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2019 GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY



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SAINT PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH 2019

IN A PASTORAL REGION WITH SAINT AUGUSTINE
(JAMESTOWN) AND SAINT BRIGID (XENIA)

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 11:15 a.m.
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
Holy Days of Obligation..... Bulletin

CONFESSIONS

At St. Paul on Wednesday, 5:45 p.m.;
At St. Brigid on Saturdays, 3:30-4:00 p.m.;
Or by appointment.

CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

BAPTISMS are scheduled through the PSR Office (937) 767-7450 for
baptism classes

WEDDINGS are scheduled through the Regional Office (937) 372-3193.
Please call the office at least (6) months before you plan to be wed.

FUNERALS: we are sorry for your loss, and we are here to help. Please
call (937) 372-3193.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

September – May

Sundays

Early Childhood (Grades Pre-K and Kindergarten)

9:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Family Catechesis (Grades 1-8 with parents)

1 – 2 times per month 9:45 a.m. – 11:00am

Confirmation (7th & 8th and up) TBD

Tuesdays & Thursdays

Grades 1 – 8, as needed, TBA

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays

High School (Post-Confirmation Grades 9 – 12)

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

Meets year round as announcedcre@stpaulyellowsprings.org

ANNUAL DIRECTORY 2019

From our Pastor:

Thanks everyone for a great first year! It has been a real blessing to be here. We have so many things to be grateful for in the last year. Our choir has been wonderful, we have done some great charitable work, and we got some needed repairs finished on the church. None of this can happen without so many good people. Thanks for all you do for us, and we are looking forward to another awesome year!

In Christ,

Fr. Andrew Cordonnier

MISSION STATEMENT OF SAINT PAUL PARISH

St. Paul Catholic Church is a diverse and growing community that is inspired by the Holy Spirit and united in prayer to serve as one with Christ. We welcome you to come and hear the Word of the Lord, partake of His life in the sacraments, and participate in all aspects of our Parish life. We encourage you to discover the strength and enlightenment of Catholic worship, tradition, and faith.

VISION STATEMENT OF SAINT PAUL PARISH

“Recognizing that we are the Body of Christ, we strive to become a viable, self-sustaining community of vibrant, thriving Catholic Christians. We do this by:

- Identifying, forming, and supporting individuals and their gifts for the ministry of Christ
- Forming and educating our community of believers in Christ
- Fostering our Christian family/community spirit for one another through worship and service.”

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

To register in the parish, please call (937) 372-3193, email the parish office, or simply drop a registration form in the collection basket. We are happy that you are here!

Please notify office@stpaulyellowsprings.org of any change of address. We are here to help!

To schedule a Mass intention at St. Paul Church, please call the Regional Parish Office at (937) 372-3193. The stipend for a Mass intention is \$5.00. After scheduling the Mass intention, you can place the stipend in an envelope and either mail it to St. Paul Church, 308 Phillips St., Yellow Springs, OH 45387 or place it in the weekend collection.

If you would like to reserve the Undercroft of the church for a parish, family or community event, please call the Regional Office at (937) 372-3193.

HISTORY OF SAINT PAUL CHURCH YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO 1856-2019

In 1847 the families of Joseph Downey, Martin Whalen, Dennis Day, and Patrick Hennessy moved into the local settlement. They were served by visiting priests who celebrated Mass in their homes. Mass was also regularly celebrated in the Pettigrew farmhouse south of the Little Miami River, and sometime later, in the bowling alley of the Yellow Springs Hotel.

Judge William Mills, founder of the present Village, donated three lots for a church building on South High Street at the corner of West North College Street. The building was contracted for \$1,400 and much of the labor itself performed by men of the parish. The name chosen was The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, but was later changed to Saint Paul. The cornerstone was laid on August 15, 1856, the same year the Village was incorporated. This edifice still stands, but is now put to industrial use. Among the parishioners at the time were the families of Civil War generals, W.S. Rosencrans and E.P. Scammon.

The recording of baptisms was begun in 1868 with that of Helen (Ella) Abbey on December 6th.

St. Paul was served by the pastors of St. Raphael Church in Springfield until autumn 1872, when the Rev. James A. Burns was assigned as resident pastor. The first parochial residence was built in 1876. During the pastorate of the Rev. James O'Keefe (1887-1905) five acres of land were purchased for the parish cemetery, and were dedicated on October 26, 1892.

