

Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

April 16, 2023

2nd Sunday of Easter—Divine Mercy Sunday

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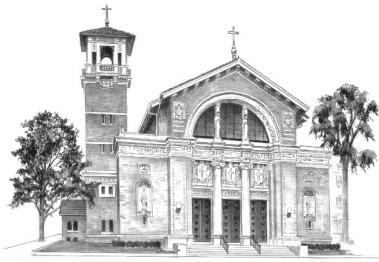
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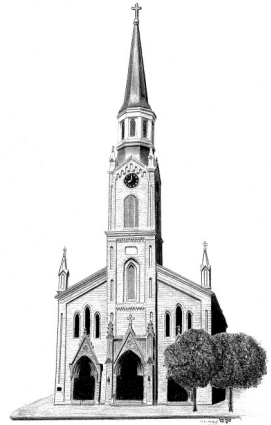
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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 17

7:30 AM Holy Trinity Ted Randall
12:00 PM St. Joseph Gabriel Madison

Tuesday, April 18

7:30 AM Holy Trinity Bev Gerdes
12:00 PM St. Joseph Gerry Slattery

Wednesday, April 19

7:30 AM Emmanuel Intention of Adam & Emily Demeter
12:00 PM St. Joseph Mary Radke

Thursday, April 20

7:30 AM Emmanuel George Mychalczuk
12:00 PM St. Joseph Ken Marchal

Friday, April 21

7:30 AM Emmanuel Jerry Buckley
12:00 PM St. Joseph Joel Johnson

Saturday, April 22

7:30 AM Emmanuel Living & deceased members of the
Riess & Payne Families
12:00 PM St. Joseph Tom & Rose Erhart
4:30 PM St. Joseph For our Parishioners
5:15 PM Emmanuel Eugene Wilson

Sunday, April 23

8:30 AM Holy Trinity Carol Wolfe
10:00 AM St. Joseph Tony Riggs
10:30 AM Emmanuel For our Parishioners
11:30 AM Holy Trinity For our Parishioners

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 2:14, 22-33 / 1 Pt 1:17-21 / Lk 24:13-35

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

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

FR. ANGELO'S REFLECTION

Today we close the octave of Easter with the celebration of God's Divine Mercy. In today's gospel, Jesus appears to his disciples with the comforting words "Peace be with you!" He could have really gave-it to the disciples for denying him and failing to stay with him in his passion and death, but he didn't, he said: "Peace be with you." What is striking is that Jesus was not hampered by the locked doors where the disciples hid themselves. No matter where we try to hide, Jesus can come to us to calm our fears and to share his mercy.

In showing the disciples the wounds of his crucifixion Jesus is proving that he is the same person who suffered death, giving his life for the salvation of the world. Through it all God never stopped loving us. This was cause for rejoicing because now the disciples knew that no matter what they encountered in the future; God was with them, and God is with us.

But Thomas was not in the room when Jesus appeared, and he was nobody's fool. After all, he witnessed the horrible death of Jesus. This news that Jesus was alive was unbelievable. Thomas was still trying to understand what Jesus was talking about at the Last Supper when he said, "Where I am going you know the way." Thomas asked, "How can we know the way?" Jesus simply says, "I am the way, the truth and the life!" But now Jesus is dead, and Thomas wasn't going to be made a fool by this far-fetched story of the Risen Lord.

The story of Thomas is a blessing for us to hear because our doubts and fears can become an invitation to a deeper faith. Notice that Thomas did not abandon the group of disciples in the upper room, nor did they shun him because of his unbelief. They all were trying to find that solid footing upon which to rebuild their lives.

Jesus saw the potential for great faith in the disciples and so he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." The Risen Jesus breathes new life into the disciples symbolizing that they are a new creation. The old order has passed away. Yes there would be days of hardship and pain, but we like the disciples must learn to trust that God is always with us through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus not only offers us the breath of life he also offers his wounds as a source of mercy and reconciliation. The wounds of Jesus heal Thomas' troubled soul, a soul that had lost faith and hope. The wounds of Jesus not only connect him with his death, but they also point the way to a new life and a renewed hope. As Thomas touched the wounds of Jesus, he was able to connect with his own inner wounds. This enabled Thomas to "reorganize" his memory of the crucifixion, giving new meaning to that experience. Jesus is alive! The wounds of the past did not destroy him. Rather, they reveal the very mercy of God and the new life we share in Christ. This is the gift we celebrate on this Divine Mercy Sunday.

