

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 15, 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 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

Church: 5500 Lear Nagle Rd., North Ridgeville, OH 44039

Office: 5545 Opal Street, North Ridgeville, OH 44039

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ST. PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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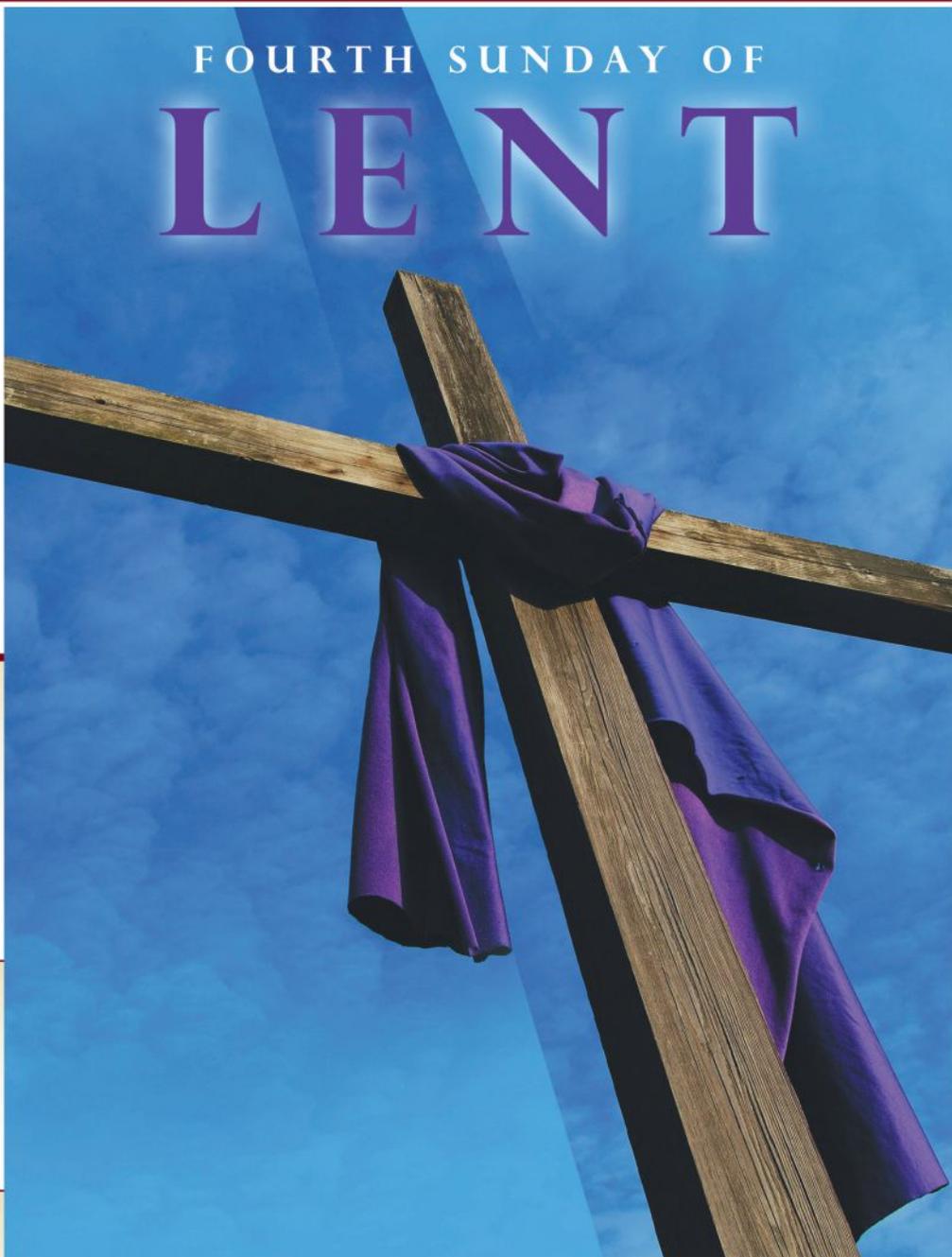
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MASS TIMES