The first ordination of a "native son" occurred on July 26, 1887 in Cincinnati in the person of Daniel Quinn, born in Yellow Springs in the days of the infant parish. His first Mass was celebrated in St. Paul Church. He was appointed pastor of St. Paul Church in 1905, succeeding Fr. O'Keefe.

Parishioners of Assumption Church bought the former Christian Church at the corner of Elm and Phillips Streets, which had been built in 1856. In 1908 it became available and as parish needs increased, buying this building presented a satisfactory solution. It was purchased for \$2,500 and the name was changed from Assumption to Saint Paul. It was improved by the addition of two sacristies, steam heat, main altar (a gift of Father Quinn in memory of his father, John Quinn), and stained glass in all the main windows. The pastor's residence was moved to the new location on Elm Street and on October 25, 1908, the converted church was solemnly blessed by the Dean of the Dayton Deanery. In 1912 Father Quinn was succeeded by Rev. William J. Egan (1912-1916), during whose service the present Stations of the Cross were installed, the gift of P.J. Shouvin of Springfield.

The second native of the parish to receive Holy Orders was Francis Heider, who was ordained on June 14, 1924 in Cincinnati, and celebrated his first Mass the following day in St. Paul's. Building of the current P.O.B. was begun July 1, 1929 and was ready for occupancy on March 1, 1930 at a cost of \$16,850. The old rectory was sold and moved to North Winter Street.

The next vocational milestone in parish history was reached by Florence McCurdy, who professed her final vows in 1938 with the Sisters of Charity and took the name of Sister Jean Andre. In the following decade, Eileen Alexander answered the call to a spiritual life, joining the Maryknoll Sisters in 1945. She served many years in El Salvador, among other places, and passed away on January 1, 2013.

In 1955 the undercroft of the church was remodeled, adding restrooms and a kitchen. One hundred thirty families were registered in the parish at the time the Centennial Celebration took place in August, 1956 during the pastorate of Rev. Richard Redman. New gold vestments, the gift of Sister Jean Andre McCurdy in memory of her parents, were used.

The Archdiocese observed an illustrious year in 1976 when its first class of permanent deacons was ordained on September 25th. Paul E. Richardson, a member of St. Paul since 1967, was among those ordained. He has assisted the various pastors and sustained a steady influence on the spiritual development of fellow parishioners and of the community.

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In 1959 a 14-foot, limestone cross with five-foot corpus, the gift of the Clayton Powell and Walter Cummings families, was installed above the entrance door. In 1959 and 1961, respectively, the shuttered ground level windows on the front were converted to arched niches to receive statues of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary, and double plate glass doors were installed, with the niche above the doorway bricked in and the limestone nameplate inserted.

In 1964 a large crucifix was affixed to the wall behind the central altar, and the Van Loo painting was transferred to the choir loft. Ten years later the interior received a new Blessed Sacrament support stand, along with several other improvements. The kitchen was redone, and a small separate chapel was arranged in the undercroft in 1975.

In 1981, the year of the 125th anniversary, the church interior, Stations of the Cross and the undercroft all received new coats of paint. Unfortunately, the bell had to be removed from the church belfry because of a weakened roof structure.

The tradition of religious vocations was carried on by Paul Del Staigers, who was ordained June 5, 1987.

An addition was built on the rear of the church in 1988 to house an elevator. Its installation was welcomed with joy by the local funeral directors who, until this time, had to maneuver the coffins up the stairways for funeral Masses. The church was air-conditioned in the same year.

Years and weather had finally damaged the belfry to the point that it had to be removed in 1997. In 1998 the church exterior was repaired, painted, and sealed and the interior again painted.

In 2006 the parish celebrated the 150th anniversary of its founding in 1856. Present among the concelebrants were former pastors, Fr. James O. Byrne, Fr. Edmund Hussey, Fr. Joseph Goetz, and Fr. Joseph Raudabaugh. Also concelebrating was the current pastor, Fr. Mark Meyer, and native son of the parish, Fr. Del Staigers. Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk was the main celebrant.

