# **Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes**

January 30, 2022

## 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor: Fr. Angelo Anthony, C.PP.S. Parochial Vicar: Fr. Matthew Keller, C.PP.S. In residence: Fr. Ken Pleiman, C.PP.S.

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Emmanuel Church 1837

St. Joseph Church 1847

Holy Trinity Church 1861

## **Mass Intentions**

Monday, January 31
7:30 AM Holy TrinityJerry Schenking
12:00 PM St. JosephVictor Berberich
Tuesday, February 1
7:30 AM Holy TrinityAlissa Tarlano
12:00 PM St. Joseph
Wednesday, February 2
7:30 AM EmmanuelRalph Berry
12:00 PM St. JosephCheryl Anderson
Thursday, February 3
7:30 AM EmmanuelJinks & Virginia Hicks
12:00 PM St. JosephFred Brun
Friday, February 4
7:30 AM Emmanuel Living & deceased members  Moran Family
12:00 PM St. JosephOctavio Flores Resendiz
Saturday, February 5
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#### **Next Week's Readings:**

Isaiah 6: 1-2a, 3-8; Psalms 138: 1-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 7c-8; First Corinthians 15: 1-11; Gospel: Luke 5: 1-11

#### **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

Br. Matt Schaefer, C.PP.S. DRE & Bookkeeper Mary Beemsterboer, Secretary Dennis Pyles, Maintenance Michelle Carner, Music Director

## **Holy Trinity Church**

272 Bainbridge St. - 45402 Office: 937-228-1223

Web Site: www.holytrinitydayton.org E-mail: busmgr.holytrinity@gmail.com Judith L Trick, Business Manager Marina Dodaro, Secretary Lynda Middleton, DRE/Pastoral Associate Krista Schupbach, Music Director

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411 East Second St. - 45402 Office: 937-228-9272

Web Site: www.stjosephdayton.org E-mail: stjosephday@sbcglobal.net Rita Zimmerman, Business Manager ritazatstjoseph@sbcglobal.net Bradley Wilson, Music Director

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.

#### **DEACON RUSTY'S REFLECTION**

Prophets proclaim the truth in love!

Today's readings are all about prophets, and prophets in the Bible are a rather unique breed. And while some prophets in the Bible were treated with honor and respect during their lifetimes, more often than not, they were treated with contempt.

Our notion of what a prophet did is a bit curious as well. For we mistakenly think a prophet spent most of his time predicting the future. Now, God did at times reveal the future to his prophets, but the vast majority of the time prophets called the people to repentance "in season and out of season", and warned them not to depart from the ways of God despite what everyone around them was doing. In the Gospel today, we saw what happens when truth is proclaimed "out of season." The people pivoted instantly from unrestrained admiration of Our Lord to murderous fury because Jesus told them something they didn't want to hear: that God's love and favor extends to everyone, to all who have faith in Him, even if they happen to be a widow and a leper from nations despised by the Israelites.

And it is a happy coincidence that the second reading is one that is read at most weddings; a happy coincidence because the truth I wanted to remind us of today, the truth that all the baptized as priest, prophet, and king are called to be witnesses to, is the truth of God's plan for marriage, marital love, and children.

What is the essence of marriage? What makes marriage, marriage and nothing else? It is one man and one woman giving each other the total and complete gift of self for a lifetime. Marriage is nothing less than a covenantal exchange of persons.

Now we would do well to not pass over too quickly the words total and complete because by God's design they mean exactly what they say and it is not within our power to change the essence of marriage, the Supreme Court and secular culture notwithstanding. Total and complete means all that is good within the man is being given to the woman; along with all his faults, shortcomings, and flaws as well! So too for the woman. And by the grace of God, this is what makes the sacrament of marriage sacred and holy. For as part of the sacrament, the couple vows to spend their lives growing in holiness together. And it is within this sacred bond that God blesses the couple with children, for children are the supreme gift of marriage. And again, by God's design and by his grace, it is herein that the family thrives and grows in holiness.

And the marital act, the unique and beautiful expression of love proper to those who have entered into this covenant is both an expression of this total and complete self-giving and a renewal of the vows of the marital covenant. It is, again by God's design, inherently both unitive and procreative, and like marriage itself, these cannot be separated.

