



# Welcome!

**St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church**  
145 Center Street | Milan OH 44846  
419-499-4274

**St. Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Catholic Church**  
38 W. League Street | Norwalk OH 44857  
419-668-2005

**St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church**  
91 East Main Street | Norwalk OH 44857  
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**St. Anthony Parish Office Hours**  
Monday - Wednesday & Friday | 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

**St. Mary & St. Paul Parish Office Hours**  
91 East Main Street | Norwalk  
Monday - Thursday | 8:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Friday | 8:00 am - 12:30 pm

TRI-PARISH NEWSLETTER  
FALL 2023

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# FROM OUR PASTOR

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

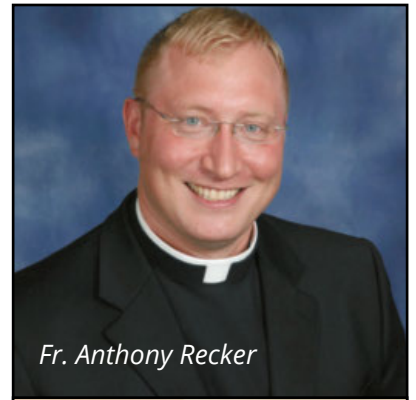
These past six months have been busy and eventful. Fr. Ron Schock arrived in July as our new parochial vicar. Fr. Peter Grodi then arrived in August as another new parochial vicar. Then Fred del Guidice arrived in late August as our seminarian intern. And now most recently, Fr. Valerian Larawa arrived as our newest parochial vicar. So, we now have a household of four priests and one seminarian. We are blessed!

We all live in St. Mary's rectory. I spoke with one of our elder St. Mary parishioners the other day who shared with me that Fr. Reynolds built St. Mary's rectory back in 1964 with an eye to the future, expecting to need it to house multiple priests. Thus, there are 3 suites (with full bathrooms) on the second floor and a suite on the first floor which had served as the rooms for the housekeeper. We did some renovations to allow for a fifth suite on the first floor to accommodate our seminarian intern. We all have our own quarters and bathrooms as well as a common kitchen, dining room, and living room. Fr. Reynolds' vision has finally come to life, albeit 46 years after his death, and in circumstances he most likely did not anticipate, namely the rectory serving as the home for clergy serving three parishes.

As much as the transition has been for us in the rectory, I know that parishioners are also experiencing a transition. While the number of priests is certainly a gift, it is harder for us to get to know you when we don't have the same Masses every weekend. We may only get to see you at Mass one time per month if you regularly go to the same Mass every weekend. My hope is that this will enrich your experience of the Church through the guidance of our different priests. Fr. Ron brings a wealth of pastoral experience to our parishes, and loves serving families and the sick. Fr. Grodi is the Norwalk Catholic school chaplain and also brings a great intellectual perspective to our faith experience. Fr. Valerian has a deep love for our Lord and has brought his experiences in Tanzania to our doorstep to help us grow in faith. Fred likewise has a desire to serve the Lord in the Church and loves working with families.

Please keep us priests and seminarian in your prayers as we seek to serve the Lord by serving you. Know that you are in our daily prayer.

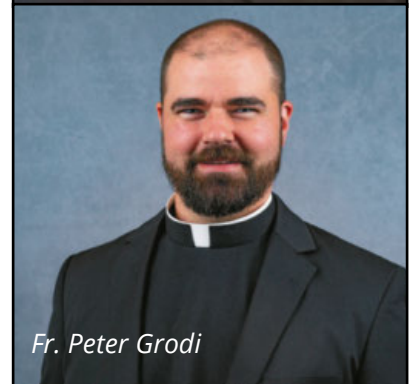
God bless you,



Fr. Anthony Recker



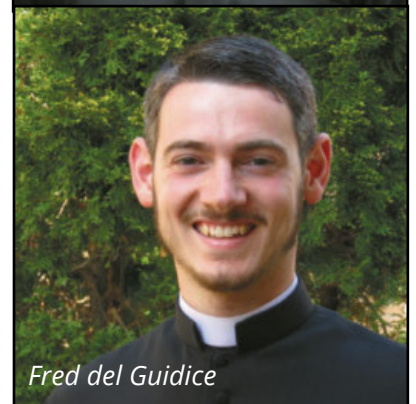
Fr. Ron Schock



Fr. Peter Grodi



Fr. Valerian Larawa



Fred del Guidice

*All Saints Day*  
*November 1st*

**Holy Day Mass Schedule**


**Monday, October 31, Vigil Mass**  
5:30 PM | St. Paul  
7:00 PM | St. Paul (Mass in Spanish)



**Tuesday, November 1**  
6:15 AM | St. Paul  
8:30 AM | St. Paul  
9:00 AM | St. Anthony  
10:00 AM | St. Paul  
6:00 PM | St. Mary  
7:00 PM | St. Paul

