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January 29, 2023

## 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.*



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." - Mt 5:10-12a

**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.....3:30 - 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

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,

**Last Tuesday ten second graders from St. Julie Parish celebrated the Sacrament of Penance for the first time.** They were well prepared and came that evening having reviewed their lives. Each of them had written down their sins and confessed them seeking the forgiveness of the Lord.

**Not only did they experience God's mercy. They also took a step in developing the virtue of humility.** Dr. Ray Guarendi, a Catholic psychologist and radio call in host of *The Doctor is In*, has spoken about the imbalance our culture has regarding how we view ourselves. Dr. Ray points out that there are many resources for developing a child's self-esteem. However, there are few resources for helping a child grow in humility.

**Though the focus of the Sacrament of Penance is God's mercy and forgiveness, confessing one's sins does requires a person to make an act of humility.** And perhaps there is no more necessary virtue for salvation. St. Bernard of Clairvaux said that the three most important virtues for a Christian are...*humility, humility and humility.*

**Today's readings also highlight this virtue.** From the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah we hear, *Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth...seek humility...I will leave as a remnant in your midst a people humble and lowly.* And though St. Paul does not use the word "humility" in our passage from this first letter to the Corinthians, he emphasizes that God has chosen the seemingly foolish, weak, low, and despised to reduce to nothing those who thought they were really something! Why? *So that no human being might boast before God. It is due to Him that you are in Christ Jesus.* It is all God's grace. And humility is the door to God's grace.

**In today's gospel we begin a series of readings from the Sermon on the Mount.** This passage is famously called *The Beatitudes* because these sayings of Jesus underscore the keys to a *Blessed* earthly life that would lead to eternal life. These beatitudes, for the most part, are counter intuitive. How will the meek inherit the land? It seems that those who are assertive get the goods. How will those who hunger and thirst for righteousness be satisfied? It seems that the corrupt often climb to the top.

Two thoughts: First, the meek, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness and the like receive their rewards because God is in charge. Secondly, the promises of the beatitudes are rooted in the future-the eternal future. And that's the place of permanent blessing.

**I believe the key to all the beatitudes lies in the first one: *Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*** Who are those who are poor in spirit? Simply put, **people who are humble.** May the Lord help us to grow in humility through the Sacrament of Penance and by the other opportunities that our daily lives present to us.

**Cont'd**

**This Sunday begins Catholic Schools Week.** This is a week for Catholic Schools throughout the United States to host Open Houses, Science Fairs, and other events that display what Catholic Schools are about. One such school in our area is St. Peter School, just down the road from St. Julie's. While upholding traditional values, St. Peter School has helped its student body excel academically, socially, and spiritually. Open House at St. Peter School is this Sunday, January 29 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. All are welcome. Mr. Roger Brooks, the St. Peter School Principal (a product of St. Peter School himself), would put it this way: ***Come and see why we are the difference.***

**Just a reminder:** Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, is the feast of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr. There is a tradition of blessing throats on this day. I will be doing this at the 5:30 p.m. Mass and all are welcome.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob Franco

## Palms

There will be a basket in the vestibule of the church for the collection of dried palms. The palms will be burned for Ash Wednesday.



## Save the Date

**Lenten Mission with Karen May, author of *Walking through Holy Week***

St. Julie Billiart Church invites you to transform your experience of Easter and Holy Week. Karen May will guide us through the Liturgy of the days of Holy Week. We will walk with Jesus from His entry into Jerusalem, through His crucifixion and glorious victory of resurrection. Join us February 27-March 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7 p.m. at St. Julie's. Visit [www.stjuliebilliart.org/](http://www.stjuliebilliart.org/) for more details.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God." - Mt 5:7-8



## 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

Jan. 28	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Anthony Kashi (Richard & Elaine Galik)
Jan. 29	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Bill & Marianne Goodenough (Louise Alexander)
		11:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
Jan. 30	Monday	5:30 p.m.	Jeanne Kovach (Tillie Collart)
Feb. 1	Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Poor Souls
Feb. 3	Friday	5:30 p.m.	John, Roger & Norm (Louise Alexander)
Feb. 4	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Frank Guerra (Richard & Elaine Galik)
Feb. 5	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
		11:00 a.m.	Frank Jr. & Jim Valenta (Agnes Valenta)

With the return of weekday Masses, we have many openings for Mass Intentions. A Mass can be offered for anyone living or deceased, for the health of someone, for a special intention, or a special occasion. The offertory, or often called 'the stipend' for a Mass, is \$10. Please call or email the parish office to coordinate the Mass for your intentions.