That is the fundamental reason why contraception is wrong, why it is a sin. For it separates the unitive and procreative aspects of the marital act which God himself has joined together. When contraception is deliberately used, we are no longer totally and completely giving ourselves to our spouse, for our fertility is part of who we are. It is curious and something we might well spend some time considering why our fertility is the only part of the body we try to break when it is working as God intended. What does this reveal to us?

Now the consequences of deliberately separating the unitive and procreative aspects of marriage are profoundly devastating. St. Paul VI, a saint, heroic pope, and prophet of our time, enumerated these consequences in his encyclical Humanae Vitae. He said that acceptance of contraception would result in an increase in marital infidelity and a general lowering of moral standards. People will be treated more and more with contempt, especially women and they will be treated as mere objects of gratification. Furthermore, contraception invariably leads to abortion. In 1992, the Supreme Court in Planned Parenthood vs. Casey upheld Roe vs. Wade based on the

#### **DEACON RUSTY'S REFLECTION continued...**

fact that people rely on abortion when contraception fails. These documents and encyclicals are readily available on the web and I would, in all sincerity and love, urge you to read these documents in the light of what love is, in the light of what marriage is – not what our secular culture and the world say they are – but on what, God, the author of life, marriage, and the family says. We need to examine whether our hearts have been hardened by our culture, whether we have believed the lie put forth by the wisdom of the world. We are called to be prophets in season and out of season. Clearly, when it comes to marriage, the family, and contraception, what we proclaim is currently "out of season." But all that means is we need to proclaim, live, and bear witness to the truth in love all the more! That is what a prophet does!

#### REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next weekend is Commitment Weekend for the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please join with Catholics in every parish throughout our archdiocese who are standing with local, Catholic ministries serving people right here in our communities. These ministries depend on our help each year! Thanks to the generosity of many families within the Downtown Dayton Pastoral Region during last year's appeal we reached a goal of \$30,127 from Emmanuel Parish, \$23,614 from St. Joseph Parish and 12,575 from Holy Trinity Parish.

This year our 2022 CMA goals will be:

Emmanuel Parish: \$18,918 St. Joseph Parish: \$17,953 Holy Trinity Parish: \$15,072

You can mail your pledge card or bring it to Mass next weekend. For more information about the CMA or to donate online, visit CatholicAOC.org/CMA. Thank you!

Protecting our Families from Pornography...The on-going series, Being Catholic in an Unbelieving World is pleased to host a talk on "Protecting our Families from Pornography" by Fr. Kyle Schnippel. Fr. Kyle is the Pastor of Pastoral Region XII and was the Vocations Director for the Archdiocese for over 8 years. In this talk, Fr. Kyle will discuss the pervasiveness and harm of pornography, why it is so addictive, how to recognize signs of exposure to pornography among young people, and what we can do about it. There will be ample time for questions and answers. Online resources and other information will be available.

The presentation begins at 10AM on Saturday, February 19th in the St. Joseph Parish Life Center located across from the church at 411 East Second St. Coffee will be provided and a light lunch will be served after the presentation. Please come and join us to learn about this important topic!

Attention: Men of Region 7 Parishes. You are invited to a 3 day retreat at the St. Louis Jesuit Retreat Center overlooking the beautiful Mississippi River. The Center has been in operation since 1922 and over the years many of our Parish brothers have participated in this Retreat and received a greater sense of renewal. The Bramlage Group from Holy Trinity will be leaving Dayton on February 10th and will be returning on February 13th. Those interested need to call Mark Ewald at 937-673-1873 for arrangements as soon as possible since there are reservation limitations. Additional information about the Center can be found at: <a href="https://www.whitehouseretreat.org">www.whitehouseretreat.org</a>.

The Worldwide Synod - The Holy Father, in seeking to hear from all the People of God on how to better bring the Mission of the Church to the world, is calling for a synod. Our local meeting will be Thursday, February 10th at 7 pm, at St. Albert the Great. Please consult the Archdiocesan website

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

Rebekka Anders Yves Benimana Michael Borgert John Carner Kelli Anne Cartuyvelles Greg Marcus Jon Chachula Laura Chachula

Caleb Fowler

Jacob Gutwein Nicholas Kern Morgan Konsdorf Cody Landers Alex McGarvey Zachary McIntyre

