

# Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

September 5, 2021

## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

In residence: Fr. Ken Pleiman, C.P.P.S.

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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, September 6

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....Deacon Mike Leo

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Mike Flynn

#### Tuesday, September 7

7:30 AM Holy Trinity.....James & Catherine  
Puffenberger

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Frances Lynch

#### Wednesday, September 8

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Henrietta Schulze

12:00 AM St. Joseph.....James & Evelyn McCarthy  
Family

#### Thursday, September 9

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Walt & Judith Tracey

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Bill & Betty Fitzgerald

#### Friday, September 10

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Living & deceased members  
of Niswonger Family

12:00 AM St. Joseph.....Way Family

#### Saturday, September 11

7:30 AM Emmanuel.....Richard Gallivan & Leonard  
Kuhm

12:00 PM St. Joseph.....Oreeta Berner

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

5:15 PM Emmanuel.....Living & deceased members  
Spanel & Wirick Families

#### Sunday, September 12

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

10:00 AM St. Joseph.....Living & deceased members  
of Franchina, Longo & Mantia Families

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

11:30 AM Holy Trinity.....The Essman Family

#### Next Week's Readings:

Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalms 116: 1-6, 8-9; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35

#### 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

**To Register for any parish** please contact the parish office

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

## FR. ANGELO'S REFLECTION

Last week's gospel reading ended with Jesus saying, "Hear me, all of you, and understand." The Pharisees and some scribes had come down from Jerusalem and were looking for a reason to condemn Jesus and his teachings. Jesus invites them to listen to his new teaching about what is clean and unclean, but they refuse to listen. Reflecting on this encounter I'm reminded of an old proverb from Matthew Henry, "There are none so deaf as those that will not hear."

Today we are bombarded by so many competing voices that we can become deaf to the voice of the Holy Spirit. Everyone has an opinion to offer that may or may not be well informed, truthful or in line with the foundations of our faith. Coming to church, reading scripture, prayer, reflecting on the teachings of the church all help us to hear more clearly the path to salvation that is found in God.

In response to the Pharisee's disbelief and their refusal to listen to Jesus, Jesus turns to the pagan region of Tyre and Sidon and there he heals the deaf man. The image we are given in today's gospel is very earthy and graphic. In a sense Jesus connects himself to the deaf man by sticking his fingers into the man's ears and then taking spit He puts it on his tongue. It's as if Jesus is plugging himself into the man like jump-starting a dead car battery, transferring His healing Spirit into the man, allowing the grace of God to awaken the man's ability to hear. Jesus shows that those who want to hear, will hear.

In healing the deaf man with a speech impediment Jesus uses the word "Ephphatha" which means: "Be opened!" The memory of this saving act is recalled in the Baptismal ritual of a child when the priest or deacon touches the child's mouth and ears saying: "May the Lord Jesus, who made the deaf to hear and the mute to speak, grant that you may soon receive his word with your ears and profess the faith with your lips, to the glory and praise of God the Father."

It seems to me that we can all use a renewed outpouring of the Ephphatha prayer in our lives so that we no longer turn a deaf ear to God. Today, hear Jesus speak to you the word "Ephphatha"—be opened. Ask Jesus to plug Himself into your heart and fill you with His Truth. Reflecting upon this image Fr. George Smiga suggests that we ponder two questions. First, "How am I deaf or mute to the presence of God in my life?" Secondly, "How am I too distracted to hear the beautiful sounds of creation or too busy to listen to what the Word of God is saying to me in my day-to-day life?"

We are reminded today of the difference between listening and hearing. Hearing is the physical act of picking up sound. When we listen we allow ourselves to be affected by what we hear, and this changes our thoughts, words and actions. By allowing ourselves to be touched by the living Word of God we cannot help but be "exceedingly astonished" like those who witnessed the healing miracle of Jesus.

All too often we are deaf to God's voice because we're so busy, distracted, weary or fearful. If you seek peace in your life then it really matters what you are listening for. Today hear Jesus say to you, "Be strong, fear not! I am your God who comes to save you." Ask Jesus to connect His heart to your heart and to fill you with His wisdom and truth.

