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April 27, 2025

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:28-29

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Pastor: Rev. Robert Franco

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Isidore Munishi

Deacons: Rev. Mr. John Rivera

Rev. Mr. Del Sherman

Rev. Dr. Ken DeLuca, Retired

PSR Principal: Kelly Reed

Music Director: Mary Pokrywka

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday.....5:00 p.m.

(This Mass is Live Streamed & Recorded)

Sunday..... 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

5:30 p.m. Evening Mass on

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

Holydays.....Consult the Bulletin

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

For updates check St. Julie's Website

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays.....3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

In the Church

**PSR - PARISH SCHOOL OF
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

Grades 1 - 7: 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. Sunday

Grade 8: 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. Sunday

(check PSR website for information)

**OCIA & OCIC (Order of Christian
Initiation of Adults and Children)**

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Sunday by appointment

MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made 6 months
in advance

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

Dear Parishioners

Like most of you, the passing of Pope Francis on Easter Monday surprised me. After an earlier than normal Easter dinner with family, I tuned into the national evening news that evening. Part of the news included Pope Francis being the Pope: blessing the world on Easter and being whisked around St. Peter's Square in the Popemobile. He even welcomed Vice-President Vance and his wife earlier on Easter Day.

In September of 2015 Pope Francis visited Cuba, Canada, and the United States. I took a weekend off and went to Philadelphia to participate in his visit to the City of Brotherly Love. The highlight was the Papal Mass that Sunday afternoon, which took place in a large park in front of the Philadelphia Museum of Art (think of the stairs that Rocky runs up in the movie). It was attended by hundreds of thousands of Catholics.

After Mass I had a somewhat close encounter with Pope Francis. Several of us priests were finding our way back to the museum (the staging area for the priests) when we were stopped at small side street. Sure enough, the Pope's motorcade was passing by. The window was down, and we got a close-up wave from Pope Francis.

The passing of the Pope is a special time of prayer for the Church. We commend to the mercy of God the soul of Pope Francis and pray that he rests in peace. It is also a time of praying for the next Pope. May the new Pope be an instrument of God's coming Kingdom, helping all of us do the will of God in our daily lives.

I want to thank everyone who helped make Holy Week and Easter a prayerful and joyful time. I am also grateful for the music of Mary Pokrywka and our choir, who accompanied our Holy Week liturgies. Finally, I am grateful to Beth Paoloni and the liturgical environment team who helped decorate the church. The Church environment shouts: *Jesus is risen from the dead!* We also want to congratulate and welcome Dale Chan, who has been attending St. Julie Parish for several years and took the plunge on Easter at St. Peter Parish. He was baptized, confirmed, and made his first Holy Communion.

I heard that the 9:00 a.m. Easter Mass was rather "alarming." To minimize the possibility of inadvertently setting off the smoke alarm again, we will be learning preventative measures and trying a different kind of incense that dissipates quicker.

We have several important liturgical celebrations this week, beginning with the Divine Mercy Holy Hour this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. This will take place at St. Peter Parish. I invite you to join me as we spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament and the image of Jesus, Divine Mercy.

On Tuesday of this week, Bishop Malesic will be here at St. Peter Parish to confirm 50 young people of which 10 are St. Julie Parish eighth graders. I am grateful to Jill Papesh, a St. Julie parishioner who oversees the Confirmation preparation program for both parishes. Come Holy Spirit! May our Confirmandii live ever more deeply by the gifts and graces of the Holy Spirit.

We have a few of capital improvement projects that are being lined up for St. Julie Parish. I have a fully executed contract (signed by Bishop Malesic) with SBS Construction to renovate the bedroom area of St. Julie rectory. I am hoping that this can begin immediately. At the church, we are looking to replace the concrete walkway from the parking lot to the entrance of the church. It has served well for over 40 years. However, it is cracked and uneven. The second project on the church grounds will be installing a video security system. We hope to complete these projects in a timely manner.

Finally, on this Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, our gospel story tells of the eighth day after the resurrection, which focuses on the Apostle Thomas. With so much skepticism in our day, St. Thomas the Apostle can be our special patron. The Lord had special mercy on him. Thomas moved quickly from "I will never believe..." to "My Lord and my God!" May his confession of Jesus as Lord and God guide our lives.

