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February 25, 2024

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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



2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. - Mk 9:2-3

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Pastor: Rev. Robert Franco

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Isidore Munishi

Deacons: Rev. Mr. John Rivera

Rev. Dr. Ken DeLuca, Retired

PSR Principal: Kelly Reed

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

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.

Dear Parishioner,

Last Sunday, right after the 11:00 a.m. Mass, the St. Julie St. Peter Ukrainian Welcome Circle gathered to honor volunteers who have supported this ministry. And there is much to celebrate. Under the leadership of Terry Flanagan, Chris Vacca and Dean Morrison the Welcome Circle researched and carefully laid a solid foundation to assist a family who is fleeing the ravages of war-torn Ukraine. After fundraising, house hunting, and donation collecting we were connected with the Bryiovsky family, who are now settled in their home in Parma.

I am grateful for the generous support of the parishioners of St. Julie and St. Peter Parishes that have made this possible. I am also grateful for the volunteers who have assisted with this project who are not connected with either parish.

I was also reminded on Sunday that this is a two-year commitment. We are two months into assisting the Bryiovsky family settling in Parma. May the Lord continue to bless the work of our hands as we help get them established in our area.

Last Monday St. Julie and St. Peter Parishes began *Discovering Christ*, the seven week (with dinner!) that helps people come to know Jesus on a much more personal level. Though we had about 12 signed up by last Saturday morning, a total of 29 people registered or showed up the first night. According to the blurb in the bulletin, if you are still interested in *Discovering Christ*, you can still register with a phone call on Monday morning or simply show up this Monday evening, February 26.

Perhaps another event you may be interested in is the **First Friday Forum of Lorain County**. Dr. Frank O'Linn, Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Cleveland, will be the speaker on Friday, March 1. 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 p.m., Monday, February 26th. Call 440-320-3272 or 440-213-2132, or email fflorain@gmail.com. Cost is \$25.

One more very important event that I want to highlight for you is the annual **Evening of Penance that the Diocese of Cleveland** makes available to God's Flock each year. This coming Wednesday, February 28, just about every parish in the Diocese of Cleveland will be offering three straight hours of Confession **Both St. Peter and St. Julie Parish will be celebrating the Sacrament of Penance from 5:00-8:00 p.m.** Confessions at St. Julie's will start a little later, after the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

This is a wonderful opportunity to make a fresh start with the Lord. If you are not comfortable with going to confession with priests you are familiar with, just go to another parish. **We will all be doing the same thing at the same time, just in different places. All are more than welcome!**

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The Second Sunday of Lent focuses on one of the more mysterious events in the life of Jesus: the Transfiguration. The veil that separates this world and the world to come was lifted. Moses and Elijah appear. Jesus radiates light like the sun. The Father's voice is heard. The presence of the Holy Spirit in the form of a bright cloud cast a shadow on Peter, James, and John. **What is this all about?**

The public ministry of Jesus was at a turning point. His earthly humanity is given a taste of heavenly glory. Why? Because Jesus is now approaching the time when His earthly humanity will taste death on our behalf and bear the burden of our sin. Jesus is on His way to Jerusalem where He will be rejected, suffer, and die for us, and on the third day, rise again. Remember: Jesus' transfigured glory is promised to us if we remain faithful in our trials.

In Christ,
Fr. Bob Franco

Unbound Conference

Do you want to break free from patterns of habitual sin, an addiction, negative thoughts, resentments or other forms of spiritual difficulty? Catholic Renewal Ministries is hosting an **Unbound: Freedom in Christ Conference** with Matt Lozano from the Heart of the Father Ministries. At this conference, you will learn how to unlock your prison doors by using the Five Keys to Freedom. The conference is being held at St. Peter Church on **Saturday, April 6**, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Register by March 1st for early bird pricing of \$75, which includes continental breakfast and lunch. The price after March 1st will be \$85. Register at crmweb.org.

