

**CARMELITE FRIARS WHO HAVE SERVED AT ST. PAUL'S**

Rev. Michael Simon Farrington a/k/a Rev. Simon Stock Farrington  
first Carmelite priest assigned to St. Paul's -1912-1940

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For the next few decades, priests from Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
would serve their mission church, St. Paul's, too, until dedicated assignments  
were made, beginning in 1982. They were:

Fr. Berthold R. Forrester

Fr. Aloysius Nagle

Fr. Emmanuel Hourihan

Fr. James Reilly

Fr. Pius Gagnon

Fr. Robert Caruana

Fr. Jerome Bauer

Fr. Paul Feeley

Fr. Norbert Hanson

Fr. Dominick "Bob" Tracey

Fr. Ronald Dolan

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Fr. John Ryan – October 1982-1988

Fr. Robert Hulse – two weeks in 1988

Fr. John Horan – November 1988-September 1990

Fr. Leo "Regis" Broniszewski – September 1990-August 1993

Fr. Sean Harlow – August 1993-July 1997

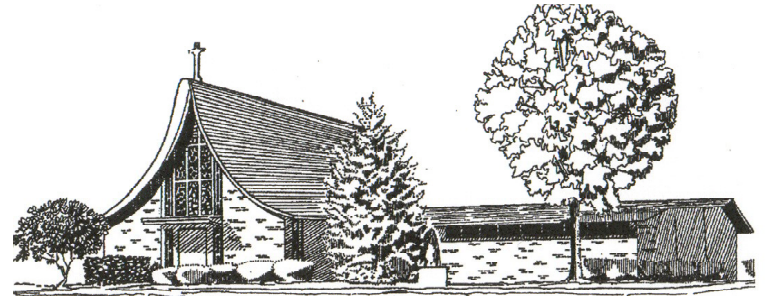
Fr. Mario Esposito – July 1997-August 1999

Fr. Patrick McGuigan – August 1999-August 2012

Very Rev. Michael Driscoll – August 2012-September 2012

Fr. Sean Harlow – September 2012-

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# PARISH HANDBOOK

ST. PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
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## St. Paul's Mission Statement

*St. Paul's parish strives to be a community  
of Christians, in the Roman Catholic tradition,  
responding to the call of Jesus under the guidance  
of the Holy Spirit, providing mutual assistance  
in Christian life,  
witness, service and worship while promoting  
the Reign of God as proclaimed in the Scriptures:*

*to act with justice,  
to love tenderly,  
to serve one another  
to walk humbly with God.*



As we entered the Year 2000, we continued to expand and explore the varied ways to minister to our community.

Our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2015 was marked by a Mass celebrated here on June 6 by Timothy Cardinal Dolan.

On June 17, 2017, Carl Anthony Locatelli was ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacon by Timothy Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Deacon Carl, a retired educator and parishioner of St. Paul's since 1980, is now called to serve the parish in a new capacity.

It's a legacy that we are proud to hand down to our children – and you are part of St. Paul's history now.

ST. PAUL'S HAS THE SPIRIT,  
  
PASS IT ON!

Sunday, April 18, 1965, a joyful, but tired, congregation attended a high Mass for the first time in the new church.

The last four decades as well have seen plenty of activity. Here are some highlights:

In the 1960s and 1970s, the first Parish Council was formed and the first lay ministers of the Eucharist were commissioned.

On February 11, 1978, John H. Frohbose, was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate by Terence Cardinal Cooke at Saint Patrick's Cathedral.

The 1980s saw the building of Damascus Hall (now known as Deacon John Frobose Hall, to honor his decades of service to our parish). Damascus Hall was dedicated on Sunday, June 14, 1987, by Bishop Austin B. Vaughan, Vicar of Orange County. The building consists of nine classrooms, expanded kitchen and office areas as well as a large parish hall.

The 1990s saw the steady growth of Orange County and, consequently, St. Paul's Church:

In 1993, our community made a three-year commitment to "Renew".

In that same year we raised \$10,000 to send 17 teens and chaperones to participate in World Youth Day in Denver, where they greeted the pope on his visit to the U.S.

In February of '96, we introduced the "Children's Liturgy of the Word," which invites our youngsters (grades K-6) to hear the Word of God during Sunday Mass, using the Children's Lectionary, and enabling them to reflect on God's message in a unique and creative way.

During 1997-98, we raised \$30,000 to expand our parking lot, due to the increasing attendance at church functions.

