

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 8, 2026



Knowing Christ + Loving Christ + Serving Christ **Together**



WELCOME!

We are delighted to extend a heartfelt welcome to everyone visiting St. Peter or St. Julie Billiard Parish. Our goal is to help you know, love & serve Christ together and assist you in any way possible. If you have any questions or wish to learn more about our parishes, please reach out to us at the office.

Thank you for joining us in worship, and we hope to see you again soon.

To become a parishioner, please register online or stop by the St. Julie or St. Peter parish office.

ST. JULIE BILLIART PARISH

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ST. PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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St. Peter School North Ridgeville

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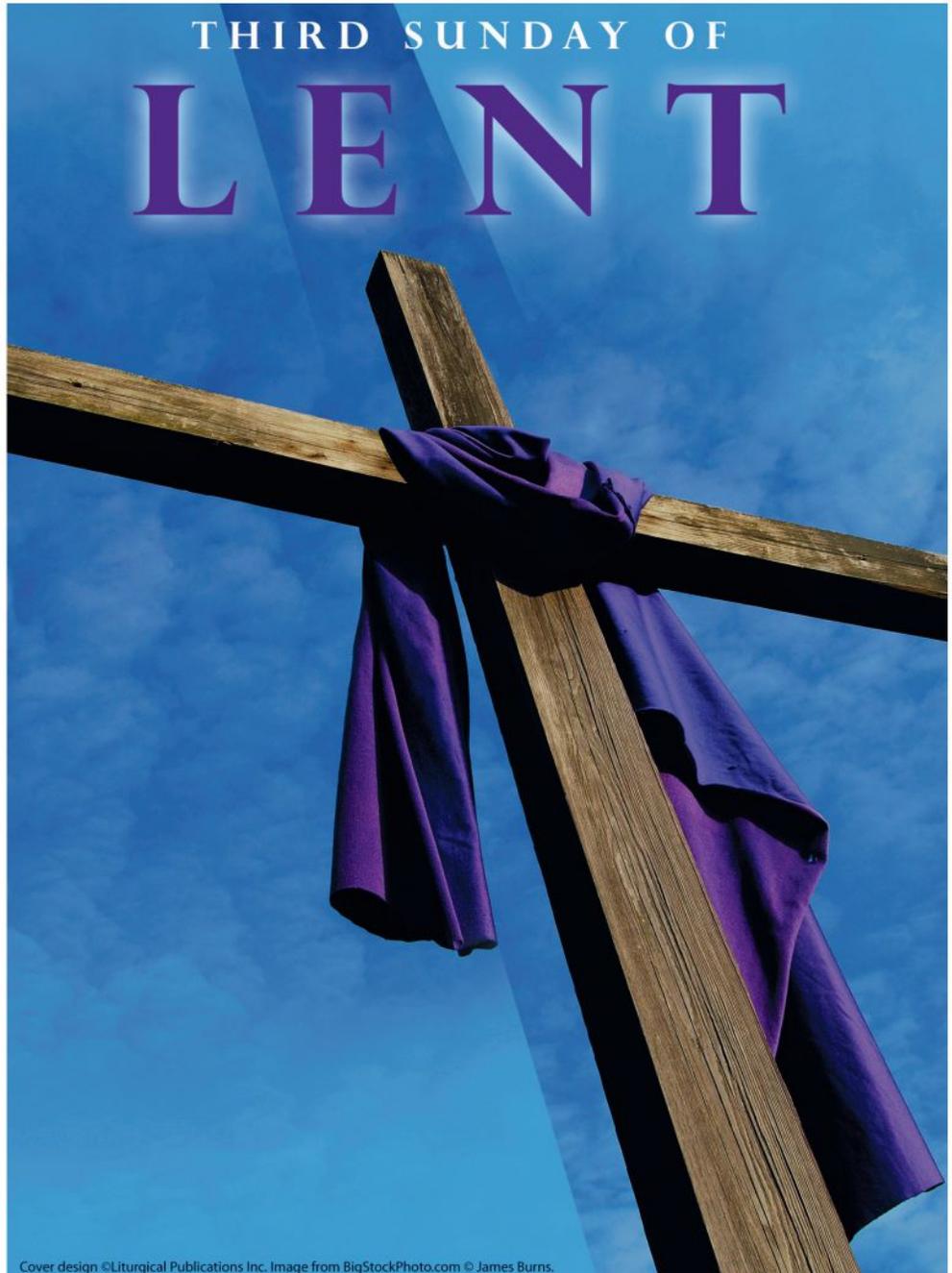
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MASS TIMES

