

# SAINT JULIE BILLIART

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November 19, 2023

## 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.*



33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Well done, my good and faithful servant.” – Mt 25:21

**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.

*From the desk of Fr. Bob...*

Dear Parishioners,

**Thanksgiving is perhaps the most liked American holiday.** Though it does not have the religious significance of Christmas and Easter, Thanksgiving also does not have the pressure of shopping and gift lists as Christmas and sometimes Easter.

**Currently Thanksgiving in the United States is celebrated with Food, Family/Friends, and Faith.** Traditionally, Thanksgiving is associated with the pilgrims in 1621, when they gathered with the Wampanoag Native Americans to give thanks for their survival and harvests. Early thanksgiving gatherings (before and after 1621) were often marked by church services and fasting. Early proclamations by the first two presidents of the United States focused on thanking God and doing penitence. Thomas Jefferson did not believe in divine intervention, so he did not proclaim any national days of thanksgiving. He was also cautious about doing anything that would impose religion on people. Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a national holiday on the last Thursday of November. Years later (1942) Congress settled the date on the fourth Thursday of November.

**In our rather prosperous times, it is important to keep in mind the religious roots of this day.** Thanksgiving is a fundamental response of the human heart to God. Simply because we exist, we can give thanks to God. History often shows us that in times of great stress or war, people turned to God to give Him thanks. A most striking example of this comes from a Lutheran archdeacon and cantor named Martin Rinkart in Eilenberg, Germany during the Thirty Years' War (1618-1648). This city became a refuge for many people. In 1637 a plague hit the city and 8000 people died. Martin's wife, as well as all other clergy in the city, died. Martin was the one charged with burying the dead, overseeing funeral services for up to 12 people a day.

**Though these times were extremely challenging, Martin Rinkart did not want his children and grandchildren to grow up embittered and disillusioned, so he penned this song:**

*Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices.  
Who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices.  
Who from our mother's arms, has blessed us on our way.  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

**As we gather to celebrate Thanksgiving this week, let us call to mind the reasons for our gratitude.** Besides the people in our lives, the food we share and the freedom we have, we can thank God for our existence. We can thank God for our faith in Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. Amid the confusion and difficulties of our time, let us take the lead from St. Paul: *In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.* (I Thessalonians 5:18)

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**This Sunday's gospel focuses on the Master who gives his servants talents to use while he is away.** A talent in the ancient world was a measure of currency. One commentator on Sacred Scripture described a talent as a 75 pounds of silver or gold! Two of the servants invested and used their talents and multiplied them. One of them buried his talent.

**When the Master returned, he called his servants to give an accounting of their usage of the talents.** The two who multiplied their talents were rewarded with great responsibilities. The third was called out: *You wicked, lazy servant!*

**The lesson is clear. We are to use our "talents", gifts of inestimable value, in such a way that we grow them.** Simply burying them, wanting our security over our usefulness, is not an option. It is only what we are expected to do. Our service to others is the path to joy, now and forever.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob Franco



"After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.'" - Mt 25:19-20

Generous and merciful God,  
we thank you for your abundant gifts to us.  
As we celebrate this Thanksgiving feast,  
we ask you to send your Spirit,  
to open our hearts to you and our neighbor,  
that we may share the gifts you have given us  
as your Son Jesus taught us to.

Thank you for the many blessings of our lives:  
our family and friends,  
our home and the food we eat,  
our health and employment.

We ask your blessing on all gathered here  
today,  
and all your people throughout the world,  
through Christ your Son.  
Amen.

## Religious Education

**PSR-Parish School of Religion**

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



the health of, and caregivers of:  
 Jeff Kohl, son of Mary Anne Schwarzwald, Emily Jirousek, granddaughter of Bob & Mary Ann Jirousek, Marian Kessler, Carter Evard, grandson of Jim & Joanne Carter, Christian Hoffman, nephew of Pat, Cathy Sliter, Daniel DeLaat, Tom Kubiak, Mae Preiss, mother of Sandy Zanick, Paul & Ana Kovacs, Dolores Rivera, Bob Jirousek, Fr. Richard Gonser, Fr. George, Debijo Lamb, June Kearney, Nancy Francway, Barb Vrtachnik, Jim Carter, Lola Cook, Mary Lee, 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, and religious life.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Nov. 18	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Bob & Gail Ricksecker 50th Wedding Anniv.
Nov. 19	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
		11:00 a.m.	Peggy Moysan (Special Friends)
Nov. 20	Monday	5:30 p.m.	Health of Steven (Ed & Marian Matuszak)
Nov. 22	Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Carl Kessler (Marian Kessler)
Nov. 23	Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Mass at St. Peter's
Nov. 24	Friday	5:30 p.m.	Ileen Sroka (Family & Friends)
Nov. 25	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Harry Sivec (Teresa Sivec)
Nov. 26	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	John Howard (Jim & Peg Nolan)
		11:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners

## The Week Ahead

- Sat. Men's Breakfast, St. Peter
- Mon. Following Christ, 7-8:30 p.m.
- Wed. Rosary, 1:00 Church
- Thurs. Happy Thanksgiving
- Fri. Office Closed

## Coming Events

Crockpot Drive Thru  
 Blood Drive

### Catholic Campaign for Human Development National Collection:

Many American families are struggling to make ends meet, but the struggle is even more difficult for the nearly 46.2 million Americans living in poverty. Your donation will empower local communities and strengthen families that are on the margins. Parishes and organizations in the Diocese of Cleveland are using the funds from the CCHD campaign via awarded grants to bring about real change

and sustainable processes that help people in poverty break this cycle. Please help us continue this good work by supporting the collection for CCHD.