## The Week Ahead

- Sun.** PSR
- Wed.** Rosary, 1:00 p.m., Church
- Sun.** PSR Mass, 9:00  
St. Peter School Open House,  
10:30-1:30

## Coming Events

- Feb. 11** - Women's Breakfast
- Feb. 14** - Women in Friendship  
- L.E.A.F.
- Feb. 15** - Prime Timers Mtg.  
- Baptism Class
- Feb. 18** - Men's Breakfast  
- Catholic Charities Weekend
- Feb. 27-Mar. 1** - Lenten Mission,  
St. Julie's

## Crockpot Community Dinners

Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule to help with food donations, cooking or monetary donations. The next one will be Thursday, February 23.

**Walking With Moms In Need:** Last weekend, we distributed cards at all Masses that contain a list of local Pregnancy Help and Family Assistance resources for women raising children. This is a condensed version of the full resource list available in the Walking with Moms in Need brochures. Additional copies of the cards and the brochures are available at the back of church. Please feel free to take multiple copies for yourself and to share with others. This resource list is also available on our parish website at: [stjuliebilliart.org/moms-in-need](http://stjuliebilliart.org/moms-in-need). We hope that our parish's efforts, combined with the efforts of other parishes, will move us closer to the day when any mother in need knows where she can turn for help.



the health of, and caregivers of: Daniel DeLaat, Chris Sinclair, Mary Begany, Fred Curylo, Joe Dominak, Joe Jasko, Barb Vrtachnik, Fr. George, Jim Carter, Nancy Kubiak, Mary Lou Dixon (sister of Helen Brown), Steve, Eugene Stellato (father of Lou Stellato), Kristin Cassidy (daughter of Jim & Peg Nolan), Lola Cook, Marian Kessler, Mary Lee, Terry Flanagan, Carol Polak, Jean Rasmussen, Kathleen Sobczak, Dolores Rivera, JoAnne Bellomo, Carol Straub, and the Regula family; for our men & women in uniform; our police, firefighters, doctors & nurses; for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate & religious life.

*Names will be kept on the sick list for one month. Call the office, 440-327-1978 to renew or add a name.*

## 2022 Contribution Statements

To request a statement - email the office at: [stjbc@stjuliebilliart.org](mailto:stjbc@stjuliebilliart.org) or call 440-327-1978. The statement can either be emailed to you or sent in the mail.

## The Catholic Cemeteries

**Association** offers free, safe, and compassionate monthly Grief Support meetings in-person in six of our offices and virtually: For details, visit: <https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx>. For more information or questions, call Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

## Women's Breakfast

Please join us for the St. Julie & St. Peter Women's Fellowship breakfast on **Saturday, February 11 at 8:30 a.m. in the gym at St. Peter's**. Enjoy a delicious breakfast and the topic, "St. Faustina", presented by Alice Gobeille. So we have enough seating and food prepared, please **RSVP by February 6** through website: <https://www.stpeternr.org/womens-ministry> or email [Breakfast44039@gmail.com](mailto:Breakfast44039@gmail.com). If you do not have internet access, please call St. Peter's office at 440-327-2201 and advise the secretary you are registering for the Women's breakfast and providing your name and phone number.

## Parish Stewardship

Jan. 22:	\$5366
Online Giving:	\$85
School Subsidy:	\$105
Capital Improvement:	\$600
<b>Net Offertory:</b>	<b>\$6156</b>
Online Mass including 10 livestream:	52
In Person Mass Attendance:	366

*Thank you for sharing your blessings.*

## Minister Schedule

Date	Time	Sacristan	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	
Jan. 28 <span style="color: red;">Rec</span>	5:00 p.m.	Chris Vacca	Terry Flanagan	Deacon John	Greg <span style="color: blue;">TM</span> Dubecky
Jan. 29	9:00 a.m.	Suzanne Snyder	Amy Shealy	Gretchen Bulan	Donnie <span style="color: blue;">TM</span> Schiffbauer
	11:00 a.m.	Suzanne Snyder	Barb Arguello	Denise Pastula	Joe <span style="color: blue;">TM</span> Kotarsky
Feb. 4 <span style="color: red;">Rec</span>	5:00 p.m.	Beth Paoloni	Terry Flanagan	Deacon John	Greg <span style="color: blue;">TM</span> Dubecky
Feb. 5 PSR	9:00 a.m.	Suzanne Snyder	Mark LaLonde	Laura <u>Knoblauch</u> Kathleen McWeeny	Ed <span style="color: blue;">TM</span> <u>Knoblauch</u> Ray Sharron
	11:00 a.m.	Suzanne Snyder	Cindy Naprestek	Chris Snyder	Joe <span style="color: blue;">TM</span> Kotarsky

**A come and see weekend at Borromeo and Saint Mary Seminaries** where men can experience life at the seminary. February 3-5 or March 31-April 2. Call 440-943-7631 or visit at [CLEpriesthood.org](http://CLEpriesthood.org) to register!