St. Julie's Easter egg hunt is quickly approaching. Please help make this event for our young people a success with the donation of individually wrapped Easter candy. Please pick candies that will fit inside of a plastic Easter egg. We will also accept prize donations for the egg hunt. This can be anything like kite, crayons, coloring books, small toys, or small gift cards. There will be a drop off box outside of the PSR office. You can also drop off candy and prizes at the parish office. The egg hunt welcomes children 0 to 12, on Saturday, March 30, 11:00 a.m.

Religious Education

PSR-Parish School of Religion

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



the health of, and caregivers of:

Fr. Isidore's mother Adelaide, Shannon Kennedy, daughter of Cecelia Fields, Agnes Valenta, Mae Preiss, mother of Sandy Zanick, Louise Alexander, Kennedy Smith, granddaughter of Dottie Heller, Peg Nolan, 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 Schwarzwaldner, Emily Jirousek, granddaughter of Bob & Mary Ann Jirousek, Marian Kessler, Carter Evard, grandson of Jim & Joanne Carter, Christian Hoffman, nephew of Pat, Daniel DeLaat, Dolores Rivera, Bob Jirousek, June Kearney, Barb Vrtachnik, Lola Cook, Terry Flanagan, Carol Polak, 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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

- Feb. 24 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Gary Halvin (Harriet Halvin)
- Feb. 25 Sunday 9:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Linda LaLonde (LaLonde Family)
- Feb. 26 Monday 5:30 p.m. Linda LaLonde (LaLonde Family)
- Feb. 28 Wednesday 5:30 p.m. All Souls
- Mar. 1 Friday 5:30 p.m. Donald Regula (Roseann Regula)
- Mar. 2 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Charles Smick Sr. & Nancy Erwin (Chuck Smick)
- Mar. 3 Sunday 9:00 a.m. Marty Mahoney (Pat & Susan Mahoney)
11:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiart Parishioners

The Week Ahead

- Mon.** Discovering Christ, 6:15, STB
- Tues.** Baptism Class, 7:00 p.m.
- Wed.** Rosary, 1:00 Church Adoration, 2-5:00, Church Confessions, 6-8:00 p.m.
- Thurs.** 40 Days for Life Prayer, Noon-1:00, St. Julie's Crockpot Drive Thru, 5:30-6:15
- Fri.** Stations, Noon

Theology on the Rocks West For Adults 40 & Over

Join us Monday, March 11 at **Copper Cup (Ironwood Café)** 688 Dover Center in Westlake. Join us as Fr. Mark Latcovich, Pastor at St. Ladislav Parish, Westlake, discusses: The Challenges & Unfinished Business of Vatican II. Cost is \$15.00 per person which includes light appetizers & refreshments. Cash Bar is also available. **Advance tickets highly recommended** as space is limited.

Register in advance:

www.theologyontherockswest.com Doors open at 6:30. Program begins at 7:00 p.m.

Women's Breakfast

All women are invited to our Women's Fellowship Breakfast being held on Saturday, March 9th. Our next gathering to share our faith will be at St. Julie's from 8:30 until 10:00 a.m. Join us for a delicious breakfast, a video and discussion. To ensure enough seating and food is prepared, please RSVP by March 4th via the website: <https://www.stpeternr.org/womens-ministry>. If you prefer, you can call St. Peter's office, 440-327-2201 and we will get you registered.

We've Begun!

Discovering Christ has just begun! Participants from St. Julie's, St. Peter's, and others enjoyed a free delicious meal, watched an enlightening talk, and had some laughter and good discussion at their tables on the Meaning of Life. It's not too late to come and join us at these sessions. For more details and to register, visit the website, www.stpeternr.org/discovering-christ.

Pray40Days Prayer Meetings

If you missed signing up to attend a weekly prayer meeting on Pray40Days, you can still do so. Meetings are held Monday through Saturday at various times. You pick the day and time. Let us know you're coming by registering at: <https://www.stpeternr.org/parish-mission-prayer-meetings>

Donations

When making donations online directly from your bank, where the form asks for "ACCOUNT" please put your envelope number in that space. If you do not know your envelope number you can look on your collection envelopes or call the office.

