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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.



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24

Pastor: Rev. Robert Franco

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Isidore Munishi

Deacons: Rev. Mr. John Rivera

Rev. Dr. Ken DeLuca, Retired

PSR Principal: Kelly Reed

Music Director: Mary Pokrywka

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 Latin phrase *Tempus Fugit* expresses the feeling that many people have about life: *Time Flies!* It is the Fifth Week of Lent. Palm Sunday is next week. And to top things off, we lost an hour with last weekend's move to Daylight Savings Time.

Though we have the feeling of time passing quickly, I want to remind you of the words of St. Paul that we heard on Ash Wednesday: *Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.* (2 Corinthians 6:2b) Though we may feel like time slips by so quickly, God is never hurried. And every moment is a "now" moment for God, who reaches out to us with the saving power of Jesus Christ.

So let us not fret so much at the passing of time, but look to Christ who wants to meet us now with mercy, forgiveness, and new life. I pray that these last two weeks of Lent (officially called *Passiontide*) be filled with God's graces and blessings for you.

One of our local traditions at St. Julie Parish is an annual Easter Egg Hunt for our children. This will take place on Palm Sunday after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Details may be found further back in this bulletin.

Every once in a while, St. Patrick's Day falls on a Sunday in Lent. Such is the case this year. The readings for Mass this weekend highlight aspects of St. Patrick's life. Though historians will tell us that it is difficult to separate fact from legend regarding St. Patrick, I am going to give a synopsis of his life and how I see him reflected in today's readings.

Patrick was born in Roman Britain around the year 413 AD. At the age of 16, Irish slave traders kidnapped him and others of his household. Patrick was enslaved and for the next 6 years was a shepherd in Ireland. He was nominally Christian when kidnapped. However, during those lonely years as a shepherd, Patrick began to pray in earnest. At the age of 22 and at the urging of the Lord, Patrick escaped to the coast of Ireland and got on a ship. The next period of his life included a reunion with his family and time at a monastery. Eventually, he was ordained. And when the first bishop the monastery sent to Ireland died, Patrick was ordained a bishop and was sent there to replace him.

Patrick evangelized the people of Ireland turning them from their pagan ways to Jesus Christ. He established dioceses, religious life, and changed the culture and trajectory of Ireland. He eventually died at Down, Ireland around the year 493 AD.

St. Patrick exemplified today's readings (cycle B) in two ways:

1. Jeremiah spoke of God writing his law on our hearts. I cannot help but think of the love and forgiveness that God put into the heart of St. Patrick. He returned to the place of his enslavement to bring them the mercy of God revealed in Jesus Christ. Perhaps he came to see his first time in Ireland, as difficult as it was, as a gift. For it was through that period of enslavement that Patrick came to know God, who is love.

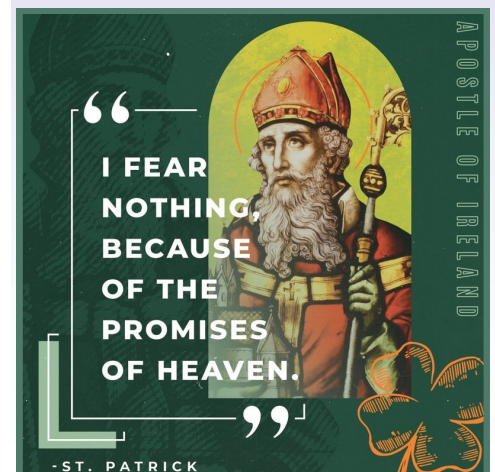
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2. In today's gospel, Jesus said, "And if I be lifted up, I will draw everyone to myself." As a missionary, this is what St. Patrick did. He lifted up Jesus, telling the Irish of the promises, the manner of life, the saving death, and glorious resurrection, and the wonders of His person. And Jesus drew the Irish people to himself.

In Christ,
Fr. Bob Franco

Holy Week Schedule

- March 24 - Palm Sunday Procession, 9:00 & 11:00 Masses
Easter Egg Hunt after 11:00 Mass
- March 28 - Holy Thursday; Mass of the Lord's Supper and washing of the feet, 7:00 p.m.
Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 p.m.
- March 29 - Good Friday; Stations of the Cross, Noon
Passion of Our Lord, 3:00 p.m.
- March 30 - Holy Saturday; Blessing of the Food Baskets, 1:00 p.m.
The Great Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.
- March 31 - Easter Sunday; Masses, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.



