

FIRST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

NOVEMBER 30, 2025



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



WELCOME!

We are delighted to extend a heartfelt welcome to everyone visiting St. Peter or St. Julie Billiart 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

- 🌐 www.stpeterschoolnr.org
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ST. PETER ENDOWMENT FUND

- 🌐 www.stpetereducationendowment.org
- 📱 St. Peter Education Endowment Fund

RIDGEVILLE CATHOLIC YOUTH

- 📷 ridgevillecatholicyouth

CYO ATHLETICS

- 📱 www.stpetercyo.com 📷 stpeternr cyo

1st Sunday OF ADVENT



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

Pilgrimage Presentation

Join Fr. Bob on Friday, December 5th at 7:00pm in St. Peter's Church for a presentation about the pilgrimage he led to Italy. Please note the change in location from what was originally published.

No Confessions

There will be no Confessions at St. Julie on Saturday, December 6th. Anyone needing to go can go to Saint Peter Parish from 2:30pm-3:30pm

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass Times

St. Julies

Monday, December 8
9am and 5:30pm

St. Peters

Monday, December 8
8:15am and 7:00pm

Dear Parishioners,

The Scout Motto is Be Prepared. Lt. Gen. Baden Powell explained that the motto is founded on the initials of his name, B P. More importantly, a scout is to have a readiness of mind and body to do his duty. Baden Powell went on to speak of laying aside one's own plans to do the needful good.

As we enter the season of Advent, our readings summon us to be prepared. Both Jesus and St. Paul describe the tragedy of not being prepared. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. They were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man. In Noah's time, people were so distracted by the events of the day, they never asked why Noah was building an ark and collecting animals!

St. Paul reminds us that "the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light." Again, we need to live in the light of Christ and the manner of life He gives us. Whether we live until the return of the Lord or we die and go to the Lord, we are accountable to Him. We need to prepare ourselves for that day.

Advent is a season of preparation. We prepare for Christmas by purchasing and wrapping gifts. We plan our visiting schedule. We may even do some extra cleaning and send out greeting cards. That kind of preparation would ultimately be meaningless if we did not prepare our lives for the coming of the Lord. How do we do that?

Isaiah tells us that those who seek the Lord will "beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." Though we have very little control over world events, we can seek reconciliation within our families, neighborhoods and workplaces. We can also "climb the mountain of the Lord", seeking out the Lord in prayer. Please make use of the Advent devotional guides that the parish provides.

I also encourage you to prepare by making a good confession. Our Joint Advent Penance Service will be at 3:00 PM next Sunday, December 7 at St. Julie Parish. There will be plenty of priest to celebrate this sacrament of healing and forgiveness.

Finally, please mark your calendar for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary on Monday, December 8. Mass times are listed in the bulletin.

In Christ,
Fr. Bob Franco

New Bulletin Design

Last week the Catholic Churches of North Ridgeville, St. Peter & St. Julie Billiart, published our first combined bulletin. This new format will give greater access to information about both parishes: Mass schedules, confessions, parish programs and other information. It is Fr. Bob's prayer that our joint bulletin will further our vision of knowing Christ, loving Christ and serving Christ together.



THE MASS INTENTIONS

St. Peter = (SP)
St. Julie Billiard = (SJB)

「● LIVE STREAMING」

SATURDAY VIGIL November 29

4:00pm (SP) Scott H. Kalina
5:00pm (SJB) ● Timothy Donovan (Joe and Jackie Ramsey)

SUNDAY November 30, First Sunday of Advent

8:00am (SP) For the People of St. Peter Parish
9:00am (SJB) For the People of St. Julie Parish
10:00am (SP) ● Geraldine Linnevers
11:00am (SJB) Ed and Mary Lee (Lee Family)
12:00pm (SP) Bernadette Hughes

MONDAY December 1

8:15am (SP) ● Elsa Makowski
5:30pm (SJB) James & Jennie Frameli (Tony Frameli)

TUESDAY December 2

8:15am (SP) ● JoAnn Tomasheski

WEDNESDAY December 3, Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

8:15am (SP) ● Gregory Bral
5:30pm (SJB) Robert & Judy Drop (Goldyn Family)

THURSDAY December 4, St John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church

8:15am (SP) ● Mike & Rose Minichiello

FRIDAY December 5

8:15am (SP) ● Vincenza (Mim) Nagy
5:30pm (SJB) Bob Beverstock (Beth Paoloni)