Everyday God blesses us with things and experiences that have the potential of astonishing us. An awesome sunset, the birth of a child, a deep peace in the midst of sorrow, open heart surgery, a flight soaring to 32,000 feet, a safe place to live, strawberries in January or a child's story of heaven. Have you ceased being astonished? Do you only listen for what's wrong with people and the circumstances of our world? We can all use a renewed outpouring of the Ephphatha prayer in our lives so that we no longer turn a deaf ear to God and in turn use our gift of speech to be the Good News of God's astonishing love.

## REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Mark Your Calendars!** Saturday, September 25th Catholic Social Services will celebrate its 100th Anniversary by hosting a free family-friendly festival at RiverScape MetroPark in Downtown Dayton from 11:00 AM until 11:00 PM. There will be food and drink, games, entertainment, and fellowship with a Catholic Mass at Dragons' stadium. Stay tuned for additional information! Volunteers for this event are needed. If you can help please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054eaeaf2fa5fb6-centennial> to volunteer.

**Sunday, September 26th Chaminade Julianne High School** and the Religious Orders serving in the Dayton area are hosting a free concert featuring Matt Maher, a Catholic, contemporary Christian music artist at the Levitt Pavilion in Downtown Dayton. For further information or to sign-up to volunteer visit, <https://levittdayton.org/artist/matt-maher/>

**Men's Dinner & Faith Sharing** - Young adult men (18 -35) are invited to join the Missionaries of the Precious Blood for a monthly dinner and time of faith sharing. The next dinner is Tuesday, September 7, 6 – 8 pm. Those interested in attending should contact Fr. Steve Dos Santos, C.P.P.S. at [vocation@cpps-preciousblood.org](mailto:vocation@cpps-preciousblood.org) or by phone/text at 937-701-0435.

**Peaceful, Prayer & Fasting...** The 40 days for Life prayer campaign begins on September 22. The campaign takes place outside the abortion mill at 1401 East Stroop Road in Kettering from 7 am - 7 pm each day until October 31. Region 7 churches committed to covering the hours from 4-7 on Wednesdays. You can sign up to pray an hour on one or all of those days by going to [40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com). Questions? Call Gwen Sobieski at 937-623-4612.

**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** - Are you or someone that you know interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? Do you need to complete your sacraments of initiation? The Family of Parishes of Region 7- St. Joseph, Holy Trinity, and Emmanuel - invite you to RCIA.

The RCIA program is an opportunity to explore the faith with like-minded people who are of another faith tradition or no tradition at all. We will be reflecting on who Jesus is for us and the meaning of faith in Him. We will search the scriptures and the tradition of the Church to encounter the living God. All are invited to attend the classes with no obligation required to continue the process beyond the early stage of the RCIA. For those who desire to enter the Catholic Church, reception into the Church takes place during the Easter Vigil.

This year our classes begin on **Sunday, September 19, 2021** at 12:45 in the Holy Trinity office (272 Bainbridge Street, Dayton). If you are interested, for yourself or someone else, please call: Br. Matt Schaefer, Emmanuel, 937-228-2013  
Rita Zimmerman, St. Joseph, 937-228-9272  
Lynda Middleton, Holy Trinity, 937-228-1223

**Beacons of Light Update:** Be heard, Stay Informed, Sign up – Beacons of Light, the archdiocese-wide pastoral planning process currently underway, will impact every parish in the archdiocese, including ours. To stay on top of the latest developments on Beacons of Light, sign up for the free monthly Beacons Update newsletter at [www.CatholicAOC.org/Beacons](http://www.CatholicAOC.org/Beacons).

**Comment on Draft "Families of Parishes"** – Make sure your voice is heard! Beacons of Light, the archdiocese-wide pastoral planning process currently underway, will result in all parishes being grouped into "Families" under the leadership of one pastor. A draft of this plan will be shared for public comment October 1-20 at [www.CatholicAOC.org/Beacons](http://www.CatholicAOC.org/Beacons). Do not miss this opportunity to provide your input to this important initiative which will shape the future of our archdiocese.