In Christ,
Fr. Bob Franco



Mental Health: A Journey of Hope You Are Not Alone

Thursday, May 22, 7-9 pm
Elyria Catholic High School
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Religious Education

PSR-Parish School of Religion

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

April 26 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Ellen Beverstock (Elaine Payne)
 April 27 Sunday 9:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
 11:00 a.m. Jeff Kohl (Jim & Janet Coufalik)
 April 28 Monday 5:30 p.m. Karen McCrae (Francway Family)
 April 30 Wednesday 5:30 p.m. Rose Romero (Walsh & Romero Family)
 May 2 Friday 5:30 p.m. Janelda Martin (Francway Family)
 May 3 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Agnes Valenta (St. Julie's Choir)
 May 4 Sunday 9:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
 11:00 a.m. Jeff Kohl (Kohl Family)

The Week Ahead

Sat./Sun K of C collecting donations at doors for those with disabilities
Sun. PSR 7th grade parent meeting, after 11:00 a.m. Mass, HFR
Mon. Catholic Parents, 6-7:00 HFR
Tue. Confirmation, 7:00 p.m., St. Peter
Wed. Rosary, 1:00
 Adoration, 2:00-5:00 p.m.
Sun. PSR Mass, 9:00 a.m.

Rice Bowls

You can turn your Rice Bowls into the collection basket or give them to the ushers. The money raised will go toward our sisters and brothers who struggle with hunger and malnutrition so they can overcome the obstacles that prevent them from accessing healthy food. We will help the people in Nigeria, Guatemala, and Bangladesh, who are finding ways to break the cycle of malnutrition and build resilience. May our hearts be moved to prayer and action to support our sisters and brothers around the world.

40 Days for Life free results

webcast: On Tuesday, April 29 at 9:00 p.m., 40 Days for Life will report the results of the recently completed Spring Campaign. Go to <https://www.40daysforlife.com/> for details and to register for the webcast.



Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

- Jn 20:27-28



the health of, and caregivers of:

Carolyn Mayer, wife of Dave, Harriet Halvin, Richard & Elaine Galik, Bill & Kathleen Lamb, Laura Simo, Emma Bryant, Lisa Ramsey, daughter of Tony Frameli, Daniel DeLaat, Bob Coufalik, brother of Mary Ann Kohl-Schwarzwalder, Patricia D'Onofrio, Lola Cook, Paul Kovacs, Louise Alexander, Marian Kessler, Dolores Rivera, Bob Jirousek, Barb Vrtachnik, Terry Flanagan, Jean Rasmussen, Kathleen Sobczak, JoAnne Bellomo, Regula family, Fr. George, Fr. Gonser; for the repose of the souls of Pope Francis and Bette Taylor, wife of Dan, for our men & women in uniform; our firefighters, police, doctors & nurses; for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life.

Also pray for the 50 eighth graders making their Confirmation on Tuesday at St. Peter's Church.

The First Friday Forum of Lorain County

will hear from Fr. Ryan Mann speaking about Theology of the Body at our luncheon on Friday, May 2. Come join us for good food, fellowship and a great speaker. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. at the Spitzer Conference Center of Lorain County Community College, 1005 N. Abbe Rd. Elyria. Reservations need to be received by 6:00 Monday, April 28 Call 440-320-3272 or 440-213-2132, or email ffflorain@gmail.com. Cost is \$25.



Men's Breakfast Please join us for the St. Julie & St. Peter Men's Fellowship breakfast on Saturday, May 17, 8:20 a.m. Breakfast will be served at St. Peter's in the Gym. Open to men of any parish in the Diocese, come and enjoy a hearty, hot breakfast

followed by a short video and discussion. We will end promptly at 9:45 a.m. So we have an idea of how much food to prepare please RSVP by sending an email to sjspbreakfast@gmail.com by May 12.

Parish Stewardship

Easter of April 21: \$10,375
 Faith Direct: (Mar.16-31) \$4493
 School Subsidy: \$45
 Capital Improvement: \$260
Net Offertory: \$15,173
 Mass Attendance: 675

Thank you for sharing your blessings.