Men's Breakfast - Please join us for the St. Julie & St. Peter Men's Fellowship breakfast on Saturday March 16th at 8:20 a.m. Breakfast will be served at St. Peter'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 March 11th.

Parish Stewardship

Feb. 18:	\$4205
Faith Direct:	\$
School Subsidy:	\$125
Capital Improvement:	\$437
Net Offertory:	\$4767
In Person Mass Attendance:	341

Thank you for sharing your Blessings.

Ministers Schedule

<u>Sat, Feb. 24, 5:00</u> <u>Rec</u>	<u>Feb. 25, 9:00</u>	<u>11:00</u>
S-Beth Paoloni	<u>Not Filled</u>	Kathleen McWeeny
L-Terry Flanagan	Linda Vasiloff	Lisa Palazzo
EM-Ceil Morrison	Ray Sharron	Joe Kotarsky
Beth Paoloni	Tom Lamoda	Kathleen McWeeny
C-Deacon John	Robert Ricksecker	Chris Snyder
U-Agnes Klimkowicz	Val Wisniewski	Nick Guerrieri
Gene Morrison	Hung Le	<u>Not Filled</u>
<u>Sat, Mar. 2, 5:00</u> <u>Rec</u>	<u>Mar. 3, 9:00</u>	<u>11:00</u>
S-Beth Paoloni	<u>Not Filled</u>	Mike Yarosh
L-Cindy Naprestek	Amy Shealy	Gloria Hearns
EM-Beth Paoloni	Jim Livingston	Leslie Rozman
Greg Dubecky	<u>Not Filled</u>	Mike Yarosh
C-Deacon John	Robert Ricksecker	Larry Rozman
Ted Laponi	U-Nick Guerrieri	Sue Dybowski
U-Agnes Klimkowicz	Hung Le	Tim Malinich
<u>Not Filled</u>		

Do you enjoy playing golf?

St. Peter Golf League is looking for new members. The league is open to men 18 years of age or older. The league plays on Wednesdays at Bob-O-Links in Avon, with practice rounds starting on April 10. The League invites new prospects and current members to our spring informational meeting on Saturday, March 9 at 10:00 a.m. in Apostles Hall (church basement). We will provide coffee and donuts. Contact Johnathan Bray 440-382-8605 or Dave Traut 440-759-3734 for more information.

Women in Friendship

The Lorain County Historical Society will give a presentation on the Underground Railroad at our meeting on Tues., February 27th at 1:00-3:00 p.m. This meeting will be held in the Galilee Room at St. Peter's Parish Center. Please come to hear all about the role of Lorain County citizens in helping slaves escape to freedom. New members are always welcome to join us! Call Barbara at 440-458-6197 with any questions.

Rice Bowl

Help Transform the World this Lent: Lenten Alms Changes Lives!

Each Lent, Catholics and Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through CRS Rice Bowl, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and climate change, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all. Your Lenten alms change lives globally and in your own community! **Twenty-five percent (25%)** of gifts stay in each U.S. diocese for hunger and poverty alleviation efforts through Catholic Charities-Diocese of Cleveland's Emergency Assistance Services.

News & Events

Birthright is a free, non-sectarian, non-profit emergency pregnancy service. Since March 1973, Birthright of Lorain County has been available to all single and married women and their families who have difficulty coping with their pregnancies. If you know someone who is pregnant and needs help, let them know they can find the loving help they need by calling Birthright at (440) 324-9566 or by visiting <https://birthright.org/elyria>.

Lorain County Right to Life holds monthly meetings the fourth Monday of each month. The next meeting is this Monday, February 26th at 7pm. Winter meetings are held by teleconference. Call 440-322-0076 or email info@loraincountyrighttolife.org to get the teleconference number. If you've been considering how you could help defend life, or if you'd like help becoming more actively Pro-Life, please join Lorain County Right to Life at their Monthly Meeting.