New carpeting was installed to the upper church in 2008, thanks to a generous donation from a parishioner. The undercroft was improved with additional storage units; the Building and Grounds Commission plastered and painted the walls, ceilings, and columns. From 2008-2011, generous parishioners donated altar coverings and orphrey scarves (handmade), as well as a sanctuary chime, papal and American flags, two tall candlesticks for the altar, a red Jacobean altar covering with orphrey scarves (tailor made), altar linens and albs for servers. A freestanding ambry was donated to hold the baptism/confirmation oils and oil for the sick.

In September 2010, the parish purchased a new residence for the pastor at 310 Phillips Street. This allowed the former residence to be used as classrooms and meeting space. Renovations to the church undercroft kitchen occurred in the summer of 2011 as well as reconstruction of the old restrooms, and the addition of a new handicap restroom. The new residence was sold in 2016. New wooden doors with etched glass were installed in the front of the church in June 2016, along with an angled cement pad that allowed better handicapped access to the building.

Rev. Anthony J. Geraci was pastor of St. Paul from 2008 to June 2016. He celebrated 40 years of ordination in 2015 before his retirement.

In July of 2016 St. Paul's became part of a collaborative Pastoral Region with St. Brigid's in Xenia and St. Augustine's in Jamestown. Fr. John Krumm became the pastor of all three Parishes. He retired in July 2018, after his 40th anniversary of priesthood.

On May 14, 2018, our current Pastor, Fr. Andrew Cordonnier, was appointed to our region.

In the fall of 2018, some much needed maintenance to the outside of the church building was begun, including fixing the exterior bricks of the church and the mortar joints. The drains surrounding the church and parish office were also replaced.

Today the congregation of St. Paul Catholic Church numbers around 300 families. It remains an important component of Yellow Springs and the surrounding communities.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

There are six at-large Parish Council Members who are elected to represent the entire Parish. They meet regularly, along with the Pastor and a representative of the various Commissions. They oversee and evaluate existing programs, assess future needs, and make recommendations to the Pastor about our life together in the Lord.

President: Dan Marion (767-1417)

Vice-president: Kathy Sanders (272-0413)

THE COMMISSIONS OF PARISH COUNCIL ARE:

BUILDING and GROUNDS

Meets as needed to assist in the planning and oversight of the maintenance of parish properties.

Chair: Mike Breza (937) 931-5015.

CEMETERY

The Commission provides support and oversight to those responsible for the upkeep of the cemetery, which provides burial services and upkeep of cemetery plots and grounds. The cemetery is primarily for parishioners and relatives. The cemetery staff maintains record of location of plots and to whom plots are sold.

Chair: Ken Struewing (937) 767-1388,
cemetery@stpaulyellowsprings.org

EDUCATION

Working with the Parish Formational Staff, this Commission promotes and supports opportunities for discipleship and faith formation through enrichment, catechetical, and informational programs sponsored by the parish.

R.C.I.A.

The process by which adults and children (7 or older) become members of the Catholic Church. Sessions meet at St. Brigid with our current pastor and numerous volunteers.

Parish School of Religion (PSR)

These are catechetical classes conducted for Early Childhood and Grade 1 through 12. The purpose is to educate families in their faith and form Catholic Disciples of Christ. Children in the second grade prepare for their First Reconciliation and First Communion. Junior high students and older are prepared for Confirmation. Certification for catechists is through the Archdiocesan VOCARE program. Compliance with the Child Protection Decree is through the VIRTUS program and Selection.com.

Youth Ministry

Junior and Senior High School students attend group sessions as scheduled where they learn more about their faith and seek to develop a close personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The parish youth also participate in scheduled Archdiocesan VIA events.

Vacation Bible School

Held in summer with the Pastoral Region. Check the Regional Bulletin and parish websites for details.

Carmelite Prayer and Spirituality Group

Follows the art and practice of contemplation. Meets each Wednesday after the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

Contact: Mark Danis (937) 767-1343.

Adult Education Programs

Various learning experiences to further educate interested adults who wish to study their faith. Adult Faith formation is offered on Sunday mornings as scheduled, as well as other catechesis (as scheduled).

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FINANCE

Working with the Pastor and Business Manager in providing an annual budget, keeps up with the budget through the year and presents long-range financial planning to the Parish Pastoral Council.

PARISH LIFE AND OUTREACH COMMISSION (PLOC)

Coordinates OUTREACH activities of parish

SERVICE

Respect Life/Pro-Life Activities

Promoting the sacredness of all life.

