

St. Julie Billiart Catholic Church



“FOR TODAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID A SAVIOR HAS BEEN BORN FOR YOU WHO IS CHRIST AND LORD.” — LK 2:11

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

From the desk of Fr. Bob...

Dear Parishioners,

Christmas is a holiday that affects everyone, whether they like it or not. Some people turn into Scrooges during this season. Other people become more childlike. Still other people wistfully wish for peace on earth, while others become nostalgic.

Christmas is a religious event that affects just about every other aspect of life, from the economy, to travel plans, eating habits, house decorating and even our choice of clothing. Some people resent the fact that this holiday changes so many things. Other people welcome the change. And perhaps most people have not reflected deeply enough about why this holiday makes such a difference.

I recently came across this quote by Msgr. Ronald Knox, a 20th century English priest and theologian. It is taken from the beginning of a letter he wrote.

When I saw you yesterday, you told me that you did not see any reason why you should have your house turned upside down just because it was Christmas. I have been thinking of your remark ever since, and the more I think of it, the less sense I can find in it. What is Christmas, from start to finish, but things being turned upside down? (Originally published in *The Tablet*, a British publication, in 1937.)

The more I thought about Msgr. Knox's statement, the more I agree with him. **Ultimately, Christmas changes many things because it has changed human history and human destiny.** The coming of Jesus Christ has set people on a different trajectory. **This is worthy of turning our house upside down, for it has turned our lives right side up!**

One would have thought that the original Christmas should have been completely lost to history. A young, poor couple was ordered by the mighty Roman Empire to leave the nondescript Galilean village of Nazareth (*Can anything good come from Nazareth?* John 1:46) in order to register for a census in the small town of faded glory called Bethlehem. With no room in the inn, they ended up in a stable.

The *Pax Romana* (the peace of the Roman Empire), which permeated the areas around the Mediterranean Sea, was maintained through martial law, taxes, and military presence. For the conquered, this peace was more of a burden than a blessing.

However, the birth of Jesus, as obscure and humble as it gets, was accompanied by signs and wonders. Angels rang in his birth to stunned shepherds. The Magi, guided by a star and assisted by the religious leaders of Jerusalem, sought out this child. And though Herod worked to snuff out his infant life, Joseph, inspired by an angel, fled to Egypt.

We know the rest of the story. Jesus of Nazareth, stepping out of obscurity at the age of 30, revealed God's love and plan through deeds of power, acts of compassion, words of truth and a sacrifice beyond all description. **He changed our hearts** by bringing us forgiveness. **He changed our relationships** by showing us how to love. And **He changed our destiny** by rising from the dead, backing up his promise of eternal life to those who follow him.

As we celebrate Christmas, let us rejoice in the reason that we have for turning everything upside down. In truth, **it is the person of Jesus Christ who makes life worth living.** Amid the stresses, problems, trials and tragedies of our world, Christ makes life worth living. I pray that the hope He brings us not be quenched by the problems of our time. Instead, by the power of the Holy Spirit, may we share with others the reason for our hope (1 Peter 3:15). **By our lived faith we will be light in the darkness and an instrument of peace in our world.**

May the blessings of the Newborn King be with you and your loved ones.

In Christ,
Fr. Bob Franco

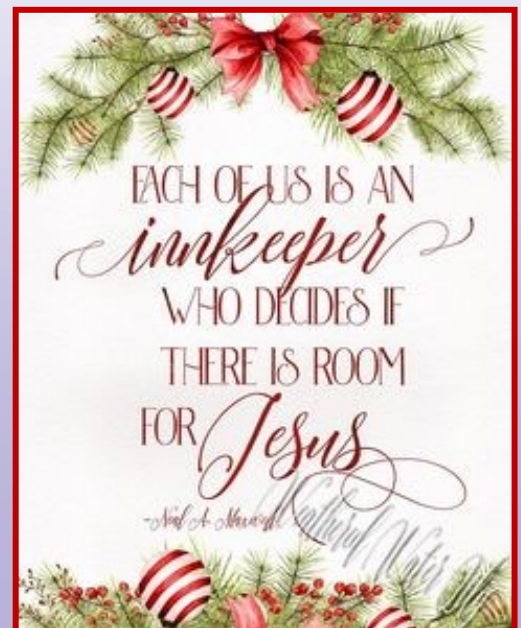
Mass Schedule for Christmas and New Years

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - Sunday, December 24
5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day - Monday, December 25
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

New Year's Day - Monday, January 1
11:00 a.m.