Ministers Schedule

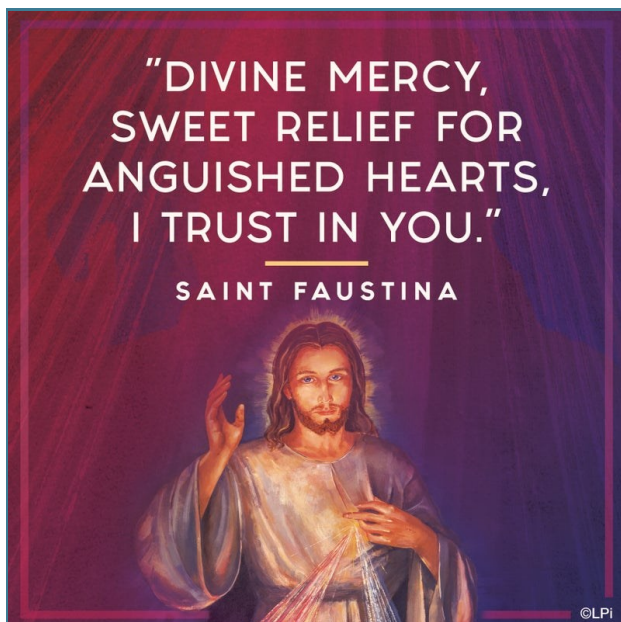
Sat, Apr. 26, 9:00 pm	Apr. 27, 9:00 am	11:00
S-Chris Vacca	S-Elaine Payne	S-Beth Paoloni
L-Jane Herbcha	L-Barb Arguello	L-Jim Livingston
EM-Greg Dubecky	EM-Gretchen Bulan	EM-Beth Paoloni
EM-Ceil Morrison	EM-Elaine Payne	EM-Elaine Payne
C-Kathleen McWeeny	C-Tom Lamoda	C-Mark LaLonde
C- Not Filled	C-Deacon Del	C- Not Filled
AS- Not Filled	AS- Not Filled	AS-Ashley McDowell
AS- Not Filled	AS- Not Filled	AS-Duncan McDowell
U- Not Filled	U-Jim Gaffney	U-Dave Rodriguez
U- Not Filled	U-Hung Le	U-Michael Herner

Sat, May 3, 5:00 Rec	May 4, 9:00	11:00
S-Chris Vacca	S-Elaine Payne	S-Kathleen McWeeny
L-Cindy Naprestek	L-Linda Vasiloff	L-Lisa Palazzo
EM-Greg Dubecky	EM-Barb Arguello	EM-Jim Livingston
EM-Keith Klimkowicz	EM-Elaine Payne	EM-Kathleen McWeeny
C-Deacon John	C-Robert Ricksecker	C-Leslie Rozman
C-Agnes Klimkowicz	C-Nicole Scarpelli	C-Larry Rozman
AS-Ryan Papesch	AS- Not Filled	AS- Not Filled
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S-Sacristan C-Chalice
L-Lector AS-Altar Server
EM-Eucharistic Minister U-Usher

Pilgrimage to Italy

Fr. Bob is leading a pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, San Giovanni Rotondo (the monastery of St. Padre Pio) and other religious sites during the Holy Year 2025. This ten-day pilgrimage will be from October 20-October 29, 2025 and will be a joyful time of encountering the Lord, perhaps traveling with old friends and making new friends. 206 Tours has prepared a wonderful and inspiring itinerary. For more details about this pilgrimage, go to: www.206tours.com/frfranco/ where you will find the itinerary, the sites described in detail, and how to book your spot.



News & Events

Our Ukrainian Welcome Circle Lenten Message

"The bright holiday of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is approaching! On this day, we wish each of you goodness and kindness. May your soul be filled with warmth and peace, may there be a peaceful sky above you, and may your beloved and joyful family and friends be near. May this holiday bring you harmony and joy. We wish that all grievances leave us, and only love and happiness remain. You have become very dear and sincere people to us. Every time, we want to say a big THANK YOU.

*With love,
The Bryiovskiy family"*

Any size donation would be appreciated to help us support the Bryiovskiyis for the remainder of the year. we would be extremely appreciated. Please take time to write them a note whenever you can. God bless you for your support of the Bryiovskiyis on this journey.



Women's Breakfast

Our next Women's Fellowship Breakfast will be on May 10 at St. Julie's from 8:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Join us for a delicious breakfast and to hear Fr. Isidore speak on the topic: "We Are Pilgrims of Hope." To ensure enough seating and food is prepared, please RSVP by May 5 at our website: <https://www.stpeternr.org/womens-ministry>. If you prefer, you can call St. Peter's, 440-327-2201 to register.

Knights of Columbus

This weekend, the Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations at the doors of the church after all the weekend Masses. Our annual **Measure Up Campaign** will be accepting donations on behalf of those with developmental disabilities. Last year our fundraising goal was to raise \$370,000 for over 322 statewide and local caring agencies that sponsor a variety of training and support programs. This year's goal is to collect \$400,000. Of the money collected, 80% is returned to the local councils for donating to their local agencies. The remaining 20% is used for statewide disability programs.

