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January 14, 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.*



## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-37

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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,

The Catholic Church in the United States is in the midst of an effort called *Eucharistic Revival*. Many leaders in the Church in the United States sense a need to revive God's people to a commitment to the weekly celebration of the Eucharist as well as a stronger faith in the Real and True Presence of Jesus Christ, who comes to us under the appearances of bread and wine.

**One expression of our faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist has been the dramatic increase of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.** As a child growing up, my parish (St. John Bosco in Parma Heights) had a tradition of "Forty Hours". Once a year, the Blessed Sacrament was solemnly exposed and adored for 40 hours straight. It would conclude with a special ceremony. This was an important annual event in the life of the parish. However, it was an annual event.

Today, many parishes have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on a regular basis. Again, my home parish, St. John Bosco, has a special chapel for the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration goes on there 24/7 (except when Mass is being celebrated.) **Beginning Wednesday, February 7, St. Julie Billiard Parish will be having a period of weekly adoration. In the main church building, adoration will be from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. every Wednesday.** Evening Prayer (from the Liturgy of the Hours-booklets supplied by the parish) and Benediction will follow. The regular 5:30 p.m. Mass (M-W-F) will be celebrated as normal. In order to make sure each hour is "covered", please commit to one hour by signing the commitment sheet in the vestibule of St. Julie Parish.

If you would care to do Adoration on a different day, St. Peter Parish has adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday. It begins with the conclusion of the 8:15 a.m. Mass and ends with Evening Prayer (from the Liturgy of the Hours-booklets are supplied by the parish) and Benediction at 6:00 p.m. This service ends around 6:20 p.m.

**If Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has been a part of your devotional life, press on! If not, I strongly encourage you to try making a Holy Hour.** You will be amazed. An hour of silence, praying, listening, doing holy reading and contemplating the generosity of Jesus Christ will refresh your soul and strengthen your walk with the Lord.

**One of the things that has happily surprised me over the last couple of months has been the number of couples in our parish who are getting their marriages blessed in the church.** Some of these are couples who were married for the first time, but outside of the Church. Their reasons vary: like venue, non-Catholic spouse did not want a churchy wedding, waiting for an annulment, expenses, et cetera. In the last two months I have blessed three marriages (with a couple validations in the wings) and one full-blown first-time wedding.

**I encourage you, if you are married, but not in the Church, please speak to Fr. Isidore or me. We will be glad to assess your situation and hopefully prepare you for getting married in the Church.** If there is a non-Catholic spouse involved, that person does not have to become Catholic. After some brief preparation, the ceremony is usually pretty simple. The fruits of this validating of a marriage are primarily twofold: couples are strengthened to live their marriage by the graces of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Secondly, the Catholic parties would be able to return to the Eucharist. For more information, please call Fr. Isidore or me. It would take an hour to assist you.

**Though there has been a legal setback in Ohio** for unborn children and for their mothers who at times may feel that abortion is the only option, **here are two opportunities that can make a difference.** First, next Sunday, January 21, from 1:00-3:00 p.m., there will be a *Walking with Moms in Need* training program at St. Julie's. This training will outline how *Walking with Moms in Need* will partner with women in crisis pregnancies. Secondly, there will be a Holy Hour for the unborn on that very same Sunday evening, January 21 at St. Peter Parish at 7:00 p.m. Please see the bulletin for other Pro-Life advocacy and prayer opportunities.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob Franco

### **A note for all Sacristans, Counters, Lectors, EMHC's, Hospitality Ministers, and Servers.**

Please review the email that was sent this week regarding the upcoming scheduling for February - April. Responses via the scheduling program, MSP (Ministry Scheduler Pro) are due **by January 15**. Any questions, please contact us via email at [sjbschedules@yahoo.com](mailto:sjbschedules@yahoo.com).

### **St. Peter School Open House**

You are cordially invited to the St. Peter School Open House for new families on Sunday, January 28 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. All are welcome!

## Religious Education

**PSR-Parish School of Religion**

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



the health of, and caregivers of: John Peters son of John & Marge Peters, Fr. George, Kathy Krumphanzl, Connor Laska, grandson of Joyce & Marty Laska, Fr. Gonser, Alan Pavelschak, Chuck Smick, Jeff Kohl, son of Mary Anne Schwarzwald, Emily Jirousek, granddaughter of Bob & Mary Ann Jirousek, Lincoln Nye, Marian Kessler, Carter Evard, grandson of Jim & Joanne Carter, Christian Hoffman, nephew of Pat, Daniel DeLaat, Dolores Rivera, Bob Jirousek, June Kearney, Barb Vrtachnik, Jim Carter, Lola Cook, Terry Flanagan, Carol Polak, Jean Rasmussen, Kathleen Sobczak, JoAnne Bellomo, and the Regula family; for the repose of the soul of Bernice Malbasa, mother of Mike Malbasa and Mary Lee, mother of Laura Sweeney; for our men & women in uniform; our firefighters, police, doctors & nurses; for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, & religious life.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