**PRAY & FAST**  
*for an increase in vocations to the priesthood*

*One Hail Mary every day*

*Fasting or Abstinence every friday*



 Diocese of Toledo [toledopriesthood.org](http://toledopriesthood.org) 

## TRI-PARISHES MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, Vigil

4:00 PM | St. Mary  
4:30 PM | St. Paul  
6:00 PM | St. Anthony

### Sunday

7:00 AM | St. Paul  
8:00 AM | St. Anthony  
9:00 AM | St. Paul  
10:30 AM | St. Mary  
11:00 AM | St. Paul  
1:00 PM | St. Paul, Mass in Spanish  
5:00 PM | St. Paul

### Monday

6:15 AM | St. Paul

### Tuesday

6:15 AM | St. Paul  
9:00 AM | St. Anthony

### Wednesday

6:15 AM | St. Paul  
9:00 AM | St. Anthony  
9:00 AM | St. Paul

### Thursday

6:15 AM | St. Paul  
9:00 AM | St. Mary  
9:00 AM | St. Paul

### Friday

6:15 AM | St. Paul  
9:00 AM | St. Mary

### First Saturday

8:00 AM | St. Paul

## RECONCILIATION

### Saturday

3:00 PM | St. Mary  
3:30 PM | St. Paul

### Sunday

9:00 AM | St. Anthony

### Thursday

8:30 AM | St. Mary

### Friday

6:45 AM | St. Paul  
8:30 AM | St. Mary

### First Saturday

7:30 AM | St. Paul  
Also by appointment.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

First Tuesday | 9:00 AM Mass | St. Anthony  
First Friday | 9:00 AM Mass | St. Mary  
First Saturday | After 8:00 AM Mass | St. Paul

Also by appointment.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

1st Tuesday | 8:30 AM | St. Anthony  
1st Thursday | 6:30 PM | St. Paul ~  
*Family Adoration*  
Monday - Friday | 6:00 AM - 11:00 PM ~  
St. Paul | Adoration Chapel

## ROSARY

1st Sunday | 7:00 PM | St. Paul ~  
Rosary ~ *For our Nation*  
1st Tuesday | 1:00 PM | St. Paul  
1st Saturday | 7:30 AM | St. Paul

## TOGETHER IN FAITH

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## TRI-PARISH MASS AT THE RESERVOIR

One in Christ. Our three parishes celebrated Mass together at the Norwalk Reservoir on August 26th. We welcomed Fr. Ron Schock, Fr. Peter Grodi, and our seminarian intern Fred del Guidice. It was a blessing to gather in faith and fellowship on such a beautiful evening. Thank you to the volunteers from each of our parishes who coordinated this special Mass. Many parishioners who attended commented that this should be an annual Mass - we will let you know the date for next summer's Mass!

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Our ministry to the homebound and nursing home residents in our three parishes is expanding. Would you or a family member like to receive Holy Communion weekly from an Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion and/or a monthly visit from one of our priests? Please contact the St. Paul parish office (419-668-6044) if you would like to be added to the list of those to be visited.

# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH

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*"We are a faith community gathered to share by our words and actions our commitment to live the teaching of Christ. Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow..."*

## BRIEF HISTORY OF ST. ANTHONY CHURCH RENOVATION

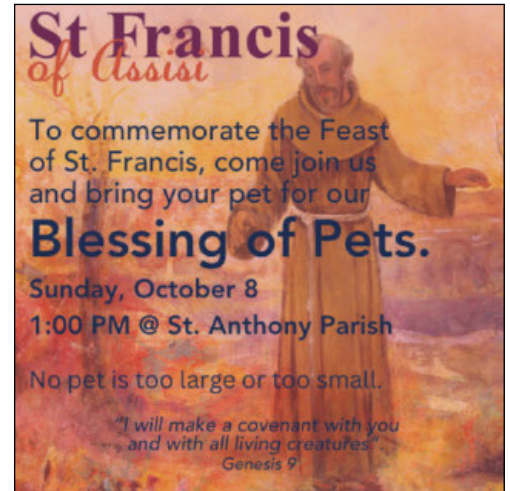
The rededication of St. Anthony's newly renovated church was celebrated on Sunday, May 14, 2023 with Bishop Daniel E. Thomas.

