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September 17, 2023

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Julie Billiart is a welcoming Roman Catholic community that deepens our personal relationship with Jesus Christ by worshipping together, reaching out to others and building up the Kingdom of God.



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

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.

*From the desk of Fr. Bob...***Dear Parishioners**

It was a week ago Wednesday (a day after bulletin cut off time for last week's bulletin) **the Parish Councils of St. Peter and St. Julie Parish met at St. Peter Parish for a joint meeting.** It was a fruitful and hope-filled gathering. I was able to share the joys and challenges of being pastor of two parishes. I commented on the many ways that our parishes have been cooperating in doing God's work and the new ways we are doing this in 2023-2024.

I also commented on some of the challenges of pastoring two parishes. In pastoring two parishes, Bishop Malesic asked me to work smarter but not necessarily harder. I am still learning that art. And by God's grace, I'll get better at it. In the meantime I am grateful for the support staff of both parishes. Amy Gaffney, Pat Hoffman (the bookkeeper and secretary of St. Julie Parish), Suzanne Snyder, Kelly Reed, Greg Dubecky, and others have been a great help in me taking over the reins here. And the staff of St. Peter Parish, Chris Stefanek, Sandy Pawlak, Regina Wojciechowski, Cheryle Koberna and others have made the load lighter at St. Peter's.

During the meeting we had a fruitful discussion of what people want to see. Both parishes feel the need to engage younger generations. We recognize that our young adults, high school teens and elementary students (because their parents are the young adults not around church environment) are missing from Mass and other church activities. I pray that by God's grace and our labors, we can connect with these younger generations.

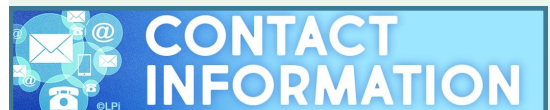
We started three adult education programs in this last week. During this year of parish level Eucharistic Revival, around **35 adults have gathered for a book study of Bishop Robert Barron's book *This is My Body*.** I pray that the knowledge gained, and the material discussed deepen our understanding and devotion to Christ in the Eucharist. This program is being held at St. Peter Parish. The next book study for this Year of Eucharistic Revival will be at St. Julie Parish. The second program that we began was ***Discovering Christ*. This was the first time we hosted the program at St. Julie Parish.** There was a group of 35 people made up of parishioners from both parishes, as well as others who were simply curious. The third program we commenced this week was our ***Reach More* discipleship training program. Again, both St. Julie and St. Peter parishes were represented in this more intensive training process.**

This is Catechetical Sunday. Fr. Isidore will be here to bless Kelly Reed and the St. Julie PSR teachers. We pray that our young people come to understand and embrace the Catholic faith, heeding the voice of Christ above all other voices.

Finally, our gospel reading is a story that illustrates one of the petitions of the Our Father: *forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.* Jesus' story shows us what it means to ask God to forgive us the way we forgive those who offend us. We cannot withhold forgiveness from others if we want to be forgiven by God. This is challenging. Perhaps these three things can help. First, when St. Paul speaks of forgiveness, he told the Ephesians to *forgive,*

as the Lord has forgiven you. Like the man in the story, we can experience God's forgiveness first. We need to be then quick to forgive those who have offended us. Secondly, we need to remember that forgiveness begins with a decision. We choose to forgive before we have feelings of compassion. Finally, we need to remember that forgiving those who have offended us does not always mean that the relationship will be reestablished. The offending party must acknowledge their offensive behavior and ask for forgiveness.

In Christ,
Fr. Bob Franco



COMING SOON, online scheduling for counters, ushers, and servers. Anyone serving this capacity should have received an email in the past few days concerning online scheduling. If you did not, please email (preferred) or call office so we can get your email added to the list. Thank you.

Weird Emails from Fr. Bob?

Some St. Julie parishioners have received emails purportedly from me asking them to give me gift cards for my staff, a needy person or for myself. **THOSE EMAILS ARE NOT FROM ME.** Someone is using my name to try to rip-off St. Julie parishioners. Please do not respond to those emails. If you have any questions, please call the office at St. Julie Parish (440-327-1978) or St. Peter Parish (440-327-2201). Thank you.



"Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?" Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart." - Mt 18:33-35

Religious Education

PSR-Parish School of Religion

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

2023-2024 PSR Registration

PSR will be Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Please go online to the PSR website to register. **After August 1st a late fee applies.**

Mass Intentions for the Week

- Sept. 16 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Basil Crimaldi (Dennis Jufko)
- Sept. 17 Sunday 9:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Frank Jr. & Jim Valenta (Agnes Valenta)
- Sept. 18 Monday 5:30 p.m. Ileen Sroka (Family & Friends)
- Sept. 20 Wednesday 5:30 p.m. Grandparents of Agnes Klimkowicz
- Sept. 22 Friday 5:30 p.m. All Souls
- Sept. 23 Saturday 5:00 p.m. James Nolan (Jim & Peg Nolan)
- Sept. 24 Sunday 9:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Fred Curylo (Bob Gazer)



III Vincent Scarpelli and Nicole Spaetzel

The Week Ahead

- Sat.** Men's Breakfast, St. Peter's Book Study, 10-11:30, St. Peter
- Sun.** Praise & Worship Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- Mon.** Discovering Christ, 6:15-8:30
- Wed.** Rosary, 1:00 Church
- Sat.** Book Study, 10-11:30, St. Peter

Coming Events

- September 24** - Open House, PSR Grades 1-7, after 11:00 Mass Grade 8, 7:00 p.m.
- September 27** - Walk W/Mom's Welcome Circle
- September 28** - Crockpot Pick-up
- October 1** - Blood Drive PSR Mass
- October 8** - PSR Class

The First Friday Forum of Lorain County

will present Fr. Lukas Laniauskas SJ on Friday, October 6. Lunch begins at 11:30 and speaker at 12:00 at the Spitzer Conference Center of Lorain County Community College, 1005 N. Abbe Rd., Elyria. Reservations need to be received by 6:00 Monday, October 2. Call 440-213-2132 or email ffflorain@gmail.com. Cost is \$25.

Catholic Communication Campaign

This campaign engages and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Cleveland Diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your helps spread the gospel message!



the health of, and caregivers of: Ana Kovacs, Daniel DeLaat, Gloria Schaefer, John Homola, son of Mary Ann Homola Dolores Rivera, Bob Jirousek, Fr. Richard Gonser, Carter Evard, grandson of Jim & Joanne Carter, Fr. George, Debijo Lamb, June Kearney, Nancy Francway, Mary Begany, Barb Vrtachnik, Jim Carter, Lola Cook, Mary Lee, Terry Flanagan, Carol Polak, Jean Rasmussen, Kathleen Sobczak, JoAnne Bellomo, and the Regula family; for our men & women in uniform; our firefighters, police, doctors & nurses; for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate & religious life.

St. Julie's Blood Drive
Sunday, October 1
9:00 - 12:30
At St. Julie's

Please eat before you donate. Bring a photo ID and a list of any medications you take. To make an appointment and earn reward points, go to Vitalant.org and search with Blood Drive Code: U1086

**Because of you,
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Create an appointment in the Vitalant app and come donate in October for a chance to win **1 of 5 \$3,000 prepaid gift cards.**



Music by Sanctuary
Sunday, Sept. 17
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
St. Julie Billiart Church






Parish Stewardship

Sept. 10:.....	\$5839
Online Giving:.....	\$505
School Subsidy:.....	\$115
Capital Improvement:.....	\$205
Net Offertory:.....	\$6664
In Person Mass Attendance:.....	362
St. Julie's Ukraine Collection.....	\$1837

News & Events

Ministers Schedule

Sat, Sept. 16, 5:00 Rec	Sun, Sept. 17, 9:00	11:00
S-Chris Vacca	John Burghard	Kathleen McWeeny
L-Jessica Angelo	Cindy Naprestek	Mark LaLonde
EM-Chris Vacca	Kristine Krejsa	D. Schiffbauer
Greg Dubecky	John Burghard	Kathleen McWeeny
Joanne Carter 	Nick Modock 	Joe Kotarsky 

Sat, Sept. 23, 5:00 Rec	Sun, Sept. 17, 9:00	11:00
S-Chris Vacca	Suzanne Snyder	Not Filled
L-Linda Vasiloff	Ken Allen	Lisa Palazzo
EM-Agnes Klimkowicz	Barb Arguello	Denise Pastula
Chris Vacca 	Suzanne Snyder 	Not Filled
Ted Laponi 	Nick Modock 	Joe Kotarsky 

Ukrainian Welcome Circle Needs Your Help

Household Items: You can now sign up to help furnish the family's residence. Please visit <https://signup.com/go/EjyWTbL> or scan this Code to sign up to donate the needed items. Once you sign up, a member of the Welcome Circle will contact you regarding drop-off instructions.

