

Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

March 19, 2023

4th Sunday in Lent

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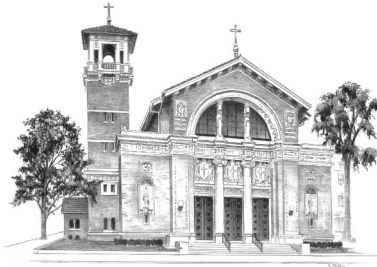
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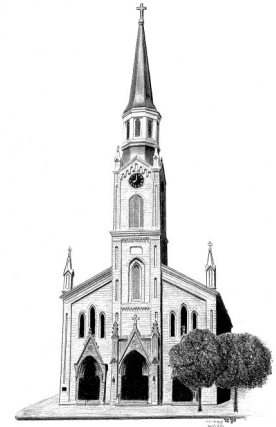
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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 20

7:30 AM Holy Trinity Bev Gerdes
12:00 PM St. Joseph Deacon Mike Leo

Tuesday, March 21

7:30 AM Holy Trinity Fr. Angelo Anthony, C.P.P.S.
12:00 PM St. Joseph Tim McCrate

Wednesday, March 22

7:30 AM Emmanuel Jack Kappeler
12:00 PM St. Joseph Grace Lee

Thursday, March 23

7:30 AM Emmanuel Anna Polo
12:00 PM St. Joseph Mario Jurassich

Friday, March 24

7:30 AM Emmanuel Robert & Anna Vandevander
12:00 PM St. Joseph Stephanie Whiting

Saturday, March 25

7:30 AM Emmanuel Living & deceased members of the
Factora Family
12:00 PM St. Joseph Edward Nagin
4:30 PM St. Joseph James & Volina Roeckner
5:15 PM Emmanuel For the Parishioners

Sunday, March 26

8:30 AM Holy Trinity For the Parishioners
10:00 AM St. Joseph For the Parishioners
10:30 AM Emmanuel Living & deceased members of
the Robert A. Drerup, Sr. Family
11:30 AM Holy Trinity Eileen Lucente

Next Week's Readings:

Ez 37:12-14 / Rom 8:8-11 / Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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

Contact your parish office to: Register, schedule Baptism, Weddings or Ministry to the Homebound.

DEACON RUSTY'S REFLECTION

Today we celebrate Laetare Sunday which means rejoice! We are now more than half-way through the season of Lent and so the Church wants to encourage us to persevere in our Lenten sacrifices, penances, and discipline.

The overarching theme this week is light. In fact, St. John's Gospel is structured around seven miracles Our Lord performed to show us that He is the "light [that] shines in the darkness." There isn't enough time to go into each one but in them, Our Lord is gradually revealing his glory to us while at the same time accommodating himself to our weakness; allowing our eyes of faith to slowly get used to the light, before revealing more of the brilliance of his glory!

The healing in the Gospel today is surely among one of the oddest of Our Lord's healings. Why in the world would Jesus spit on the ground and make clay to heal the blind man? There is some symbolism here. The Early Church Fathers saw in this a harkening back to creation where we read that, like a potter, God formed man from the "clay of the ground." Thus, Our Lord restored the man's sight to how it was supposed to be "in the beginning!" Our Lord, then, sent him to wash in the pool of Siloam, which clearly alludes to and anticipates Christian baptism.

His sight restored, in joy and thanksgiving, the man becomes a passionate witness to the truth! He didn't know how it was that clay and washing cured him, he didn't know why Jesus picked him, at first he didn't even know who Jesus was, but he knew one thing: before he was blind and now he could see.

There is an interesting irony that runs through all the Gospels with respect to those needing healing. They are always closer to God than those who think they "have no need of a physician." We see this especially today. Though without sight, it was the blind man who "saw" Jesus clearly both before and after he was healed! Those with sight were the ones who were blind. They did not want the light of Our Lord to reveal that they actually did need a physician, that they too needed to be cleansed of the faults and sins that so often we only become aware of when we are exposed to the light.