Homebound, Hospital, and Nursing Home Visits

Sacramental and social visitation to the homebound/shut-ins. Provides communion, prayer and contact. Pastor visits on occasion as well. Please contact the Parish Admin Office and to provide the information on any shut-in or homebound person.

Contact: Patty Alexander (767-1844)/Norma Lewis (620-7879)

Prayer Requests

A Prayer Request list is published in the regional bulletin which can include special intentions for various reasons. Notify the Regional Admin Office by phone (937) 372-3193. Intentions can also be passed on to other parishioners with permission who are “Prayer Warriors”. Prayer request slips are located around the church. Fill one out and place in collection or designated box.

Contact: Vickie Hoomes (322-2913)

Cleaning Angels and Dirt Devils

Volunteer teams who alternate vacuuming, dusting and polishing interior of the church.

Bereavement Ministry

Volunteers who plan funerals and funeral luncheons.

CHARITABLE WORKS

Christmas Baskets and Christmas Aid

Fruit baskets at Christmastime for local people in need.

Contact: Karen McKee (767-4641)

Interfaith Hospitality Network

General assistance for personal health and hygiene items at the ecumenical homeless shelter in Xenia. These items are collected in a designated Undercroft cupboard space.

Food Collection

Parishioners collect non-perishable items for the Yellow Springs Food Pantry. Collected monthly, but welcomed anytime.

Lenten Dinner Fundraiser

For designated charities.

Items Collected in the Undercroft

Magazines for Hospital, Rosaries for Beads of Peace, Coupons, Eye glasses for the Lions, Box tops for St. Brigid School

HOSPITALITY

Senior Citizens' Christmas Luncheon

Luncheon with music and gifts for senior citizens of our community.

Contact: Parish Pastoral Council

FELLOWSHIP

Coffee Hour

Gathering after 11:15 a.m. Mass on the first Sunday of each month in the Undercroft to socialize and enjoy coffee, donuts, and other food.

Contact: Kathy and Tom Schopmeyer (937) 325-7565.

High School Seniors' Graduation Breakfast Fellowship

Contact: Sherry Malloy

Parish Picnic

Annual event held in late summer or early autumn for parish enjoyment. Parishioners and Church provide food.

Contact: Parish Pastoral Council

LITURGY

MUSIC MINISTRY

The Music Director selects music for all weekend and Holy Day Masses, funerals, weddings, Reconciliation Services and other liturgies; assembles and directs adult and children's choirs and special groups. The Sunday Choir is open to parishioners, junior high through adult by audition; rehearsals 7:00 p.m. Thursdays, September through June; cantors selected by auditions. Staff Organist (Music Director) plays for all Masses, funerals, weddings, and other liturgies.

Contact: Anne Shoup, Music Director

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

We use a scheduling program. Please let us know your preferences and we can accommodate you.

Sacristans

Sacristans help prepare for Mass. Their duties might include:

- Opening up Church building.
- Preparing the sanctuary for Mass.
- Cleaning the sacred vessels after Mass.
- Verify who are the Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers for Mass.
- Selecting gift bearers as needed.
- Turning off lights and sound system and secure church after Mass.

Eucharistic Ministers

Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion distribute the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of the Lord at Mass. To care for the Most Holy Eucharist is one of the most important ways that we can live out our faith as Catholics.

Altar Servers

Altar servers assist at Mass by serving at the altar.

Lectors

Lectors assist at Mass by proclaiming the word of God at Mass.

Ushers

Ushers assist at Mass by seating guests and taking up the collection. They also place the collection in a sealed bag after Mass.

Contact: Bob & Mary Fairman (864-7006)

Linen Maintenance

Linens cleaned and maintained for the church on a weekly basis.

Contact: Cassie Ditmer (864-0592)

Sewing Group

The creation and care of sanctuary and general church garments. Baptismal garments made and presented to parents of newly baptized infants.

Church Environment and Flowers

Decorate the church by arranging flowers for Mass.

Contact: Patty Alexander (767-1844)

Rosary Group

Rosary or chaplets prayed. Meets most Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

Contact: Patty Alexander (767-1844)

THE SACRAMENTS

The Sacraments are holy, visible signs instituted by Christ, used by the Church to bring people into contact with God in different ways. The seven Sacraments touch all the stages and important moments of Christian life. Through these Sacraments Christians can experience the healing, forgiving, nourishing, strengthening presence of God that allows us to love in return because God's Grace works in the Sacraments. We usually experience these as **Sacraments of Initiation** – Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation; **Sacraments of Healing** – Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick; and Sacraments of Vocation – Matrimony and Holy Orders. There is a period of catechesis before receiving each of these, both for adults and children.

