

## PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Dr. Richard A. Gonser, Pastor

### Permanent Deacons

Rev. Mr. John Rivera  
Rev. Dr. Ken DeLuca

### In Residence

Rev. Thomas Kowatch  
St. John Medical Center, Chaplain

### Religious Education

Ceil Morrison, NTV Youth Minister  
Nancy Kubiak, Adult Education  
Kelly Reed, PSR Principal

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday  
9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
[www.stjuliebilliart.org](http://www.stjuliebilliart.org)  
[stjbc@windstream.net](mailto:stjbc@windstream.net)

## LITURGY

### Masses at Church

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

### Masses at the Chapel

Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.  
Holydays: Consult the Bulletin.

### Confessions (at the Chapel)

Saturdays 3:00–4:00 p.m.

## NEW PARISHIONERS

You are most welcome. Please register after Mass in the sacristy, or call the office for an appointment.

## MISSION STATEMENT

St. Julie Billiart is a welcoming Catholic stewardship based community that strives to proclaim God's goodness in our friendly and caring outreach to those seeking a spiritual home.

Our faith community is centered in the celebration of the Eucharist. Sent forth nourished by the Word of God and our sacramental encounters with the Lord Jesus, we endeavor to live the Gospel each day.

As a compassionate Christian people, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we minister to each other and the greater world community through prayer and action.

# Saint Julie Billiart

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." - Lk 2:11-12



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## From the Desk of Father Gonser

Merry Christmas and a Blessed and Happy New Year to all of our parishioners and guests. On behalf of our parish staff I welcome all to celebrate joyfully this weekend the birth of Jesus. All is prepared, the banquet is set, the lights are lit, the candles and decorations are all in place. All that is needed now is for us to welcome the Christ Child into our lives and share the good news of His presence in the world today. This Church celebration is significant since it marks the 30th Anniversary of our first Christmas Eve Mass in the new church. From that first Mass to the present time our parish has been a shining beacon of light guiding people in their faith life.

May this Christmas celebration renew our faith and deepen our commitment as dedicated parishioners of St. Julie Billiard Parish. May God bless all of you for your strong support this past year and may He guide us gently into the New Year with its challenges, as well as opportunities, to serve Him.



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## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Harry, Anne & Marleen Gonser (Family)
	10:00 p.m.	John & Ann Gazer (Bob & Pat Gazer)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Francine Cassidy (Family)
	10:30 a.m.	St. Julie Billiard Parishioners
Monday	8:30 a.m.	Eugene Petrosky (Family)
Tuesday		No Mass
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Alfred Barnes (Robert Thimke)
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Poor Souls
Friday	8:30 a.m.	Dave DeLuca {Birth} (Ken & Jan DeLuca)
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Gini Burkhardt (Robert Burkhardt)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiard Parishioners
	10:30 a.m.	Donna Hurley (Mary Unger)

**Family Night:** Our Annual Parish Winter Picnic will be held at St. Peter's gym on Saturday, January 28, 6:00 p.m. It will be a fun night for parishioners of all ages. It is a great opportunity to come together for food, entertainment and socializing. There will be games for the children, a silent auction, and music. Sign-up sheets for helpers will be in the back of Church next week or call the rectory if you are able to help with activities.



**Singing Angels will be here Wednesday,  
December 28, 7:00 p.m.**

## The Week Ahead

December 25

- Sun. Christmas Day  
Gifts for Baby Jesus
- Wed. Singing Angels, 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs. Crockpot Dinner, 6:00 p.m.



## Coming Events

January 7 & 8

Right to Life Signature Ad

January 11

Rediscovering Catholicism

January 14

Women's Breakfast, St. Peter's

January 21

Men's Breakfast, St. Julie's

January 25

First Reconciliation

January 26

Crockpot Dinner

January 28

Parish Party, St. Peter's Gym

January 31

Town Hall Meeting

## Family Perspective

God's plan of salvation for the world depended on a family. Jesus' birth to Mary and Joseph was a surprise to them which required soul-searching, prayer, communication and commitment to cooperate with God's challenging plan for their lives. Fortunately, they chose to say "yes" to God. This is the pattern for all families. All will encounter surprises. All will be challenged to trust God's providence for the future. God's grace and presence is what makes each family holy. In Him all things are possible.