There are many lessons we can draw from the readings today, but I'd like to highlight the witness of the blind man. He endured rejection, persecution, and scorn from the religious leaders because he held fast to the truth; namely, that it was Jesus who had healed him! But despite this, he joyfully held fast to the truth! And that is what we are called to as well; to rejoice in and joyfully bear witness to the fullness of the truth, to the deposit of faith that Jesus entrusted to the Church and his faithful disciples. This truth includes the Gospel message of salvation and the universal call to holiness; it includes upholding the dignity of all, with a special obligation to minister to the poor, the sick, and those the world rejects and especially the unborn; this includes joyfully bearing witness to God's plan for marriage and the family. And, especially in and for our culture, we also have an obligation to know why the Magisterium of the Church teaches what she does with regard to life, marriage and contraception, so that we can joyfully bear witness to the sanctity and gift of children and human sexuality as well. In the first reading, Samuel at first judged by appearances and would have anointed as king many whom the Lord had rejected. There is an analogy to truth here. The world often anoints as good and true, what the Lord rejects as evil and sinful. But Samuel, being open to listening to God, accepted and anointed he whom God had chosen. We too must be open to the voice of the Lord and recognize and defend the fullness of the truth He has entrusted to the Church. We must be willing to learn the reason why the Church teaches what she does, for the Church has been anointed by God through the Holy Spirit to proclaim the fullness of the truth as revealed by the light of the Gospel!

I'll close with St. Paul's exhortation to us. In the second reading he said: "You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth." This Lent, then, let us rejoice and joyfully learn, live, and proclaim that which is pleasing to the Lord!

REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you still need to make a pledge, please consider doing so today. For details or to donate, please visit CatholicAOC.org/CMA. Thank you!

	Goal	Pledged
Emmanuel Parish:	\$19,126.00	\$28,446.00
St. Joseph Parish:	\$17,760.00	\$14,991.60
Holy Trinity Parish:	\$14,461.00	\$ 8,255.00

Helping Christians in the Holy Land... Christians in the Holy Land rely heavily on our help. It is with funds from the Good Friday collection that the Franciscan Custody provides presence, care and service to the people who are living in the land of Christ. You can make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters who live and work where Jesus walked on this earth. Please plan now to make your donation on Good Friday to this vitally important work!

Lenten Scripture Series "In The Beginning Was The Word..."

The Gospel of John and the Passion Narratives with Presenter Dennie Stieritz will take place on Wednesdays, March 22 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the St. Joseph Parish Center.



Free Pancake Breakfast Today (Sunday)

All are invited for pancakes and fellowship Today (Sunday) from 9:30 am -1:00 pm in the Emmanuel school building. Teens from our parishes will be serving pancakes and sausage.

They will be raising money to help offset the cost of their fees for Catholic summer camps (Catholic Youth Summer Camp, Steubenville Conferences, etc.). Free will donations accepted.

Free Spaghetti Dinner for Fr. Emmanuel's Project

All are invited to a family Spaghetti Dinner, with homemade Italian (vegetarian) sauce, meatballs for the carnivores and salad Saturday, March 25, at K of C Dayton Council 500, Bainbridge Hall, 267 Bainbridge St. from 5:30pm to 8:30 pm. A video and message from Fr Emmanuel will be shown at 7:00pm. Desserts are welcomed to be shared. To donate to Fr. Emmanuel's Church/School project in the Cameroon through the Dayton Foundation's 501c3 see today's bulletin insert, also available at the dinner. For more details, contact Dave Norckauer, PGK, dtorckauer@aol.com.

Come to PraiseFest on Friday, March 31st for a night of Adoration and Catholic Fellowship for young adults and high schoolers starting at 6:00 pm in the St Joseph's Parish Center with Pizza and a talk on the Shroud of Turin. After the presentation we will go into church for Eucharistic adoration, confessions and praise music until 9:30 pm. Hope to see you there!

The Emmanuel St Vincent de Paul Conference can always use gently used furniture - especially beds - and appliances. Please call Bill at 937-672-8442 if you have something to donate. Our trusty moving crew delivers these much needed items directly to our neighbors in need.

Prayer in Honor of St. Joseph by St. John XXIII

Saint Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary, you passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty. You supported the holy family of Nazareth with the work of your hands. Kindly protect those who trustingly come to you. You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes. They look to you because they know you will understand and protect them. You too knew trial, labor, and weariness. But amid the worries of material life, your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you, and, with Mary, his tender Mother. Assure those you protect that they do not labor alone. Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over him faithfully as you have done. Amen.