In April of 1999, because of the many and creative ways we have assisted our families in the religious formation of their children, St. Paul's was the proud recipient of the *Mustard Seed Award*. The award was presented personally to our then-Religious Education Coordinator, Peg Hoblin, by John Cardinal O'Connor.

In Advent of that same year, we entered into and embraced preparations for the celebration of the Jubilee Year 2000 to "Open Wide the Doors to Christ."

## SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*Mass Schedule:*  
Saturday: 5 p.m.  
Sunday: 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.  
Holy Days: 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.  
(Exceptions are noted in Sunday bulletin)

*Confessions (Reconciliation):*  
Fourth Saturday of the month at 3:30 p.m.  
or by appointment

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## **PARISH HISTORY**

(Condensed)

(Taken from "History of Saint Paul's Church,"

By Deacon John H. Frohbose, 1965 - Updated 1996 and 2000)

Bullville is recorded as "A hamlet in Crawford Township, Orange County, New York, twenty miles west of Newburgh." The place was named after the Crawford family. Bullville itself was named for Thomas Bull, who was a son of the early settler, Daniel Bull. Thomas Bull was a distiller of apple whiskey and built the hamlet of Bullville near the scene of his activities.

Exactly when the first Catholic Church of St. Paul was built is subject to some questions but it appears as though it was around 1865. Upon completion of the church, it was assigned as a "mission" of St. Joseph's Church in Middletown. In 1874, it became a Mission of St. Mary's, Montgomery. In 1893, St. Paul's became a Mission of Most Precious Blood, Walden. In 1902, St. Paul's was annexed to St. Joseph's, Wurtsboro and remained its mission until 1912 when the Carmelite Friars took responsibility for St. Paul's as a mission of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Middletown under the care of Fr. Simon Stock Farrington, O.Carm.

After the arrival of the Carmelites, many improvements were made. A cement driveway was poured, an organ was installed and new sheds were built at the back of the church to accommodate the horses while the people attended Mass.

The years following the arrival of the Carmelites found an increase of population and the need to increase the size of the church was realized in 1952 when a new foyer, baptistery and choir area were completed. A shrine of stone and marble was dedicated in front of the church in 1954, the year dedicated to our Blessed Lady by Pope Pius XII, as "Marian Year." In 1958, a railroad bell was donated by Alfred and George Schubert of Circleville.

On the morning of October 29, 1962, a child entered the church to search for his books left behind at Sunday School the preceding day. The early morning being dark, the boy lit a candle to find his way. The candle fell in a waste paper basket and in moments, the church was ablaze. Upon the ashes of 100 years, a team of volunteers quickly rallied to the cause of a new church. While the work went on, Mass was held at Townley Hall in Circleville for one year, and then parishioners joined those at Our Lady of the Assumption in Bloomingburg. On Easter

## **Ministry of Social Activities**

The Ministry of Social Activities works to promote and interpret the church's teaching about social justice and to involve parishioners in helping to meet the social needs of their community. The various ministries included under this heading are:

### **1. Christian Services**

*"For I was hungry and you gave me food," I was thirsty and you gave me drink..." Matthew 25:35*

The purpose of the Christian Services Ministry is to heed Jesus' call to His people. This ministry is involved in many outreach services that include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Meals for families during serious illness or hospitalization
- Transportation to doctor appointments, grocery store, etc.
- Prepare and serve food after a funeral Mass at the church
- Prepare and serve food for the monthly Senior Luncheon
- Distribute food from our Food Pantry on a weekly basis
- Food baskets for the needy at holiday times
- Cards and/or flowers to hospitalized parishioners
- Prayer chain
- Prayer Blankets Ministry – blankets are made as a community, blessed and distributed by request to those who are ill—as well as infants and new moms
- The Giving Tree - Organize the collection of Christmas gifts for needy children

### **2. Alcoholics Anonymous**

AA is independent of St. Paul's. We opened our doors to AA to use our facilities in the early 1980s and have made this outreach available to the community since then. AA meetings are held regularly at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays.

**Help is available: AA Hotline: (845) 534-8525.**

### **3. Social Activities**

This ministry organizes and oversees social events throughout the year, such as the annual Parish Picnic, themed dinners, coffee hours, etc. Since "many hands make light work," volunteers are always needed to make these events successful.

## **Introduction**

This Handbook contains information about the mission, organization, activities, ministries and policies of our parish. We hope it will serve as a reference, particularly for those who would like to become involved in our parish community.