ST. JULIE BILLIART

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am and 11:00am

Weekdays: Mon, Wed, Fri 5:30pm

ST. PETER

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00pm

Weekdays: Monday thru Friday 8:15am

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PASTOR'S LETTER

Park Cleanup Service Day

As part of the Diocesan Week of Service, St. Julie and St. Peter parishes are pleased to host a community service opportunity.

On March 28th, from 9:30am to 12:30pm, volunteers will gather at South Central Park to help beautify the grounds by collecting sticks and litter and cleaning the park pavilions.

We invite all who are willing to assist in caring for our community's 30-acre park to register in advance at:

www.stpeternr.org/park-cleanup-service-day

Please bring work gloves and trash bags. All other necessary equipment will be provided.

We look forward to serving our community together.

Dear Parishioners,

Years ago, I went to visit a patient at one of our local hospitals. The hospital was under renovation. To get from point A to point B, I had to walk down hallways and take elevators that took me all over the hospital. I eventually found the room. However, during my adventure through the hospital renovation, I came across this sign: Pardon the temporary inconvenience for a permanent improvement.

Now that construction on the social hall and elevator at St. Peter Parish has begun in earnest, I hope that those coming on to the property of St. Peter's can embrace this mentality. For the next month or so, the Center Ridge Rd. entrance to St. Peter's will remain closed, except for construction traffic. The driveway will open again after the major field work is done. There will be other times when the driveway will be closed for certain periods of time. Let us do our best to embrace the inconvenience as we make permanent improvements to our property. Remember: use the Root Road entrance!

If you have been in the parking lot of St. Peter's, you may have noticed some large mounds of stone. The soil near Center Ridge Rd. has been deemed unsuitable for the structure we have designed. To prepare the site, soil will be taken out and stone will be added. We budgeted for some of this work. However, the soil preparation needed will be more extensive than anticipated. Unfortunately, this will cost extra time and money. St. Peter Parishioners: please continue to support this project and join me in invoking the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of workers and the Universal Church.

This Sunday we begin our Joint Parish Mission entitled, Speak Lord. Your servant is listening. Fr. Michael Stalla has served the Diocese of Cleveland in a variety of capacities. He was a parochial vicar at St. Raphael's in Bay Village, a member of our diocesan Mission Team in El Salvador, pastor of several parishes and a member of the formation team of St. Mary Seminary. I encourage your presence and participation in our mission. You will be blessed!

The day after our mission, I will be giving a presentation on Catholic Funeral Practices. I am not sure how that fits with our mission theme: Speak, Lord. Your servant is listening. And I realize that there are more exciting topics that could be addressed. However, all of us need end of life plans. This presentation will cover "the what and why" of our Catholic Funeral Practices. The presentation will be Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00 PM in the Galilee Room at St. Peter Parish.

On Wednesday, March 4, we had our annual Diocesan Day of Penance. Didn't make it? Our Joint Parish Penance Service between St. Julie and St. Peter Parishes will be next Sunday, March 15 at 3:00 PM at St. Peter Parish. Six priests will be there to hear your confessions and send you home happy! All are welcome.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob Franco

THE MASS INTENTIONS

 LIVE STREAMING

SATURDAY VIGIL March 7

4:00pm St. Peter Martin Cooney
5:00pm • St. Julie Billiart Angela Guerra (Rich & Elaine Galik)

SUNDAY March 8

8:00am St. Peter Casey Ciesielczyk
9:00am St. Julie Billiart Saint Julie Billiart Parishioners
10:00am • St. Peter Norman Bral
11:00am St. Julie Billiart Jeff Kohl (Kohl Family)
12:00pm St. Peter For the People of Saint Peter Parish

MONDAY March 9

8:15am • St. Peter Cathy Peters
5:30pm St. Julie Billiart Michael Payne (Elaine Payne)

TUESDAY March 10

8:15am • St. Peter Alex Sismour

WEDNESDAY March 11

8:15am • St. Peter Ben Zientarski
5:30pm St. Julie Billiart Fidelis Harvan (Bak Family)