David Musgrove Diane Nyirasimbi Anthony Pelfrey Jessica Pruitt Aimee Storm Susan Varmuza Justin Williams

### **EMMANUEL CHURCH**

#### **Generous Contributions for January 23, 2022**

Weekend Offertory: Collection \$ 5,188.00 \$ St. Vincent dePaul: 518.80 \$12,992.00 Year to date surplus:

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

#### **Prayer List**

Virginia Allen Gary George Tony Rocco Randy Rosenthal Dave Cartuyvelles Craig Hathaway Nancy Cartuyvelles George Hendrix Robert Thoman Kathleen Knight Michael Dalessio Jan Timerding Marilyn Dehner Trisha Junker Special Intention Anna Espy Thomas Ledinsky Adam Annette & John Fohl Patrick McDonald Daniel Cindy Gardina Phyllis Pence Helen Dale

Our Sympathy is extended to the family of Regina Trick. May she rest in the peace of the Lord.

No First Friday Mass for healing: with Fr. Vincent out of the country, there will be no first Friday Mass in February.

Mystery of Christ Bible Study 4th lesson, Dr. Mostrom will explain how Jesus and the Apostles described Christ as the true and final Temple, which includes his apostolic community: the Church. Cost is free and all is needed is for you to bring your Bible. Register by February 7th. Questions please call Susie at 937-409-0553.

Save the Date: Pancake breakfast fundraiser, Sunday, February 20 after the 10:30 am Mass, for teens going on retreats this year at CYSC, Steubenville, Life in the Spirit, Catholic Family Land. Freewill donations will be accepted. All are invited. Contact Tanya Lee if you are a teen interested in participating in the fundraiser at 937-885-7432 or michaellee25@sbcglobal.net.

Life in the Spirit Retreat, "Fearless-By Your Spirit We Are Bold"...For teens and adults, March 18-20 at Maria Stein. A group will be going from Dayton. Contact Tanya Lee with questions at 937-885-7432. http://www.lifeinthespirit-seminar.com/

#### Did you Ever Wonder What Evangelization Is?

The Emmanuel Parish Evangelization Commission is running an 8session course on the foundations and principles of Evangelization. If you have any family members who have fallen away from the church and you want to discover ways to reach out to them, or if you are looking to grow your skills overall on how to share your faith with others, this would be a great resource for you! It will begin on Monday, Feb 7th at 7pm in the Emmanuel School Building and the course will include speakers every other week leading discussions on various topics." All our welcome.

## **HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**

## **Generous Contributions for January 23, 2022**

Weekend Offertory: Budget: Collection \$6,400.00 \$4,905.00

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

What Is That Doodad Called? A Catholic Church is more than a building, it is a worship space filled with signs and symbols of our faith. We use sacred vessels, vestments, and linens that at times seem and appear to be ordinary but are sacred, special, and extraordinary that have technical names that sometimes we can so easily forget. Today after the 11:30 Mass, Fr. Matt is offering a workshop/tour on the sacredness inside our church for our sacristans, ministers at Mass, or for anyone that might be interested. All are welcome to come for this interesting presentation.

#### **Confirmation and First Communion**

If your child is seeking Confirmation or First Communion in 2022 please contact the parish office as soon as is convenient for you. Confirmation and First Communion classes take place the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month beginning January 9th at 9:30 am in Trinity Center. Kelly Thobe and Amy Rohde will be leading Confirmation classes. Brad Thobe will be leading First Communion Classes. To register or for more information contact Lynda Middleton at Lyndamiddleton9@gmail.com or at the Holy Trinity Parish office, 937-228-1223. It is not too late to have your children in these programs.

Lunch With The Lord continues on Wednesdays at 11:45 am in the parish office building. Linda Middleton shares her knowledge with us and we spend time reflecting on the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday. Bring your lunch, or not, and enjoy sharing the scriptures with others.

**Kindly** remember in your prayers all the elderly, sick and homebound parishioners. It gives them joy to think parishioners are praying for them.