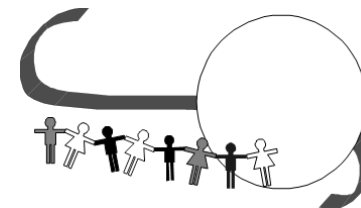
There are many ways to serve the Lord and to minister to each other through the social and spiritual experiences of our parish life. We need each person's special gifts and talents given in love and shared in fellowship. We strive to offer our friendship and support to all our parishioners. Together we endeavor to experience the spirit of our parish family - a community of faith that is alive and active.

If an activity of this parish has been overlooked, it was unintentional, and we sincerely apologize. Activities and ministries can change based on need. We will do our utmost to keep parishioners apprised, and your suggestions are always welcome.

The people of St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church encourage and appreciate your participation.

Thank you.

## **VOLUNTEERS KEEP CHURCH PROGRAMS MOVING**



## **Parish Organization**

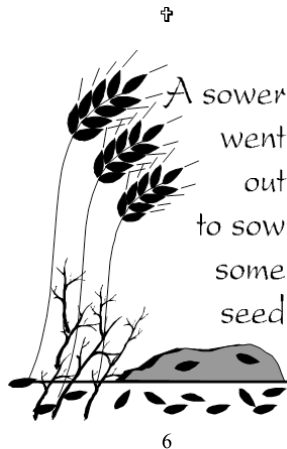
Since 1912, St. Paul's has been a mission church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Middletown and has been served by Carmelite Friars. (See the back cover for a list of those who have served here.)

At this time, we have one full-time priest, an active deacon, a deacon emeritus and a deaconate candidate who should complete his studies in the spring of 2019. Much of the administration and many of the stewardship responsibilities are handled by parishioners involved in various lay ministries.

Our Parish Council is the coordinating body for all of the various ministries. The Parish Council and its ministries advise our parish priest regarding the needs of the people and assist in evaluating and implementing policies and procedures.

There are four lay ministries and each has a designated Parish Council liaison. These are:

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Ministry of Administration and Stewardship  
  
Ministry of Worship and Spiritual Life  
  
Ministry of Education and Faith Formation  
  
Ministry of Social Activities



### **The Parents'/Guardians' responsibilities:**

- In keeping with Catholic teaching, you and your child/children are expected to join in our weekly Masses and participate fully in the faith-life of our parish family
- Help your child develop a prayer life by instructing them and praying with them
- Review weekly lessons at home
- Help your child with homework
- Attend scheduled meetings
- Volunteer at least two times a year to monitor the hall while class is in session

Our program strives to meet each child's special needs. Whenever possible, we provide a multilevel class for children who for one reason or another do not meet the conventional grade levels.

Children attending Catholic schools are encouraged to also be a part of our program to reinforce their Catholic education while developing a sense of community with the children in the program.

### **Catechists**

Catechists are volunteers who, through prayer and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, respond to a call to spread the Catholic faith to the children of our parish. If you think you may have a calling to the Catechetical Ministry – even on a substitute basis – and would like **more** information, contact the Religious Education office.

### **2. RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) classes are open to:

- Baptized Catholics who never received Reconciliation, First Eucharist and/or Confirmation
- Un-baptized adults wishing to become Catholic
- People baptized in other Christian churches.

Classes are held for an hour-and-a-half one evening per week, starting in the fall and ending at the Easter Vigil. The goal of RCIA is full communion - which means full, conscious and active participation in the Eucharist and in the Catholic faith community.

### **3. Adult Faith Formation (Adult Education)**

The Ministry of Adult Faith Formation or Adult Education is responsible for assessing and addressing the educational and formational needs of the adult community. This ministry sponsors ongoing programs that pertain to the application of Christian principles to our everyday lives, such as Scripture Study, book clubs and retreats. An effort is made to develop programs that will enhance our relationship with God while making our faith become living, conscious and active within our families as well as our parish family.

## **Ministry for Education and Faith Formation**

*"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always; until the end of the ages."*  
- Matthew 28:19-20

Under the supervision of the parish priest, St. Paul's Ministry for Education and Faith Formation is a coordinated program encompassing the religious education, formation and development of all our parishioners from preschool through adult.

### **1. Religious Education**

*"Train up a child in the way to go and when the child is old, the child will not depart from it."* Proverbs 22:6

Our children's Religious Education Program is the immediate responsibility and under the guidance of our Coordinator of Religious Education, a certified, professional, religious educator, approved by the Archdiocese of New York. St. Paul's Religious Education Program invites children into a closer relationship with God through prayer, instruction in Christian morals and ideals, and in the doctrine of the Catholic Church.

