

Saint Julie Billiart

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Second Sunday of *Advent*



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Pastor

Rev. Dr. Richard A. Gonser

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.

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LITURGY

Masses at Church,

5500 Lear Nagle Road

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses: Monday–Friday

8:30 a.m. at the Chapel

Holydays: Consult the Bulletin.

Confessions: Saturdays

3:00–4:00 p.m. at the Chapel

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Sunday by appointment.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made six months in advance.

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.

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St. Julie Billiard Parish

From the Desk of Father Gonser

A blessed Advent and sincere best wishes to all parishioners and guests as we celebrate the Season of Advent. We begin Advent with the call to be alert and watchful. The season ends with angels heralding, on Christmas Eve, "peace on earth to all people of good will." Advent is traditionally a time of prayer and reflection on the presence of Christ in our daily lives. The Christ of history we celebrate at Christmas is also present in the mystery of the Sacraments, the Church Community and the written word of God. We long for His final coming in majesty at the end of ages. We can certainly be distracted from Christmas by the spirit of the world that promotes the material and personal pleasures that are characterized by such events as Black Friday, Cyber Monday and excessive parties and activities that can keep us from focusing on the spiritual meaning of Christmas. Advent gives us opportunity to come together for the Family Retreat on December 11, Communal Penance Service on December 14, the Children's Christmas Play on December 18, and daily Masses at the Chapel. Enjoy your parties with family and friends as well as decorating indoors and outdoors. But most of all plan to come to Christmas Mass with family and friends both old and new to celebrate once again Christ's great love for each one of us.



Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."
Mk 1:2b-3

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Charles Smick, Sr. (Family)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiard Parishioners
	10:30 a.m.	Lois Straslicka (Mary Madix Family)
Monday	8:30 a.m.	Francine Cassidy (Family)
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Dorothy Myers (Yandura Family)
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Colette Krupinski (Paul & Marcia Cibula)
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiard Parishioners
	7:00 p.m.	Bill Linden (Marsha Linden)
Friday	8:30 a.m.	Poor Souls
	1:30 p.m.	Wedding: Lawrence Zigmund & Beverly Waldecker
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Dorothy Schneider (Jerry & Alice Riegelsberger)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Mary Tracy (Mary Kaleigh, Rick Kappa, Reagan)
	10:30 a.m.	St. Julie Billiard Parishioners



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St. Peter's St. Julie's

Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, December 8th, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Masses will be at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

Second Sunday in Advent

The Week Ahead

December 4

- Sun.** PSR Mass
Christmas Play Practice, 11:30
NTV, 11:30
- Sun. to Sun.** Interfaith Hospitality Network
- Tues.** Family Choir
- Wed.** Rosary, 7:30 p.m.
- Thurs.** Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Masses; 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m., Church
- Sat.** Woman's Breakfast, St. Peter's
Breakfast with Santa
PrimeTimers Christmas Party, Red Tail
K of C Christmas Party, Wagner's
- Sun.** New Parishioner Breakfast, 11:30 a.m.
Advent Retreat for Families, 6:00 p.m.

Coming Events

December 14

DivorceCare: Surviving the Holidays
Communal Penance Service, St. Peter's
Rediscovering Catholicism

December 16

Confirmation Retreat

December 17

Men's Breakfast, St. Peter's

December 18

NTV Shop-N-Wrap
Children's Christmas Play

December 28

Singing Angels

December 29

Crockpot Dinner

January 28

Parish Party, St. Peter's Gym



Christmas Schedule of Services

- December 14 Communal Penance Service
7:00 p.m. at St. Peter's
- December 18 Children's Christmas Play
- December 24 4:30 p.m. Christmas Music
5:00 p.m. Family Mass
9:30 p.m. Christmas Music
10:00 p.m. Mass
- December 25 9:00 & 10:30 Masses

Religious Education

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

December 4 -PSR Mass

-Christmas Play Practice, 11:30 a.m.

December 16 -Confirmation Retreat, 7:00-11:00 p.m.

December 18 -Christmas Play, 5:00 p.m.

December 25 -NO PSR

NTV - New Teen Vision, High School Religious Education

Spiritual Formation, Social Activities and Service Opportunities

December 4 -NTV Meeting, 11:30 a.m.

December 9 -Baking cookies for Breakfast with St. Nicholas, 7:00 p.m.

December 10-Breakfast with St. Nicholas

December 18-Shop-N-Wrap

Campaign Update

Thank you for your generosity and support. As of November 23 our parish has pledged \$614,945 from 153 gifts. The average gift is \$4,019. We have reached 154% of our goal of \$400,000. 30% of the first \$400,000 will be returned to our parish and 70% of the \$214,000 will be paid to the parish over the next five years. Again, many thanks to all who have supported this major Diocesan Campaign. With 43 parishes that have completed the campaign out of 174, plus the 12 million raised by the Bishop, the Churches of Cleveland have pledged 62 million towards the goal of 125 million dollars. This is truly amazing and a sign of great generosity and sacrifice in the face of the struggles our church and society has been facing. The final phase will be completed by Christmas. Letters will be sent to parishioners who did not respond on the two pledge Sundays, to the telephone solicitations, or in person. I am grateful especially to the volunteers who assisted me so generously in this campaign.

Breakfast with Santa Clause

Saturday, December 10, 10:00-Noon at St. Julie's. Everyone must have a ticket; \$7 per child or adult. Sign up by December 7. See the bulletin insert for details.