**Thanks** to all the parishioners of the Downtown Dayton Region who donated the gift of life last Wednesday at the Community Blood

Thanks to our Communications Commission and our newsletter "Inspired" editors who worked on the upcoming edition. We are grateful to Jean DeBrosse, Amy Wiedeman, Robyn Essman, Karen Averbeck and Marianne Garcher for their dedication to this project. The Newsletter should be arriving shortly at your homes. If you do not receive a copy by Ash Wednesday, please call Judi at the parish

There are many ways you can support our parish financially. If you are not a fan of the weekly offering envelopes, you have alternatives. You can go online to our webpage Holytrinitydayton.org and from the drop down menu choose "online giving". From there you can do a one time gift or a recurring gift, which ever method you choose. Or, you can sign up for an automatic withdrawal from your checking or savings account by calling Judi at the parish office (937-228-1223) and supplying her with the necessary information. Withdrawals from your account generally happen the first week of each month. Thank you for whichever method you choose.

#### **Welcoming New Parishioners**

If you and your family have been attending Holy Trinity, but have not yet registered as members and would like to do so, please go to our website www.Holytrinitydayton.org and locate the registration form under the tab "About", fill it out and submit, or if it is easier for you, just call the parish office at 937-228-1223. Thank you.

## ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

## Generous Contributions for January 23, 2022

Weekend Offertory: Collection \$6,183.00 \$ 605.00 Charity:

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Join us for our first Coffee and Donut in the new Parish Center on Sunday, February 6th following the 10:00 Mass.

Our 175th Anniversary! In the year 1847, St. Joseph parish was established at the corner of Second and Madison streets. This year we are celebrating 175 years as a parish family. The goal is to have activities throughout the year to commemorate this wonderful milestone. We're forming a committee to help get things rolling. If you would like to be a part of the committee please call Rita at the rectory.

Miami Valley Hospital has shared with us some information and is asking for our support. The Covid cases have not started to decline in our hospitals yet and the doctors, nurses and support staff are struggling. The hospital has respite rooms where these front line workings can go to relax and unwind from the challenging they are facing each day. These rooms are supplied with coffee, drinks and snacks as well as cards, notes and pictures from children to help lift their spirits. We are going to have two poster boards in the back of church where you can write a note thanking these front line workers for all they do. Additionally we'll be sending some supplies for them to stock the Respite rooms with. If you would like to help defray the costs of the items to be sent, just put your donation in one of the white envelopes in the pews and mark Miami Valley Hospital on it. Thank you!

We have about 65 bricks available to be engraved at the Holy **Family Grotto.** This would be a great way to remember a loved one or celebrate a special occasion i.e., birthday, anniversary, or wedding. Forms are available in the back of church or email Rita.

## **Parish Life Center**

Memorial bricks donations: \$28,300

Wish list donations: \$44.855

Parish Life Center donations to date: \$750,723

**Total Donations to date:** \$823.878

## Please keep the following people in your prayers.

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

Cheryl Anderson Austin Beggin & Family Marie Henry Jim Brokamp **Bob Bruns** Sara Bustetter Mooneen Caufield Michael Culp Rita Downs Frank Fass John Fitzgerald Bennett Hart Paul Hartke

Paul Hartke Fran Karl Colette Kropp Alma Landry Colleen Maples William Meikle Mary Beth O'Connor Greg Osif Vanessa Padgett Tom Puckett Victor Polovskis

Theresa Reiff Tony Riggs Janet Rudy-Gerrard Terri Sullivan Jack Summers Rick Summers Karen Thomas Tony Trick Joann Weisenbach Sharon Wenzel Linda

#### **Area Activities**

The Dayton Catholic Women's Club Scholarship assists 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. Eligible applicants must be: A senior in high school, be a female of the Roman Catholic faith, provide proof of membership in a Dayton vicinity Roman Catholic Parish, and demonstrate financial need. Students can search and apply online through ScholarshipCONNECT. Located on the Dayton Foundation's website, ScholarshipCONNECT also provides helpful links to other scholarship and financial aid resources. Completed applications are due March 4, 2022 by 4:00 p.m.

Widowed?...and want to celebrate Valentine's Day, Monday, February 14, in a special way? Come enjoy some sweets and the companionship of other widowed at the Naim meeting, 1 PM in the easy to access St. Henry PAC, 6696 Springboro Pike, Rt. 741. The meeting will be followed by cards. For more information, contact....Sue Caufield at 937-395-9891.

**2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal Video** – The Archdiocese of Cincinnati has produced a video for this year's CMA campaign. You can access the video by going to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati website or to the Archdiocese YouTube page at:

https://youtu.be/9RWOV4wHBhE.

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