Monetary Donations: In addition to using the envelopes at the doors of the church for cash or check made payable to "St. Julie & St. Peter UWC", GoFundMe can now be used to make a donation: Help Young Ukrainian Family to Start a New Life <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-ukrainian-family-to-start-a-new-life>



More Info: Visit our web page at www.stpeternr.org/ukrainian-welcome-circle for more info or submit your questions to welcomecircle23nr@gmail.com.



Ukrainian Welcome Circle

THANK YOU to all who donated to the Ukrainian Welcome Circle during our second collection last weekend! Your gifts are very much appreciated as we work towards setting up a home for the family. If you were unable to give on the weekend, you can always give in one of the following ways: see the paragraph above or use one of the Ukraine envelopes that are in the vestibule.

Browns Squares

The Browns Squares have all been emailed out. If you are participating in the Browns Squares and did not receive them in your email inbox last week, please contact Dean Morrison at 440 670-3479.

Whenever you stand up to pray, you must forgive what others have done to you. Then your Father in heaven will forgive your sins. -Mk. 11:25-26

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Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Training

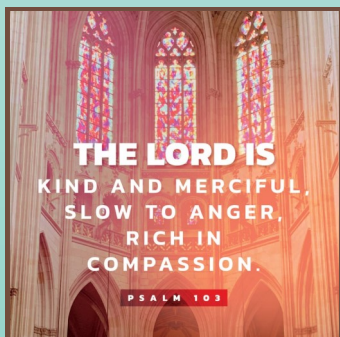
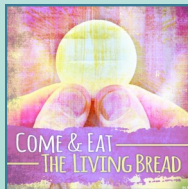
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Diocesan Training is taking place this fall. If you are interested in distributing Holy Communion at Mass, to the homebound or the Nursing Homes, please contact one of the priests or the parish office no later than **October 1st**.

You can help save lives -- The 40 Days for Life Fall 2023 Campaign is coming!

From September 27th to November 5th, we will join with people around the world in prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil, and community outreach to end abortion at the local level. With the attempt to enshrine abortion in the Ohio Constitution this November, prayer to end abortion is as important as ever! By the grace of God, 40 Days for Life campaigns have seen a stunning track record of life-saving results since launching in 2007, including 23,525 lives saved from abortion, the conversion of 251 abortion workers, 145 abortion facilities closing, and many women and men starting on the road to healing from past abortions! Please watch the bulletin in the coming weeks and visit www.40daysforlife.com for details. If you'd like local email updates during the 40 Days for Life, send an email to jaydee40days@gmail.com. Trusting that "with God all things are possible," people of faith around the world are praying that this effort will help bring an end to the tragedy of abortion!

Taking Communion to Nursing Homes

The nursing home ministry is in need of a Eucharistic Minister to distribute Communion at the North Ridge facility on the fourth Wednesday of the month following St. Peter's 8:15 a.m. Mass. We are also in need of three Eucharistic ministers to distribute Communion at The Avenue following St. Julie's 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Please contact the parish office if you would be willing to help.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT ISSUE 1



What is Issue 1?

Issue 1 is a proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution that would endanger the health and safety of women, threaten parental rights, and allow for abortion through all nine months of pregnancy. Ohioans will vote on November 7, 2023, whether to make this change to the Ohio Constitution.

What would Issue 1 do?

Put women at risk:

- **Health and safety standards in Ohio could be eliminated.** Doctors could no longer need to examine a woman or explain the risks of the abortion procedure ahead of time.

Threaten parental rights:

- **A fifteen-year-old could have an abortion without her parents knowing.** Current Ohio law requires parental notification and consent before a child under 18 can obtain an abortion. These parental right protections could be removed as they directly conflict with the amendment which would allow all individuals, including minors, to make their own reproductive decisions.

