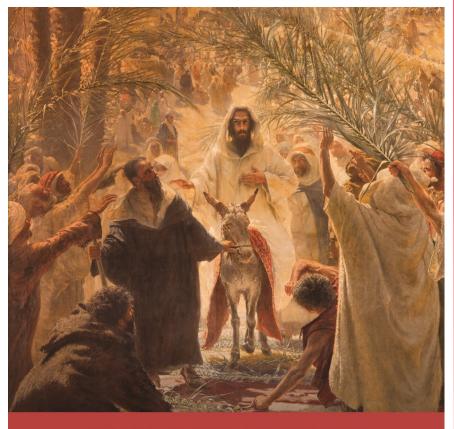


March 24, 2024

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Julie Billiart is a welcoming Roman Catholic community that deepens our personal relationship with Jesus Christ by worshiping together, reaching out to others and building up the Kingdom of God.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

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Parochial Vicar: Rev. Isidore Munishi

Deacons: Rev. Mr. John Rivera

Rev. Dr. Ken DeLuca, Retired

PSR Principal: Kelly Reed

Music Director: Mary Pokrywka

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
Holydays......Consult the Bulletin

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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 - 8: 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. Sunday (check PSR website for information)

RCIA & RCIC (Rite 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.

5th Sunday of Lent

Dear Parishioners.

Today begins Holy Week. The Church makes a big deal about this week as does the bible. This final week of Jesus life is given disproportionate attention in the bible. Each of the four gospels allows two long chapters to this one week of the life of Jesus Christ. (This is followed by a chapter about the resurrection. John's gospel has two chapters on the resurrection.)

The reason is simple. The suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ brings the fullness of salvation into the world. It is this event that brings us forgiveness of sins, the hope of heaven and the promise of resurrection from the dead. What good would our relatively short time on earth be, if we are not forgiven, given hope of life after death and know the nearness of God on our earthly journey? It is good to listen to the saving story of Jesus on Palm Sunday.

I also encourage you to participate in the Easter Triduum. That fancy Latin word simply means *Three Days*. Those days are Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. On Holy Thursday, Jesus makes preparation for his departure. He teaches us to serve by washing the disciple's feet. He gives us ordained leaders in the Apostles to carry on his work. Jesus then gives us His greatest gift: His ongoing Presence in the Eucharist.

After making preparations for his departure, Jesus then departs.

It was not neat. It seems that the worst of humanity was poured out on Him: betrayal, denial, mocking, torture, shame, senseless violence, ridicule, and execution by crucifixion. Religious leaders plotted his death. The civil leaders washed their hands of it.

Ironically enough, the Church calls this day Good Friday. And as I told the Third Grade PSR class last Monday, it is Good Friday because we see God's goodness in Christ. He forgives our sins from the cross and promises Paradise. Jesus even experienced abandonment by God so that if we ever feel that way, we will know that Jesus did too, He is with us in our desolation.

Finally, Holy Saturday reminds us Jesus Christ is Lord. He is risen from the dead. He is the Light that conquers the darkness, the Word that fulfills God's plan, the New Life unwaveringly pledged to us in the Sacraments of Initiation, the Abiding Presence in the Eucharist.

I encourage you to enter into this week in a wholehearted manner. If you are not able to make it to the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, make sure you catch the final act on Easter Sunday. Jesus Christ is raised from the dead! Never to die again. He is our unconquerable hope.

If you have not availed yourself to the Sacrament of Penance, we have set aside times for Confessions on Monday and Wednesday of this week. See the bulletin for times and places.

Looking for an Easter Egg hunt? Look no further. Details are in today's bulletin. Interested in a great Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast? Stop over at St. Peter's Gym between 8:30 a.m. and Noon this Sunday for the St. Peter-St. Julie Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast.

In Christ, Fr. Bob Franco

Holy Week Schedule

March 24 - Palm Sunday Procession, 9:00 & 11:00 Masses Easter Egg Hunt after 11:00 Mass

March 25 - Confessions, St. Peter's, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

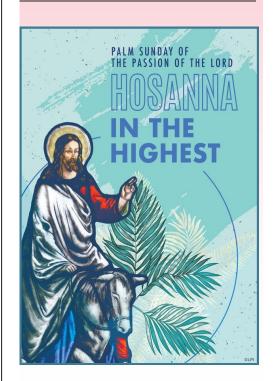
March 27 - Confessions, St. Julie's & St. Peter's, 3:00-4:00 And 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 28 - Holy Thursday; Mass of the Lord's Supper and washing of the feet, 7:00 p.m. Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00 p.m.