The faithful as a congregation in Milan began in 1862. Religious services began that year without a church. The church building has its roots in the history of Milan. In the 1840s and 50s, Milan was a major commercial center because of the Milan Canal, a unique canal in Ohio's history as it permitted lake vessels to sail directly from Lake Erie to this inland port. By the 1860s, the use of the canal was declining and the last vessel to pass down the canal left in 1865.

With the decline of the canal, there was no longer a need for so many warehouses that were located by the canal basin; however there was a need for a church to conduct religious services for the Roman Catholics of the area. One of these warehouses was taken apart and reassembled where we are located today. The warehouse became St. Anthony's on November 16, 1866.

Renovations to the 1866 structure are not new. On January 1st, 1891, a fire gutted the church. Repairs and the addition of a pipe organ were made at that time. The next round of renovations came between 1935 and 1954. Major changes were made, including a relocation of the bell tower and sandstone added to the outside of the church, and the main altar was replaced.

Our present renovation began in 2020 in three phases. Phase I addressed the need for new windows. Phase II included the renovation of the sanctuary and new placement of the statues. Finally, Phase III completed the renovation with opening of the ceiling in the nave to expose the original ceiling beams, new flooring, new sound system, and a new look to the entrance of the church. Today a new altar, ambos, and a more uniform appearance now grace St. Anthony's Church.



## 2023 LOCAL ROSARY COAST TO COAST RALLY

A local Rosary Coast to Coast Rally will be held on Sunday, October 8 at St. Anthony Church. The Glorious Mysteries will be prayed outside at 3 pm, joining voices with 1,000s nationwide, praying and interceding for our country. Exposition, adoration, consecration and benediction will then follow. Come and bring your rosary, lawn chairs (for outside) and garden flowers to honor our Blessed Mother.



## FALL FESTIVAL

Each year, St. Anthony and St. Mary parishes host a fall festival. This year's festival will held at St. Anthony's on Sunday, October 15, from 12 – 3 pm, or until everyone is gone.

Join us for games for all ages, a corn-hole competition, bingo, face painting, a painting craft for children and adults, great food, chili cook-off, and much more!

*"Under the patronage of Mary, the Mother of the Redeemer, the St. Mary Parish family is dedicated to enable people of all ages to receive & extend the spiritual, social, educational, and physical blessings of the Father's presence among us in Jesus under the Holy Spirit's guidance."*

## NEW PARISH ROOM

Committees at St. Mary Parish are enjoying the new Parish Room at the Early Childhood. The room is used by Pastoral Council, Finance, Cemetery, and Liturgy committees. Children's Liturgy of the Word is also held in this space. The room is equipped with a Smart board for Bible studies and a copier for committee use.



## WOMEN OF THE SPIRIT

All women of the parish are invited to gather in prayer and in charitable service. Members recently toured Abigail Pregnancy Services and learned about its work in our community.

Would you like to support the ministry of Abigail Pregnancy Services? Children's new or gently used winter clothing in sizes 18 month, T2-3, and boots in sizes 8,9, & 10 are needed. Monetary donations are also welcomed.

Women of the Spirit will meet next on October 17. The Work of Mercy will be to support Children's Liturgy of the Word.

## CATHOLICS EVANGELIZE AT THE HURON COUNTY FAIR

The St. Paul Street Evangelization (SPSE) Monroeville Team, led by Richard Palmer of St. Joseph Parish, shared their Catholic faith at the 2023 Huron County Fair. The team of 15 personally encountered fairgoers of all ages, faiths or lack of faith, and ethnicities. Team members were from St. Joseph, Monroeville; St. Paul, Norwalk; St. Mary, Norwalk; St. Mary-Vermilion; and St. Mary, Sandusky.

The booth table overflowed with free Catholic literature, medals, crucifixes, and rosaries. Fr. Chris Jesudhason, Pastor at St. Joseph Parish in Monroeville, blessed all the items prior to the fair. Team members helped those checking out the medals to select just the right medal and also gave out the corresponding Saint prayer cards. Often the evangelists shared a story about the Saint or interesting information.