Allow for abortions of fully formed babies:

- **Abortion would be legal through all 9 months of pregnancy.** Physicians at an abortion clinic could use a woman's age or emotional well-being as a reason to perform an abortion in the 3rd trimester.

See "[Where Does it Say That?](#)" for specific information.

Would abortion be illegal in Ohio if Issue 1 does not pass?

If Issue 1 does not pass, abortion would still be legal in Ohio until a baby's heartbeat can be detected. This standard was challenged in court and placed on hold, allowing for abortions up to 22 weeks as of September 15, 2023. Current laws that protect the safety of women and parental rights would stay in effect.

Doesn't Issue 1 simply restore Ohio back to when Roe v. Wade was in effect?

Issue 1 goes dangerously beyond what was legalized in the Roe v. Wade ruling. It opens the door to remove important health and safety measures that protect women, threatens parental consent and notification of any minor seeking an abortion, and allows for abortion through all nine months of pregnancy.

Will miscarriage care or ectopic pregnancy treatment be denied if Issue 1 fails?

The passing or failure of Issue 1 will have no effect on the care a pregnant woman receives when her life is in danger, even if the treatment results in the loss of life of her unborn child. There is a fundamental difference between an elective abortion and the care provided after a miscarriage. In the case of an ectopic pregnancy, the life-affirming option is to surgically remove the mother's fallopian tube in which the embryo has implanted. No law restricts this care in Ohio or any other state in the country.

How is the Church helping pregnant women in need?

For decades, numerous Catholic social service agencies, in collaboration with faith-based and secular organizations, have assisted pregnant women in need with material resources and personal accompaniment during pregnancy and after their child is born. Project Rachel helps those struggling post-abortion. Every woman should be able to depend upon a community for support and the Catholic Church remains committed to woman in need.

[Learn more: ohiocathconf.org](http://ohiocathconf.org)

What is the Church doing to protect life and defeat Issue 1?

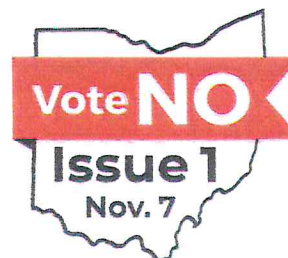
Each diocese in Ohio is working together, through the Catholic Conference of Ohio, to help Catholics understand the dangers of Issue 1 to women, parents, and life. We are also part of the Protect Women Ohio coalition to let all voters know Issue 1 is harmful for Ohioans.

What can I do to help defeat Issue 1?

1. PRAY & Fast
2. EDUCATE Yourself and TELL OTHERS about the dangers of Issue 1
3. Register & VOTE NO on Issue 1

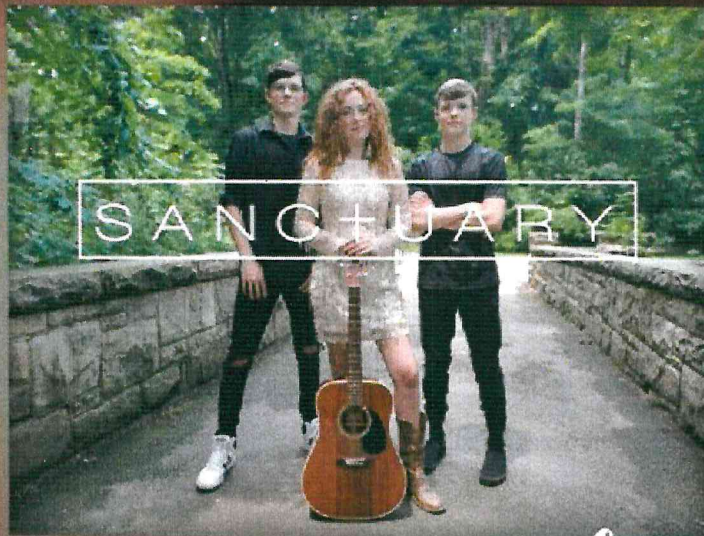
Where can I learn more?

Read the full text of the proposed change to the Ohio Constitution and learn about the concerning language that puts women at risk, threatens parental rights, and allows for abortions through all nine months of pregnancy:



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["Where Does It Say That?"](#)

Or visit
www.ohiocathconf.org/protect



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