THURSDAY March 12

8:15am • St. Peter Kathy Kowalski

FRIDAY March 13

8:15am • St. Peter Todd Wearsch
5:30pm St. Julie Billiart Dennis Payne (Elaine Payne)

SATURDAY March 14

4:00pm St. Peter Phyllis Hanobik
5:00pm • St. Julie Billiart Josephine Kowalska (Teresa Sivek)

SUNDAY March 15

8:00am St. Peter George & Elaine Zeck
9:00am St. Julie Billiart Vincent Bak (Bak Family)
10:00am • St. Peter Jim & Jean Comerford
11:00am St. Julie Billiart Saint Julie Billiart Parishioners
12:00pm St. Peter For the People of Saint Peter Parish

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

St. Peter:

Wednesday: 9:00am (after 8:15am Mass)

Saturday: 2:30pm to 3:30pm

St. Julie:

Saturday: 3:30pm - 4:30pm in Library
(by the PSR Office)

BAPTISMS

First-time parents must attend Pre-Baptism instruction. This should be done during pregnancy so as not to delay the time of Baptism. Call your parish office for class registration.

St. Julie: 1st & 3rd Sundays at 12:15pm

St. Peter: 2nd & 4th Sundays at 1:15pm

MARRIAGE

Couples should contact the parish priest at least six months prior to the date for marriage.

OTHER SACRAMENTS

Contact your parish office with questions. Preparation for First Holy Communion & Confirmation will be facilitated through your PSR, St. Peter School, OCIA, or OCIC programs.

BECOMING CATHOLIC (OCIA & OCIC)

To join the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children to receive the Sacraments of Initiation, please contact your parish office.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St. Peter: Tuesday: 9:00am to 6:15pm;
Evening Prayer begins at 6:00pm

St. Julie: Wednesdays: 2:00 to 5:00pm;
Evening Prayer begins at 4:45 pm.

DEVOTIONS

Miraculous Medal Novena: Mondays after the 8:15am Mass at St. Peter.

Morning Prayer: Monday thru Friday at 7:35am at St. Peter.

Rosary: Pray with members of St. Peter's staff every Saturday at 10:00am on-line on St. Peter's website or Facebook page. You can also pray in person immediately after the 8:15am daily Mass in St. Peter's Church and at 1:00pm on Wednesdays in St. Julie's Church.

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Prayed on-line every Friday at 3:00pm at St. Peter's website or Facebook page.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 42:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

St. Julie Billiart Parish

For the health and caregivers of: Terry Shepler, Myra Shepler and Icie Dillon, Roseann Regula and Family, John Witkowski, Carly Guerra (Niece of Elaine and Rich Galik), Pat Hoffman, Jennie Cook, Trevor Matthew, Joanne Carter, Jim Nolan, Richard & Elaine Galik, Lola Cook, Carol Gosselin, June Kearney, Karen Casement, (Daughter in law of Pat Casement), Lynn Frisbie, Lisa Ramsey, (Daughter of Tony Frameli), Daniel DeLaat, Louise Alexander, Dolores Rivera, Kathleen Sobczak, Mary Ann Homola, Mark & Phyllis Turk, Robert Popelas, Father George and Father Gonser.

St. Peter Parish

Doug R., Susi, Bryan, Margaret, Alec R., Jacqueline, Debbi J., Cheryle K., Paul B., Carl A., Kristin, Gina, Noah, Candice, Robin B., John T., Luca, Elaine K. Bernie K., Janet W., Vincent A., Trevor Mathew, Ed, Fay, Irene, Kayle, Mike L., Sue H., Allan, Wendy, Jeanette, Brenda, Michael J., Pat, Darlene D., Larry, Ben M., Bryan, Berkman/Thompson Family, Bill, Marie, Bob M., Jim and Zoe K., Bob and Linda S., Gina M., Laura F., Gerome J., Antoinette P.

Names will remain for one month. Call your Parish Office to renew or add a name to the Prayer Chain.

LENTEN INVITATION

Extra Confession Times

Come to the Lord and receive His mercy. Extra opportunities for confession during Lent include:

Communal Penance Service: Sunday, March 15th at St. Peter Parish at 3:00pm-many priests will be available to hear confessions.