Weekly 40 Days for Life Rosary Hour: Every Thursday from 12noon to 1:00 p.m., a 40 Days for Life Rosary Hour will be held in the church. Join with fellow parishioners to pray for an end to abortion in conjunction with the ongoing Prayer Vigil at the abortion mills.

St. Peter Parish Women's Luncheon

The St. Peter Parish Life Commission invites all ladies to our annual women's luncheon to be held on Saturday, April 20 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the gym. Our theme this year is "Celebrate Peace". Come and enjoy great fellowship, lunch, and a chance to win a raffle item, or the 50/50 raffle. If you are interested in hosting a table, purchasing tickets and/or donating a raffle item, please contact Jackie Madisen at jrmadisen@gmail.com or Maggie Finney at maggie.finney@yahoo.com. Seating is limited so reserve your spot or table today. If you have already been invited by a hostess, your reservation is secured.

Support North Ridgeville Community Care

Soup for the Spirit 2024 will be held on Saturday, March 9. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. at the VFW, 6805 Lear Nagle Road. Cost is \$75, dinner and drinks included. Silent Auction/50-50. New this year—\$25 Signature Drink Glass, will include refills. Visit the website to purchase tickets, www.nrcommcare.org Email questions to heather@nrcommcare.org

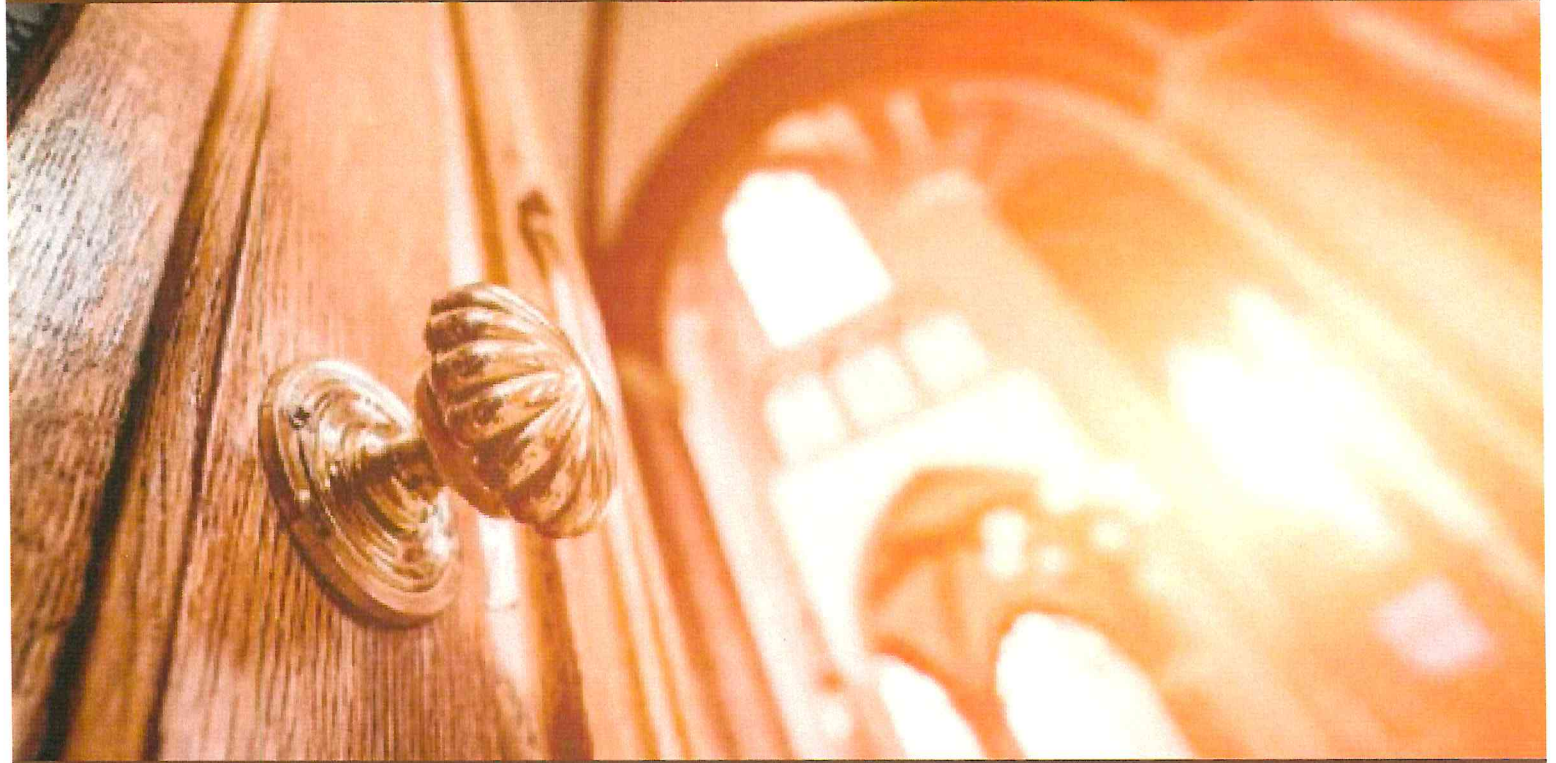
Who is Required to Fast and Abstain?