SATURDAY VIGIL December 6, Saint Nicholas, Bishop

4:00pm (SP) For the Deceased Members of the Buterbaugh and Frank Families
5:00pm (SJB) ● Charles Smick Jr. (Chuck Smick)

SUNDAY December 7, Second Sunday of Advent

8:00am (SP) For the People of Saint Peter Parish
9:00am (SJB) For the People of Saint Julie Billiard Parish
10:00am (SP) ● JoAnn Tomasheski
11:00am (SJB) Helena Konoka (Teresa Sivec)
12:00pm (SP) Kim Salas Mohnickey

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

St. Julie Billiart Parish

For the health and caregivers of: 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, Louse Alexander, Dolores Rivera, Kathleen Sobczak, Mary Ann Homola, Mark & Phyllis Turk, Robert Popelas, Fr George and Fr Gonser.

St. Peter Parish

Bernie K., Janet W., Vincent A., Trevor Mathew, Ed, Fay, Irene, Kayle, Ben M., 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., Diane S., Fran G., Dianna W., Richard, Diane, Kathleen R., Dolly, Joyce, Benny, Carol G, Lissy, Lisa R., Kathleen M, Michael W.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR) CLASSES

St. Peter: K - 8: Mondays, 6:30 - 7:45pm

On December 1st, Reconciliation will be held for all PSR students in Grades 3-8. Parents are asked to attend with your child(ren) to receive the Sacrament from 6:30 - 7:45pm. This is a beautiful opportunity to reconnect with Jesus at the beginning of Advent.

December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. All PSR students K-8 will be attending the 7:00pm Mass. We invite all parents to come and celebrate this feast with your children! This celebration is a great foundation for your faith and connection with Jesus!

St. Julie: Grades 1 - 7: Sundays, 9:30 - 10:45am; Grade 8: Sundays, 6:30 - 7:45pm

There is no PSR on Sunday, November 30th.

RIDGEVILLE CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUPS



MIDDLE SCHOOL RCY - December 11th!

Middle School students (6-8), we will be gathering in Saint Peter's Apostles Hall on December 11th, from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. Join us for an evening of fellowship, faith, and fun! All are welcome. Bring your Bible!

HIGH SCHOOL RCY - December 4th!

High School students, get ready for your upcoming RCY event! We will meet in St. Peter's Apostles Hall on Thursday, December 4th, from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. Come connect with your peers, deepen your faith, and enjoy a great evening together. We look forward to seeing you there! Bring your Bible! (Grades 9-12)

ST. PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL



FAITH FIRST: St. Peter School Students and Staff have had a well deserved break from study and returned to school this past Monday. As the students return they will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Students from Third grade to Eighth grade will go to confession to get their hearts ready for Jesus' birth. As they prepare their hearts for the coming of Christmas, they will ask Jesus forgiveness for the moments when they placed their own desires before His will, and for the times they neglected prayer, gratitude, and charity. They will ask for the renewal of their hearts and with Jesus' grace, help them to turn away from sin, and be guided to walk more faithfully with Christ, whose birth brings hope and peace to the world.

ACADEMICS: It is that time of the year when the Junior High Students begin to talk about Science Fair! The students begin to choose a project, research, and walk through the Scientific Method. There will be research papers to write, speeches to be written and practiced, trifold boards to be put together and organized and presentations to be made. The entire school loves the Science Fair because all the students have the opportunity to see how much the Junior High has learned and all the effort that they put into that learning.

EVERYTHING ELSE:

Lego Robotics Club will be competing in their annual competition this coming weekend at Aurora High School. Our students are members of FIRST LEGO League Challenge. They prepare all season to compete at regional tournaments, where judges provide valuable feedback on their robot, code, and invention. The final test of their work comes at the Robot Game table, where they race against the clock for a personal best score and the chance to advance to a local championship. Some teams earn an invitation to FIRST Championship, where teams from all over the world meet and compete.

Santa Shop is coming for the students this week. Students have the opportunity to go shopping for their family and friends just in time for Christmas. Thank you PTU for putting this event together for St. Peter Students as they always enjoy spending time shopping and thinking about others.

SAINT PETER PARISH JUBILEE

Solemn Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving - December 14, 2025

12:00 noon, Celebrated by Bishop Edward Charles Malesic

Reception & Luncheon Details

Reception and luncheon at 1:15pm in St. Peter Gymnasium by ticket only.

Call the parish office to check if seats are still available.