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

Rebekka Anders	Caleb Fowler	David Musgrove
Yves Benimana	Nicholas Kern	Diane Nyirasiambi
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

## EMMANUEL CHURCH

### Generous Contributions for August 29, 2021

Weekend Offertory:	Collection
	\$6,331.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 633.10
Year-to-date <b>Deficit:</b>	<b>\$9,931.00</b>
Haiti collection	\$2,113.00

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### Prayer List

Virginia Allen	Cindy Gardina	Tony Rocco
Ralph Berry	Gary George	Eric Rosenthal
Teresa Bond	Craig Hathaway	Randy Rosenthal
Daniel Branch	George Hendrix	Robert Thoman
Dave Cartuyvelles	Kathleen Knight	Jan Timerding
Nancy Cartuyvelles	Trisha Junker	Special Intention
Michael Dalessio	Thomas Ledinsky	Adam
Rick Emerick	Patrick McDonald	Daniel
Anna Espy	Bill Ohr	Grace
Annette & John Fohl	Phyllis Pence	Helen

**The Parish Office** is closed Monday, September 6 for Labor Day.

**The St. Romanos Choir of Emmanuel** is looking for new members. Rehearsals are on Thursday nights from 7-8:30 in the organ loft, starting September 9. We sing at the 10:30 Mass each Sunday. All vocal parts are welcome; altos and tenors are particularly needed right now. If you are interested, please contact Michelle Carner at 937-478-4097 or [michelle@carners.com](mailto:michelle@carners.com), or just pop up to the loft after Mass. No previous choral experience is necessary--if you can carry a tune, you can sing in the choir!

**The Emmanuel Children's Choir** will begin on September 12, with rehearsals starting at 9am on the top floor of the school building. All young people ages 8-18 are welcome to participate. There is also the Youth Choir, a subset of this group for the high-school ages which enjoy more challenging music and further opportunities to sing (in addition to participation with the larger Children's Choir). Interested families may contact Sarah Schutte at 937-671-8754 or [completelycatholic96@gmail.com](mailto:completelycatholic96@gmail.com).

### Holy Father's Prayer Intention...An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

### From the Joyful Noiseletter:

A six-year-old boy was overheard during the reciting of the Lord's Prayer at a church service as follows:

"...and forgive us our trash passes as we forgive those who pass trash against us."

## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

### Generous Contributions for August 29, 2021

Weekend Offertory:	Budget:	Collection
	\$6,400.00	\$3,960.29
Haiti Collection:		\$1,722.00

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### Kroger Community Rewards:

Can you just imagine the size of the check if all our parishioners were enrolled in the Kroger Community program? Now is your opportunity to help out. Simply go online to [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com) and have your Kroger Plus card in hand. Follow the instructions and use our organization's number – BH841. If you have any trouble registering, call 1-866-221-4141. Thank you for your participation. It's free money and in no way affects your fuel savings or other promotions at Kroger. It is just Kroger's way of saying thank you to non profit organizations. We earned \$392.57 this past quarter due to the generosity of our parishioners involved in the program. Every little bit helps.

**Lector Workbooks** – We will be ordering Lector workbooks soon and need to know how many to order. We are aware that some use MSP to practice their readings. So please let me know if you want a workbook. I will only be ordering as many as are requested. Call Judi at the parish office. Thank you.

### Education and Formation Opportunities at Holy Trinity F.I.R.E.

(Families in Religious Education) returns this Fall beginning September 12 at 9:30 a.m. All families with children are encouraged to participate as a family. We learn about the faith and how to share it through our study, our good works and our prayers. We encourage each other and provide a place for asking questions and making life-long friendships. Please join us this Fall. To register, please call Lynda at 937-228-1223.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

We are excited to share that we will be starting "Children's Liturgy of the Word" here at Holy Trinity during the 8:30 Mass. This program is intended for children ages 5-8 years old. Children's Liturgy occurs during the Liturgy of the Word at Mass. In addition to the children, we also need adults to help facilitate and guide. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Lynda in the parish office. Thanks for your support.

### Lunch with the Lord

Adult Faith Formation begins Wednesday, September 15 with Lunch with the Lord at 12:00 noon. Participants may bring their lunch and an enquiring spirit as we explore the gospel lesson for the following Sunday. We also have the ability to Zoom the program for those folks who would like to participate virtually. Please contact Lynda Middleton at 937-228-1223 or [Lyndamiddleton9@gmail.com](mailto:Lyndamiddleton9@gmail.com) for information or to participate.