Religious Education

PSR-Parish School of Religion

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



the health of, and caregivers of:

Fr. Isidore's mother Adelaide, Alan Pavelschak, Syl Steffen, Carly Guerra, Shannon Kennedy, daughter of Cecelia Fields, Agnes Valenta, Mae Preiss, mother of Sandy Zanick, Louise Alexander, Peg Nolan, Kennedy Smith, granddaughter of Dottie Heller, Debijo Lamb, John Peters son of John & Marge Peters, Fr. George, Connor Laska, grandson of Joyce & Marty Laska, Fr. Gonser, Jeff Kohl, son of Mary Anne Schwarzwald, Emily Jirousek, granddaughter of Bob & Mary Ann Jirousek, Marian Kessler, Christian Hoffman, nephew of Pat, Daniel DeLaat, Dolores Rivera, Bob Jirousek, June Kearney, Barb Vrtachnik, Lola Cook, Terry Flanagan, Jean Rasmussen, Kathleen Sobczak, JoAnne Bellomo, and the Regula family; for the repose of the soul of Judy Flanagan, sister of Mary Malbasa; for our men & women in uniform; our firefighters, police, doctors & nurses; for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, & religious life.

Mass Intentions for the Week

- Mar. 16 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Jim Purcell (Prayer Group Friends)
- Mar. 17 Sunday 9:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiant Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Bob Bellomo [Memorial] (JoAnne Bellomo)
- Mar. 18 Monday 5:30 p.m. Walter & Clara Ciszewski (Gene Morrison)
- Mar. 20 Wednesday 5:30 p.m. Nick Arguello (Barb Arguello)
- Mar. 22 Friday 5:30 p.m. Ileen Sroka (Family & Friends)
- Mar. 23 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Eddie Smick & Mary Smick (Chuck Smick)
- Mar. 24 Sunday 9:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiant Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Linda LaLonde (LaLonde Family)

The Week Ahead

- Sat.** Men's Breakfast, St. Peter's
Discovering Christ Retreat,
St. Julie's
- Sun.** St. Patrick's Day
- Mon.** Prayer Group, Chapel, 2:00
Discovering Christ, 6:15, STJ
Mass, 5:30 p.m., HFR
- Tues.** Prayer Group, Chapel, 10:30
- Wed.** Rosary, 1:00 Church
Adoration, 2-5:00, Church
Mass, 5:30 p.m.
- Thurs.** 40 Days for Life Prayer
Noon-1:00, St. Julie's
- Fri.** Stations, Noon
Mass, 5:30 p.m.
- Sun.** Palm Sunday
Easter Egg Hunt after 11:00
Mass
High School Youth Group,
Holy Family Room,
7:45-9:15 p.m.

Healing Prayer

This month, we will begin to offer a time of prayer for healing. Prayer teams have been established and trained and are ready to pray over anyone who needs some prayer.

They will pray for physical, spiritual, emotional or whatever need you may have. These prayer teams will be in place on the third Sunday of every month after the 9:00 a.m. Mass beginning March 17. If you are in need of experiencing the gentle touch and love of Jesus, stay after Mass and have one of the teams pray over you.

St. Julie's Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Palm Sunday, March 24, after the 11:00 Mass for children ages 0 to 12. You can still drop off candy or gifts in the box outside the PSR office or at the parish office.



Walking with Moms in Need Fundraiser workshop

Please join Moms in Need core group as we convert Lenten Rice bowls into Walking with Moms in Need bowls. We will need extra hands to work on 350 bowls and apply new stickers. We will meet in the Guadalupe room at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27. There will also be a presentation while we work, about **Walking with Moms in Need**, what we have done, and what we hope for the future. Men and women are welcome. Confirmation students wishing for service hours are also encouraged to participate.

Women's Fellowship Breakfast

The next Women's Fellowship Breakfast is on April 13th in St. Peter's gym from 8:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. All women are invited to join us for a delicious breakfast and to hear a talk by Fr. Bob Franco. To ensure enough seating and food is prepared, please RSVP by April 8th at our website: <https://www.stpeternr.org/womens-ministry>. If you prefer, you can call our office and we will get you registered.

Parish Stewardship

March 10:	\$5784
Faith Direct: Feb. 16-29	\$3405
School Subsidy:	\$45
Capital Improvement:	\$230
Net Offertory:	\$9464
In Person Mass Attendance:	385

Thank you for sharing your Blessings.