### Men's Breakfast

Please join us for the St Julie & St Peter Men's Fellowship breakfast on Saturday, **February 18th @ 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 Mike Jessup at [sjspbreakfast@gmail.com](mailto:sjspbreakfast@gmail.com) by February 13th.

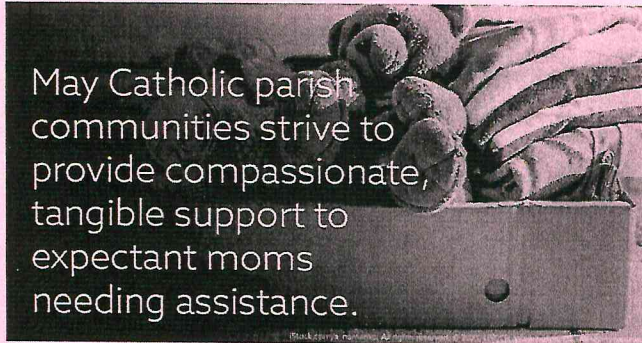
### Attention PrimeTimers

Our next event will be **Wednesday, February 15**, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Holy Family Room here at St. Julie's. Dennis Sutcliffe, local historian and master storyteller, will do a presentation on Cleveland's Iconic Crossroads: E 105th & Euclid. From an early stagecoach stop enroute from Buffalo to Cleveland, to an entertainment mecca offering a taste of New York City high life to the sprawling campus of The Cleveland Clinic today, learn about this popular area and of some of the celebrities who have passed through here. Guests are welcome. Contact Sue Dybowski at [sadybowski2@gmail.com](mailto:sadybowski2@gmail.com) or 419-350-1164 by Sunday, February 12, if you would like to attend.





## INTERCEDE



May Catholic parish communities strive to provide compassionate, tangible support to expectant moms needing assistance.

## PRAY

*Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be*

## REFLECT

In *Evangelium vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*), Pope John Paul II applauds the daily heroism of mothers who selflessly devote themselves to their children. This modern-day saint also highlights the unfortunate reality that “these heroic women do not always find support in the world around them.” He goes on to say, “On the contrary, the cultural models frequently promoted and broadcast by the media do not encourage motherhood. In the name of progress and modernity the values of fidelity, chastity, sacrifice, to which a host of Christian wives and mothers have borne and continue to bear outstanding witness, are presented as obsolete” (EV 86).

A culture that fails to truly value motherhood naturally becomes hostile to the gift of new life. When the Church compassionately serves mothers, it witnesses to the beauty of human life. There is a great need for real, tangible assistance for expectant mothers. Christ calls us to serve those most alone and in need. In a world that often turns it back on mothers who sacrifice so much of themselves, may we, the Church’s members, rise to help mothers in need of assistance and support.

## ACT *(choose one)*

- Do you regularly enjoy a meal out during the week? Or do you typically stop to get a cup of coffee each morning? Give up one of these small pleasures this week. Use the money you saved to make a donation to a local pregnancy center, food pantry, or charity that provides assistance to mothers in need.
- Pray the “Prayer for Pregnant Mothers” ([walkingwithmoms.com/prayer-for-pregnant-mothers](http://walkingwithmoms.com/prayer-for-pregnant-mothers)) throughout the next month. Consider adding it to your morning or evening prayers each day.
- Offer some other sacrifice, prayer, or act of penance that you feel called to do for the featured intention.

## ONE STEP FURTHER

Join the Church’s effort to serve pregnant and parenting women in need called, *Walking with Moms in Need*. Take the pledge to prayerfully support pregnant women in your community: [www.walkingwithmoms.com](http://www.walkingwithmoms.com).

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Holy Father was thrilled to hear about the effort to support women facing unexpected or difficult pregnancies through *Walking with Moms in Need*. Read more about Pope Francis’ response to this exciting initiative at [walkingwithmoms.com/national-vigil-homily](http://walkingwithmoms.com/national-vigil-homily).

For additional prayers, resources, and ideas on supporting mothers in your local area:

[www.WalkingWithMoms.com](http://www.WalkingWithMoms.com)



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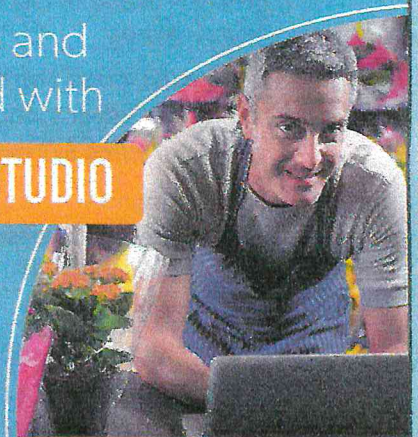
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