Throughout the week, 425 free *Life of Jesus* coloring books were distributed to children passing by with family members. 453 medals, and 315 rosaries with pamphlets on *How to Say the Rosary* were distributed. 276 crucifixes were placed on fairgoers' necks. The team received several hundred prayer requests and prayed for 287 people. The team prayed with 59 folks the *Consecration to Jesus* prayer. Seven people were interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith and wanted information about OCIA. One team member remarked, "It's a great day in Huron County to be Catholic!"

On Tuesday of Fair Week for three hours, Fr. Ron Schock, one of our parochial vicars, sat on a chair under the shade of a tree next to the entrance of the Commercial Building housing the St. Paul Street Evangelization Team. He answered questions about the faith, clarified misperceptions, shared fun with children, and heard confessions. On Wednesday, Fr. Chris shared his time with the fairgoers.

It was an awesome experience to have so many dedicated Catholic clergy and evangelists working together to win souls for Christ!

~ Luann Kunisch, St. Mary Parishioner

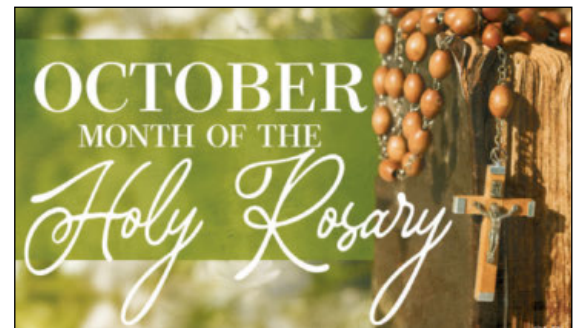
For more information on the St. Paul Street Evangelization Ministry, please email area coordinator Marcus Bryant at [Mbryant.SPSE@pathsforward.net](mailto:Mbryant.SPSE@pathsforward.net).



Students received a blessing prior to the start of the new school year.



Children's Liturgy of the Word is held during the 10:30 AM Sunday Mass. The priest calls the children to the altar prior to the First Reading and then the children with their catechist and helpers process as a group to the Parish Room in the ECC, returning prior to the Liturgy of the Eucharist.



During October, the rosary will be prayed on Thursdays at 6:30 pm in the church. *All are welcome!*



Karen Duncan (St. Paul), Julie Cowin (St. Mary), Barb Ballantine (St. Paul) and Marilyn Falter (St. Mary) will assist you at the St. Paul parish office.

# ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH

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*"As parishioners of St. Paul Parish in Norwalk, we are called to:  
Celebrate our Catholic Faith,  
Share the Good News,  
and Serve the Needs of Others."*

## FROM OUR PASTORAL ASSOCIATE FOR FAITH FORMATION AND EVANGELIZATION

We moved recently. And while I zero out of five stars recommend moving at the beginning of August with five active children, we have been so blessed to cut hours off our commute and to finally live in the community we already feel so much a part of! During this move we have been busy getting our old home ready for sale, children ready for sports, band, a learner permit, and of course kicking off the start of another school year. It hasn't left much time for unpacking, so I've tried to embrace the chaos that is wondering what box something is in.

As if moving a family of seven isn't exciting enough for a summer, on the parish side we've also seen lots of movement. The family of parishes that is St. Paul, St. Anthony, and St. Mary has finally come together after much anticipation. If you've visited the parish offices this summer, you've seen us shifting offices and finding space in every corner to welcome staff and to continue to serve the Norwalk and Milan community. I was excited to meet many new faces at our backyard pilgrimages, tri-parish youth gatherings, pastoral council meetings, and tri-parish Mass at the reservoir. All these things have provided wonderful opportunities to share and grow in faith together as we become an official tri-parish family.

And isn't that the way it is with all families? Each new year and season brings change. From the patter of baby feet across the floor, to the thud of the backpack of a teen as they run in the door, to the squeals of delight for engagements, new jobs, and grandchildren. Family life continues. One of the first boxes we unpacked during our move contained two crucifixes – one has been passed down to my husband through his family and the other we purchased as a young married couple. They found temporary homes on the wall, but they make our house a home. A home centered on Christ.

Our parish family has the same center. As we added parochial vicars, a student seminarian, a priest from Tanzania, a beautifully renovated rectory allowing our priests to live and pray together, and a renovation to allow handicapped access to our sanctuary at St. Paul, our parish family life is thriving! I look forward to the growing pains and gains, knowing that Christ is at the center.



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Family Adoration is held on the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM.  
*All ages are welcome!*



¡Una Fiesta - dancers, delicious food, and time together!