All of us carry wounds from the past, wounds from our family of origin, wounds of illness or disabilities, wounds from abuse or unjust treatment, wounds of a lost dream or broken promises. Wounds can be destructive, or wounds can be constructive and redemptive. Fr. Ronald Rohlheiser says, "we must work to transform and heal our old wounds so that we do not transmit the same pain to others." In other words, "What we don't transform we transmit." It is through the Precious Blood of Jesus, the gift of his divine mercy, that we can find the strength we need to forgive others and ourselves, reordering our past in a new way like Thomas. Once healed, these sacred wounds can become a stream of mercy bringing hope and peace into the life of someone else whose heart is locked up in fear and doubt.

St. John Paul II once wrote: "As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness and fear, the Risen Lord offers His love that pardons, reconciles, and reopens hearts to love. It is a love that converts hearts and gives peace." In humility we come before God today and pray: "Jesus, I trust in you, have mercy upon us and upon the whole world."

REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Divine Mercy Sunday at Emmanuel - Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. Emmanuel Church will be hosting an afternoon of prayer in honor of this Feast which was instituted for the Second Sunday of Easter by Pope John Paul II in the year 2000. The message of Divine Mercy was given to Saint Faustina of Poland. During the Octave of Easter, we are invited to call upon the Divine Mercy of Jesus to guide us as we pray for the dying, for forgiveness, mercy, conversion, healing and renewed hope.

Schedule at Emmanuel Church for April 16, 2023:

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Confessions, beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
1:15 PM Rosary
1:45 PM Benediction
2:00 PM Mass
3:00 PM Three O'Clock Prayer, Chaplet of Mercy

Don't Miss This Year's Parish Mission! – Everyone is invited to participate in what Matthew Kelly says is "One of the most inspiring parish missions available in America today." **Next Sunday, April 23rd and Monday, April 24th from 6:30 until 8:00 PM** we will gather at Holy Trinity church to hear international Catholic speaker and author Jon Leonetti present our parish mission entitled "Surge of the Heart." The first night we will reflect upon "Who is God and why that matters," and the second night will focus on "God's dream for your life." This will be a wonderful way to continue your Lenten growth in the Easter season.

Catholic Relief Services Collection will be taken up next weekend. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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 three 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, or see the parish websites for the event flyer and registration form. Take some time for yourself and attend this event designed especially for you!

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. More information will be forthcoming. Tanya Lee, 937-885-7432.

Grow in your love for the Eucharist - As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, a video series entitled, "The Mass" will be available free of charge for all of 2023! Visit catholicaoc.org/theMass to find every episode of this excellent video series from Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire Ministries along with Archbishop Schnurr's own brief insights. Each episode of the series is only about 25 minutes long. This is a great way to deepen your understanding and appreciation of the Mass and experience it in a whole new way. Please also prayerfully consider sharing this resource with family and friend.

Formed Pick of the Week: The Necessity of Divine Mercy. Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, reveals the urgency to live and share the powerful message of Divine Mercy. He explains the basics of the Divine Mercy feast, image, novena, chaplet, and hour of mercy, and how to incorporate them into your spiritual life.

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

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| 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 Apr. 9, 2023

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| Weekend Offertory: | Collection |
| | \$10,934.00 |
| Holy Land Collection | \$ 1,297.00 |
| Year to Date Deficit | (\$14,404.00) |

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Fr. Angelo & Fr. Seraphine*

Prayer List

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| Virginia Allen | Tim McCrate | Special Intention |
| Ed Chartrand | Patrick McDonald | Adam |
| Nancy Cartuyvelles | Michael Mitchell | Christine |
| Michael Dalessio | Kathy Profitt | 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 | | |

Today's celebration of Divine Mercy will begin 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.

We welcome Austin Lynch-Barklay, Isabella Barklay, and Theodore Schaeffler who were baptized on Easter Sunday at Emmanuel Parish. May they and their families grow in their love for the Risen Lord.

"Christ Ist Erstanden," the tune for today's recessional hymn "Singers Sing," may sound familiar to you, as it is derived from the chant melody "Victimae Paschali Laudes," the Easter sequence. Stay tuned for another glorious derivation in a few weeks when the choir will sing "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands."

World Day of Prayer for Vocations - The 60th Anniversary of World Day of Prayer for Vocations, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday," will be observed on Sunday, April 30, 2023. The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity, or secular institutes. Vocation resources may be found here, www.vocationlessons.com. The teacher/parent password is *CinciVocations513* and the student/child password is *StFrancis513*.

From the Joyful Noiseletter

"When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit –
Rest if you must, but do not quit."
Author unknown

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Generous Contributions for Apr. 9, 2023

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| Weekend Offertory: | Collection |
| April 2nd Correction | \$10,929.92 |
| Holy Thursday | \$ 443.00 |
| Good Friday | \$ 503.00 |
| Easter Sunday | \$11,628.99 |

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Welcome to our newly baptized Johanna Marie Duffy, baptized at Holy Trinity April 2. Congratulations to the proud parents Patrick and Tiffany Duffy.