Religious Education

PSR-Parish School of Religion

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Dec. 23	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Kenneth Guerra (Richard & Elaine Galik)
Dec. 24	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
		11:00 a.m.	Linda LaLonde (Family)
		5:00 p.m.	Snyder & Walters Families (Family)
		10:00 p.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
Dec. 25	Monday	9:00 a.m.	Dennis Payne (Elaine Payne)
		11:00 a.m.	Phyllis Harstine (Robert Brooks)
Dec. 27	Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Carl Kessler (Marian Kessler)
Dec. 29	Friday	5:30 p.m.	All Souls
Dec. 30	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Mary O'Malley (Jim & Peg Nolan)
Dec. 31	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
		11:00 a.m.	Jeannie Frameli (James Frameli)
Jan. 1	Monday	11:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners



the health of, and caregivers of:

Chuck Smick, Jeff Kohl, son of Mary Anne Schwarzwaldner, Emily Jirousek, granddaughter of Bob & Mary Ann Jirousek, Lincoln Nye, Marian Kessler, Carter Evard, grandson of Jim & Joanne Carter, Christian Hoffman, nephew of Pat, Cathy Sliter, Daniel DeLaat, Tom Kubiak, Mae Preiss, mother of Sandy Zanick, Paul & Ana Kovacs, Dolores Rivera, Bob Jirousek, Fr. George, Debijo Lamb, June Kearney, 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.

Women's Breakfast

Our next Women's Fellowship Breakfast will be on January 13th at St. Julie's from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. Join us for a delicious breakfast and to hear from Deacon Ken DeLuca. To ensure enough seating and food is prepared, please RSVP by January 8th at our website: <https://www.stpeternr.org/womens-ministry>. If you prefer, you can call 440-327-2201 and we will get you registered.



Men's Breakfast

Please join us for the St Julie & St Peter Men's Fellowship breakfast on Saturday January 20th 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 am. So we have an idea of how much food to prepare please RSVP by sending an email to sjspbreakfast@gmail.com by January 15th.

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.

Book Study

The second of our book studies during this year of the Parish Eucharistic Revival begins January 6th and will run for 5 weeks. It will be held at St. Julie's at 10:00 a.m. We will be reading the book *Real Presence - What Does It Mean and Why Does It Matter?* by Timothy P. O'Malley. We have books available for \$15 each unless you prefer to order your own. For more details and to register, please visit our website at <https://www.stpeternr.org/eucharist-book-study-real-presence>. The reading plan will be provided at a later date.

Ministers Schedule

<p><u>Sat, Dec 23, 5:00 Rec</u> S-Beth Paoloni L-Cindy Naprestek EM-Ceil Morrison Beth Paoloni <u>Not Filled</u> 🍷</p>	<p><u>Sun, Dec. 24, 9:00</u> Kathleen McWeeny Amy Shealy Tom Lamoda Kathleen McWeeny Jim Livingston 🍷</p>	<p><u>11:00 a.m.</u> Beth Paoloni <u>Not Filled</u> Barb Arguello Beth Paoloni <u>Not Filled</u> 🍷</p>
<p><u>Ushers</u> U-Nick Guerrieri U-Sue Dybowski</p>	<p><u>Ushers</u> Jim Gaffney <u>Not Filled</u></p>	<p><u>Ushers</u> Gene Schwarzwaldner Hung Lee</p>
<p><u>Sun, Dec 24, 5:00 Rec</u> S-Suzanne Snyder L-Gloria Hearn EM-Agnes Klimkowicz Denise Pastula Suzanne Snyder <u>Not Filled</u> Deacon John 🍷 Ted Lapponi</p>	<p><u>10:00 p.m.</u> John Burghard Kelly Reed John Burghard Jim Livingston Suzanne Snyder <u>Not Filled</u> 🍷 <u>Not Filled</u> 🍷</p>	<p><u>Christmas Eve</u></p>
<p><u>Ushers</u> U-<u>Not Filled</u> U-<u>Not Filled</u></p>	<p><u>Ushers</u> <u>Not Filled</u> <u>Not Filled</u></p>	
<p><u>Mon, Dec 25, 9:00</u> S-Kathleen McWeeny L-Cindy Naprestek EM-Tom Lamoda Ray Sharron Kathleen McWeeny <u>Not Filled</u> <u>Not Filled</u> <u>Not Filled</u> 🍷</p>	<p><u>11:00 a.m.</u> Beth Paoloni Mark LaLonde Beth Paoloni <u>Not Filled</u> Chris Snyder 🍷</p>	<p><u>Christmas Day</u></p>
<p><u>Ushers</u> U-Jim Gaffney U-<u>Not Filled</u></p>	<p><u>Ushers</u> Sue Dybowski <u>Not Filled</u></p>	<p><u>Ushers</u> <u>Not Filled</u> <u>Not Filled</u></p>
<p><u>Sat, Dec 30, 5:00 Rec</u> S-Beth Paoloni L-Kathleen McWeeny EM-Jim Nolan Greg Dubecky Beth Paoloni 🍷</p>	<p><u>Sun, Dec. 31, 9:00</u> <u>Not Filled</u> Ken Allen Tom Lamoda Ray Sharron Jim Livingston 🍷</p>	<p><u>11:00 a.m.</u> Mike Yarosh Cindy Naprestek Barb Arguello Mike Yarosh Joe Kotarsky 🍷</p>



News & Events

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-circle

for more info or submit your questions to welcomecircle23nr@gmail.com. **Thank you** for your prayers, labor, monetary support and other donations.