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,

Let me begin with a couple of Thank Yous. Fr. Mike Stalla, pastor of Ss. Robert and William Parish and St. John of the Cross Parish, did a wonderful job leading our joint parish mission. Each of his presentations helped us pray with greater expectancy "Speak, Lord. Your servant is listening." Thank you, Fr. Mike Stalla! If you missed the talks, the Monday and Tuesday talks are online at the St. Peter website.

I also want to thank Mike DiLoreto for organizing the Youth Challenge basketball games on Saturday, March 7. The St. Peter Gym provided a wonderful venue for the Youth Challenge playoff games between their wheelchair basketball teams. This Youth Challenge event also helped the St. Peter student athletes connect with developmentally disabled athletes. A heartwarming time was had by all.

St. Julie and St. Peter Parishes have committed to participate in the Diocesan Wide Service Day on Saturday, March 28. We will meet at South Central Park at 9:30 AM and work until 12:30 PM. We will do some spring cleaning. Details are immediately to the left of this column, and all are welcome.

Next Saturday, March 21, Kelly Reed, our PSR Principal at St. Julie Parish, will be leading a mini retreat (two hours) for our school age children and their families. The theme of the retreat will be Jesus, the Lamb of God. All are welcome. Please call the St. Julie Office to register.

Construction Update: Site-Tech continued installing the basic infrastructure of storm and sanitary sewer pipe. They also began boring under Center Ridge Rd. to bring over a high-pressure water line necessary for the fire sprinkler system. Some unexpected excitement occurred when one of the backhoes hit the gas line. Thank God there were no fireworks. It was quickly repaired.

This Sunday's readings continue to deepen our understanding of our initiation into Christ. The scripture passages allude to the Sacrament of Confirmation. In our first reading, the prophet Samuel anoints David with oil and the Spirit rushed upon him, equipping David to defeat Goliath and eventually become King. In Psalm 23 the Shepherd anoints the heads of his sheep with oil. In biblical times, this anointing would protect sheep when they were "head butting", and strongly scented oil could ward off insects. In our gospel reading, Jesus anointed the eyes of a man born blind with a paste made from spittle and mud. Not only did the man's sight come back, he eventually came to faith in Jesus as the Lord.

In the Sacrament of Confirmation, the bishop confers the Holy Spirit upon us through prayer and anointing us with Chrism, the perfumed oil that is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. We are equipped with gifts, enlightened by the Spirit and protected by wisdom and discernment. Are we living in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit?

May the Lenten practices of almsgiving, prayer and fasting lead us to a greater openness to the movements and gifts of the Holy Spirit. By the Spirit's power we will make Jesus known by our manner of life, deeds and words.

In Christ, Fr. Bob Franco

THE MASS INTENTIONS

 LIVE STREAMING

SATURDAY VIGIL 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

MONDAY March 16

8:15am • St. Peter Lisa Winters
5:30pm St. Julie Billiart Martin Mahoney (Leo & Sally Mahoney)

TUESDAY March 17

8:15am • St. Peter Patrick Campbell

WEDNESDAY March 18

8:15am • St. Peter All Souls of Saint Peter Parish
5:30pm St. Julie Billiart Margaret Treadwell (Denis Aron)

THURSDAY March 19

8:15am • St. Peter Giuseppe Falbo

FRIDAY March 20

8:15am • St. Peter Living and Deceased of the Conrad family
5:30pm St. Julie Billiart Charles Skrovan (Elaine Payne)

SATURDAY March 21

4:00pm St. Peter Jennie DiFucci
5:00pm • St. Julie Billiart For the Gorski & Pauley Families (Gorski Family)