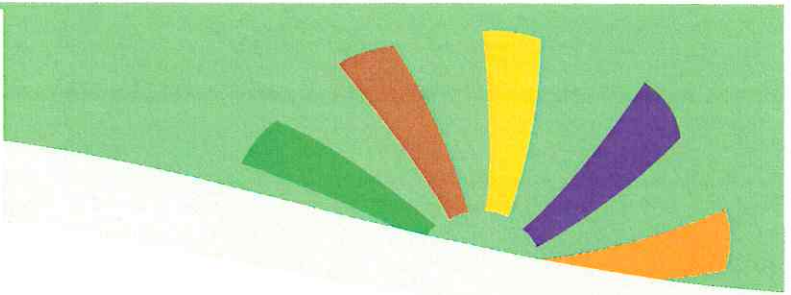
The "FLAGSHIP" charity of the Knights of Columbus has long been **Support for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities**. In recent years, the Knights of Columbus have been recognized as a major corporate sponsor to the International Special Olympics. Locally, our Knights of Columbus Council #7970 has participated in the Measure Up program since the beginning of the 1980's. This year, Knights in their yellow vests will be collecting donations after all of this weekend Masses from both Saint Julie and Saint Peter parishes on **April 26th and 27th**. Checks can be made out to: Knights of Columbus, Council 7970. Thank you for your continued support.



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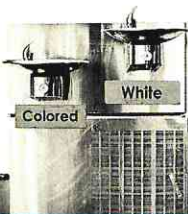


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- Cleveland
- Cincinnati
- Memphis
- Jackson
- Montgomery

2025 Pilgrimage for Justice

June 8-14, 2025

The Pilgrimage for Justice is a faith-based, intercultural, intergenerational immersion experience for pilgrims to travel, learn, reflect, pray, and grow as we rediscover Civil Rights history. The pilgrimage will depart from Cleveland and visit Cincinnati, Memphis, Jackson, and Montgomery.

EVENT DETAILS:

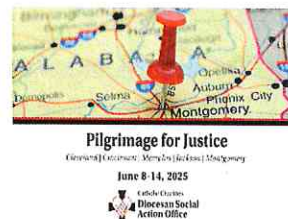
The Pilgrimage for Justice is \$1,195.00 per participant, which includes bus transportation, overnight double-occupancy accommodations, site visit fees, and most meals and \$1,495 per participant for single-occupancy. Space is limited. Participation is confirmed only after submitting your registration form with a down payment of \$400.00 or full payment of registration fees.

Final and full payment is due no later than May 5, 2025.

For more information on the pilgrimage and how to register, please visit www.ccdocle.org/P4J



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Dear Pastors & Pastoral Leaders,
Happy Easter!

During his visit to Australia in November of 1986, Pope St. John Paul II made reference to St. Augustine in these words, ***"We Are Easter People and Alleluia is our song!"*** He then added, ***"We are not looking for a shallow joy but rather a joy that comes from faith, that grows through unselfish love, that respects the fundamental duty of love of neighbor, without which it would be unbecoming to speak of Joy."***

Our "Pilgrimage for Justice" 2025 is a contemporary experience of authentic Easter joy that comes from faith rooted in unselfish love, and a public witness to the fundamental duty of love of neighbor. We will travel as pilgrims by coach bus, conscious that there is a significant difference between a religious pilgrimage and a vacation, or even a sightseeing tour. Our Pilgrimage for Justice is an opportunity for pilgrims to travel, learn, reflect, pray and grow as we consider Civil Rights' history through the lens of the Gospel and Catholic Social Teaching, while visiting some of the places where so many people of faith sacrificed so much so that they and future citizens would experience true freedom. We will have time daily for reflection, prayer, & education about racism past and present, and what we need to do today to uphold the God given dignity of all persons.

We are seeking your assistance to promote our Diocesan "Pilgrimage for Justice" for 2025. Below are the itinerary details and attached is a flyer with URL and QR code for easy registration. All adults are welcome!

Sunday- June 8

- Travel from Cleveland to Cincinnati Ohio.
- Visit the National Underground Railroad Freedom Museum in Cincinnati.
- <https://freedomcenter.org/>
- Stay at the Jesuit Retreat Center at Milford - <https://www.facebook.com/JSCMinistry/>

Monday - June 9

- Travel from Cincinnati to Memphis Tennessee.
- Stay at Saint Columba Episcopal Camp and Retreat Center in Memphis.
- <https://saintcolumbamemphis.org/>

Tuesday - June 10

- Visit the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis – <https://civilrightsmuseum.org/>
- Stay at Saint Columba Episcopal Camp and Retreat Center.

Wednesday - June 11

- Travel to Jackson Mississippi.
- Visit the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum in Jackson.
- [Mississippi Civil Rights Museum | Mississippi Civil Rights Museum](#)
- Visit Statue of Sr. Thea Bowman at the Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle.
- <https://www.cathedralsaintpeter.org/>
- Stay at the Staybridge Suites Hotel - <https://www.reservations.com/>

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