Joint Lenten Parish Mission-Speak Lord, Your Servant is Listening

St. Julie Billiart and St. Peter Parishes will host a mission March 8th-10th from 7:00pm-8:30pm at St. Peter parish. Fr. Michael Stalla will guide us in how to listen for the Lord's voice in our lives. God always has heard his people and He does answer - we just need to listen! Join us! Fr. Michae Stalla is the coordinator of Pastoral Formation for Saint Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology and for Borromeo Seminary and is also the pastor of Ss Robert & William Parish and St. John of the Cross Parish in Euclid.

Stations of the Cross

Meditate on the final steps of Jesus as He journeyed to Calvary through the praying of the Stations of the Cross each Friday in Lent at St. Julie's at 12:00 Noon and at St. Peter's at 7:00 pm.

ST. PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Faith First:

St. Peter Students had the opportunity to receive The Sacrament of Reconciliation this past Monday. Students in Third Grade through Eighth Grade came to the church to choose between seven different priests and have their sins forgiven. This Saturday our Second Grade students will receive The Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. They have been learning and practicing for this most Holy Sacrament and I know they are ready to experience this wonderful Sacrament. Thank you to everyone who helped put both of these events together for our students. Especially Sr. Sean, Mrs. Trampush and Mrs. Joyce.

Academics

This past week the students have had the chance to continue reading our One School One Book "Toys" by Don Wulffson. They have had an all school quiz on the book. They have had guest readers for different chapters of the book and will have a few more exciting events to bring the book to life.

In gym class this week the students have been learning the rules and how to play the game of pickle ball. The students are very excited about the game and some of them could probably even beat their principal. Maybe they will have the chance to find out.

Everything Else:

The rescheduled Eighth Grade vs St. The Peter Staff Volleyball game will be held next week. The students have been beat the last two years and I hope we can get them again this year. The game is a fun tradition that stems back throughout the years. It is fun for the whole school and parents to watch each side of the net battle for bragging rights for the rest of the year.

Mary Poppins Jr. March 27th and March 28th, 7:00pm, St. Peter Gym, Tickets available by calling the school. (440-327-3212)

New families interested in enrolling at St. Peter School. Please call the main office at (440) 327-3212 to reserve a time for a tour and to learn more about enrollment. in Pre-Kindergarten - 8th grade for the 2026-2027 school year. Please visit our website at stpeterschoolnr.org to learn more about our school. We look forward to showing your family why We Are The Difference!

Yours in Catholic Education, Roger C Brooks, Principal Saint Peter School

ST PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL- Raise Your Paddle

Please join us for our 16th annual Raise Your Paddle Event! For 16 years, our school and parish families have come together to make a difference and we'd love for you to be part of it! Every paddle raised helps us continue to provide updates, improvements, and resources for our students. Your generosity ensures that we can offer the best possible learning experience for every child in our school!

TEE IT UP FORE! ST. PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Saturday, April 11, 2026 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Emerald Event Center, 33040 Just Imagine Drive, Avon, Ohio 44011

Scan the QR code for tickets and sponsorship options!



WOMEN'S RETREAT

Women's Retreat at Damascus

All women ages 18–99 from St. Julie's and St. Peter's are invited to step away together for a time of rest, prayer, fellowship, and spiritual renewal at the Damascus Women's Retreat in Centerburg, Ohio. This retreat offers an opportunity to grow in faith, deepen community, and be renewed in the truth of your identity as a beloved daughter of God.

Dates: April 24–26, 2026

Check-in: Friday, April 24, 5:00–6:00 p.m. **Check-out:** Sunday, April 26, by 12:00 noon (Sunday Mass or Vigil Mass is included.)

Cost: \$230 (includes lodging and meals)

Space is limited and fills quickly so get yourself registered soon.

Transportation: Carpooling will be available

Registration: damascus.net/womens-retreats

Answer "no" to having a pre-registered group. But when registering, please indicate that you would like to be with the St Peter/St Julie group. After you register, please let us know that you will be attending by sending an email to jillpapesch@gmail.com and koberna@stpeternr.org.