SUNDAY March 22

8:00am St. Peter Anna & John Charlton
9:00am St. Julie Billiart Ray Mitchell (Pat Mitchell)
10:00am • St. Peter For the People of Saint Peter Parish
11:00am St. Julie Billiart Saint Julie Billiart Parishioners
12:00pm St. Peter Ron Klimko

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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: Ray Sharron Susan Mahoney, 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, 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

Pat I, Michael L., Mark G., John Reno, Doug R., Susi, Bryan, Margaret, Alec R., Jacqueline, Debbi J., Cheryl 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: This Sunday, March 15th at St. Peter Parish at 3:00pm - many priests will be available to hear confessions.

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.

Washing of the Feet

The feet of 12 parishioners will be washed at St. Peter's Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday at 7:00pm. If you would like to be one of those parishioners, please contact Cheryl at 440 327-2201 ext 2119 or koberna@stpeternr.org.

Parents and children come join us for a heart-filled afternoon.

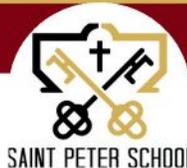
March 21st from 2:30-4:30 PM at St. Julie Billiart Parish

During Lent, we remember that God does not just tell us He loves us — He shows us. In the Old Testament, God saved His people through a lamb. In the New Testament, God saves us through Jesus —the Lamb of God. Join us for a powerful and beautiful family retreat experience designed especially for parents and children to grow in faith together.

Prior Registration required for attendance.

All Registrations due by this Monday, March 16th. Pay at Retreat Entrance with check or cash or drop off in advance to St. Peters or St. Julie Billiart Parish Office, or the St Julie Billiart PSR Office. Cost is \$15 per child, no cost for Parents. Registration includes Build A Lamb, 2 crafts and snack.

ST. PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Faith First:

St. Peter School has been practicing their faith this Lent. The Super Saint Kindness Club made cards and placemats for the staff of St. Peter School to remind them how much they are appreciated by our students and families. The Student Council is collecting items to send to the troops that have been recently deployed. They are collecting cooling towels, non-perishable snacks, sunscreen, socks, puzzle books, and chapstick. They will also ask all of the students to write a card to those deployed thanking them for what they are doing for our county and that we will be praying for them.

Academics

Third Grade students have been studying how to measure and estimate liquid volumes and masses of objects using standard units of grams, kilograms, and liters. They have learned how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide, to solve one-step word problems involving masses or volumes that are given in the same units. First Grade students dove into applying properties of operations as strategies to add and subtract. They used the commutative and associative properties to solve problems. Students had fun with these concepts as they worked individually, in groups and as a whole class. Great job First Grade!!!

Everything Else:

The "Toys" book the whole school has been reading has brought many opportunities to our students and staff. The Student Council has organized a collection of toys for those who are less fortunate. They are collecting new Hot Wheels, Slinkys, Checkers games, Silly Putty and any other toy found in the book to donate to others. There is also going to be a Hot Wheels race in the gym, each homeroom will pick a new Hot Wheel to race on the track. The winning homeroom wins a dress down to be used later in the year. Rumor has it that Fr. Bob will be racing a car as well.

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

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

Pastor:
Rev. Robert J. Franco
Parochial Vicar:
Rev. Isidore Munishi
Deacon Del Sherman
Deacon Ken DeLuca
(Retired St. Julie)

ST. JULIE BILLIART STAFF:

PSR Principal: Kelly Reed
Music Director: Mary Pokrywka
Business Manager: Amy Gaffney
Parish Coordinator: Beth Paoloni

ST. PETER STAFF:

Director of Religious Education: Sr. Sean Groh
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 8, 2026

ST. JULIE

Offertory Total	\$9,159.00
Envelopes, Cash & Coin	\$6,614.00
ParishSoft	\$2,545.00
Capital Improvement	\$385.00
Mass Attendance	378

OFFERTORY GIVING

Contribute a gift via ParishSoft:



ST. PETER

Offertory Total	\$23,586.51
Envelopes, Cash & Coin	\$9,289.25
ACH Weekly	\$85.00
Parish Soft	\$13,737.26
Mass Attendance	779

BUILDING ON THE ROCK CAMPAIGN

Original Pledge Total	\$2,277,148.94
Outstanding Pledges	\$349,815.06
Pledges & Donations Received	\$3,021,650.79
Participants	475

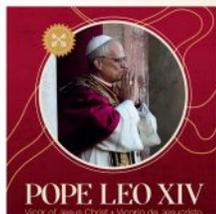
2025 Contribution Statements

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.

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.



St. Julie's Paschal Candle

This year's paschal candle was donated by Steve and Jane Herbcha in memory of the Herbcha/Lovas families. We thank Steve and Jane for their generosity.

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.

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! The Egg Hunt will take place after the 10:00am Mass on Palm Sunday, March 29th in the gym.

K of C Pancake Breakfast

All parishioners are invited to join our Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast hosted by your Knights of Columbus, on **Sunday, March 29th, from 9 am until noon** in the St. Peter's Gym. All proceeds help to support our Seminarians. All you can eat PANCAKES! Adults \$12.00 Children 4-12 yrs old \$6.00 Also scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit cups, coffee, and juice.

Pray 40 Days For Life

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.

Women's Fellowship Breakfast

The next St. Julie and St. Peter Women's Fellowship Breakfast will be held on April 11th at St. Peter's from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Please join us for a delicious breakfast and a talk on Faith and Action by Ann Hall. To ensure adequate seating and meal preparation, kindly RSVP by April 6th at <https://www.stpeternr.org/womens-ministry>. If you prefer, you may also register by contacting your parish office.

Parish Calendar – St. Peter

It's that time of the year when all St. Peter ministries and organizations must think about meeting dates and times for the 2026-2027 calendar year (July 2026 through June 2027). If you plan on using parish facilities for your meetings, then please complete the Facility Scheduling Form, even if you have long-standing regularly scheduled meetings. The form is available on our website (stpeternr.org) and in the racks in the Church. It can be submitted to Cheryle Koberna at koberna@stpeternr.org or it can be dropped off at the parish Center. It would be much appreciated if the form is submitted by May 20, 2026.

Women in Friendship

New members are always welcome! We will meet at 1:00-3:00pm on Tues., March 24th at St. Peter's Parish Center. Terry Marquis, President of the N. Ridgeville Garden Club, will give us an overview of the organization, and Alice Banar, who has 20+ years of gardening experience, will discuss Making It Easier to Garden as We Age. Please join us to help fill the room for these fabulous speakers. Please call the Parish Center at 440-327-2201 with any questions.

