

# Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

March 26, 2023

## 5th Sunday in Lent

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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, March 27

7:30 AM Holy Trinity ..... Rev Seraphine Lesiriam  
12:00 PM St. Joseph ..... Edward & Winnifred Maloney

#### Tuesday, March 28

7:30 AM Holy Trinity ..... Rev. Ken Pleiman  
12:00 PM St. Joseph ..... Timmy Roth

#### Wednesday, March 29

7:30 AM Emmanuel ..... Intention of Michael McDonald  
12:00 PM St. Joseph ..... Fred Brun

#### Thursday, March 30

7:30 AM Emmanuel ..... Jim Neary  
12:00 PM St. Joseph ..... In Honor of St. Brigid

#### Friday, March 31

7:30 AM Emmanuel ..... Niehaus Family  
12:00 PM St. Joseph ..... Virginia Moeller

#### Saturday, April 1

7:30 AM Emmanuel ..... All Unborn Children & Their Families  
12:00 PM St. Joseph ..... Richard Jose Romero  
4:30 PM St. Joseph ..... For the Parishioners  
5:15 PM Emmanuel ..... For the Parishioners

#### Sunday, April 2

8:30 AM Holy Trinity ..... For the Parishioners  
10:00 AM St. Joseph ..... Karl & Halpin Families  
10:30 AM Emmanuel ..... Kathy Doncaster  
11:30 AM Holy Trinity ..... Antonia Mazzone

#### Next Week's Readings:

Mt 21:1-11 (37) / Is 50:4-7 / Phil 2:6-11 / Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

#### 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.

## FR. ANGELO'S REFLECTION

In our first reading today, the Prophet Ezekiel was responding to the death and destruction that came from the Babylonian exile. In a vision given in the verses just before our First Reading, Ezekiel prophesies over the dry bones of the people of God that lay scattered across the ground like sticks. "Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord." And as he prophesies, he hears the rattling of bones coming together, with muscle and skin being added to the bones. From the four winds the Spirit comes with the breath of life and God says to the people of Israel & to us, "I will put my Spirit in you that you may live!"

In a similar image, we see Jesus standing at the entrance of the tomb of his friend Lazarus. His lifeless body, like those dry bones, emphasizing the finality that is found in the face of death. Here Jesus comes face to face with the human condition, the terrible, heart-breaking experience of the death of someone we love. Jesus is filled with deep emotion at the death of his friend and the weeping of Martha and the other Jews. We are told "He became perturbed and deeply troubled." We all know the feeling, a kind of anger and sorrow mixed together as we wrestle with the untimely death of someone we love.

Jesus loved Lazarus, Martha and Mary just as he loves all of us. The glory to be revealed is the Truth that Divine Love is more powerful than death. At this point, Martha simply sees Jesus as a holy person who is close to God. She will soon see that he is more than that... Jesus IS Divine Life. He is the great I AM that gave the breath of life to humanity at the beginning of creation; the great I AM who breathed life into the people of Israel, the great I AM who will breathe life into Lazarus.

Jesus invites Martha to dig deep into her heart as she is confronted with the death of her brother. He says to her: "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." Then Jesus asks Martha to make his statement her own. Taking the journey from the head to the heart... Martha replies, "Yes, Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God."

I believe our personal response to this basic question is why we are gathered in prayer today. We profess, "Yes, Lord, I have come to believe that you are the resurrection and the life," that your love is stronger than sin and death itself.

St. Paul helps us to see that this story is also about all of us when he wrote, "The Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you." And so, God is calling us to come out of the tomb of our sin, our fears & worries, disappointments & loss, loneliness or depression, our doubt or unbelief, whatever it is that is lifeless or like dry bones inside of us. Jesus came that we might have life, today and for all eternity. Remember, the opposite of life is not physical death. The opposite of life is sin. Sin keeps us from the life Jesus has won for us.

Realizing that Jesus can make all things new, what guides your mind, do you focus on the defeats of the past or the hope of the future? The Lord once spoke through the prophet Isaiah during a time of devastation saying, "Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; See, I am doing something new!"