Big thank you to the hosts for the lovely party following the Easter Vigil last Saturday evening for the newly baptized and received into full Communion with the Catholic Church. Good food and great fellowship!

Plan to join us Sunday April 23 and Monday, April 24 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. For our parish Mission – **Surge of The Heart**. It promises to be engaging, entertaining and hilarious as we explore Who is God and Why That Matters and God's Dream for Your Life.

Have you been gathering together your no longer wanted or needed but still very usable household items? You can turn them in today at Trinity Center between 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. We are having a Rummage Sale Saturday, May 6 in Trinity Center. There will be lots of goodies to look through and perhaps you will find many things you can't do without. Come and see a wide variety of household items, toys, games and outdoor equipment. If you missed today's drop off, you have two more opportunities to make donations, April 23 and 30. Come and find some treasures for yourself among all the "stuff". Trinity center is the place to be on Saturday, May 6.

Thanks to all who are participating in our recycling program here at Holy Trinity. The green and yellow dumpster at the north end of Bainbridge Street are there so we can recycle magazines, newspapers, office papers and cardboards.

Please continue to bring your aluminum beverage cans to the parish when you come to Mass or when you are passing through the area, you can put them at the garage door. Please tie bags shut. We also recycle spent batteries. Please place them in the plastic tub on the steps in the vestibule, so they can be disposed of properly.

Have you been attending Holy Trinity for a while and have not registered in the parish. We would like to keep you informed with all that is going on and one way to do that is by registering. You can register by picking up a form off the bookcase in the back of church, accessing our webpage Holytrinitydayton.org and printing off a registration form or by calling the parish office at 937-228-1223. We look forward to having you as a part of our parish family and getting to know you.

Holy Trinity Vacation Bible School for children three years of age and older will be held June 12 through the 16. Mark it on your calendar now so the kids don't miss out on this fun week.

We are still accepting offerings for Mass intentions for 2023 and beyond. If you would like to schedule some to remember a deceased loved one in a special way, please call Judi at the parish office.

Eucharistic Ministers, please use the Ministry Scheduler when you have a need to make a change to your scheduled time, instead of changing with another minister privately and not using the program. It's important that the parish office is aware of any changes. Thank you!

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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Weekend Offertory: Collection
\$ 11,139.00
Charity: \$ 976.00

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Please remember in your prayers parishioners Karen O'Connor, Gerald Boyd, and Gemma Bramlage whose funeral Masses were celebrated this past week at St. Joseph church. We extend our sincere sympathy to their families as they mourn the death of their loved one. May the peace of the Risen Lord be with them.

We'd like to welcome to our parish family Khaled & Soraya Hashem and family. We're delighted you've decided to join us and look forward to getting to know you.

Please join us for a Potluck in the Parish Life Center on Saturday, April 29, after the 4:30pm Mass. Attendees are asked to bring a small salad, dessert, or small side dish to share. Fried chicken and drinks will be provided. Food items can be dropped off, before Mass, starting at 4:00pm.

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. A stipend is given to the coordinator for this ministry.

Take Me Out To The Ballgame! We are coming together with our full family of parishes, Emmanuel, Holy Trinity, Precious Blood, St. Joseph, St. Paul and St. Rita's for a fun spring afternoon of baseball and fellowship on May 21 at 1:00pm. Gather together your family and friends and be prepared to have an exciting afternoon at the ball park. The Dragons have reserved 60 seats for us in the upper-level Sections 201 and 202. There is an elevator for those needing accessibility. The tickets are \$9.00 each with a \$2 processing fee per order. Children 2 and under are free as long as they don't need their own seat. To order your tickets go to: <https://fevo.me/stjosephcatholicchurch>.

Please keep the following people in your prayers.

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

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| 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

Nazareth: Ordinary Life with Extraordinary Love is a new initiative sponsored by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati for couples married up to 5 years. Come and spend time together with other newlyweds from the Greater Dayton area to strengthen and enrich the extraordinary love that every marriage has in Christ.

Session I: Saturday, May 6 at St. Luke Catholic Church; 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., includes Mass first thing in the morning followed by light breakfast. Babysitting is available from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Session II: Tuesday, June 6 at Mary, Help of Christians Church in Fairborn; 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 a couple, and includes both sessions and cost of babysitting (under 5 years old). Space is limited and on a first-come-first-serve basis. Babies are always welcome with their moms. For further information or to register please contact: David Ulmer at dulmer@catholicaoc.org

Mary's WAY (Women Answering Yes) 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. Limited space available, cost \$30/person. Sign up by emailing Chris Condit at cmcondit@woh.rr.com or go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/marys-way-ohio-tickets-534573773547>.

"Love is a mystery that transforms everything it touches into things beautiful and pleasing to God." - St. Faustina.

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