God grant you the light in  
Christmas, which is faith;  
the warmth of Christmas,  
which is love...  
the all of Christmas,  
which is Christ.

Wilda English

## Religious Education

**PSR - Parish School of Religion, K-8 (Sundays, Sept.-May, 9:00 a.m.)**

December 25 -NO PSR

January 1 -NO PSR

**NTV - New Teen Vision, High School Religious Education**

*Spiritual Formation, Social Activities and Service Opportunities*

It's been a busy season for New Teen Vision the past two months.

- . We were "Called to Glory" at the National Catholic Youth Conference.
- . We went to see St. Julie students Nick Vilagi, Stephen Vilagi, Aidan Rivera, and Shae Hopkins and other talented young people in "Seussical the Musical" at Olde Towne Hall December 2.
- . On December 10 we put on our elf hats and hosted a wonderful breakfast with St. Nicholas for close to 200 children and their families.
- . Just last weekend we invited our eighth grade PSR students to help us spend \$1,500 on local families for the Christmas season.

Thanks to Debijo Lamb, Beth Paoloni, Ken & Tamala DiFilippo, and Karen Ryan who directed the service activities of our teens.

Thanks to all of you who participate in our fund raising programs.

Thanks, to Bob Becka, Dean Morrison, and to our loyal recycling parishioners who, with our other can recycling clients, funded Shop-n-Wrap.

Please think of families in need whenever you drink a beverage out of an aluminum can and "Get Your Can to Church".

Our next meeting is January 8 after 10:30 Mass.

"Freaky Friday" movie night on Friday the 13th. (January 13) 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. at church.

### Confirmation

The confirmation retreat with Deacon Bob Grgik was filled with Spirit. Students were given "Gift Card Boxes" with gift cards inside. The cards can be redeemed anytime for Wisdom, Piety, Understanding, Fortitude, Right Judgment, Knowledge, and Awe. They had to memorize their new gifts then help each other gather back all seven, after the gifts were scattered. The students learned that they need to know what gifts the Holy Spirit has to offer before they even know to ask for the Spirit's help. Mr. Knoblauch is doing a great job helping this fabulous group of young people take the next step in completion of the process that started with Baptism. Pray for them as they prepare for Confirmation on March 10, 2012.



### Pictorial Directory by

**Lifetouch** Don't miss out on being in our new directory and don't miss out on getting a free 8X10 portrait and a copy of the directory. Sign-up is in the back of the church next weekend or on line through our website, [www.stjuliebilliant.org](http://www.stjuliebilliant.org).

### Singing Angels

Please join St. Julie's and the N. Ridgeville Senior Center this Wednesday, December 28, 7:00 p.m. for a special Holiday presentation of The Singing Angels at the Church. This free concert is sponsored by the Center Ridge Health Center and St. Mary of the Woods.



## PRAY FOR . . .

the health of, and caregivers of Bill Daw, Shawna Spann, Gary Gillespie, Jack Keough, Louise Anderson, John Juskiewicz, Bill Senyitko, Helen Petrosky, Dick Sullinger, Winnie Schenosky, Margaret Masley, Ruth Kowatch, Patty Hager, Sara Bacon, Louis Albrigo, Adelaine Daw, Mady Kostiha; for the repose of the soul of Rev. Richard Ondreyka, Pastor Emeritus of SS. Cyril & Methodius, Lakewood; for our Holy Father, bishops, priests, deacons, seminarians, postulants and pastoral ministers; for world peace especially in the Middle East; for a Christmas season filled with love and joy.

### Needed

We are in need of children and teens to have some fun singing Christmas Carols for Crock Pot

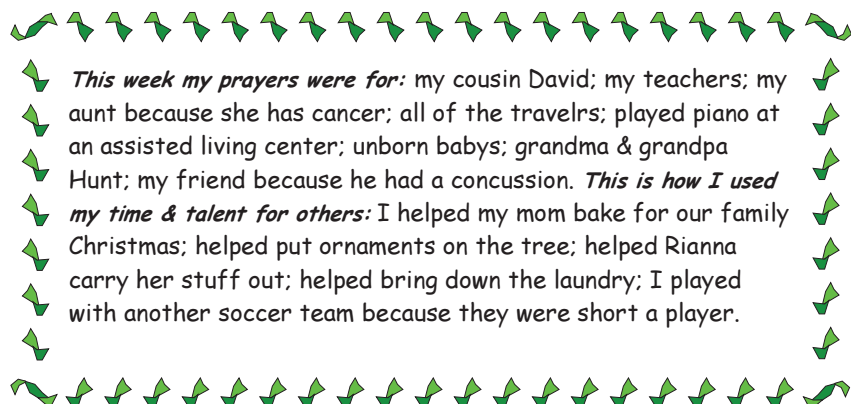
Thursday on December 29, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Practice will be Tuesday, December 27, 7:00 p.m. Please contact Tracy Beckett for details, 440-281-1126.