Angel Scholarship Fund

The Diocese has organized the Angel Scholarship Fund to assist Catholic schools to take advantage of this tax credit. It is quite simple. Complete the form and donate to the Angel Scholarship Fund. Please designate St. Peter Parish School - North Ridgeville as the school that will benefit from this tax credit. The Diocese will provide you with a receipt for your donation which you should provide to your tax preparer. If you donate by April 15, 2026, you can still elect to include the donation on your 2025 Ohio tax return. Visit:

www.catholiccommunity.org/angel

You may also pick up forms at the doors of the Church or at your parish office.

STAFF DIRECTORY

CLERGY

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Rev. Robert J. Franco
Parochial Vicar:
Rev. Isidore Munishi
Deacon Del Sherman
Deacon Ken DeLuca
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Music Director: Mary Pokrywka
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Parish Coordinator: Beth Paoloni

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Music Director: Alexander Kostritsa
Pastoral Minister: Cheryle Koberna
Business Manager: Regina Wojciechowski
Parish Secretary: Christine Stefanek

SAINT PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL STAFF:

Principal: Roger Brooks
School Secretary: Aimee Reitz

OFFERTORY

March 1, 2026

ST. JULIE

Offertory Total	\$6,470.00
Envelopes, Cash & Coin	\$5,455.00
ParishSoft	\$1,015.00
Capital Improvement	\$785.00
Mass Attendance	438

OFFERTORY GIVING

Contribute a gift via ParishSoft:



ST. PETER

Offertory Total	\$12,684.00
Envelopes, Cash & Coin	\$8,763.25
ACH Weekly	\$85.00
Parish Soft	\$3,835.75
Mass Attendance	684

BUILDING ON THE ROCK CAMPAIGN

Original Pledge Total	\$2,277,148.94
Outstanding Pledges	\$352,525.06
Pledges & Donations Received	\$3,016,100.79
Participants	475

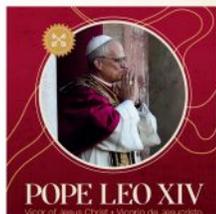
2025 Contribution Statements

If you would like copy of your Offertory Contribution Statement for 2025, please contact your Parish Office. Upon request your office staff will promptly have that statement ready for you

SCHEDULES: SERVERS, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS, USHERS, GREETERS, & CLOW

Please access schedules via the app or obtain a copy of the monthly schedule through the parish office.

ST. JULIE AND ST. PETER PARISH EVENTS



The March Intention of Pope Leo is for disarmament and peace:

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Women in Friendship

Women in Friendship will meet at 1pm-3pm on Tuesday, March 10th at Saint Peter Parish Center. An officer from the N.R. Ridgeville Police Department will be speaking. We always welcome new members! Questions may be answered by calling Barbara at 440-458-6197

Marriage Banns III Saint Peter Parish

Patrick Conway & Marina Lorenzo Vazquez

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Please join us for the St Julie & St Peter Men's Fellowship breakfast on Saturday, March 21st at 8:20 am. 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 am. So we have an idea of how much food to prepare, please RSVP by March 16th to our invite or by sending an email to sjspbreakfast@gmail.com if this is your first time.

Mass Intentions

St. Peter's has weekday mass intentions still available for 2026. Please call or stop in at the parish office to select your mass intention date.

St. Peter's Easter Egg Hunt

Planning for the annual St. Peter Easter Egg Hunt is underway and we need your help. We are in need of donations of small, individually wrapped candy (no hard candy, please) and gender-neutral toys (i.e. kites, bubbles, chalk) to give out as prizes suitable for children ages 2-10. Please bring all donations to the parish center by March 16th. Thank you for your help in making this a fun event for our young children!

St. Peter & St. Julie Donut Sunday

Please join us this Sunday, March 8th, after all masses for donuts and refreshments.

Holy Name Society

The winner of the Holy Name Society of Saint Peter's 50/50 raffle for February was Mark Hall who won \$100. The seller was Bob Zey. Tickets for next month's raffle are available at all church entrances. You could be our next winner!

Lenten Memorial Candles

St. Peter's has some openings for the Lenten Memorial Candles. Please stop in at the parish office to select your date and station.

Women's Fellowship Breakfast

The next St. Julie and St. Peter Women's Fellowship Breakfast will be held on March 14th at St. Julie's from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Please join us for a delicious breakfast and a talk on Jesus' Mercy by Joanne Gargaro from Bethesda House. To ensure adequate seating and meal preparation, kindly RSVP by March 9th at <https://www.stpeternr.org/womens-ministry>.

