

Parish Mission Statement

We believe Saint Paul the Apostle Roman Catholic Parish is:

A parish family that respects and supports the diversities, concerns, and aspirations of its members who share their time, talents, and treasures by spreading the loving Word of God;

A worshipping community that strives to be Christ-like, ministering to others through prayer, song, and sacraments;

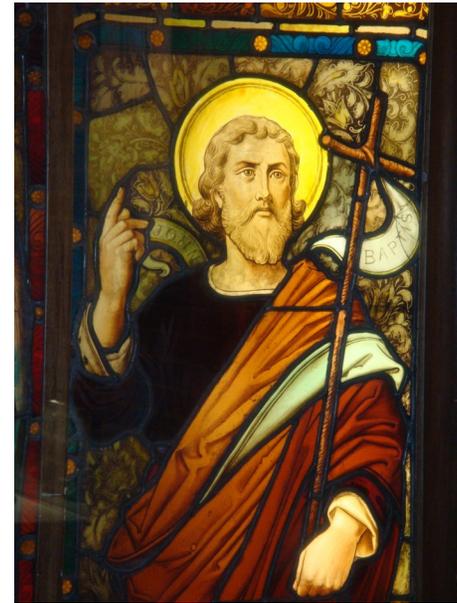
An apostolic, evangelistic community that is a welcoming home for those who both praise and need God.

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*“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on a stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”*

-Matthew 5: 14-16

## **MINISTRY BOOKLET**



**The Catholic Community of**  
***St. Paul the Apostle***

***New Middletown, Ohio***

**2025**

Dear Friends,

Welcome to St. Paul the Apostle Church in New Middletown, Ohio. Whether you are new to our parish community or have been a parishioner for some time, I invite you to share your gifts of time, talent, and treasure with your fellow parishioners and with the wider community. As good stewards of God's creation and of His many gifts to us, each of us is called to continue the mission of Jesus in our lives of prayer, worship, and service.

This resource booklet has been designed to help you understand the committees and ministries that are available here at St. Paul's. With the listing of each committee/ministry you will find the name and contact information for the person in charge. As well, there is a brief description of the activities that are part of the life of each committee/ministry. Please review all of the services offered and prayerfully reflect on which ministries would most benefit from your specific talents.

For your ready reference, here is our liturgy schedule:

**Sunday Liturgy**

Sunday 11:00 am Mass

**Holy Day Liturgies**

Please consult the bulletin

**Weekday Liturgies**

Tuesday 8:00 am Mass

Thursday 8:00 am Mass

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** (Confession)

First Saturday of  
each month 3:00 - 3:45 pm

**Adoration**

8:30 am until 6:00 pm

The 2nd Tuesday  
of every month.

May God bless you and your families!

Sincerely,  
Very Rev. Martin Celuch, JCL  
Pastor

**MINISTRY VOLUNTEER INTEREST FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Ministry (ies) that you are interested in receiving more info about or joining:**

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4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

Please remove this sheet from the booklet and return it to the Rectory or drop it in the collection basket. By returning this form, you are in no way obligated to join any ministry (ies) that you have expressed interest in.

**Thank you for sharing your time & talent with our  
Parish community!**

## PARISH DIRECTORY

Parish Office 330-542-3466  
 Pirohy 330-542-3525  
 Parish website www.stpaulnewmiddletown.org  
 Facebook St. Paul the Apostle, New Middletown

### STAFF PERSONS

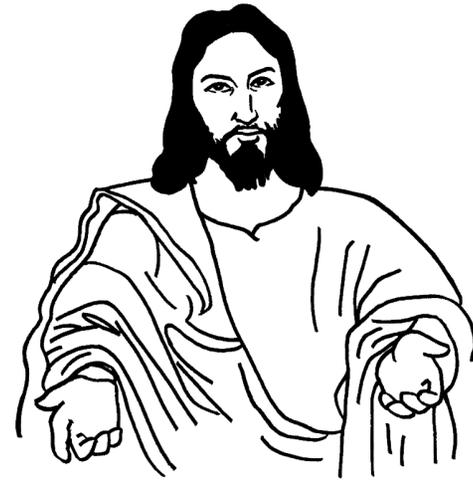
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 Katrina Hayes, *Director of Music* 330-542-3466  
 Tom Penwell, *Sacristan* 330-542-3466  
 Eric Weeden, *Property Manager* 330-542-3466

