



# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Fremont, Ohio**

## Eagle's Wings

May 2025

Loving    Worshipping    Learning    Serving,  
In the name of Christ.

### Are you with me?

The first Lectionary reading of the Gospel for May is John 23:1-19. In it, Jesus appears on the shore of Lake Tiberias to meet Peter, Thomas, John, James, Nathaniel and two other disciples as they come in from a night of unsuccessful fishing. He asks how they did and they say they tried everywhere but caught nothing. He tells them to go back out and try again, but they refuse saying there is nowhere left to fish that they haven't already tried. He finally convinces them to go back out and they catch more fish than their nets can hold.

I think this story can be applied to the Parish of St. Paul's. There is no disputing the fact that we are in a period of decline. We've tried many different approaches to bolster our numbers, but to little success. The Diocese has given us a few different options for making a plan for the future of St Paul's including: closing our building up and merging with another church body in the area; agreeing that there is no future and planning our end; or, choosing to believe that we can miraculously turn things around.

Maybe this story in John 23 tells us that no matter what we may believe to be a certainty, in our human wisdom, Jesus may have other plans. St. Paul's has been a beacon of the Kingdom of God for over 170 years, and I don't think that God is through with us yet. We may be an aging congregation, we may be tired, we may be discouraged, but with the help and guiding hand of Jesus, I think we still have something to offer our community. At the end of the story of the miraculous catch of fish, Jesus tells Peter to, "Feed My sheep." I believe He is telling us to do the same. With Jesus, nothing is impossible, and even though we may think we have fished all the good spots Jesus may have other ideas. We can turn this around, but it's going to take all of us pulling together. It's going to take all of us STEPPING up and not GIVING up. The world right now is crying out for a savior—a savior for ALL people, not just the elite, 'right' people—and St. Paul's should be the place to come to find the love of Jesus.

"Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the party" is a quote attributed to typing instructor Charles Weller, I say now is the time for all good men AND women to come to the aid of their Lord Jesus and their parish. Are you with me?

— Roger Hart



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Newsletter deadline is the **third Tuesday of the month.**

Please email your submissions/  
pictures to  
stpaulfremont@sbcglobal.net  
by that date to insure they are  
included in the newsletter.

The mission of St. Paul's Episcopal Church is to reconcile all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.

# May 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
10am Service 11am Coffee Hr 7pm AA	5	6 6am -8pm Election 7pm AI-Anon	7 7pm AA	8	9	10 10am AA 10pm AA
11 <b>Mother's Day</b> 10am Service 11am Coffee Hr 7pm AA	12	13 7pm AI-Anon	14 7pm AA	15	16	17 10am AA 10pm AA
18 10am Service 11am Coffee Hr 11:30 Vestry 7pm AA	19	20 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 7pm AI-Anon	21 7pm AA	22	23	24 10am AA 10pm AA
25 10am Service 11am Coffee Hr 7pm AA	26 <b>Memorial Day</b>	27 7pm AI-Anon	28 7pm AA	29	30	31 10am AA 10pm AA
1	2	Notes				
Benevolence Sunday- 1st Sunday of the Month						

# What's Happening in May

## May 4 Benevolence Sunday

**10am** Holy Eucharist

**11am** Coffee Hour

## May 11 Mother's Day

**10am** Holy Eucharist

**11am** Coffee Hour



## May 18

**10am** Holy Eucharist

**11am** Coffee Hour

**11:30am** Vestry Meeting

**May 20** Newsletter submission due date



## May 25

**10am** Holy Eucharist

**11am** Coffee Hour

## May 26 Memorial Day



## Sundays at St. Paul's

**Join us for Sunday Service at 10am**

*Br. Bill Young will be Anointing with Oil*

Also virtually on Facebook

@stpaulsepiscopalfremont and posted to our website, stpaulsfremont.org, the next day.

**Coffee Hour right after church**

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Submit your own article for the first page of the newsletter**

**Donate to the Hygiene Pantry**

**Provide Altar Flowers**

**Sunday Worship Ministries**

Altar Guild

Crucifer

Intercessor (prayers)

Lay Eucharistic Minister

Lector (readings)