Fasting: ages 18-59 **Abstinence:** ages 14+

Pregnant and breastfeeding women are excused from both fasting and abstinence as are physically or mentally ill people.

When was the last time you were told ...

You are Forgiven!



You are invited to
An Evening of Confession

EVERY Catholic church in the
Diocese of Cleveland will be OPEN
for the sacrament of reconciliation.

Wednesday, Feb. 28, 5 – 8 p.m.

Open the door in 2024!



Week 2 Update

Reports of babies being saved are already pouring in from around the world! To read some of the accounts of babies saved, visit <https://www.40daysforlife.com/>. God is hearing and answering our prayers!

Each of us can be a part of the Campaign by committing to pray and fast for an end to abortion every day during the 40 Days for Life.

There are also numerous local opportunities for shared prayer with others:

Every Thursday through March 21st, St. Julie Billiart parishioners will be praying at the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Bedford Heights from 12noon to 1pm. The facility is located at 25350 Rockside Rd. Parking is available across the street at Cannon Beverage. God uses our peaceful, prayerful presence -- at the very place where children are being killed -- to change hearts and save lives! Everyone is welcome. To carpool, meet at the St. Julie large parking lot at 11:15am.

Also on Thursdays from 12noon to 1pm, a Rosary Hour for Life will be held at St. Julie Billiart in the church. Join with fellow parishioners in the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle to pray for an end to abortion in conjunction with the ongoing Prayer Vigil at the abortion facility.

Another great opportunity for prayer is each Wednesday, the St. Julie Billiart Rosary Group will pray the Rosary at the church at 1:00pm, followed by Eucharistic Adoration from 2pm to 5pm.

At St. Peter Parish, on Mondays from 12Noon to 1pm, all are invited to join St. Peter parishioners to gather in the church for a Prayer Hour for Life. Everyone is welcome.

Also on Mondays, everyone is invited to join St. Peter parishioners in traveling to the Preterm abortion facility for prayer from Noon to 1pm at 12000 Shaker Blvd. in Cleveland. Meet at the St. Peter parking lot at 11:15am.

God has worked many amazing miracles during each 40 Days for Life Campaign! Please pray every day for more miracles, and for an end to all abortion.

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14

To receive email updates on how God is answering our prayers during 40 Days for Life, send a request to jaydee40days@gmail.com. Questions about 40 Days for Life, call Susan and John DeLaat at 440-327-2398.

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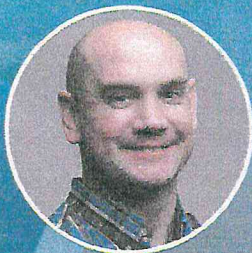
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