- Jan. 13 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Dennis Payne (Elaine Payne)
- Jan. 14 Sunday 9:00 a.m. Theresa Grabe (Grabe Family)  
11:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
- Jan. 15 Monday 5:30 p.m. Mark Fowler (Family)
- Jan. 17 Wednesday 5:30 p.m. Marty Mahoney (Pat & Susan Mahoney)
- Jan. 19 Friday 5:30 p.m. Health of Carter Evard (Jim & Joanne Carter)
- Jan. 20 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Ann Skrovan (Elaine Payne)
- Jan. 21 Sunday 9:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiart Parishioners  
11:00 a.m. Linda LaLonde (Family)

## The Week Ahead

- Sat.** Book Study, 10-11:30  
Woman's Breakfast, SJB  
Eucharistic Training, 1:00
- Mon.** **Martin Luther King Day**
- Wed.** Rosary, 1:00 Church
- Sat.** Men's Breakfast, St. Peter's  
Book Study, 10-11:30
- Sun.** Walking with Mom's Training,  
1-3:00 p.m.  
Holy Hour for the Unborn,  
St. Peter's, 7:00 p.m.

## Coming Events

Crockpot Drive Thru  
Walking with Mom's Luncheon

**Save the Date** for our Parish Mission. It will be held on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, through Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. More details to come.

**Sign-up to help** with Crockpot in the vestibule of the church. They can always use cooks, bakers, and servers

## Men's Breakfast

Join us for the St. Julie & St. Peter Men's Fellowship breakfast on Saturday, **January 20<sup>th</sup>** at 8:20 a.m. 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 a.m. So we have an idea of how much food to prepare please **RSVP by January 15** [sjspbreakfast@gmail.com](mailto:sjspbreakfast@gmail.com)

**Mass for Life:** On Friday, January 19 at 10am, the annual Cleveland Diocese Mass for Life will be observed at the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist in Cleveland. For planning purposes, those bringing groups are asked to register on the Diocese website. The Mass will be livestreamed on the Cleveland Diocese website: [dioceseofcleveland.org](http://dioceseofcleveland.org).

## 2023 Contributions 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.

**9 Days for Life:** Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, *9 Days for Life*, Tuesday, January 16 - Wednesday, January 24. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more by email or text message. Sign up at [9daysforlife.com](http://9daysforlife.com).

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher—"where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see."



- Jn 1:38-39a

## Parish Stewardship

Jan. 7:.....	\$5,040
Faith Direct:..... (Dec. 16-31).....	\$1,700
School Subsidy:.....	\$170
Capital Improvement:.....	\$226
<b>Net Offertory:.....</b>	<b>\$7,136</b>
In Person Mass Attendance:.....	338

Thank you for sharing your Blessings.

## Ministers Schedule

<u>Sat, Jan. 13, 5:00</u> <span style="color: red;">Rec</span> <b>S</b> -Chris Vacca <b>L</b> -Terry Flanagan <b>EM</b> -Chris Vacca Gretchen Bulan Ted Laponi  <b>U</b> -Sue Dybowski Nick Guerrieri	<u>Sun, Jan. 14, 9:00</u> Kathleen McWeeny Linda Vasiloff Larry Rozman Leslie Rozman Jim Livingston  Gene Morrison <span style="color: green;">Not Filled</span>	<u>11:00</u> Mike Yarosh Amy Shealy Jim Carter Mike Yarosh <span style="color: green;">Not Filled</span>  Gene Schwarzwaldner Hung Le
<u>Sat, Jan. 20, 5:00</u> <span style="color: red;">Rec</span> <b>S</b> -Chris Vacca <b>L</b> -Jane Herbcha <b>EM</b> -Chris Vacca Ceil Morrison Jim Livingston  <b>U</b> -Agnes K. Nick Guerrieri	<u>Sun, Jan. 21, 9:00</u> <span style="color: green;">Not Filled</span> Jessica Angelo Kristine Krejsa <span style="color: green;">Not Filled</span> Ray Sherron  Tim Malinich Jim Gaffney	<u>11:00</u> Jim Nolan Cindy Naprestek Mark LaLonde Denise Pastula Joe Kotarsky  Gene Morrison Hung Le

### Faith Direct

The new year is a time of hope and promise as we have opportunities to grow our vital ministries, explore new ways to share the good news of Christ's love, and reflect His care and mercy to those in need throughout the community. To continue to make a difference in 2024, St. Julie Billiart depends on online donations from caring individuals like you.