Additional Information: Mass will be livestreamed on St. Peter's website & Facebook page.



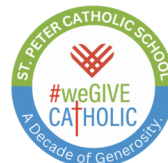
GENEROSITY

#WeGIVECATHOLIC – Our 10th Giving Day!

December 2nd join Northeast Ohio's Catholic Community in supporting great organizations like St. Peter School! Since the first #weGiveCatholic St. Peter School has raised money (& won prize money!) for tuition support, technology, and multiple campus improvements! We will continue those efforts this year!

Donations of any size throughout the campaign help provide the opportunity to earn prize money and matching gift funds. You can support our mission ahead of Giving Tuesday when early giving opened **November 22nd and continues until Giving Day!**

- Follow social media & share posts to spread the word & learn of special giving times.
- Learn More & Give Online at:** wegivecatholic.org/St-Peter-School-North-Ridgeville
- Offline Donations** may be made via St. Peter Parish office until noon Dec. 2nd.



Qualified Charitable Contributions

If you are 70½ or older, please prayerfully consider speaking with your Financial Advisor or IRA Administrator to learn how you can make a direct gift from your IRA to St. Julie Parish or St. Peter Parish — supporting our faith community and the mission we share.

Retirement Fund for Religious

"A lifetime of service deserves care in return. Thanks to your generosity, we can provide the best care for our sisters. Let us offer them the dignity they have given others." Your support in the second collection on **December 6–7** at both parishes is greatly appreciated.

STAFF DIRECTORY

CLERGY

Pastor:

Rev. Robert J. Franco

Parochial Vicar:

Rev. Isidore Munishi

Deacon Del Sherman

Deacon John Rivera
(Retired St. Julie)

Deacon Ken DeLuca
(Retired St. Julie)

ST. JULIE BILLIART STAFF:

PSR Principal: Kelly Reed

Music Director: Mary Pokrywka

Business Manager: Amy Gaffney

Parish Secretary: Pat Hoffman

Parish Coordinator: Beth Paoloni

SAINT PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL STAFF:

Principal: Roger Brooks

ST. PETER STAFF:

Director of Religious Education: Sr. Sean Groh

Music Director: Alexander Kostitsa

Pastoral Minister: Cheryle Koberna

Business Manager: Regina Wojciechowski

Parish Secretary: Christine Stefanek

School Secretary: Aimee Reitz

OFFERTORY

November 16, 2025

ST. JULIE

Offertory Total	\$4,782.00
Envelopes, Cash & Coin	\$4,782.00
ParishSoft	--
School Scholarship	--
Capital Improvement	35
MASS ATTENDANCE	409

OFFERTORY GIVING

Contribute a gift via ParishSoft:



ST. PETER

Offertory Total	\$10,402.18
Envelopes, Cash & Coin	\$6,545.43
ACH Weekly	\$85.00
Parish Soft	\$3,771.75
MASS ATTENDANCE	734

BUILDING ON THE ROCK CAMPAIGN

November 16, 2025

Original Pledge Total	\$2,277,148.94
Outstanding Pledges	\$412,055.17
Pledges & Donations Received	\$2,852,120.43
Participants	475

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

Advent Devotionals

St. Peter:

Copies of "*Jesus, Prince of Peace*," with reflections from Pope Francis and Pope Leo, are available at the entrances of the Church.

Communal Penance Service

Our Communal Penance Service will be at **St. Julie's on December 7th** at 3:00pm.

Confessions are also available every Wednesday morning at St. Peter's immediately after the 8:15am Mass and Saturdays from 2:30 – 3:30pm and at St. Julie's on Saturdays from 3:30 – 4:30pm. Watch the bulletin for additional times for Confession as we get closer to Christmas.

Raising Faith-Filled Kids

Raising kids in the faith is challenging, but you don't have to do it alone! St. Peter and St. Julie parishioners are invited to join Deacon Del and Niki for The Catholic Parent, a six-part series to help families live their faith daily. Each session includes a short video, discussion, and time to connect with other parents. Kids are welcome! Visit St. Peter's website to register. First session starts 1/6/2026 at St. Julie's.

