



*“The Church is always at prayer in her ministers and her people,  
and that prayer takes various forms in her life.  
Singing is one of the primary ways that the assembly  
of the faithful participates actively in the Liturgy.”*

*-Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship- 2007*

Music is a powerful way to unite many individuals into one body and music ministry is an opportunity to serve Christ by strengthening the faith, of all who gather to worship with us through song. We strive to serve the Our Lady of Fatima parish community by providing the best music possible, to enhance our liturgies and give greater glory to God. Music is a vital part of the liturgical celebration and is chosen to enhance the understanding of the Scripture readings, the Sacraments and the Liturgical Year. We seek to provide music that is appropriate for Catholic liturgy and engage the assembly in full, active and conscious participation in responses, acclamations and inspired songs. Singers, ringers and instrumentalists of all ages are welcome. Please join us in one of the many music ministry opportunities available.

**CANTOR/SONG LEADER:** Facilitate assembly participation in sung prayer at parish Liturgies. Ability to learn music independently needed. Good vocal skills required. Commitment to continued education; musical proficiency and ongoing liturgical formation a must. Meetings or rehearsals scheduled bi-monthly on Saturday afternoon from 1 to 2 PM.

**PARISH CHOIR:** primarily serves the 10 AM Sunday Mass and rotates monthly to the 5 PM and 12 Noon Masses. The Parish Choir is also the core of our seasonal Christmas, Holy Week and special celebrations choir. Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 -9:00 PM in the Church September through May. Open to all parishioners, ninth grade through adult.



**SEASONAL CHOIR:** Sings at special liturgies, e.g. Parish Anniversary celebrations, Christmas and Holy Week services. Ideal for those who love to sing but are unable to commit to year-round rehearsals. Rehearses Sunday evenings, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, seasonally.

**SPANISH CORO I:** Provides music at the 7:00 PM Spanish Mass and rehearses on Saturday evening at 6:00 PM.



**HANDCHIME CHOIR** will hopefully ring this year during the Christmas and Easter seasons. Open to all parishioners, ninth grade through adult. A minimum of 6 people is needed to begin. Great opportunity for parent/child teams; couples or families to work together. Rehearsal scheduled Wednesday evenings during Advent and Lent 7 PM.

**INSTRUMENTALISTS:** Any parishioner experienced in performing on a musical instrument, and interested in providing music at parish liturgical celebrations, is encouraged to contact the Parish Liturgy Center. Violin and flute are especially indicative of the Advent/Christmas seasons and Brass, especially the trumpet triumphantly heralds the Easter season! Open to parishioners ninth grade through adult.





**ACCOMPANIST:** Keyboard or Organ - support the assembly's singing of hymns and responses. providing strong melodic, harmonic, and rhythmic foundations. Accompanists also work with small groups and instrumentalists. Commitment to continued education; musical proficiency and ongoing liturgical formation a must.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** Sings at the 12 Noon Mass on Christmas, Easter and special celebrations e.g. First Holy Communion. The Choir will be scheduled occasionally on Sunday from September through May. Rehearsals are held on Tuesday evening at 5:30 PM in the Church. Boys and Girls Grades 3-8 are welcome to join this special group that makes a *Joyful Noise to the Lord!*



**YOUTH CHIME CHOIR:** Rehearses Wednesday afternoons from 3:00 -4:00 PM in the music classroom. Boys and Girls in Grades 5-8 are welcome to join us. Ability to read music is helpful, but will be taught at rehearsal.

***Childrens' groups are open to all students, regardless of which school they attend.***



If you are interested in serving in one of our music ministries or would like additional information, please complete the ministry request form and drop it in the weekend collection basket or forward it to [mlmay@olfnewcastle.com](mailto:mlmay@olfnewcastle.com)