March 29 - Good Friday; Stations of the Cross, Noon Passion of Our Lord, 3:00 p.m.

March 30 - Holy Saturday; Blessing of the Food Baskets, 1:00 p.m. The Great Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.

March 31 - Easter Sunday; Masses, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.



Parish & Community Events

Religious Education

PSR-Parish School of Religion

Sunday: Grades 1-8, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mar. 23 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Eddie Smick & Mary Smick (Chuck Smick)

Mar. 24 Sunday 9:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiart Parishioners

11:00 a.m. Linda LaLonde (LaLonde Family)

Mar. 25 Monday 5:30 p.m. John & Anne Gazer (Bob Gazer)
Mar. 27 Wednesday 5:30 p.m. Linda LaLonde (LaLonde Family)

Mar. 28 Thursday 7:00 p.m. Angela Francway (Bob & Nancy Francway)

Mar. 29 Friday 3:00 p.m. Passion of Our Lord Mar. 30 Saturday 8:30 p.m. Valerie Sumerauer

Mar. 31 Sunday 9:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiart Parishioners

11:00 a.m. Rev. Albert Wolski & Bro. Albion Benedict

(Dennis Jufko)

The Week Ahead

Sun. Palm Sunday

Easter Egg Hunt after 11:00

High School Youth Group, Holy Family Room, 7:45-9:15 p.m.

Mon. Prayer Group, Chapel, 2:00
Discovering Christ, 6:15, STJ
Mass, 5:30 p.m., HFR
Confessions at St. Peter,
7:00-8:00 p.m.

Tues. Prayer Group, Chapel, 10:30

Wed. Rosary, 1:00 Church
Confessions, St. Julie's &
St. Peter's, 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Adoration, 2-5:00, Church

Mass, 5:30 p.m. Confessions, St. Julie's & St. Peter's, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Thurs. Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m.

Fri. Stations, Noon

Passion of Our Lord, 3:00 p.m.

Sat. Basket Blessing, 1:00 p.m. Church

Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.

Sun. Easter Sunday

Masses, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Men's Breakfast

Please join us for the St. Julie and St. Peter Men's Fellowship breakfast on Saturday April 20th @ 8:20 a.m. Breakfast will be served at St. Julie's in the Church. 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 April 15th.

PRAY FOR ...

the health of, and caregivers of: Fr. Isidore's mother Adelade, Alan Pavelschak, Syl Steffen, Carly Guerra, Shannon Kennedy, daughter of Cecelia Fields, Agnes Valenta, Mae Preiss, mother of Sandy Zanick, Louise Alexander, Peg Nolan, Kennedy Smith, granddaughter of Dottie Heller, Debijo Lamb, John Peters son of John & Marge Peters, Fr. George, Connor Laska, grandson of Joyce & Marty Laska, Fr. Gonser, Jeff Kohl, son of Mary Anne Schwarzwalder, Emily Jirousek, granddaughter of Bob & Mary Ann Jirousek, Marian Kessler, Christian Hoffman, nephew of Pat, Daniel DeLaat, Dolores Rivera, Bob Jirousek, June Kearney, Barb Vrtachnik, Lola Cook, Terry Flanagan, Jean Rasmussen, Kathleen Sobczak, JoAnne Bellomo, and the Regula family; for our men & women in uniform; our firefighters, police, doctors & nurses; for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, & religious life.

Walking with Moms in Need Fundraiser workshop

Please join Moms in Need core group as we convert Lenten Rice bowls into Walking with Moms in Need bowls. We will need extra hands to work on 350 bowls and apply new stickers. We will meet in the Guadalupe room at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27. There will also be a presentation while we work, about Walking with Moms in Need, what we have done, and what we hope for the future. Men and women are welcome. Confirmation students wishing for service hours are also encouraged to participate.