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

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| Lorie Barber        | Kathleen Butch | Frank Dixon        |
| Lily Gentile (teen) | Gloria Farrow  | Dr. Matt Gugliotti |
| Deacon Bill McMahan |                | Sam Morocco        |
| Joann Wollet        |                |                    |

### DIOCESAN DIRECTORY

Diocese of Youngstown 330-744-8451  
 Catholic Charities 330-744-8451  
 The Catholic Echo 330-744-5251



### Overview of Ministry Opportunities:

Our Parish community offers numerous ministries and outreach experiences through which we can live out the Lord's call to serve and enrich our lives. Let us unite, as one community of faith, and pray for the Spirit to unveil His will for each of us.

Some may feel called to join a particular ministry, while others may realize that they are meant to do something else in the community, or we may already be doing all we can in bringing Christ to others in our lives. In any case, let us be open to the calling of the Spirit of God, and let us deepen our prayer lives. Then and only then can we respond, "***Yes, Lord, we are utilizing the gifts and talents that we've been given to glorify You to the fullest extent in the time You have given us on this earth.***"



The following pages show the many ways to be involved at St. Paul's. The list is in alphabetical order.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

Al Pompeo 330-542-3466

The Parish invites all adults to attend Faith Formation Enrichment throughout the year. These include four morning sessions as well as evening sessions during Advent and Lent.

**ALTAR GUILD**

Denise Gentile 330-542-9474

Members of the Altar Guild engage in charitable works for those in our parish community. They engage in community-building socials. They offer financial support to the parish, especially for liturgical and environment needs. Meetings are usually the first Monday of the month at 6:00 pm.

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Al Pompeo 330-542-3466

Once a young boy or girl is in the fourth grade, he/she may step forward to serve Mass. Training sessions are held on an annual basis for children who want to learn to serve. Servers are asked to be available for weekend Masses and some weddings. Adults serve weekday Masses. Scheduling is up to each individual. Servers are scheduled every three months.

**BEREAVEMENT**

Janet Riccardi 330-542-3466

Members of this Committee correspond with the deceased’s family with a care package and by writing cards to them periodically throughout the next year on dates that have been proven to be important. The parish supplies cards and the Committee member assigned to a family is asked, if possible, to make a visit at the funeral home. As part of our annual All Souls Day Commemoration, a Mass of Remembrance will be offered for those who died within the year. The families of those who died will be invited to participate in this Mass in a special way.

**CATHOLIC CONNECTION**

Barb Zorn 330-792-8305

A number of area parishes collaborate on adult faith formation opportunities including the DINNER AND DOCTRINE series and FIRST FRIDAY. We meet to share a meal and hear a guest speaker on topics relating to our faith. Check the bulletin for upcoming events.

***Sacramental Information***

**Baptism**

Parents are asked to call the Rectory to arrange for a Baptism meeting with the pastor. A date can be arranged at your Baptism preparation meeting.

**Reconciliation**

1st Saturdays 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm  
Or by appointment 330-542-3466

**Marriage**

Couples wishing to marry at the parish should contact the office as soon as possible to reserve a date for the wedding and to schedule a time to meet with the pastor. Contact should be made no less than six months before your intended date of marriage.

**Anointing of the Sick**

Individuals who will be having surgery or are suffering from a chronic illness should receive Anointing of the Sick. Please contact the parish office for a time to receive this sacrament.

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Hall Rental

Please contact the Parish Office, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Costs and availability will vary.

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***Parish Pastoral Council***

Meetings are held monthly. Please refer to the church bulletin for exact dates and times.

*All members of the parish are invited, welcomed, and encouraged to attend as an observer!*

### TABLE OF PLENTY

Fran May 330-549-5283

Together with two other church communities, this ministry provides meals the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays of each month. St. Paul's is responsible for the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Different ministries within the church plan, prepare, and serve the meal.

### WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Cindy Clemente 330-707-9800

New families are recognized by our parish with their names hung on the banner in the Gathering Space for all to see. This committee ensures new members are recognized in our parish.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Call Rectory 330-542-3466

This ladies group meets Wednesday morning from 9:00 am until 10:30 am September through May in the church. They study Scripture, share the Word, and enjoy fellowship.