### A Unique Program to Strengthen and Heal Your Marriage Beginning January 26, 2023

The Retrouvaille program is designed to help married couples develop improved ways of communicating and relating to each other in order to overcome challenges which have left them feeling frustrated, hurt, distant, or even hopeless. Retrouvaille, which means rediscovery, is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, and is open to couples of all faiths. This program consists of a weekend experience and six follow up sessions. For more information concerning the program, or to register, visit [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org) or call Shelly or Rob at 216.509.0301.

### ATTENTION PRIME TIMERS SAVE THE DATE

Join us for our annual Holiday Luncheon at Mahle's Restaurant in Westlake on Wednesday, December 20, at 11:30 a.m. Sue Dybowski will ask for reservations in December.

### St. Peter's Nursing Home Ministry

The nursing home ministry currently prays the rosary at The Avenue on the third Wednesday of the month at 2:30pm. We are looking a volunteer who will join our current member to pray the rosary with the residents. Please contact the parish office if you are interested (440)327-2201.





*Give Thanks*




## Parish Stewardship

Nov. 12:	\$4835
Faith Direct:	\$0
School Subsidy:	\$5
Capital Improvement:	\$60
<b>Net Offertory:</b>	<b>\$4900</b>
In Person Mass Attendance:	321

*Thank you for sharing your Blessings.*

## Ministers Schedule

<b>Sat, Nov. 18, 5:00 Rec</b>	<b>Sun, Nov. 19, 9:00</b>	<b>11:00</b>
S-Suzanne Snyder	John Burghard	Kathleen McWeeny
L-Jane Herbcha	Jim Livingston	Cindy Naprestek
EM-Suzanne Snyder	Gretchen Bulan	Barb Arguello
Greg Dubecky	John Burghard	Kristine McWeeny
Ted Lapponi 	Ray Sharron 	Joe Kotarsky 

<b>Sat, Nov. 25, 5:00 Rec</b>	<b>Sun, Nov. 26, 9:00</b>	<b>11:00</b>
S-Suzanne Snyder	John Burghard	Kathleen McWeeny
L-Jane Herbcha	Jim Livingston	Cindy Naprestek
EM-Suzanne Snyder	Gretchen Bulan	Barb Arguello
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### UKRAINIAN WELCOME CIRCLE UPDATE

The Prymachov family's home is ready for them to move in and we are just waiting for the necessary government approvals. Go to our website for a video of their new home. There are still plenty of items on our list that would be helpful for the family as they begin their new life here. Take a look and see if you can donate any of them.



**Fundraiser:** Have Lunch or Dinner at the **Melt Bar and Grilled** in Avon on **November 30th** and 20% of the sales will be donated to our Welcome Circle. The flyer that will be needed when you pay is in the back of the church and our website. Dine in or take out is accepted.



GoFundMe

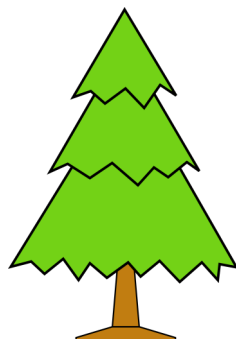
**Donations:** If you are able to support us financially, use one of the following options: The envelopes at the doors of the church for cash or checks made payable to "St Julie & St Peter UWC", FaithDirect or GoFundMe (Help A Young Ukrainian Family to Start a New Life ). Won't you consider sharing the GoFundMe on your personal social media sites?

**More Info:** Visit our web page at [www.stpeternr.org/ukrainian-welcome-circle](http://www.stpeternr.org/ukrainian-welcome-circle) for more info or submit your questions to [welcomecircle23nr@gmail.com](mailto:welcomecircle23nr@gmail.com).

**Thank you** for your prayers, labor, monetary support and other donations.

### Giving Tree

The Christmas Giving is in the Church Vestibule. Please take an ornament and take note of the date the gift is due. Some are as early as the beginning of December. You will still have time to shop on Black Friday for your gifts. The gifts are going to the needy in the area.



# News & Events

## Rosary for the Holy Land

All St. Julie and St. Peter parishioners are invited to pray for an end to the war in the Holy Land and for peace in the world. It is our hope that the Rosary will be prayed continuously all day on Tuesdays. All 20 minute time slots will need to be filled. You can pray wherever you are: at home, at Church, or in your car. To select your time slot, go to the parish website and click the link that will take you to the sign up page or scan the QR Code. Choose your designated time and submit. Then all you need to do is pray the Rosary at that time each Tuesday. If you prefer, you can call the parish office to get registered. If you have any questions, please call Cheryle, 440-327-2201.



## Volunteers Needed

If you've ever wanted to volunteer, now is the time! St. Julie's Craft Show, Saturday, December 2, is a good opportunity to meet new people and have fun! We need help to set up on Sunday November 26 for a couple of hours. On the day of the show, we need people to bring chili or cabbage and noodles for our cafe, and to help out for a couple of hours during the show. Our volunteers make all the difference in the world to our shoppers and to the success of our show! Signup sheets are in the church lobby. Questions? Call Joe or Valerie at 440-327-6665.



**BLESSED  
THANKSGIVING  
TO YOU AND YOURS!**



# FLIER MUST BE PRESENTED DURING VISIT TO QUALIFY FOR FUNDRAISING EVENT

(before closing out your bill, please show this flier to Melt staff  
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## DINE TO DONATE!

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> 2023**

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& MELT BAR AND GRILLED THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

#### The Fine Print

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We are unable to include orders paid for through our mobile app, website, and third-party delivery partners.

Sales credited to the fundraiser include food and merchandise as well as beer, wine and craft soda.

All fundraisers last the duration of open hours for each participating location.

Distributing the flier inside or outside on Melt premises is not permitted.



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