**Please join us for a Spaghetti Dinner** on Sunday, September 19 from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm in Trinity Center. There will be Spaghetti with Dave Gambrell's Homemade Meat Sauce and vegetarian Marinara. Along with the spaghetti there will be bread with Dave's world famous

garlic herb butter, salad and various desserts. Please don't miss this opportunity to socialize and get to know members new and old. Adults \$7.00; children under 6, \$3.00. Reservations not necessary, but much appreciated – call the parish office – 228-1223. Tickets are on sale after both Masses today.

**The parish** office will be closed Monday.



## ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

### Generous Contributions for August 29, 2021

Weekend Offertory:	Collection
	\$5,789.00
Charity:	\$ 160.00
Haiti Collection:	\$2,132.00

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**Congratulations** to Daniel Smith and Kelsey Weitz who were married on Saturday at St. Joe's. May your love for one another grow stronger each day.

**Is your garden producing more vegetables than you can use?** Why not share some with others? Bring you vegetables to church and place them in the baskets in the back of church. If you would like some vegetables take a few from the baskets to enjoy at home.

**Part-time Maintenance position open at St. Joseph.** The position is for general maintenance and upkeep of the parish buildings and grounds, 15 to 20 hours a week. Some electrical, plumbing and HVAC skills required. If interested please email resume to Rita at [ritazatstjoseph@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ritazatstjoseph@sbcglobal.net). Questions call Rita at 937-228-9272.

*Please keep the following people in your prayers.*

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

Cheryl Anderson	Bennett Hart	Norma Pester
Betty Anderson	Paul Hartke	Victor Polovskis
Austin Beggin & Family	Marie Henry	Tony Riggs
Jim Brokamp	Fran Karl	Janet Rudy-Gerrard
Bob Bruns	Colette Kropp	Tim Staley
Sara Bustetter	Alma Landry	Jack Summers
Mooneen Caufield	Colleen Maples	Rick Summers
Michael Culp	Laura McHugh	Karen Thomas
Catherine DeMange	Mary Beth O'Connor	Joann Weisenbach
John DeMange	William Meikle	Sharon Wenzel
Rita Downs	Vanessa Padgett	Mark Williams
Frank Fass	Tom Puckett	Linda

### Parish Life Center Wish List

Thank you to everyone who has donated something from our Parish Center Wish List. We are so blessed by your generous support. There are a couple things left on the list, if you would like to send in a donation it would be greatly appreciated.

We're looking for a fencing company to put an enclosure around the air conditioning units on the west side of the building. The bids we got were really high so we're hoping someone has a contact to a more reasonable bid.

**Memorial bricks donations:** \$23,100

**Wish list donations:** \$44,055

**Parish Life Center donations:** \$703,078

**Total Donations:** \$770,233

## Area Activities

### Catholic –Sponsored Divorcecare – 15th Year at St. Francis of Assisi Church

A 13 week support group, held on Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:30 pm from Sept. 9 to Dec. 9; 6245 Wilmington Pike. Cost: is \$25 per person. Scholarships are available. For more information or to register, call Marcelle Toma at 937-312-1157.

**Legion of Mary 100th Anniversary** - All are invited to pray the Rosary at 10:20 a.m. in the Blessed Sacrament chapel before Archbishop Dennis Schnurr will offer the 11 a.m. Mass on September 19, at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains, 325 W. 8th Street, Cincinnati. After Mass, a social with light refreshments will be held in the Cathedral undercroft. An rsvp is helpful. For more information contact Mr. Ennis Dodd 937-999-1263.

**Catholic in Recovery** is a group of Catholics seeking recovery from addictions like alcoholism, drug addiction, gambling, food addictions, pornography or sex addictions. They combine the 12-Step approach to recovery along with the Sacrament of the Catholic Church and reflect upon the Sunday Scripture. If you are struggling with an addiction join us on Mondays at 7:00 PM at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Springboro. Questions? Contact Julie at [cirdayton@gmail.com](mailto:cirdayton@gmail.com) or visit [stmaryassumption.church/catholic-in-recovery](http://stmaryassumption.church/catholic-in-recovery).

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