In a world of change and uncertainly we can trust in God's promise to lead us to life. To help us on our journey Jesus gives us his body and blood in Holy Communion as a foretaste of what will be in the banquet feast of heaven. Today, break free from the tomb of darkness and sin that traps you and let the Spirit who dwells within you help you to see with new eyes the fullness of life you share in Christ. Remember, each day God is doing something new in you!

*"I am the resurrection and the life"*

## REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Divine Mercy Novena** begins on Good Friday, April 7th. If you would like to pray the novena, booklets will be available in the back of church with the prayers for each day. The celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday will take place at Emmanuel Church on April 16th beginning at 12:30 PM with confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Mass at 2:00 PM. The afternoon of prayer will end with the 3:00 PM Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

**Helping Christians in the Holy Land...** Franciscan priests and brothers are the custodians of the Christian sites in the Holy Land and they are counting on our financial help to assist them in providing presence, care and service on that holy ground. These dedicated servants of God work tirelessly to preserve the sanctuaries and shrines from the life of Jesus and the prophets. Funds collected last year on Good Friday helped to preserve 74 Christian sites and supported over 100 men preparing to be priests or brothers. Your contribution to the Good Friday collection this year will help this most worthy cause. Can we count on you?

**The teens who worked the pancake breakfast** last Sunday would like to thank those who donated towards their camp fees. May God bless you for your generosity.

**Formed Pick of the Week** - The Paschal Mystery: The Mystery of Jesus' Death & Resurrection. Through Jesus's Death on the Cross, God reveals himself most profoundly as the God who is love. Christ's sacrificial love saves us from sin and shows us the pathway to true human happiness. We are made to live like Christ: in total, self-giving love. Visit FORMED.org and Click "Sign Up." Select "I Belong to a Parish or Organization" find your parish by zip code 45402 or name, "St. Joseph" Enter your email and you're in!

**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.

**Ageless Grace Series...** Bonita from FirstLight Home Care will be leading this simple, playful exercise program based on the science of neuroplasticity. Along with music it uses all five areas of the brain. This seated class is beneficial to anyone of any age and mobility. Register now for the next five week series being offered Mondays, April 10th thru May 8th from 1:30 to 2:30 pm at Trinity Center. Cost is \$35.00 per person and a minimum of 10 registrants is needed to hold the class. Pre-registration is required. For more details, and to register, contact Sharon Becker by 4pm, Friday, April 7th at 937-776-2942 or [sharonbecker6@gmail.com](mailto:sharonbecker6@gmail.com).

**Save the Date:** Y.E.S. 2023, Friday evening, June 23, and all day Saturday, June 24 our pastoral region will have a service retreat. This is open to teens, young adults, and adults. Teams are formed and sent to the homes of the elderly in our pastoral region to do yard work and house chores. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Tanya Lee, 937-885-7432.

### 2023 Catholic Ministries! Thank you for your support!

	Goal	Pledged
Emmanuel Parish:	\$19,126.00	\$30,646.00
St. Joseph Parish:	\$17,760.00	\$15,661.60
Holy Trinity Parish:	\$14,461.00	\$10,925.00

## 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. 19, 2023

Weekend Offertory:	Collection:
	\$ 5,890.00
St. Vincent dePaul:	\$ 589.00
Year to Date Deficit:	\$(16,823.00)

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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		

**Please pray for the following youth** as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this afternoon at Emmanuel. May the gifts of the Spirit strengthen them in their vocation as witnesses of Christ!

Gweneth Barhorst	Karen Grobmyer	Christopher Rader
Joseph Bartz	Samuel Gulbransen	Anne Slaybaugh
Ephrem Beauchamp	Sean Gulbransen	Michael Smith
Georgia Beeghly	Noah Hoerbert	John-James Smith
Hannah Canida	Gianna Schlegel	Ryan Upp
Aubrey Davis	Stephen McBride III	Landon Vennettilli
Elise Engebretsen	Cecilia Madison	Christian Whelan
Ethan Engebretsen	Iris Mostrom	Anthony Whelan
Zoe Everett	Thomas Patterson	Lucy Wilson
Isaac Gallivan	Maire Piña	

**Our sympathy** is extended to the family of Phyllis LaGarde. May she rest in the peace of the Lord.

**Stations of the Cross** will take place this Friday at 7:00pm.

**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](mailto:michelle@carners.com).

**Our post-Communion piece today** is offered by the Hope Choir: EREKEZA UMUTIMA WAVE KU MANA-Turn your heart to God. This song was composed in 2005 by a Rwandan priest, Fr. Leandre Nshimiyaremye, who was ordained priest in 2008. He is currently serving in the diocese of Nyundo (in Rwanda). In this piece, featuring a traditional Rwandan rhythm, we hear the recurring phrase, Ni We mahoro, ni We ugaba ituze -Peace is He, and peace is from Him.