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

Yves Benimana	Jacob Gutwein	David Musgrove
Michael Borgert	Christopher Harman	Diane Nyirasimbi
John Carner	Nicholas Kern	Anthony Pelfrey
Kelli Anne Cartuyvelles	Morgan Konsdorf	Jessica Pruitt
Jon Chachula	Greg Marcus	Susan Varmuza
Laura Chachula	Alex McGarvey	Justin Williams
Caleb Fowler	Zachary McIntyre	

EMMANUEL CHURCH

Generous Contributions for Mar. 12, 2023

Weekend Offertory:	Collection:
	\$ 4,834.00
St. Vincent dePaul:	\$ 483.40
Year to Date Deficit:	\$(14,733.00)

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Fr. Angelo & Fr. Seraphine*

Prayer List

Virginia Allen	Tim McCrate	Special Intention
Ed Chartrand	Patrick McDonald	Adam
Nancy Cartuyvelles	Michael Mitchell	Christine
Michael Dalessio	Kathy Profit	Dale
Marilyn Dehner	Randy Rosenthal	David F.
Annette Fohl	Katie Schultz	Grant
Cindy Gardina	Louie Schulze	Justin
Craig Hathaway	Robert Thoman	Kelli
George Hendrix	Jan Timerding	Helen
Dennis McCarthy		

Living Stations of the Cross will be enacted by our youth next Friday, March 24th at 7:00pm.

The Emmanuel Evangelization Commission's second night of its hands-on workshop on hard topics in evangelization is March 23rd at 7pm in the School building. Josh Bartz will lead an open forum on reaching people age 26 and younger. Bring your hard situations!

The Emmanuel Parish Music Program Fund...established in loving memory of Mary Chachula, is an ongoing financial resource promoting many facets of our music program which reach beyond the normal scope of its budget: providing music lesson scholarships for parishioners interested in sharing their talents with us, funding special guests, and the purchasing of extraordinary musical equipment or music, among other things. Donations for the continuance of this fund are always welcome. To offer a gift, please contact Michelle Carner, Music Director, at 937-478-4097 or place your donation in the offertory collection basket in an envelope marked, "Emmanuel Parish Music Program Fund."

New Scholarship Opportunity: Do you sing or play an instrument? You may be just the person to apply for one of the scholarships offered by the fund! Application forms with all the details for 2023 may be found on the tables in the back of church. For details contact Michelle Carner, Music Director, at 937-478-4097 or michelle@carners.com.

"Drop, Drop Slow Tears" was written by the English (and Anglican) poet Phineas Fletcher for Good Friday. Our arrangement was composed by Orlando Gibbons in 1623. This is truly a hymn of the repentant sinner, whose tears flow so freely as to "drown all my faults and fears; nor let His eye see sin but through my tears."

From the Joyful Noiseletter:

A very gracious old lady was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another state.

"Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.

"Only the Ten Commandments," the lady replied.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Generous Contributions for Mar. 12, 2023

Weekend Offertory:	Budget:	Collection
	\$6,250.00	\$4,392.31

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St. Vincent De Paul Hotel...We are still collecting sheets and blankets for use at the hotel. New or gently used sheets and blankets are welcome. You can drop them off at the hotel on Apple St. or bring them to church with you and place them behind the last pew. Thank you.

The Chosen – Join with us Tuesday evenings at the parish office building to view and discuss the movie "The Chosen". All are welcome – 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Altar Servers Are Needed for the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays. This ministry is open to all who have made their First Communion through adults. If you are interested in being trained, please call the parish office.

If you would like a copy of your offertory contributions **for 2022, please call Judi at the parish office** 937-228-1223 between 8:00 a.m. and noon.

Please put these dates on your calendar!
April 23 and 24 for our regional parish mission – Surge of the Heart, led by Jon Leonetti, an international Catholic speaker and author. The mission will be held here at Holy Trinity.

Ladies, please plan to be with us for Women's Day, May 20th in Trinity Center. An exciting day is planned for us.

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 8 starting at noon for the youngest children. If you would like to help prepare for the hunt by filling plastic eggs, you are welcome to stop by the parish office and pick up eggs to fill. Please do not go out and buy eggs, as we have so very many that we carry over from year to year. Thank you.

Start gathering together your no longer wanted, but still very usable household items! We are having a Rummage Sale Saturday, May 6 in Trinity Center. Remember one person's trash is another's treasures. Please, no clothes, shoes or technical books. Drop off dates are April 16, 23 and 30 between 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Please use the north door at Trinity Center.

