and guidelines for social distancing will be followed.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention...Violence Against Women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Generous Contributions for February 14, 2021

Weekend Offertory:	Budget:	Collection
	\$6,400.00	\$4,538.00

*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*

Lunch with the Lord Returns starting next Wednesday. Bring your lunch and your love for the Lord on all Wednesdays at noon during Lent. We will be joining together to nourish our souls with conversations and prayer with the Sunday Gospel. Meet in person in the parish office dining room from noon until 12:45 p.m. Please call the parish office to let us know if you are coming or are interested in attending via Zoom. No experience is necessary.

Looking for a Different Kind of Bible Study this Lent?

"The Chosen" is a video series that introduces us to Jesus through some of the people that he encounters during His time on earth. Join us as Jesus, the Rabbi invites us to come and see him in a new way through a beautiful video experience.

"The Chosen" will be presented on Monday nights February 22 through March 22 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The series will be presented live at Bainbridge Hall and virtually. Call the parish office to be invited to the virtual meeting or to register for the in person experience.

Catholic Ministries Appeal - If you forgot to bring your pledge card to Mass with you this morning, there are some on the tables at the entrance to each aisle. If you have already mailed it in, thank you.

Kindly remember in your prayers

Justus Hunter
Logan Hawk
Ashley Niswonger
Matthew Scott
Aaron Sparks

in the RCIA process learning about our Catholic faith in preparation for the sacraments at Easter.

Lenten Almsgiving Project:

St. Vincent de Paul Gateway Shelter for Women and families will be the recipient of our Lenten almsgiving this year. Here is the list of needs for children who stay at the shelter.

Coloring books for all ages
Flash cards (ABC's, math, etc.)
ABC and number building blocks
Hooked on Phonics activities
Leap Frog workbooks and activities
Grade based workbooks K-8
Shape sorting puzzles and cubes
Classroom marker sets
Classroom crayon sets

Your donations can be left in the back of church in the boxes provided. Thanks you!

Offertory Contributions: Statement of your 2020 contributions to Holy Trinity Parish are available. Please call Judi at 228-1223 or email busmgr.holytrinity@gmail.com.

Beverage Cans – Please continue to bring your recyclable aluminum cans with you when you come to Mass or drop them by the rectory garage on your way through town.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Generous Contributions for February 14, 2021

Weekend Offertory: Collection
\$7,331.00
Charity: \$ 259.00

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

We need a couple people to operate the camera (in the choir loft) for the live streaming of the Mass on Sunday's at 10:00 every other week. If you can help call Rita at 937-228-9272.

We're in need of a couple more people to vacuum the church every other week. It doesn't take that long...about an hour. You alternate vacuuming between the pews and the open spaces.

If you are watching Mass remotely and would like a missal I have a few left. Call the office.

An idea for Lent...we are going through some challenging times right now and it is more important than ever to be there for others helping in whatever way we can. We have several people in our parish who are older and may not be able to get out or get together with family or friends. Why not reach out to one of these people during Lent? Send them cards, call and chat with them, pray for them, let them know you are thinking of them. It doesn't have to be a grand gesture, just reaching out for the weeks of Lent could make a big difference in someone's life. If you would like to participate call or email Rita at ritazatzstjoseph@sbcglobal.net.

Please keep the following people in your prayers.

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

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

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH Continued...

Parish Life Center—Capital Campaign Update. Thank you to all parishioners who have made a pledge to our campaign. To date we have pledges for \$679,155! We've reached our original goal of \$650,000 which makes our stretch-goal of \$750,000 all the more attainable. The stretch goal will help us balance rising costs due to an increase in square footage for the building, Covid shortages and project delays. If you have not yet made your pledge please do so. With your help we are building for the future on the foundation of our past!

Area Activities

Bicentennial Art Competition

In honor of the bicentennial of the Archdiocese, the Angelico Project is hosting an art competition with a category especially for elementary and high school students. The goal of this competition is to select images suitable for reproducing as a set of holy cards for the celebration of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's bicentennial. Holy cards are small pieces of sacred art, images that lead to prayer and contemplation. This collaboration with the Archdiocese furthers the mission of the Angelico Project to promote and demonstrate the transcendent and transformative power of truth, goodness, and beauty in the arts. Twelve images will be chosen for holy cards, which will be distributed during the Bicentennial Marian Pilgrimage, May 16-June 19, 2021. Deadline for entries is March 19, 2021. For more information and to register please see CaFE Event Information - Holy Card Design Competition -Archdiocese of Cincinnati Bicentennial.

Permanent Deacon Application Cycle to Begin - Men of the archdiocese who are interested in applying for the Permanent Deacon Formation class which will begin in September 2022 should contact Deacon Mark Machuga, Director of the Office of the Diaconate, at 513.263.6641 or deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org.

The Dayton Catholic Women's Club Scholarship helps graduating high school women of the Roman Catholic faith wishing to further their studies at an accredited technical school, junior college, community college or four-year college/university. Students can search and apply online for scholarships through ScholarshipCONNECT <https://www.daytonfoundation.org/scholars.html>.

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