**Holy Father's Prayer Intention...**For victims of abuse. We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

### Generous Contributions for Mar. 19, 2023

Weekend Offertory:	Budget:	Collection
	\$6,250.00	\$4,808.00

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**St. Vincent De Paul Hotel...**We are still collecting new or gently used sheets and blankets for use at the hotel. 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 in the parish office building from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. to view and discuss the movie *The Chosen*. All are welcome.

**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.

**Save the dates:** April 23 and 24 at Holy Trinity for our regional parish mission – **Surge of the Heart**, led by Jon Leonetti, an international Catholic speaker and author.

**Women's Day 2023: Prayer and Caring...**Join us on May 20th from 8:30 am—2:00 pm at Holy Trinity Center for a special day created for the women of our parish region (and their guests) and be enriched in body, mind and spirit! The day will feature speakers: Lynda Middleton, DRE/Pastoral Associate at Holy Trinity Parish, Nora Schaefer, M.Ed., RDN, LD: Registered Dietitian Nutritionist, and Dennie Stieritz, retired Chairperson of Carroll High School's Theology Department. Fun, fellowship, continental breakfast and lunch are included. Space is limited, pre-registration and payment of \$25 per person is required to Holy Trinity Church by Wednesday, May 10th. For more details contact Patsy Martin at 937-776-8949 or [plmartin937@gmail.com](mailto:plmartin937@gmail.com). Further information will be available on the parish websites and in upcoming bulletins.

**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. We still have a few eggs that need to be filled. Please stop by the parish office to pick some up.

**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.

**Is there someone in our parish family** that does simple wood-working? I would like to hear from you. Our craft group has some small projects and we need your help. Please call Judi, 937-228-1223.

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

## Generous Contributions for Mar. 19, 2023

Weekend Offertory: Collection \$9,670.50  
 Charity: \$ 294.00

Many thanks for the generous spirit of our parishioners.  
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**Thank you** to our wonderful Social Committee for the delicious and festive Coffee & Donuts celebrating the Feast of St. Joseph! Please note: there will be no Coffee and Donuts in April or May due to Easter Sunday and Mother's Day falling on the second Sunday of the month this year. Coffee & Donuts will return in June with sunshine and blue skies!

**Thank you** to Adam from Demeter I.T. for his interactive training on how to keep your personal information safe. The session, as well as the question and answer segment, was very informative. Thank you, Adam & team!

**Thank you** to Fr. Angelo for celebrating the ancient St. Joseph Table, Blessing of Bread. Thank you for sharing this Italian tradition with the parish community again this year!

**Congratulations** to Kevin & Carly Shiveley on the baptism of their son Kevin. We're delighted to welcome Kevin 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.

**Reflecting on Lent** - During the Ash Wednesday Mass on February 17, 2021, Pope Francis explained in his homily, "Lent is a journey that involves our whole life, our entire being. It is a time to reconsider the path we are taking, to find the route that leads us home and to rediscover our profound relationship with God, on whom everything depends. Lent is not just about the little sacrifices we make, but about discerning where our hearts are directed. This is the core of Lent."

*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](http://www.LifeintheSpirit-Seminar.com).

**Tenebrae Service at the Maria Stein Shrine** on April 5th, 7:30pm in the Adoration Chapel. The word 'tenebrae' is Latin for shadows. The purpose of the Tenebrae service is to meditate deeply on the passion story. Christ's betrayal, abandonment, and agony are felt deeply in this prayer. However, we are left remembering that the story is not over, and that Christ will fulfill His mission in three days' time. Fr. John Tonkin will lead us as we reflect on scripture passages and hymns sung by the St. Peter Church Choir of Fort Recovery.

**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://enlc.life/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](mailto:lernerst@ElizabethNewLife.org).

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