We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving and setting up your recurring donation. You can use eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet for recurring and one-time gifts.

Sign up today by visiting [faith.direct/OH1171](http://faith.direct/OH1171) or calling 866-507-8757.

### Calling all Accompaniers!

Walking with Mom's in Need training session is January 21, from 1-3:00 p.m. at St Julie Billiart church. Please join us if you are interested in accompanying a mom in need of assistance or would just like to learn more about this specific component of the **Walking with Moms in Need** program.

Mary Wood will be our presenter. Mary and her husband Tom have lived this ministry for 14 years, serving more than eight hundred women. Mary will help you know what you can expect if you choose to walk alongside a pregnant or parenting mom in challenging circumstances.

This may not be your calling, but **Walking With moms in Need** still needs you! Help is needed in areas such as fund raising, marketing, advertising, and communication. Other areas include a necessities team, who will help secure items that community resources are unable to provide. Additionally, cleaning and storage of donations, setting up furniture in a home, and preparing meals are other examples where help is needed. Most important, your prayers are needed for the men and women who are choosing Life! For more information about **Walking with Moms in Need** please call Ann Marie Flanagan, 440-865-3506

# News & Events

## UKRAINIAN WELCOME CIRCLE

### **St. Julie & St. Peter Ukrainian Welcome Circle**

**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-](http://www.stpeternr.org/ukrainian-welcome-circle)

[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.

**See the insert in todays bulletin for details about our family from Ukraine.**

**A watch was found at St. Julie's. If it is yours or someone you know please contact the office, 440-327-1978.**

### **Daily Prayers**

Do you like to begin your day with prayer? Do you need some prayer time during your lunch hour? Do you like to end your day with prayer? The Diocese of Cleveland is pleased to offer daily audio prayers delivered to you via email every morning. The prayers are led by a variety of clergy from the diocese and provide a simple way to create and sustain a prayerful relationship with God. Sign up at [dioceseofcleveland.org/mydailyprayers](http://dioceseofcleveland.org/mydailyprayers).

### **El Salvador-Latin American Collection**

This collection is the main support for two priests who work in the parishes served by our Missionaries. This appeal also makes a contribution to the Collection for the Church in Latin America that is managed by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and benefits projects and the formation of seminarians, religious and lay leaders in 23 countries across Latin America. Please be generous in supporting these mission endeavors. The envelopes for this collection are in your packets or contribute on Faith Direct.

*Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.*

-Proverbs 14:31

January 9, 2024

## Our Journey Together



When the Welcome Circle first began convening in May 2023, we only knew that we wanted to help Ukrainian families in harm's way. As we continued meeting, completing cultural awareness training, and meeting some more, there was a steep learning curve. Even before we ever connected with a family, we were tasked with figuring out many small details such as where they could initially find affordable healthcare and what options for schooling would be available for the family.

We are sure you all felt the same impatience of waiting, waiting, and waiting more..... to match with a family, waiting for them to arrive, and waiting to do what was needed next.

While we waited, you all joined together with the Welcome Circle Core Team and donated, household goods, furniture, appliances, food, beds, sheets, and personal needs. How can we possibly count all those blessings! Then there came the transformation of the house into a home for the family. It was amazing!!

In late September we finally we connected with a family. But by late November we learned the family wasn't coming. So a new search began immediately.

We were reminded in our December 2-3 message to the parishes of the recurring message in the Bible is that reminds us .....God's timing does not necessarily match ours.

By Christmas, our preparedness and God's timing matched! We had connected with the Bryiovskiy family who arrived December 10<sup>th</sup>. After interviewing them and their sponsor, we moved quickly to get them settled into the house. An added blessing is that we were working along with their sponsor Roman, who has sponsored 12 other Ukrainian families! He is a Deacon at Slavic Full Gospel Church. His skills and our Welcome Circle skills proved to be complementary allowing us to move forward quickly. We gave the Bryiovskiy family the keys 12-30-23!



At the house December 26<sup>th</sup>

Left to right: Vitalii, Daniel (8), Artur (6)  
Suisanna (3), Nadiia, their sponsor Roman

Vitalii has a brother who came 1 year ago with his family through the same program. They have been extremely helpful with navigating the benefit systems.

Since then, a lot has happened. On January 9<sup>th</sup>, Artur and Daniel start school at Ridgebrook Elementary (1 block from the house). All family members have healthcare coverage. They have social security numbers and have applied for long term work permits. The job search is underway. They begin English classes this week.

We continue to give the family a "hand up and not a hand out" and will continue to need your support so watch the bulletins and websites for specifics.

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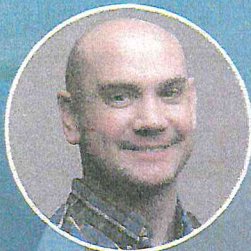
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