Usher

Facebook live help

# Ministry Schedule

	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25
<b>Scripture</b>	Acts 9:1-20 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19 Psalm 30	Acts 9:36-43 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30 Psalm 23	Acts 11:1-18 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35 Psalm 148	Acts 16:9-15 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 John 14:23-29 Psalm 67
<b>Celebrant or Officiant/Preacher</b>	The Rev. Brian Bechtel	The Rev. Brian Bechtel	The Rev. Brian Bechtel	The Rev. Brian Bechtel
<b>Anointing</b>	Br. Bill Young	Br. Bill Young	Br. Bill Young	Br. Bill Young
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Bernadette Earhart	Christine Polter	Bernadette Earhart	Christine Polter
<b>Announcements</b>	Randy Speer	Br. Bill Young	Dave Mehling	Roger Hart
<b>Crucifer</b>	Dave Mehling	Randy Speer	Dave Mehling	Dave Mehling
<b>Flowers</b>	Open	In memory of Ruth Kaltenbach and Bess Klegin both devoted members given by Mr. & Mrs. Gary Kaltenbach.	In thanksgiving for Dale, John & Carl Schultz and families and children, Tim Webster & family, Jennifer Young & family given by Marcia Webster	In memory of dad's birthday, Charles Tolhurst, given by Steve & Jan Kirchoff.
<b>Intersessor-prayers</b>	Bev Hart	Pattee Kuzma	Marcia Webster	Carolyn Speer
<b>Lay Eucharistic Minister</b>	Tina Hasselbach	Dave Mehling	Tina Hasselbach	Randy Speer
<b>Lector-readings</b>	Roger Hart	Bev Hart	Mariys Ingles	Pattee Kuzma
<b>Musician</b>	Carolyn Speer	Carolyn Speer	Carolyn Speer	Carolyn Speer
<b>Usher</b>	Randy Speer	Br. Bill Young	Randy Speer	Br. Bill Young

thankful  
 &  
 grateful

**Thanks to...**

**Roger Hart** for his cover article this month.

**Parishioners and friends of the parish who donate altar flowers** to enhance our Sunday worship. Last month's flowers were kindly donated by **Chyleen Scott, Beth Hackenburg and Denise Sanchez.**

**Marcia Webster, Helen Tonkin, Kay Klein, Bev Hart, Chyleen Scott, Ruth Fanning** who donated beautiful spring flowers to beautify our Easter service.

**Those who donated ice cream and toppings** for Humor Sunday. **Roger Hart** for telling jokes, **Mary Vandersluis** who helped with music selections, and **Kay Klein** who organized everything.



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**Community Schedule**

<b>Sunday</b>	Free Community Meal AA	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 5-6pm 7 pm (B)
<b>Tuesday</b>	Al Anon	7 pm (P)
<b>Wednesday</b>	AA	7 pm (B)
<b>Saturday</b>	AA	10 am (B) 10 pm (B)
<b>Key</b>		B Basement P Parish Hall

Happy Anniversary

♥ Randy & Carolyn Speer 5/17



Dmitri Vigil 5/2  
 Bernadette Earhart 5/5  
 Rita Bryan 5/17  
 Diana Stucky 5/25  
 Brenda Widman 5/29





## *The Easter Vigil* – by Chyleen Scott

A few years after being introduced to the Episcopal Church at St. Paul's in Fremont in 1968, I moved to Orlando, FL, where I found St. Luke's Cathedral and fell in love with "high church." The same service from the Book of Common Prayer was used, but everything seemed so much more solemn and holy. When I married Tom Scott, we attended his Catholic parish with our daughters until they all left home and our attendance dropped off. Twenty-eight years after I left St. Paul's, I came back after an invitation from Carolyn Speer. I came that Sunday and have not left. All the priests I have had were special in a variety of ways. When Fr. Brian came, I was renewed in my love of the Episcopal Church and faith by his special way of leading worship. His open invitation to all of us for the Easter Vigil at the Diocese of Ohio's Trinity Cathedral in Cleveland was monumental for me. Due to my health problems, I had not been able to visit "high church." The invitation to go was a dream come true! Here is my attempt to describe the Easter Vigil at the Cathedral.

The service started with a trip around the outside and into the garden where the Paschal Candle for the year was lit from a fire. Like the Paschal Candle at St. Paul's, it will be used in the sanctuary during the season of Easter and for baptisms and funerals throughout the year, reminding all that Christ is "light and life." We entered a darkened church with only the Paschal Candle and our own lit candles. The service continued in the dark through the Liturgy of the Word, recounting salvation history through *The One Story* – a story of creation written by Patt Wadenpfohl of Cleveland in 2007 – and Scripture readings interspersed with psalms, canticles, and prayers. After the Homily by the Rt. Rev. Anne B. Jolly (Bishop of the Diocese of Ohio), five candidates for full communion were initiated into the Episcopal Church through baptism, confirmation, or reception. During this part of the service, the congregation renewed their Baptismal Vows. Then the remaining candles were lit throughout the Cathedral, and the congregation sang "The Gloria" and rang their bells before the individual candles were blown out.

In the darkness of the candlelight, I felt more attuned to everything. It was solemn and I was at peace. I heard the Scriptures so much more clearly than ever before. I got goosebumps at the different times that there was chanting.