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Baptism is the first **Sacrament of Initiation** uniting us to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Parents are expected to raise the child in the faith through actively living out of their faith as a witness to their children. Parents are also expected to provide Catholic religious instruction all the way through high school, either by participating in our PSR program or a Catholic school such as St. Brigid School. Godparents must be 16 years of age or older. At least one Godparent must be an actively practicing Catholic in Good Standing with the Church and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The Most Holy Eucharist is the second **Sacrament of Initiation**.

The Most Holy Eucharist is the real presence of Christ. “Do this in memory of Me.” [Luke 22: 17-20] By receiving the Most Holy Eucharist, we continue to be nourished in the life of the Lord.

Children in the Second Grade and above must be enrolled in the Parish School of Religion for proper catechesis to receive First Communion.

Confirmation is the final **Sacrament of Initiation**, which further grafts us into the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus through the grace of the Holy Spirit. The same Spirit given at Pentecost (50th day after Easter) is given to us through the ministry of the Bishop, successor to the Apostles, or his representative. God shares His Holy Spirit, a Spirit of Wisdom, Counsel, Understanding, Knowledge, Fortitude, Piety, and Fear of the Lord. The ordinary minister of Confirmation is the Bishop.

Students (grade 7 & 8 and up) to be confirmed must be enrolled and actively participate in the Parish School of Religion and have completed Confirmation formation.

Reconciliation is the Sacrament of Christ’s forgiveness and healing through the ministry of his Church. Christ commissioned the apostles and their successors to forgive sin in His name. [John 20: 19-23]. As Christians we are encouraged to make frequent use of this Sacrament.

Children usually receive their First Reconciliation as part of the catechetical process for First Communion.

Anointing of the Sick: “If anyone among you is sick, he should ask for the presbyters of the church. They in turn are to pray over him/her, anointing him/her with oil in the Name of the Lord.” [James 5: 14-16] The **Anointing of the Sick** is a sacrament of the Lord Jesus, a holy sign of His healing presence among us. The sacrament is conferred upon our hospitalized, shut-ins, and dying, and by special request, or after the Wednesday Mass.

Matrimony is the sacrament of holy covenant between two persons in Marriage. Modeled after the fidelity of Christ, husband and wife are to be as faithful and loving to each other as Christ has been to all of us. The parish priest or deacon witnesses the exchange of matrimonial vows.

Holy Orders is the Sacrament of Ordination to celebrate the Word and Sacraments for the purpose of perpetuating through time and space the one sacrifice of Jesus; his life, suffering, death, and resurrection. The priesthood does not repeat, but renews, through the preaching of the Word and celebration of the Sacraments, the redemption of Jesus. There are priests grounded in parishes in a local diocese; others are members of religious communities - all evangelize. All communicate Jesus and make Him present by the celebration of Word and Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, and represent the Lord to all people. For more information about the priesthood and diaconate, call the Vocations Office of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati at (513) 421-3131, Diocesan Vocations Director. And, if interested in the vocation to the life of women religious, call the same Office.

HOLY DAYS IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The National Conference of Catholic Bishops of the United States voted in November of 1983 to retain the obligation for five of the solemnities. They are:

January 1Mary, the Mother of God
August 15.....The Assumption of Mary
November 1All Saints*
December 8..... The Immaculate Conception of Mary*
December 25.....The Nativity of the Lord

*When these fall on a Saturday or a Monday, the obligation to attend Mass is optional. The feast is still celebrated at Mass and in the Liturgy of the Hours even though the obligation to attend Mass is removed.

SPECIAL COLLECTION DATES

Catholic Ministries Appeal	February
Ash Wednesday Collection for Central and Eastern Europe	March 6
Good Friday Holy Land Shrines	April 19
Catholic Relief Services Second Sunday after Easter	May 5
Holy Father's Collection Last Sunday in June	June 30
Respect Life Sunday Second to last Sunday in October	October 6
Mission Sunday	October 20
Catholic Campaign for Human Development Sunday before Thanksgiving	November 24
Retirement Fund for Religious Second Sunday in December	December 8

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