Our parish ministries were showcased during a recent Ministry Fair. Learn more about how you can serve our parish community at [www.stpaulchurch.org](http://www.stpaulchurch.org).



Members of our deanery parishes gathered at St. Alphonsus Church for an evening of outdoor Eucharistic Adoration.

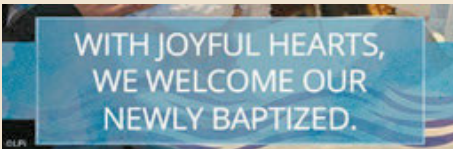


Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is now offered on all Sundays: 1st, 3rd, & 5th @ 11:00 am; 2nd & 4th @ 9 am.



Members of our parishes met at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine, Bellevue, St. Mary Church, Norwalk and the shrine on West Main Street, Norwalk to visit and pray during our Backyard Pilgrimages this summer.

## PARISH FAMILY



**St. Paul Parish**  
**Troy Nicholas**

Son of Jacob & Veronica Blevins

**Athanasius James**

Son of Tanner & Marianna Heffner

**Landon Joseph**

Son of Kevin & Sarah Gable

**Nixon David**

Son of Brandon & Andrea Kluding

**Avery Kate**

Daughter of Eric & Miranda Leber

**Levi Michael**

Son of Logan Moffitt & Kayla Appeman

**Scarlett**

Daughter of Armando & Maria Mota

**Luca Richard**

Son of Anthony & Lindsay Norton

**Hannah Elizabeth**

Daughter of Kyle & Nadine Keesy

**Dashi Engie**

Daughter of Juan & Angela Sanchez

**Patrick Franklin**

Son of Patrick & Leslie Spettel



**St. Mary Parish**  
**Martha Eberly**

**St. Paul Parish**

Raymond J. Barman  
Ann Marie Conney  
Valerie French  
Athanasius Heffner, infant  
Joel Hipp  
Timothy Lehle  
Denise Martinez  
Marge Mitro  
Clarence Poole  
Linda Seitz  
John Urban  
Robert Windnagle



**St. Paul Parish**

Mr. & Mrs. John & Kylie (Shilling) Dowdell  
Mr. & Mrs. Ricky & Kayla (Moore) Heck  
Mr. & Mrs. Spencer & Julianna (Pabst) Gregory  
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew & Emily (Conway) Malcolm  
Mr. & Mrs. Craig & Marina (Abel) Meyer

## COMMUNITY OF FAITH

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### Diocesan Prayer for the Eucharistic Revival

*This prayer was composed for the faithful of the Diocese of Toledo.  
Consider praying it daily during the Parish Year of the National Eucharistic Revival.*

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who promises to remain with us always and who is ever present to us in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

Reawaken our belief in His presence in the Eucharist and deepen our understanding of, love for, and living out of this great Mystery. May this Sacrament of his sacrificial love be for us the sign of unity and the bond of charity.

Nourish us through our worthy reception of the Body and Blood of your Son, so that we may enjoy communion with you and with one another. Make us living witnesses of your love and mercy throughout our local Church.

Send us forth as faithful missionary disciples, strengthened by the grace of the Eucharist to proclaim the Gospel, so all may know that the Living Bread Jesus gives is his Flesh for the life of the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Learn more about the National Eucharistic Revival and the Eucharistic Congress next summer in Indianapolis at [www.eucharisticrevival.org](http://www.eucharisticrevival.org).*

### Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist

"Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life. *Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist* explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation. This video is available on FORMED. Subscribe for free through our parishes at [formed.org](http://formed.org).

Also available in Spanish: *Presencia: El Misterio de la Eucaristía*.

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The Tri-Parish Christ Teens Youth Group began in July with a cookout. The youth also have enjoyed bowling and ultimate frisbee!



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**NORWALK, OH**  
**Permit No. 25**

**SAVE THE DATES!**

**TRUNK OR TREAT!**

Saturday, October 28  
 5:30 - 6:30 PM  
 Convo Parking Lot

Rain date: October 29 | 6 - 7 PM

**St. Paul Parish  
 All Souls Day**

**Mass of  
 Remembrance**  
 November 2  
 7:00 PM

*We remember our parishioners  
 who passed away this past year.*

**Eucharistic Devotions  
 and Parish Mission**

**November 5-7  
 7:00 PM in the church**

Fellowship in the Gathering Space  
 following each evening.

**Guest Priest: Fr. Tom McCarthy, O.S.A.**  
*"What does it mean to be Catholic today?"*