Ministers Schedule

<p>Sat, Mar. 16, 5:00 Rec</p> <p>S-Chris Vacca L-Jessica Angelo EM-Ceil Morrison Chris Vacca C-Deacon John U-Agnes Klimkowicz Nick Guerrieri</p>	<p>Mar. 17, 9:00</p> <p>Not Filled Barb Arguello Robert Ricksecker Tom Lamoda Ray Sharron U-Hung Lee Val Wisniewski</p>	<p>11:00</p> <p>Not Filled Lisa Palazzo Jim Carter Not Filled Joanne Carter Sue Dybowski Not Filled</p>
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<p>Sat, Mar. 23, 5:00 Rec</p> <p>S-Beth Paoloni L-Cindy Naprestek L-Gloria Hearn EM-Beth Paoloni Toni Tinnirello C-Deacon John U-Agnes Klimkowicz Gene Schwarzwaldner</p>	<p>Mar. 24, 9:00</p> <p>Suzanne Snyder Linda Vasiloff Not Filled Jim Livingston Kathleen McWeeny Suzanne Snyder U-Jim Gaffney Not Filled</p>	<p>11:00</p> <p>Mike Yarosh Lisa Palazzo Barb Arguello Denise Pastula Mike Yarosh Not Filled Nick Guerrieri Not Filled</p>
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New Youth Group for St. Julie/St. Peter Students

A new Youth Group has been formed to include all students of St. Julie's and St. Peter's parishes.

The meetings for High School Students will be on Sunday's, 7:45-9:15 p.m., as follows:

- March 24 - St. Julie's (Holy Family Room)
- April 7 - St. Peter's
- April 21 - St. Julie's
- May 5 - St. Peter's
- May 19 - St. Julie's (Welcoming incoming Freshmen)
- June - Vacation Bible School
- July 14 - St. Peter's
- July 28 - St. Julie's
- August 11 - St. Peter's
- August 25 - St. Julie's

The Middle School meetings will be on Thursday evenings, 7:30-8:30 at St. Peter's Apostle Hall on the following dates:

- April 18 July 25
- May 16 (Welcoming 6th Graders) August 22

All are welcome! Bring a friend.

Any young adult looking to be a part of a core team, please contact Niki Sherman, 440-327-2201 x 111.

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be Generous!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org or www.custodia.org

News & Events

Ukraine Welcome Committee Update

Since our last update, we have settled into a rhythm with Nadiia, Vitalii and the kids. Our family is studying hard to learn English. They attend ESL classes twice a week. We have gotten some extra help for Nadiia and Vitalii and also reading help for the boys. Both boys are doing well in school. Daniel is continuing his study of guitar. They are looking forward to getting involved in sports. All three children go to Ukrainian school Saturday mornings.

It appears that there will be no government support coming to supplement our payments for rent, food and pocket money. So, we continue to closely monitor all of the family's needs. That means we still need your support as well.

To donate use Faith Direct or the envelopes in the vestibule.

Our parish participation in the world-wide 40 Days for Life campaign of prayer and fasting to end abortion is in its fifth week. Since the Spring Campaign began on February 14th, we know of 130 babies saved from abortion through our prayers! This Thursday, St. Julie Billiart parishioners will gather to pray from 12noon to 1pm at the Planned Parenthood abortion mill and simultaneously at the church. See the enclosed flyer for details. God is moving powerfully through our commitment to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

"Above all, the common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights - for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture - is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination."

(St. Pope John Paul II, Christifideles laici, No. 38)

Knights of Columbus - Council 7970

We welcome you to join us!

Help us to help others through corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Enjoy the fellowship of other Catholic men who share your values and commitment to serving our Community.

Questions, call Ray McConaghy at 440-723-7062.

We are proud to recognize the two newest members to our Council! Please join us in congratulating **Larry Rozman**, parishioner at St. Julie's, and **Ron Justinani** of St. Peter's.

Save the Date

March 24 - Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast

St. Peter Gym - 8:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon

April 27 - Knights at the Races - 6:00-10:00 p.m.

