St. Julie Billiart Catholic Church
Merry Christmas!
AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH
JOHN 1:14
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From the desk of Fr. Bob…

Dear Parishioners,

Christmas is amazing. When we lay aside all the glitz of the shopping frenzy that often surrounds this feast, when we look beyond the holiday visiting schedule, when we see through the melancholy that can seep into our souls as we reflect on past Christmases before loved ones passed away: the event of Christmas itself is amazing.

The readings at the various Masses for Christmas directs us to the source of this amazement: a baby was born in a tiny village called Bethlehem over 2000 years ago. If we were there at that time, (unless we were with the shepherds who had an angelic visitation or the Magi who also had some divine assistance) we might have felt that it was nice that a baby was born that night. We might have even felt some pity for the couple who just arrived from Nazareth and had to use a stable for a birthing center.

However, Christmas is amazing because it is a most dramatic and unexpected intervention by God. St. John reminds us that *the Word became Flesh and dwelt among us*. (John 1:14) In not so veiled language (after reading the very first words of the gospel of John), St. John is telling us that God became man in Jesus Christ. It has taken centuries to unpack some of the ramifications of this event. And for all eternity we will be feasting on this event.

Christmas is amazing because it is one of God's most subtle interventions. God becoming a human being in Christ was unexpected. For the Jewish mind, it was unheard of and perhaps unthinkable. And yet, because God wanted to redeem the human race so completely, He assumed human nature so that the totality of our human person, both body and soul, would be redeemed.

Finally, Christmas is amazing because it was the most loving thing God could do for us. Fr. Romano Guardini, in his book called *The Lord*, puts it this way:

> *This journey of God from the everlasting into the transitory, this stride across the border into history, is something that no human intellect can grasp. The mind might even oppose the apparently fortuitous, human aspect of this interpretation with its own "purer" idea of godliness; yet precisely here lies hidden the kernel of Christianity. Before such an unheard-of thought, the intellect bogs down.*

Though the intellect may bog down, the heart comes to the rescue. How can we make sense of this amazing yet crazy idea of God becoming man? Fr. Guardini's answer came from a colleague who simply said, "***Love does such things.***"

I pray that this amazing love, which comes to us in the hidden, humble, and holy manner in the Eucharist, live in our hearts and homes this Christmas season.

Fr. Isidore and I wish you and your loved ones a joyous and blessed Christmas.

In Christ, Fr. Bob Franco

Administrator: Rev. Robert Franco
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Isidore Munishi
Deacons: Rev. Mr. John Rivera
Rev. Dr. Ken DeLuca, Retired
PSR Principal: Kelly Reed
Music Director: Danny O'Brien

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday……5:00 p.m.
(This Mass is Live Streamed & Recorded)
Sunday…… 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Evening Masses on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday beginning January 2
Holydays……Consult the Bulletin

For updates check St. Julie's Website

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays……4:00 - 4:30 p.m.
In the Church

PSR - PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Grades 1 - 8: 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. Sunday
Grade 8: 6:00 p.m. Sunday
(Check PSR website for Grade 8 dates)

RCIA & RCIC *(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children)*

BAPTISMS

Call or email the office.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance

NEW PARISHIONERS

You are welcome to call the office or register on line.

Pre Baptism Class

St. Peter's will be holding a Baptism Class on Wednesday, December 28, 6:00 p.m. Please call 440-327-2201 to register.

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 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 2:10-12

Parish & Community Events

December 25, 2022

Religious Education

PSR-Parish School of Religion

Sunday: Grades 1-7, 9:30-10:45 a.m.; Grade 8, 6:00 p.m.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Dec. 24	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Kenneth Guerra (Richard & Elaine Galik)
		10:00 p.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
Dec. 25	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Harry McLaughlin (Loving Wife)
		11:00 a.m.	Snyder & Walters Families (Suzanne Snyder)
(Weekday Evening Masses starting in January)			
Dec. 31	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	John Galik Jr. (Richard & Elaine Galik)
Jan. 1	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
		11:00 a.m.	Snyder & Walters Families (Suzanne Snyder)

The Week Ahead

Sat. Christmas Eve Masses
5:00 and 10:00 p.m.

Sun. Christmas Day Masses
9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Mon. Office Closed

Wed. Rosary, 1:00 p.m., Church
Baptism Class, 6:00 p.m. at St. Peter's , 440-327-2201

Thurs. Crockpot Pick Up Dinner
5:00 to 6:15 p.m.

Sat. New Years Eve
Confessions, 4:00-4:30 p.m.
Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sun. New Year's Day
Masses: 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
NO PSR

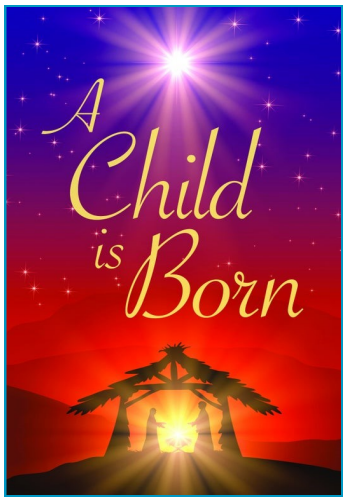
Coming Events

Jan.14 - Women's Fellowship Breakfast, St. Julie's

Jan.21 - Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The Nursing Home Ministry program could use some additional volunteers in the upcoming year. We distribute Communion each Sunday to three facilities and on Wednesday at North Ridge. If you are interested in serving once a month, please contact St. Peter's Parish Office at (440) 327-2201.