It was only at this time that the lights came on. Holy Eucharist was then celebrated with the congregation being called to the table the Lord prepared for his people as the memorial of his Death and Resurrection until he comes again. The service ended with a blessing, the singing of *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* (with the return of the exclamatory "Alleluia!") and the dismissal.

The service lasted more than two hours and it was 12:30 a.m. before I got home. But, as soon as my head hit the pillow, I was out and had uninterrupted sleep for the first time in months before waking up for Easter at my beloved St. Paul's. My hope is that my church family can attend next year in greater numbers and be filled with the Holy Spirit on this most holy day of our Christian life. God's Blessing and Peace!



Susan Bergeman, Allison Brewer, Hazel Brown, Samantha Burgess, Fiona Burgess, Kim DeWalt, Ruth Fanning, Jim Grayson, Linda Hamilton, Eunice & Jacob Hasselbach, Gloria Korman, Rick Lee and family, Mandy, Megan, Alice Miller, Betty Miller, Mary Lynne Moyers, Lewis Orr serving in the military, Rosemary, Jerry Ross, Denise Sanchez, friends & family of Allison Scott, Chyleen Scott, Lori Tolhurst, Anthony Tonkin serving in the military, T. J. Webster, Shelly Young.

## Prayers In the Diocese of Ohio

### 5/4/25 In the Diocese of Ohio, pray for the Southeast Mission Area.

St. James' Church, Boardman

St. Stephen's Church, East Liverpool

Holy Trinity Church, Lisbon

### 5/11/25 In the Diocese of Ohio, pray for the Southeast Mission Area.

St. Paul's Church, Steubenville

St. Stephen's Church, Steubenville

Christ Church, Warren

St. John's Church, Youngstown

### 5/18/25 In the Diocese of Ohio, pray for

our Standing Committee

Diocesan Council

Regional Disciplinary Board

### 5/25/25 In the Diocese of Ohio, pray for the Summit Mission Area.

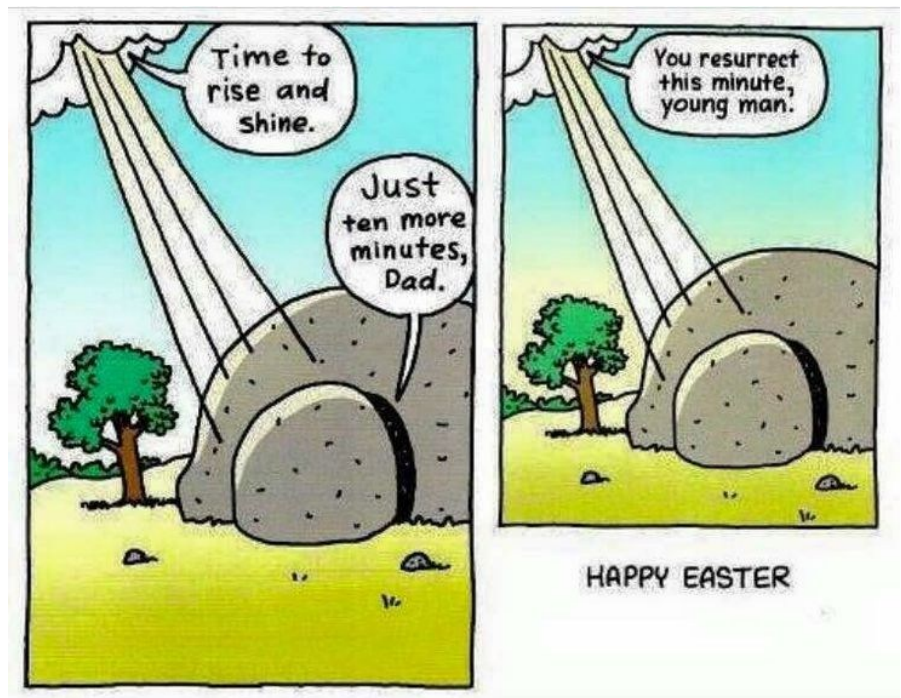
Church of Our Saviour, Akron

St. Paul's Church, Akron

St. Philip's Church, Akron

St. Andrew's Church, Barberton

St. John's Church, Cuyahoga Falls



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**The Most Rev. Sean Rowe, Presiding Bishop**  
**The Rt. Rev. Anne B. Jolly, Bishop, Diocese of Ohio**

**Vestry Members:**

Randy Speer (27) Senior Warden, Roger Hart (28) Junior Warden  
Emily DeWalt (26) Clerk, Dave Mehling (28)  
Bill Young (26), Helen Tonkin (27), Mary Vandersluis (28)  
*Vestry terms expire January of the year noted.*

Kay Klein Treasurer  
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