### Women's Renewal

All women of St. Julie's & St. Peter's are invited to join us for a Renewal Weekend. This retreat is designed to help women grow in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ and with others in our faith community. Expect to become inspired, renewed and uplifted. Hold March 24-25 open for this wonderful retreat. Call Alice Hogue, 440-213-9161 or Katrien Von den Broeck, 440-348-1858 for information.



*This week my prayers were for:* my cousin David; my teachers; my aunt because she has cancer; all of the travelers; played piano at an assisted living center; unborn babies; grandma & grandpa Hunt; my friend because he had a concussion. *This is how I used my time & talent for others:* I helped my mom bake for our family Christmas; helped put ornaments on the tree; helped Rianna carry her stuff out; helped bring down the laundry; I played with another soccer team because they were short a player.

## Parish Stewardship

<b>Dec. 18:</b> Envelopes used: 239 (out of 686 mailed) ..	\$5504
Average per Envelope .....	\$23
Children's .....	\$114
School Subsidy .....	\$195
Capital Improvement .....	\$1212
<b>Net Offertory</b> .....	<b>\$6025</b>
Mass Attendance .....	669

*Thank you for sharing your blessings.*

# News & Events

## Liturgical Ministers Schedule

**Sat, Dec. 24, 5:00**

**10:00**

(L1) Jack Whipkey

(L2) Vicki Fisher

(EM) Agnes Klimkowicz Cathy Sliter

Debijo Lamb\*

Jack Whipkey

Debijo Lamb\*

**Sun, Dec. 25, 9:00**

**10:30**

(L1)

(L2) Diane DeMelo

Betty D'Antonio

(EM)

Joe Dominak\*

Jim/Joanne Carter

Annamarie Pabian

Diane DeMelo

John Palazzo

Linda Forthofer\*

**Sat, Dec. 31, 5:00**

**Sun, Jan. 1, 9:00**

**10:30**

(L1) Mark LaLonde

Jim Gilles

Jim Cassidy

(L2) Peg Nolan

Cindy Naprestek

Dan Hopkins

(EM) Don Braun

Diane DeMelo

Barb Arguello

Judy Murphy

Brenda Klein

Brian/Joanne

Jim Nolan

Mary Kay Polomsky

Robejsek

Jack Whipkey

Mike Yarosh\*

(Sacristan\*)

Linda Forthofer\*

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## Cursillo

I first heard about the Men's Cursillo program from various team members from past men renewals I had participated in at St. Julie's. During each renewal, team members would invite me to attend a Cursillo, a three-day type of retreat, that gave you an adult cliff notes version of what the catholic faith is all about. It was at the Cursillo that I became more understanding of what my faith meant to me and how I should appreciate it and live it more fully.

The Cursillo also provided its attendees the option to form small prayer groups after the program ended. From the 13 attendees at the Cursillo seven of us have met monthly in a small men's prayer group for the past four years now. The Cursillo and the men's prayer group has helped me pursue a deeper understanding of what a catholic should strive to be as a follower of Christ. If your interested I would be glad to sponsor your attendance at the next men's January 19-22, Cursillo. Call Ed Kollin 440-864-7574

Men's Weekend - January 19-22, 2012

Women's Weekend - March 1-4, 2012

## St. Peter's School News

The students and staff of St. Peter School wish all parishioners and friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We appreciate your interest and support throughout the school year! You are in our prayers and in our hearts.

It's time to think about school year 2012-13. Open House for new families will take place on Sunday, January 29, 11:00-12:30 at the school. Come, tour the school with a student ambassador, have your questions answered by parents and staff members, and receive registration materials. You won't want to miss this special occasion.