Cursillo Weekend

With great joy we announce the return of the Cursillo Weekends to all. The men's weekend is scheduled for January 8th – 11th, 2026 and the women's weekend is scheduled for April 16th–19th, 2026. We are currently accepting applications from any men or women who would like to secure their spot for the weekend. Christ is calling. Be still and listen for that call. Please visit our website for more details; <https://lsescursillo.org/>

December Men's Breakfast

Join us for the St. Julie & St. Peter Men's Fellowship Breakfast on Saturday, December 20th at 8:20am in the church at St. Julie's. Enjoy a hearty breakfast, a short video, and discussion. We'll finish by 9:45am. Men from any parish in the Diocese are welcome. Please RSVP by December 15th via the invite or email sjspbreakfast@gmail.com.

Nursing Home & Homebound Ministry

St. Peter is in need of Extraordinary Ministers who would be willing to distribute Communion to those who cannot get to Mass. The Minister would be scheduled for one of the nursing homes on Sunday or Wednesday of a designated week. Our Homebound Ministers serve on a Sunday of a designated week. Any St. Julie or St. Peter parishioner interested in volunteering for this rewarding ministry should contact St. Peter's parish office.

Music Ministry

St. Julie invites you to join their choir family! They sing at the 5:00pm Saturday and 11:00am Sunday Masses. Rehearsals are at 7:00pm on Tuesdays. For more info or to sign up, speak with Mary, the Music Director, or call the parish office.

St. Peter could use a few more voices as well. Talk with Alex after Mass or call the parish office. Come and raise your voice - be a part of something beautiful!

Women in Friendship

Our annual members' Christmas potluck will be held at 1:00pm on Tues., Dec. 9th at the Parish Center at St. Peter's. Please bring a plentiful dish to share with a serving utensil as follows:

Last names A-J: main dish

Last names K-Z: side dish or salad

Paper products, beverages and dessert will be provided. Questions may be answered by calling Barbara at 440-458-6197.

The Giving Trees

It is always heartwarming to see and feel the joy and enthusiasm that accompanies the appearance of the Giving Tree. We help children learn to think of the less fortunate, to care for someone they do not know, while expecting nothing in return. What valuable lessons are learned at a tender age. Thank you for your loving example!

St. Julie's Giving Tree is in the church vestibule. Gift items must be returned to St. Julie's by Sunday, December 6th.

St. Peter's Giving Tree will be in the church beginning November 30th with items needing to be returned by December 14th.

These dates will ensure delivery to the recipients by each organization's deadline. Thank you for your generosity!

Christmas Craft Shows

The annual craft shows are **December 6th** at St. Julie's (9am-4pm) and St. Peter's (9am-3pm)—come get your Christmas shopping started!

St. Julie: Admission \$2, to support SJB ministries. 12 and under are free. You will receive a raffle ticket to win a door prize. Great assortment of crafters and vendors. Serving a delicious lunch and snacks at reasonable prices including our famous cabbage and noodles. Volunteers eat free! A few more volunteers are needed for setup, and throughout the day. Signup sheets are in the vestibule.

St. Peter: Admission \$3 for adults & \$2 for seniors/students. Children 5 and under free! Come find handcrafted, locally made gifts and unique items at over 60 vendor tables! Refreshments available at the concessions.

Community Meals

St. Peter: Community Meal will not be served for the month of December due to the holidays.

St. Julie: The next Crockpot meal will be served on December 18th. Sign up sheets to help are in the vestibule.



Remember Loved Ones at Christmas (Living or Deceased)

Names of loved ones will be printed in the Christmas bulletin.

Please Print.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Name of Donor _____

Envelope # _____

Donation \$ _____

If you've donated for flowers on Parish Soft and would like a loved one remembered, check here:

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Return to the rectory by Noon on Tuesday, December 16



Gifts for Baby Jesus in Support of Birthright of Lorain County

In our continuing support of Birthright of Lorain County, St. Julie's Respect Life and Rosary groups will sponsor our annual "Gifts for Baby Jesus" at all masses Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Birthright uses these items to make up layette sets that are given to mothers to take their babies home from the hospital. These mothers have decided to give their babies the greatest gift of all, Life! We like these items to be new. Items currently needed:

Diapers (Size 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7)

Fleece Blankets

Enfamil Formula (Infant or Gentlease)

Baby Socks 0-6 months

Baby Wash/Shampoo

Baby Sleep Sacks 0-6 months

Rattles, teething rings, baby board books

Baby Wipes (pkg of 50-100)

Burp Cloths

Bottles 4 oz

Diaper Cream

Bath Towels / Wash Cloths

Cotton Sleepers 0-6 & 3-6 months

Additional items needed can be found on the Baby Amazon link linktr.ee/birthrightloraincounty