Women's Fellowship Breakfast

The next Women's Fellowship Breakfast is on April 13th in St. Peter's gym from 8:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. All women are invited to join us for a delicious breakfast and to hear a talk by Fr. Bob Franco. To ensure enough seating and food is prepared, please RSVP by April 8th at our website: https://www.stpeternr.org/womens-ministry. If you prefer, you can call our office and we will get you registered.

Parish Stewardship March 17: \$3061 Faith Direct: \$ School Subsidy: \$0 Capital Improvement: \$160 Net Offertory \$3221 In Person Mass Attendance: 348 Thank you for sharing your Blessings.

Ministers <i>S</i> chedule			
Sat, Mar. 23,5:00 Rec S-Beth Paoloni L-Cindy Naprestek L-Gloria Hearns EM-Beth Paoloni Toni Tinnirello C-Deacon John U-Agnes Klimkowicz Gene Schwarzwalder	Mar. 24, 9:00 S-Suzanne Snyder L-Linda Vasiloff L-Suzanne Snyder EM-Jim Livingston Kathleen McWeeny C-Robert Ricksecker U-Jim Gaffney Not Filled	11:00 S-Mike Yarosh L-Lisa Palazzo L-Barb Arguello EM-Denise Pastula Mike Yarosh C-Not Filled U-Nick Guerrieri Not Filled	
Thu, Mar. 28, 7:00 Re S-Beth Paoloni L-Jane Herbcha L-Barb Arguello EM-Beth Paoloni Ted Lapponi U-Agnes Klimkowicz Not Filled	Fri.Mar. 29, 3:00 Suzanne Snyder Mark LaLonde Not Filled Chris Snyder Kathleen McWeeny Not Filled Not Filled	FRIDAY	
Sat, Mar. 30,8:30 Rec S-Beth Paoloni S-Suzanne Snyder L-Gloria Hearns L-Linda Vasiloff	Mar. 31, 9:00 S-John Burghard L-Ken Allen EM-Larry Rozman Leslie Rozman	11:00 S-Kathleen McWeeny L-Cindy Naprestek EM-Mark LaLonde Kathleen McWeeny	

Youth Group for St. Julie/St. Peter Students

Ray Sharron

Not Filled

U-Jim Gaffney

Joe Kotarsky

U-Sue Dybowski

Gene Morrison

EM-Jim Nolan

Tony Tinnirello

C-Deacon John

U-Agnes Klimkowicz U-Keith Klimkowicz

A new Youth Group has been formed to include all High School students of St. Julie's and St. Peter's parishes. Our next High School meeting will be this Sunday evening, March 24, 7:45 to 9:15 at St. Julie's in the Holy Family Room.

The next Middle School meeting will be on Thursday, April 18 at St. Peter's from 7:30-8:30 at St. Peter's Apostle Hall. All are welcome and bring a friend. Any young adult looking to be a part of a core team, please contact Niki Sherman, 440-327-2201 x 111.

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be Generous! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org or www.custodia.org

News & Events

Ukraine Welcome Committee Update

Since our last update, we have settled into a rhythm with Nadiia, Vitalii and the kids. Our family is studying hard to learn English. They attend ESL classes twice a week. We have gotten some extra help for Nadiia and Vitalii and also reading help for the boys. Both boys are doing well in school. Daniel is continuing his study of guitar. They are looking forward to getting involved in sports. All three children go to Ukrainian school Saturday mornings.

It appears that there will be no government support coming to supplement our payments for rent, food and pocket money. So, we continue to closely monitor all of the family's needs. That means we still need your support as well.

To donate use Faith Direct or the envelopes in the vestibule.

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We welcome you to join us!

Help us to help others through corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Enjoy the followship of other Catholic men who share your values and commitment to serving our Community. Questions, call Ray McConaghy at 440-723-7062.

Save the Date

April 27 - Knights at the Races - 6:00-10:00 p.m. Ragan Hall, 1783 Moore Rd. Avon, OH

"By his incarnation the Son of God has united himself in some fashion with every human being. This saving event reveals to humanity not only the boundless love of God who "so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (Jn 3:16), but also the incomparable value of every human person." St. Pope John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae #2

The Gospel of Life: This week marks the 37th
Anniversary of St. Pope John Paul II's landmark
encyclical "Evanglium Vitae" (the Gospel of Life). See
the enclosed flyer for a brief summary of The Gospel of
Life. You can read the full encyclical on the Vatican
website: www.vatican.va.