Our Religious Education Program is available for registered, active, participating members of St. Paul's Church. New parishioners are required to register and then participate for a period of one year before enrolling their children, unless they can supply a letter from their previous Catholic Church testifying to their past status as active, registered, participating members.

Instruction is available for preschoolers and kindergarteners throughout the school year at 9 a.m. and at 11 a.m. during Mass Sunday mornings. Before the start of the readings, children in Grades 1 and up are invited to the Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW), and then returned to their families after the homily. Grade 1 students receive instruction between the Sunday Masses - at 10 a.m.. Grades 2 through 8 classes are held from 6:30-8 p.m. weeknights.

All children must be registered by a parent or guardian, who has the responsibility of raising their child in the Catholic faith. The Religious Education Program is heavily subsidized by the church. To help with costs, the registration fee is rated on a fluctuating scale. Additional fees include a book fee per child and a sacramental fee per child (First Holy Communion and Confirmation). Children must be re-registered each year.

## **Ministry of Administration and Stewardship**

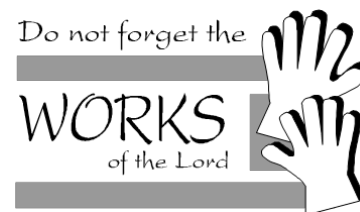
### **1. Parish Council**

St. Paul's Parish Council is a group of elected representatives of the people of the parish. The Parish Council advises and cooperates with the parish priest to attend to the needs of the people for the good of the parish and to promote a more Christian community. The Council membership consists of nine elected representatives, as well as the parish priest and the deacon as ex-officio members, and the recording secretary (who might also be the parish secretary). The elected members serve a three-year term.

Meetings are typically held on the second Monday of the month. They are announced in the parish bulletin and are open to all parishioners. Parishioners are welcome to address the Council at their meetings; however, they should contact the church office in advance to be placed on the agenda. Minutes are published each month and posted on the church's website.

### **2. Finances**

The law of the church requires that every parish have a Finance Council that exists separately and apart from the Parish Council. Its members are appointed by the parish priest to assist him in the administration of financial matters. The Finance Council reviews revenues and expenditures to determine if it is operating wisely and within proper limits. It also helps prepare a financial statement for the Chancery Office of the Archdiocese and makes recommendations for handling expenditures and increasing revenues.



## **Ministry of Worship and Spiritual Life**

### **1. Altar Servers**

Young members of our parish may serve at the altar during liturgies once they have made their First Holy Communion. Upon completion of their training, Altar Servers are expected to serve scheduled weekend liturgies, and may be asked to assist at other special liturgical celebrations. Adult coordinators organize and train the group, and occasional social opportunities are also a goal. Adult volunteers also contribute by caring for the servers' vestments.

### **2. Ministers of the Word (Lectors)**

Ministers of the Word are registered adult members of our parish who proclaim the Word of God (Scriptures) at all weekend Masses, Holy Days and special liturgical celebrations. After training, Lectors are scheduled on a rotating basis at their Mass of preference.

### **3. Eucharistic Ministers (Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion)**

Eucharistic Ministers are registered adult members of the parish who assist the parish priest and deacon in distributing the Eucharist at all Masses. After training, Eucharistic Ministers are scheduled on a rotating basis at their Mass of preference.

### **4. Ministry to the Sick or Homebound**

These Eucharistic Ministers are specially trained to bring Communion to those in hospitals, nursing homes or are homebound.

**Chosen**

**to reveal the Son**



### **5. Ministry of Music**

The Music Ministry leads the congregation in sung prayer and enhances the liturgical life and worship of our community. Music is provided for the weekend Masses, as well as the Holy Days and special celebrations. All age groups are invited to join this ministry. Neither past experience nor the ability to read music is required. Rehearsals for the Sunday Masses are held from 7:18 p.m. to no later than 9 p.m. Thursday evenings in the church. Rehearsal for the Saturday evening Mass begins at 4 p.m., an hour before Mass, in the RCIA classroom in Deacon John (Frohbose) Hall.



### **6. Liturgical Art and Environment**

Members of the Art and Environment Ministry lend themselves to caring for the atmosphere of the church during the different liturgical seasons. This includes the display of banners, plants and flowers and other meaningful symbols. Extra help is needed during the Christmas and Easter seasons.

For more information on any of these ministries, contact the church office at 361-3107 to be put in touch with the ministry's coordinator.