Ready the Way

A Family Advent Mission

On Sunday, December 11, at 6:00 p.m. in the Church, we will host Greg Wasinski who is one of the most dynamic and sincere inspirational speakers of faith today. Families with children are encouraged to attend. Children in grades K-5 will have a Christmas movie and 6 & up will attend the Mission. Please bring one dozen cookies to share.

Giving Tree

Please take an ornament from the tree and return by the date shown. Many thanks to our PSR students and Kelly for the beautiful ornaments/gift tags. They are the most creative and best ever! Note there are three different return dates, depending on the group or organization involved.

Please Pray For...

the health of, and caregivers of John Juszkiwicz, Bill Senyitko, Helen Petrosky, Dick Sullinger, Winnie Schenosky, Margaret Masley, Ruth Kowatch, Patty Hager, Sara Bacon, Louis Albrigo, Adelaine Daw, Mady Kostih; for the repose of the soul of Norma Hurst, mother of Ed Hurst; for our Holy Father, bishops, priests, seminarians, and postulants; for true and lasting peace in the Middle East; for our political, military and religious leaders that they will be guided by the principals of peace, justice and charity; for an Advent Season filled with spiritual growth and especially a stronger faith.

Black Advent: It is with great sadness that I reflect upon our annual "Black Friday Shopping Frenzy." It is not the idea of the shopping and bargains that disturb me, but rather the feeling of some small minority that say, "I need this no matter what." I too, enjoy shopping and buying for myself and other people, but I pray that as I get older my needs come before my wants. I am not denying that I enjoy my car, house and some of my "things". In reality, as I fumble for words, the entitlement for our wants concerns me, and sees that it directs us in the opposite direction of the Advent Message: *Prepare the Way*. Every human being deserves all of the needs to live in the dignity that is designed by the Holy Spirit. If you too have had similar thoughts about the upcoming Christmas Season, I prayerfully ask you to attend our Advent Mission. Sometimes we just need to be directed in the right way: The truth that Jesus was born, died and rose from the dead for our salvation. Greg Wasinski is a dynamic Catholic speaker that was integrally involved in the FEST. This mission, *Prepare the Way*, is meant for all ages of adults and older teens. There will be an activity in the Holy Family Room for the children. PLEASE BRING A DOZEN COOKIES TO SHARE!

From the Desk of Nancy Kubiak

This week my prayers were for: grandpa & grandma; Omi and aunt Brookie; Omi and Opi, grandma in Tennessee; grandpa & grandma Dominic; grandpa; Stella; Grace to get home safely, for Will & mom's cosin Patty; my dog & my grandma & grandpa; Hail mary, our farther, Holy beed.

This is how I used my time and talent for others: helped dad in basemat; I helped my brother; helping my friends at school; helped dad in the basement; helping put my Christmas tree up; helped clean the flooded basement; I help my bring stuff to the table.

Parish Stewardship

Nov. 27: Envelopes used: 230 (out of 685 mailed) .	\$5310
Average per Envelope	\$23
Children's	\$46
School Subsidy	\$145
Capital Improvement	\$348
Net Offertory	\$5849
Mass Attendance	665

Thank you for sharing your blessings.

News & Events

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Sat, Dec. 3, 5:00

(L1) Terry Flanagan
(L2) Linda Vasiloff
(EM) Ed Hurst
Ted Laponi
Beth Paoloni*

(Sacristan*)

Sun, Dec. 4, 9:00

PSR
PSR
Jim/Joanne Carter
Diane DeMelo*
Laura Eland

10:30

Jim Cassidy
Barb Arguello
Barb Arguello
Joe Dominak
Annamarie Pabian
John Palazzo
Pat Liccardi*

Sat, Dec. 10, 5:00

(L1) Peg Nolan
(L2) Vicki Fisher
(EM) Agnes Klimkowicz
Judy Murphy
Jim Nolan
Jack Whipkey
Larry Patrick*

Sun, Dec. 11, 9:00

Ken Allen
Peter Gilles
Jim/Joanne Carter
Joe/Nancy Dominak
Linda Forthofer*

10:30

Betty D'Antonio
Barb Stearns
Mike Yarosh*



Calendars

2012 Calendars are available at the church doors courtesy of the David Bogner Family Funeral Home.

New Parishioner Breakfast

Once again our Parish Council and leadership are inviting all our new parishioners to a welcome breakfast on December 11. Invitations have been sent out. If you have not attended a breakfast in the past and are a new parishioner please call the office for reservations. Please join us for a welcoming breakfast in the Guadalupe Room on December 11 after the 10:30 Mass.

Community Care Christmas Cookies

Wanted: One dozen or more homemade Christmas Cookies for Community Care's Seniors & Singles Christmas Social. Please bring them to the church kitchen on December 17/18 marked Community Care. Questions call Terri Lanser, 440-829-9635.



Women's Fellowship Breakfast

The women of St. Julie's and St. Peter's will be getting together to share our faith experiences with a morning meal. Our women's fellowship breakfast will be held on Saturday, December 10, 8:30-10:00 a.m. at St. Peter's. Won't you join us! Call Shirley Fumich, 327-1226 or Theresa Nunney, 327-1275.

Thank You

On behalf of the N. Ridgeville Knights of Columbus Council 7970 we would like to thank everyone who came out to support our 10th annual Turkey Raffle this year. It was again a very successful event; and to the members and Lady's Isabella Guild, the Squires and Squirettes, your tremendous donations of time, door prizes, participation and talent again contributed to a great time and a big success. We hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving, and wish all a Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

Chairman Jerry Diederich
Co-Chairman Gene Barto