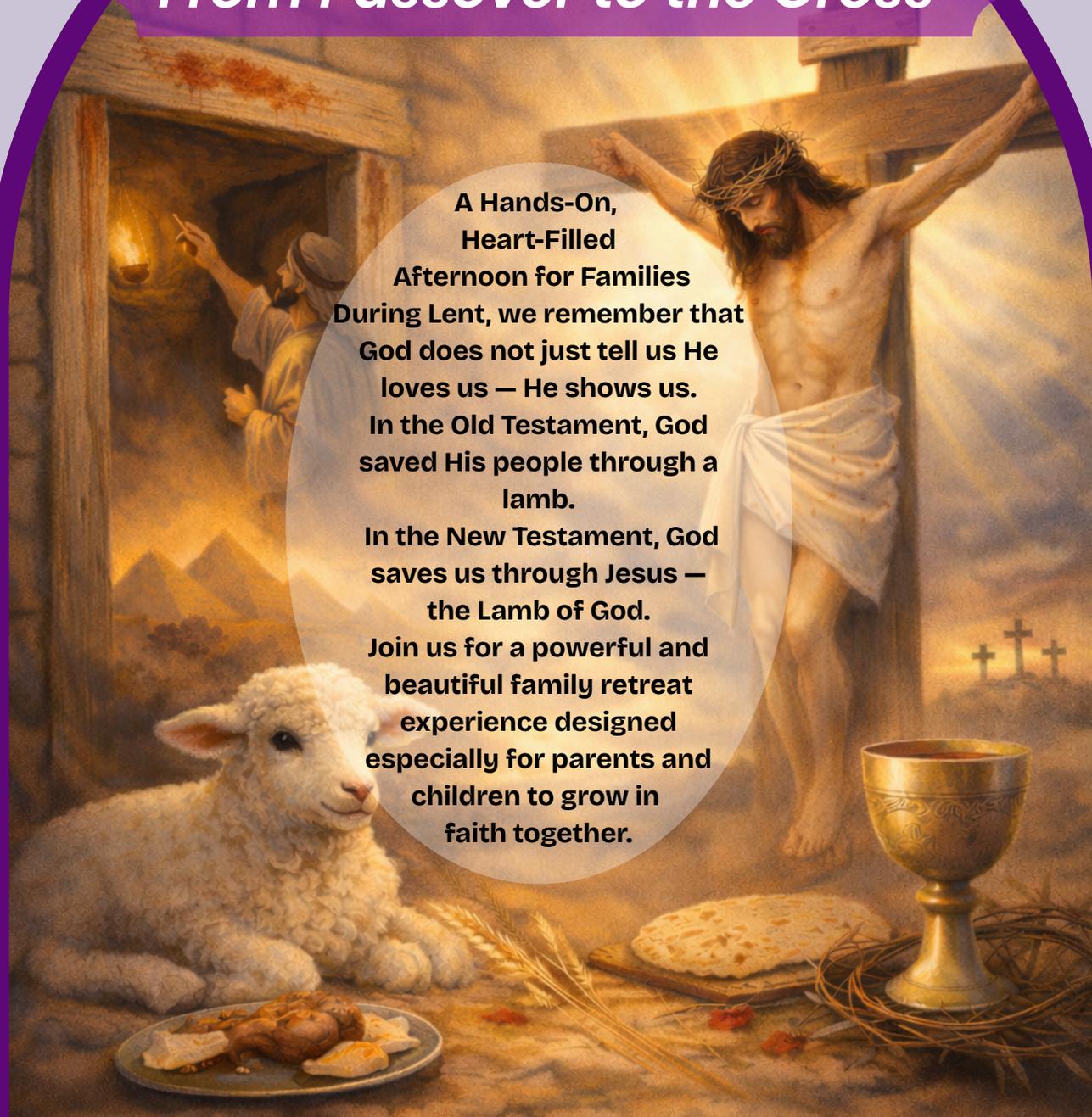
First Friday Forum

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.

JOINT PARISH FAMILY RETREAT

THE SUPPER OF THE LAMB

From Passover to the Cross



**A Hands-On,
Heart-Filled**

Afternoon for Families

During Lent, we remember that

**God does not just tell us He
loves us — He shows us.**

**In the Old Testament, God
saved His people through a
lamb.**

**In the New Testament, God
saves us through Jesus —
the Lamb of God.**

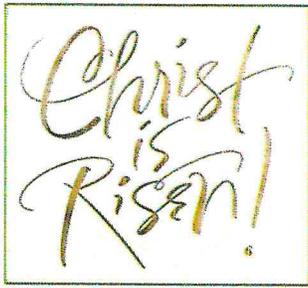
**Join us for a powerful and
beautiful family retreat
experience designed
especially for parents and
children to grow in
faith together.**

“Behold the Lamb of God.” – John 1:29

MARCH 21, 2026 2:30-4:30 PM AT ST. JULIE’S CHURCH



**“Come experience Lent not just as a season...but as
a story your family will remember.”**



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 _____