Easter Flowers For The Sanctuary...We are accepting offerings for flowers to beautify the sanctuary for Easter Season. If you are interested in making a donation to the fund in memory of a loved one or just to give thanks to God for all he has done for us, please place your offering in an envelope along with the name of the person you wish remembered and put it in the collection basket when you come to Mass. Thank you.

We are very grateful for all the parishioners and friends of the parish who worked dispensing beverages at Dublin Pub on Thursday evening and Friday all day. And, for our parking patrol who accepted donations from those parking in our lot. It is a big job for both and a great fund raiser for Holy Trinity Parish. We are blessed by your willingness to help.

Regretfully, after many years of coordinating the kitchen and all that encompasses for our Fish Fry, Barb Gilbert has decided to retire from this job. So, we are on the lookout for a replacement. Give it some thought and call the parish office if you are interested!

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Generous Contributions for Mar. 12, 2023

Weekend Offertory:	Collection
	\$6,291.00
Charity:	\$ 174.00

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Please join the parish community for **Coffee & Donuts** after the 10am Mass today to celebrate **The Feast of St. Joseph**, Our Patron Saint. We will also celebrate the traditional blessing of bread after the Masses this weekend.

Congratulations to Patrick & Deanna Donnelly on the baptism of their daughter Gianna. We're delighted to welcome Gianna to our parish family.

Please join us for Stations of the Cross after the Noon Mass on Wednesdays during Lent. Also, during Lent we have **Eucharistic Adoration** every Saturday between 12:30 and 4:00pm at St. Joseph Church. Come spend some quiet time with the Lord.

Are you interested? We are looking for a wedding coordinator to help guide and organize couples with details about celebrating their marriage ceremony at St. Joseph Church, assisting with the rehearsal and various aspects of the wedding day. If you're a self-starter, motivated, organized and punctual, we're looking for you. Please contact Chris for details, lockhartchris411@gmail.com.

Hearing Aid Receivers Available... Are you having difficulty hearing the Mass? If so, we have hearing aid receivers available for your use. Just ask an usher and they will get you one. You can keep the hearing aid receiver to use each week. When you no longer need to use it just give it back to an usher.

In our Lenten journey towards Easter, let us remember the One who "humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross"

(Phil 2:8)

*Please keep the following people in your prayers.
Call the rectory if you would like to be added to the prayer list.*

Cheryl Anderson	Junior Fowler	Greg Osif
Austin Beggin & Family	Michael Glackin	Vanessa Padgett
Colby Berry	Bennett Hart	Victor Polovskis
Jim Brokamp	Carol Hartke	Theresa Reiff
Bob Bruns	Paul Hartke	Janet Rudy-Gerrard
Brent Buschur	Marie Henry	Terri Sullivan
Kathy Buschur	Andrea Kittel	Jack Summers
Sara Bustetter	Colette Kropp	Karen Thomas
Mooneen Caufield	Alma Landry	Tony Trick
Michael Culp	Colleen Maples	Joann Weisenbach
Rita Downs	William Meikle	Sharon Wenzel
John Fitzgerald	Joe Moretto	Linda
Jim Flynn		

Area Activities

The 24th annual Life in the Spirit Seminar is March 31st-April 2nd at the Maria Stein Spiritual Center. It is a fun-filled weekend for youth and young adults! The theme is "Made to Thrive" and register by March 19th. For details, contact Kelly Horstman at 419-678-8649 or visit www.LifeintheSpirit-Seminar.com.

Elizabeth's New Life Center is looking for individuals to support us by hosting a table at one or both of our events this year. The Dayton Partnership Banquets will be held at the Marriott, University of Dayton on Thursday, April 20, and Friday, April 21. Guest check-in begins at 5:30 p.m. with the dinner and program starting at 6:15 p.m. Please see <https://enclife/daytonbanquet> to register as a table host. Click on the night you choose to host your table. For details, contact Lori Ernest, 937-226-7414, ext 430, or lernerst@ElizabethNewLife.org.

Mary's WAY (Women Answering Yes) is a nation-wide apostolate which promotes the power of the Holy Rosary and brings women closer to Jesus through the perfect example of Mother Mary. On Tuesday, May 16th beginning at 6:45pm, high school age and older are invited to attend the 2nd annual dinner at Yankee Trace Golf Club. The speaker is Gayle Bischel. Limited space available, cost \$30/person. Sign up by emailing Chris Condit at cmcondit@woh.rr.com for registration form or go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/marys-way-ohio-tickets-534573773547>.

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