If you prefer, you may also register by contacting your parish office.

Pray 40 Days for Life

You can help save lives -- The 40 Days for Life Spring 2026 Campaign is from February 18th to March 29th. Join with people around the world in prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil, and community outreach to end abortion.

On Thursdays, pray in **St. Julie's Church** from Noon – 1:00pm or meet in St Julie's parking lot at 11:15am to join the group going to pray from noon to 1:00pm at the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Bedford Heights.

On Mondays, pray for an hour in **St. Peter Church** at 12:00 noon or meet in St. Peter's parking lot at 11:15am to join the group going to pray from noon to 1:00pm at the Preterm abortion facility in Cleveland.

St. Peter Cemetery Decorations

Just a friendly reminder that anyone wishing to retrieve their winter cemetery decorations are asked to do so **before April 1st**. After that date the cemetery personnel will be cleaning off all winter decorations.

First Friday Forum

Our guest speaker will be Steve Sequeri, Esq, at the luncheon on Friday, April 10. He will be speaking on Truth on Immigration. Come join us for good food, fellowship and a very informative speaker. Lunch begins at 11:30am at Tom's country Place, 3442 Stoney Ridge Road, Avon. Reservations need to be received by Friday, April 3rd. Call 440-327-3272, or email ffflorain@gmail.com. Cost is \$25.



Week 3 Update

During the first two weeks of the Spring Campaign, 70 babies were saved from abortion (that we know of). Praise God!! Keep praying -- God is hearing and answering our prayers!

A critical resource in the effort to save babies and their families from abortion are the thousands of Pro-Life pregnancy resource centers throughout the U.S. and the world. In our area, we have two wonderful pregnancy help centers:

Birthright of Lorain County
2136 North Ridge Rd.
Elyria, OH 44035
(440) 324-9566

and

Cornerstone Pregnancy Services
364 Griswold Rd.
Elyria, OH 44035
(440) 577-5644 phone, (440) 420-4606 text

Birthright.org

Cornerstoneanswers.org

If you or someone you know is facing an unwanted or problem pregnancy, both Birthright and Cornerstone will provide a pregnancy test, on-going support, maternity and baby clothes, prenatal classes, community assistance referrals, and adoption counseling. In addition, Cornerstone also provides limited ultrasound exams. All services provided at both centers are free, non-judgemental, and confidential.

Also, Walking With Moms in Need of St. Julie Billiart and St. Peter parishes in North Ridgeville has compiled an Inventory of Local Pregnancy Help and Family Assistance resources for women raising children. Walking with Moms volunteers are eager to journey with moms and help connect them with the resources they may need. To speak to a volunteer call 440-662-9068, or email: wwminsibsp@gmail.com. A list of local help organizations and the services they provide is available at: stjuliebilliart.org/moms-in-need.

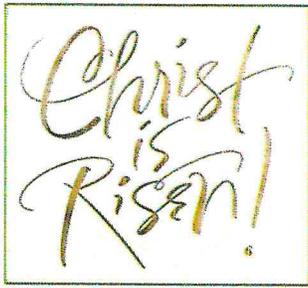
Please keep praying for all those facing a challenging pregnancy, for the staff at Birthright and Cornerstone, and for all those assisting moms in need.

You can pray directly for those considering abortion by joining with fellow St. Julie Billiart parishioners each Thursday during 40 Days for Life to pray at the Planned Parenthood abortion mill in Bedford Heights from 12noon to 1pm. Meet at the St. Julie large parking lot at 11:15am. Or, if you can't make it to Planned Parenthood, you can pray with fellow parishioners in the church, also on Thursday from 12noon to 1pm.

The Rosary Group meets to pray the Rosary each Wednesday at 1:00pm at the church followed by Eucharistic Adoration in the church from 2-5pm, followed by Mass at 5:30pm.

Each Monday, St. Peter Parish participates in 40 Days for Life by praying from Noon to 1pm. Those going to the Preterm abortion facility leave at 11:15 AM from the St. Peter front parking lot. Those praying at St Peter Church meet at the church at Noon and end at 1:00 PM.

Questions about 40 Days for Life, call Susan and John DeLaat, 440-327-2398.



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 30, Noon

Please Print

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Name of Donor _____

Envelope # _____

Amount Enclosed _____