### PRAYER GROUP

Jean Gbur 330-542-3777

Our prayer group meets once a week, usually on Tuesday evenings, at 6:00 pm to pray for any needs brought to its attention by word of mouth or by intentions placed in the parish prayer box. All gatherings begin with praise songs and Scripture. The prayer box is brought forth during the *Preparation of the Gifts* and mentioned during the *General Intercession* at each Mass on the weekend. You are most welcome to attend, to observe, and/or to participate in the prayer meeting, which lasts usually one hour.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tom Penwell 330-542-3466

Ministers of the Eucharist assist during Mass in the sharing and distribution of communion, both the Body and the Blood of the Lord. Some Eucharistic Ministers also assist in bringing communion to the sick and homebound. Scheduling is up to each volunteer. After prayer and discernment, being a Eucharistic Minister can begin after one's Confirmation.

### EVANGELIZATION

Deacon Bill McMahon 330-542-3466

Reaching out to members of our parish community and beyond to strengthen their relationship with Christ is an important part of our faith. The Evangelization Committee plans events that bring Christ to the entire parish. The group meets regularly to plan evangelization opportunities.

## Club 50plus

### FIFTY +

Betty Himes 330-953-3823

This ministry offers fellowship and a friendly, social atmosphere for those 50 and over. They meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 12:30 pm (for lunch as well) and plan local trips and social events.

**FINANCIAL COUNCIL**

Fr. Martin Celuch 330-542-3466

The financial security and planning of a large parish community like St. Paul's is one of the most moral and ethical responsibilities we have. People entrust us with their financial offering to support the work of God. This committee meets four times a year to review financial planning, investments, spending, and overall security of the people's financial gifts to God. Please speak with Fr. Zeigler for this ministry, for it is appointed by him.

**GARDEN ANGELS**

Irene Scullen 330-542-1143

Each year, selected outside areas on the church property are put up for "adoption." Once an individual, a family, a group of friends, or a parish organization adopts an area, they agree to plant flowers, weed, and maintain the area during the summer months. This is a major contribution to the beauty of the parish grounds. While the parish would certainly reimburse individuals for their purchase(s), most donate their time and money to keep our gardens growing.

**GIFTING PROGRAM**

Sam Morocco 330-980-4939

This program gives any parishioner an inexpensive way to give a substantial gift to St. Paul's through a Life Insurance Policy. St Paul's is the owner and beneficiary, and the parishioner is the insured.

**HOMEBOUND VISITATION**

Call Rectory 330-542-3466

Each week, these volunteers go "two-by-two" to visit our homebound. Communion is also shared, so most on this committee are Eucharistic Ministers as well. We help the homebound feel connected to the parish and our activities.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

Fran May 330-549-5283

The St. Vincent de Paul Society serves the poor in the area. On designated dates throughout the year, members of St. Paul's serve at the St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen in downtown Youngstown.

**SILAS MARNERS**

Jack Ohlin 330-542-1244

These volunteers gather every Monday morning to count the weekend collection. These men and women rotate responsibilities every few months.

**SPONSOR COUPLES**

Al Pompeo 330-542-3466

These married couples use their marital experience to work with engaged couples in preparation for marriage.



**STCCC**

Georgie Shane 330-542-3466

St. Paul's is a member of the Springfield Township Council of Churches and Community (STCCC or the 3 C's). This ecumenical outreach organization is a covenant group of local churches representing the different denominations in our area. This group of men and women strive to address local concerns and problems while promoting common worship opportunities, as well as service to the poor and needy.

**SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP CAFÉ**

Frank Dixon 330-542-3466

This ministry offers refreshments after Mass once a month, providing fellowship and community as well.

**PRAYER GROUP**

Jean Gbur 330-794-3659

The prayer group meets weekly to offer community prayers which also include the prayers that are placed in our prayer box in the Gathering Space.

**PRISON OUTREACH**

Fran May 330-549-5283

This ministry visits those in jail to pray with them, offer communion, and provide their spiritual needs during this time.