Ragan Hall, 1783 Moore Rd. Avon, OH





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 25**

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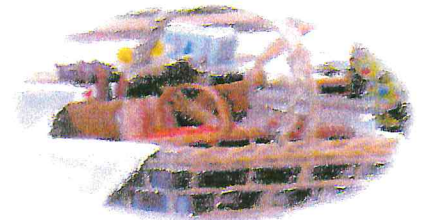
If you've donated for flowers on Faith Direct and would like a loved one remembered, check here:



Easter Food Basket Blessing

Whether you:

- ❖ Attend the Easter Basket Blessing every year,
- ❖ Attended as a child with your grandparents, or
- ❖ Have never been to this special service...



Please plan to join in this wonderful event in our parish.

1:00 p.m. on Holy Saturday

It is a great opportunity to:

- ❖ Unite as a community,
- ❖ Share our faith,
- ❖ Experience some amazing traditions and
- ❖ Leave uplifted, ready to celebrate EASTER
... maybe with a few new traditions to try.



HOLY THURSDAY



Fr. Isadore will be washing the feet of 12 parishioners on Holy Thursday, March 28, at 7:00 p.m., in remembrance of the Last Supper. Children and adults are invited to be a part of this Holy Week observance.

If interested, please fill out the form below and drop in the collection basket, email, or call the office by Monday, March 18.

Name(s) _____

(circle one) Child / Adult

Parent Name (if child) _____

Cell Phone Number _____

Email _____



ALL CHILDREN are invited, on PALM SUNDAY, (March 24), to be a part of the procession into Church with Fr. Isidore and St. Julie's choir.

A procession will take place at both the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Children are asked to meet in the Holy Family Room 15 minutes before Mass to pick up their palms and instruments for the procession.





Week 5 Update

During the first four weeks of the 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign, there were 130 babies saved from abortion! (that we know of). Please continue to pray every day.

As we pray for an end to abortion, we also need to pray for those who have experienced abortion. "Norma" tells her story:

It was 45 years ago in Los Angeles when I was 16. My boyfriend forced me to lay with him. Soon after I found out I was pregnant. I found myself angry, sad, and desperate to do something -- I can't be pregnant! I cried, I hated myself for this, I hated him for this! I could not keep it, I'm too young, I had to do something about this!

I was given an address to a clinic in Glendale, CA to get an abortion. I was told it's legal, safe and easy. I walked into this very cold sterile clinic. Sitting were about 10 women. There was no eye contact. I reminded myself, I have to do this! After that day, I began to use abortion as a means of birth control as it was clearly listed that way.

Fast forward 25 years later, I started to experience, depression, anxiety, migraine headaches which lasted for weeks at a time, back aches, and ER trips for pain injections. I was miserable. It was a dark period in my life, not knowing why. The pain and self-hatred were too much. I thought my husband and my kids would be better off without me. All I could do is think of wanting to die. I also felt I was no longer a Christian due to these dark thoughts.

I heard a woman speak at a pro-life event. As she shared her story I felt as if she was describing me! I took information about the abortion recovery group. I took a step of faith and went to the confidential group. That night God healed me and I no longer experience any of that pain I had in the past. I am healed, forgiven & set free!

Because of God's forgiveness, love & healing, and the promise of Heaven, I will one day see Mathew, Mark, Luke, Heaven, Faith & Hope -- my 6 children in heaven. And for that I will be Silent no more!

(from SilentNoMoreAwareness.org)

If you know someone hurting after abortion, let them know they can find healing and hope through Project Rachel (216-334-2966) or Bethesda The House of Mercy (1-800-482-4100), or they can visit hopeafterabortion.com.

Every Thursday through March 21st, St. Julie Billiart parishioners will be praying at the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Bedford Heights from 12noon to 1pm. The facility is located at 25350 Rockside Rd. Parking is available across the street at Cannon Beverage. God uses our peaceful, prayerful presence -- at the very place where children are being killed -- to change hearts and save lives! Meet at the St. Julie large parking lot at 11:15am.

Also, on Thursdays from 12noon to 1pm, a Rosary Hour for Life will be held at St. Julie Billiart in the church. Join with fellow parishioners in the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle to pray for an end to abortion in conjunction with the ongoing Prayer Vigil at the abortion facility.

Another great opportunity for prayer is each Wednesday, the St. Julie Billiart Rosary Group will pray the Rosary at the church at 1:00pm, followed by Eucharistic Adoration from 2-5pm.

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 and return at 1:45 PM. 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.

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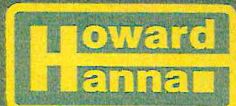
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