Super Bowl Squares

The St. Julie and St. Peter Ukrainian Welcome Circle is happy to announce the release of our Super Bowl Squares for the game on February 11, 2024. Squares will be \$25 each and numbers will rotate each quarter with the winners of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarters along with the final score taking home \$250 each!

If you are interested or have any questions please contact Dean Morrison at (440-670-3479) or email me at morrison3827@gmail.com

Make checks payable to "St. Julie and St. Peter UWC". Send to Dean Morrison, 33483 Lyons Gate Run Avon, Ohio 44011. We are hoping that everyone will share this with family and friends as it's so much fun when others play along too. Thank You in advance. Merry Christmas and Good Luck.

Melt Fund

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Melt Dine to Donate fund raiser. The marketing staff and General Manager said the following: "It was our pleasure to welcome your supporters yesterday!" They also said that "the Dine to Donate was very well attended!" Through your generosity we raised a little over \$200 for the St. Julie and St. Peter Ukrainian Welcome Circle. Thank you again and we are very grateful for your support!

Congratulations To Our Browns Squares Winners: Weeks 8 - 13

Week 8

Cindy Bacisin
Barb Pavelschak
Michelle Durbin
Paul Siegfried

Week 10

Georgia Zambataro
Patty Straub
Ron Hickin
Ed Hurst

Week 12

Ed Hurst
Marcia Harmych
Carol Straub
Kevin Fentner

Week 9

Michelle Durbin
David Fentner
Dorothy Heller
Dorothy Heller

Week 11

Georgia Zambataro
Kit Pontius
Corey Callahan
Ed Hurst

Week 13

Tom Schroer
Donnie Schiffbauer
Kit Pontius
Lindsey Fentner



Flowers & Decorations 2023

Carol Abraham

Nicole Abraham
Iver & Mary Sorensen

Mark & Jess Angelo

Ken & Ursula Adams
Virginia Lah, Mario Scafuro
Patricia & Ron Grzybowski

Barb Arguello

Nick Arguello
Ev and Helene Hungerford

John & Cindy Bacisin

Ann & Sam Tacchite,
Helen Gebura & Family
Dolores & Andy Bacisin

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Paul A. Bobak

Paul & Karen Campbell

Carl & Rose Zofchak
Paul & Rose Terchick

Jim & Joanne Carter

Marie & Fred Schneider
Eleanore & George Carter
David Kelly

Richard Ciocca

Sandra Ciocca

Judy Cummings

Cummings & Pfeil families

Bob & Kathy Esper

Don, Goldie, Donny Kondik
Angel Baby

Terry & Ann Marie Flanagan

William & Eleanor Flanagan
Leonard & Mary Ann Chapek
Kenneth Chapek, Bruce Alexander
Daniel Siegfried

Mary Lou Fontecchio

Jack Fontecchio
David Fontecchio
Diane Crawford

Tony Frameli

James & Jennie Frameli
Tony & Josephine Frameli
Joe & Ann Sumago

Francway Family

Angela C. Francway
Vitko & Francway Families

Patti Friedel

Patti & (Rick) Friedel & Family
Richard & Martha Friedel & Fam.
Edward & Ann Deeb & Family

Lynn Frisbie

Hugh Frisbie
Dorothy Philman

Jim & Amy Gaffney

Jim & Mary Gaffney
Nick & Mary Gestrich

Richard & Elaine Galik

Galik & Guerra Families

Bob Gazer

Patricia Gazer

Carol Gosselin

Richard "Dick" Gosselin
Daniel Klamert (Brother)

William & Donna Grabe

Deceased Grabe & Pollo Family
Deceased Lewis & Kosiba Family

Ed Harstine

Phyllis Harstine
Jerry & Diane Soukup

Harriet Halvin

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Mrs. Vicki Owoc
Mr. Gary Halvin

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Robert & Helen Hearn

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Ken Shaw

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Joe Kearney

Marian Kessler

Carl Kessler, Jr.

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Kovacs Family
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Anna & Norma Krejsa
Edward Smith
Robert Schemel



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Alvarez Family

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Dolores Snyder, Frances Walters
Anne Snyder , Jeanne Kovach

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Linda LaLonde
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& Friends Living & Deceased

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