PRAY FOR . . .

the health of, and caregivers of: Fr. George, Jim Carter, Don Aspery, Marcia Hanzal, John Murphy, Sharon Kaloczi, Joe Dominak, Mae Preiss, Mary Ann Zitello, Zoe Engle (granddaughter of Tony Fameli), Eugene Stellato (father of Lou Stellato), Paula J. Lyons (sister of Dennis Jufko), Kristin Cassidy (daughter of Jim & Peg Nolan), Lola Cook, Marian Kessler, Mary Lee, Susan Mahoney, Terry Flanagan, Carol Polak, Jean Rasmussen, Kathleen Sobczak, Dolores Rivera, JoAnne Bellomo, Carol Straub, and the Regula family; for the repose of the soul of Carol Troy; for the repose of the soul of Karen McCrae, sister of Nancy Francway, for our men & women in uniform; our police, firefighters, doctors & nurses; for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate & religious life.

The time came for her to have her child and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. - Lk 2:6b-7

2023 - Calendars

Courtesy of the David Bogner Family Funeral Home are in the vestibule. Please help yourself.

Weekday Evening Masses (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) at St. Julie Billiart

In an effort to promote the weekday celebration of the Eucharist, Mass will be celebrated on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings at 5:30 p.m. at the Church. Visit with our LORD on your way home from work or join in the celebration after a busy day at home. This new Weekday Mass Schedule will begin on Monday, January 2, 2023.

THANK YOU for your generosity

Thank you to the many parishioners who took ornaments from the giving tree, purchased the requested items, and returned them for delivery. We assisted N.R. Community Care, Lorain County Children Services, and Neighborhood Family Alliance as well as three other local families. Thanks also to those who made the ornaments, added the names, and assisted in organizing the gifts for delivery. Your generosity is much appreciated!

Minister Schedule					
Date	Time	Sacristan	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	
Dec. 24	5:00 p.m.	Suzanne Snyder	Donnie Schiffbauer	Deacon John Ray Sharron	Denise TM Pastula Eileen McBriarty
Dec. 24 Rec	10:00 p.m.	John Burghard	Amy Shealy	Deacon John John Burghard	Greg Dubecky
Dec. 25 Rec	9:00 a.m.	Suzanne Snyder	Ken Allen	Tom Lamoda Larry Rozman	Nick TM Modock Leslie Rozman
	11:00 a.m.	Beth Paoloni	Cindy Naprestek	Mark LaLonde	Chris TM Snyder
Dec. 31 Rec	5:00 p.m.	Suzanne Snyder	Linda Vasiloff	Deacon John	Jim TM Nolan
Jan. 1	9:00 a.m.	Suzanne Snyder	Mark LaLonde	Gene Morrison	Donnie TM Schiffbauer
	11:00 a.m.	Suzanne Snyder	Barb Arguello	Deacon John	Eileen McBriarty

Walking With Moms In Need: A brochure containing a list of local Pregnancy Help and Family Assistance resources for women raising children is available at the back of church. This resource list is also available on our parish website at: stjuliebilliart.org/moms-in-need. Using these guides, everyone in our parish community can help a pregnant or parenting woman get the support she needs.

Greece in the Footsteps of St. Paul

You are invited to join Fr. Richard Gonser, retired pastor of St. Julie Billiart Parish for an 11 day land and sea cruise from May 19-30. For details call Fr. Gonser at 440-610-5543 or visit www.206tours.com/tour161

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Galik & Guerra Families
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Patricia Gazer

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Richard "Dick" Gosselin

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Deceased Lewis & Kosiba Family

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Kenneth Tahsin (Brother)

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Charles Smick, Sr., Mary Smick
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James V. Riley Family
Emery W. Smith Family

Brenda Smith-Sypko
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Dolores Snyder
Frances Walters
Anne Snyder
Jeanne Kovach

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Raymond Sobczak
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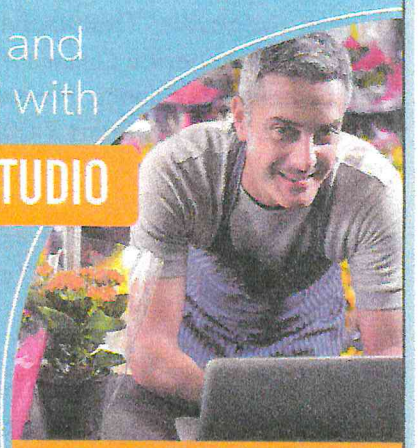

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