The world-wide 40 Days for Life Spring 2024
Campaign of prayer and fasting concludes this
weekend. During the Spring Campaign, over 200 babies'
lives have been saved from abortion, one abortion
facility shut its doors for good, and numerous women
and men sought out healing from past abortions. God
has moved powerfully through our parish's commitment
to pray and fast. Thank you, God bless you, and please
continue to pray for an end to all abortion.

Women in Friendship

Women in Friendship will meet at 1:00-3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26 at St. Peter Parish Center. We always welcome new members! If you have questions call Barbara, 440-458-6197.



Sanctuary Decorations

Remember loved ones, living & deceased, by donating toward the decorations that adorn our altar. Names will be printed in the Easter bulletin.

Deadline is Monday, March 25

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If you've donated for flowers on i	Faith Direct and would like a lo	oved one remembered, check here:

Easter Food Basket Blessing

Whether you:

- Attend the Easter Basket Blessing every year,
- * Attended as a child with your grandparents, or
- Have never been to this special service...



Please plan to join in this wonderful event in our parish.

1:00 p.m. on Holy Saturday

It is a great opportunity to:



- Unite as a community,
- Share our faith,
- Experience some amazing traditions and
- Leave uplifted, ready to celebrate EASTER ... maybe with a few new traditions to try.



Week 6 Update

The 40 Days for Life Spring 2024 Campaign concludes this weekend. During this Campaign, over 200 babies' lives have been spared from abortion (that we know of)! Praise God for hearing and answering our prayers! Please keep praying every day for an end to abortion.

While we thank God for all the lives saved, there are, sadly, thousands of children who continue to perish each day in abortion facilities in the U.S. Something often heard when praying and talking to clients outside abortion facilities is "I'm just here for birth control." There's a reason that abortion facilities are some of the most vocal advocates for birth control. And it's not because they want to put themselves out of business! St. John Paul II reminds us that as we pray to end abortion, we also need to pray for an end to the "contraceptive mentality" that leads to abortion:

"It is frequently asserted that contraception, if made safe and available to all, is the most effective remedy against abortion. The Catholic Church is then accused of actually promoting abortion, because she obstinately continues to teach the moral unlawfulness of contraception. When looked at carefully, this objection is clearly unfounded. It may be that many people use contraception with a view to excluding the subsequent temptation of abortion. But the negative values inherent in the "contraceptive mentality" –which is very different from responsible parenthood, lived in respect for the full truth of the conjugal act— are such that they in fact strengthen this temptation when an unwanted life is conceived. Indeed, the pro-abortion culture is especially strong precisely where the Church's teaching on contraception is rejected. Certainly, from the moral point of view contraception and abortion are specifically different evils: the former contradicts the full truth of the sexual act as the proper expression of conjugal love, while the latter destroys the life of a human being; the former is opposed to the virtue of chastity in marriage, the latter is opposed to the virtue of justice and directly violates the divine commandment "You shall not kill."

"But despite their differences of nature and moral gravity, contraception and abortion are often closely connected, as fruits of the same tree. It is true that in many cases contraception and even abortion are practiced under the pressure of real-life difficulties, which nonetheless can never exonerate from striving to observe God's law fully. Still, in very many other instances such practices are rooted in a hedonistic mentality unwilling to accept responsibility in matters of sexuality, and they imply a self-centered concept of freedom, which regards procreation as an obstacle to personal fulfilment. The life which could result from a sexual encounter thus becomes an enemy to be avoided at all costs, and abortion becomes the only possible decisive response to failed contraception.

"The close connection which exists, in mentality, between the practice of contraception and that of abortion is becoming increasingly obvious. It is being demonstrated in an alarming way by the development of chemical products, intrauterine devices and vaccines which, distributed with the same ease as contraceptives, really act as abortifacients in the very early stages of the development of the life of the new human being." (St. Pope John Paul II, The Gospel of Life, #13)

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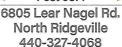
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