**PSR (Parish, School & Religion)**

Al Pompeo 330-542-3466

The PSR student sessions run from September through Easter and are held from 9:00 am until 10:15 am, enabling everyone to also attend the 10:30 am Mass. These sessions are for Pre-K through 8th grade. We teach about our faith, share in prayer, sing songs, and serve the community together through our community service projects.

**O CIA**

Deacon Bill McMahon 330-542-3466

This stands for Order of Christian Initiation for Adults. One can be a part of RCIA as a formal teacher or as a support person. Those adults interested in becoming Catholic, who need a Sacrament, or would like to learn more about the Faith or deepen and renew their faith should call Bill at the Rectory. Sacraments of Initiation are usually celebrated at the Easter Vigil.

**RESPECT LIFE**

Jane Crow & Donna McConnell 330-542-3466

Respect Life offers literature throughout the year. The month of October is designated for this ministry. Please check the Gathering Space Boards and the Bulletin for information.

**INFORMATION**

Dr. Matt Gugliotti 330-542-3466

This committee maintains the informational table in the Gathering Space providing all materials needed to become member of the parish and join our ministries. They also answer any questions parishioners may have.

**HOSPITALITY**

Tom Penwell 330-542-3466

Hospitality is people making people feel welcome. This ministry encompasses welcoming people who are attending Mass, assisting with seating, offertory needs, and collection, or any practical/formal needs of the people before, during, or after the Mass. We are also responsible for taking up the collection, passing out bulletins, and helping those who might become ill. Each person in the parish is called upon to demonstrate our spirit of welcome



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Dave Keeble call Rectory

The Knights is a fraternal lay organization for men devoted to the advancement of Catholic action, committed especially to the promotion of Catholic Education through endowments. They are responsible for fund-raising socials, and help with projects that involve the church buildings and surrounding grounds as needed. They meet the 3rd Monday of every month at 6:00 pm.

### LECTORS

Tom Penwell 330-542-3466

These men and women are readers of God's Holy Word at Mass. Lectors are responsible for the effective proclamation of the Scriptures. We encourage lectors to prepare by meditating and praying over the Scriptures to be proclaimed. Lectors are encouraged to attend workshops, retreats, and prayerful opportunities that will deepen their ability to understand and experience God through the Word they proclaim. New lectors are generally sought each year. Anyone who can demonstrate a good reading ability is welcome. Scheduling is up to each lector.

### LITURGY COMMITTEE

Katrina Hayes 330-542-3466

The holy space in which we worship and the setting we find as we attend church are the results of many creative and generous people.

### MENS CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP

Sam Morocco 330-980-4939

This group meets to study and discuss a particular text or Scripture and enter into prayer with the fellowship of adult men in our parish. We meet every other Thursday throughout the year at 6:30 pm in the Rectory.



### MISSION TEAM

Deacon Bill McMahon 330-542-3466

The members of our Mission Team plan our yearly Mission which typically takes place during the Lenten season. The Mission nourishes the community through speakers, prayer, praise, and music.

### MUSIC MINISTRY

Katrina Hayes 330-542-3466

The Music Ministry includes our music director, other instrumentalists, Cantors, seasonal family choirs, and special music for Sacramental Liturgies. If you wish to be a part of the music program as a musician or cantor, please let us know. You are also invited to join the holiday or seasonal choirs.



### NURSING HOME MINISTRY

Call Rectory 330-542-3466

This Ministry celebrates Mass for and with the residents at Hampton Woods and Windsor House the first and third Thursdays at 3:00 pm.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Fr. Martin Celuch 330-542-3466

Pastoral Council coordinates the parish's volunteer programs, promotes participation and cooperation among the ministries and offers policy suggestions to our pastor. This Council meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Rectory. Members are appointed.

### PIROHY

Call Hall 330-542-3525

Pirohy is set up on Wednesdays and are made on Thursdays and Fridays. Proceeds from our Pirohy (which is the best in town!) help to defray the costs of major church projects throughout the year. Come "pinch" some pirohy with us!

### PRAYER BLANKET

Joann Wollet 330-542-3466

This program offers a hand-made blanket with a prayer to those in need of healing for any reason. Please pick up your blanket and prayer in the Sacristy in the cabinet marked "Prayer Blankets."