

#### 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.



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

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 Parishioner.

I asked you for prayers in last week's bulletin. Now I simply want to thank you. Prayer is the fuel of ministry, and I was well fueled for the presentations I gave at Theology on the Rocks, the Our Lady of Angels prayer group and the seminary presentation to a small group of post-graduate students. Again, thank you!

This last Tuesday, Fr. Isidore and I joined around 200 priests in the Diocese of Cleveland for the one day convocation that the Diocese of Cleveland sponsors every other year. (The even years are those years that we gather for 3 days.) Dan Cellucci, a Catholic layman who heads up the Catholic Leadership Institute, led us in some discussions about the future of the Catholic Church in Cleveland. This discussion will continue as we look to a future with fewer priests and the challenges of a social environment that has pushed God out of the public square.

At the end of the convocation, Dan Cellucci showed us this video he found on YouTube. It is part of an interview with the University of Oklahoma Woman's Softball Team. They had just completed an undefeated season and were the NCAA Champions for the second consecutive year. The question that the ESPN reporter asked dealt with how they dealt with the pressure of knowing that they were the team every other team wanted to beat. The answer that these women gave was surprising and very inspirational. Three of the young ladies witnessed to Christ. They were not anxious because they did not live to win softball games. They lived for Christ. Win or lose, they were His. To see this video go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sllq9K2elI8 or Google University of Oklahoma Woman's Softball Team witness.

May Christ give us the balance, perspective, and the courage to live for Him. Everything is put in proper order when He is first.

This week's readings describe the kingdom of heaven as a royal wedding banquet. From the book of the prophet Isaiah, we hear of a feast of rich food and pure, choice wines. It will take place on a mountain-a mountain on which God will destroy death forever. In light of the New Testament, we know that the mountain Isaiah prophesied about is really Calvary. It was there that Jesus Christ died and rose from the dead, breaking the bondage of death forever and promising us a seat at the eternal wedding banquet, where He will marry His Bride, the Church.

Our gospel reading reminds us that we are invited through the King's messengers to this banquet. However, we must respond! To ignore the invitation is an act of rebellion against the King. Yet in the parable, the invitation is met with indifference, misplaced priorities, or hostility!

And so it seems in our day: many people seem to be indifferent to Jesus Christ and the manner of life He gives us. I pray that all who read this column say "Yes" to Christ's invitation and spend their lives getting ready for the eternal wedding banquet. Part of that saying "Yes" is attentively and devoutly participating in the foretaste of that heavenly banquet: The Eucharist! May our "Yes" at Mass be echoed in the "Yes" we give to the Lord in our day to day lives.

In Christ, Fr. Bob Franco

#### Holy Land Gifts October 28 & 29

There will be a display of handmade articles for sale such as Nativity Scenes, Crucifixes, Rosaries, and many other beautiful religious items. Because of conflict in the region, many Christian families in Bethlehem are struggling to make ends meet. Holy Land Gifts represents over 150 Christian families who make a living by selling traditional olive wood handcrafts and religious articles. When you purchase one of these beautiful gifts, you are helping artisans in the Holy Land provide for their families who live and work with dignity in the region fraught with tension. Thank you for supporting this project to keep the Christians present in the Holy Land.

#### PSR Mass - October 29

St. Julie's is starting a new tradition, we are inviting all PSR students to dress up as a saint of their choice for the Mass. After Mass we are asking parents to provide candy for saintly dressed students. Please put the names of deceased relatives and/or friends on slips of paper. Each child will then be given a piece of candy and one slip of paper with one name on it. Parents will sit in a line down the hallway after Mass with their candy and papers. As the saints process through the line, a piece of paper and a piece of candy will be placed in each child's bag.

All Souls' Day is a day, November 2, to remember the souls of all who have died, but especially those who have not yet attained Heaven. Having a feast such as this may sound dismal, scary, or morbid, but it should not be. This feast should serve as a valuable reminder of who we are and what we are made for. It should also be a special day to fondly remember loved ones who are no longer with us.

#### Religious Education

PSR-Parish School of Religion

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

#### Mass Intentions for the Week

5:00 p.m. Anna Galik (Richard & Elaine Galik) Oct. 14 Saturday

9:00 a.m. Stephen Cromi (Alan & Barb Pavelschak) Oct. 15 Sunday

11:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiart Parishioners

Oct. 16 Monday 5:30 p.m. All Souls

Oct. 18 Wednesday 5:30 p.m. Nick Arguello (Barb Arguello) 5:30 p.m. Fred O'Malley (Jim & Peg Nolan) Oct. 20 Friday

5:00 p.m.  $50^{th}$  Wedding Anniversary Jim & Peg Nolan Oct. 21 Saturday

9:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiart Parishioners Oct. 22 Sunday

11:00 a.m. Mary Lou Jufko

Congratulations on your 40th Wedding Anniversary Ray & Maria Sharron And

50th Wedding Anniversary Jim & Peg Nolan

#### The Week Ahead

Sat./Sun. Blanket Sunday

Men's Cursillo Group, 6-8:30 Sun. Discovering Christ, 6:15-8:30 Mon.

Wed. Rosary, 1:00 Church

Thurs. 40 Days for Life Holy Hour,

Noon-1:00, Church

Sat. Men's Breakfast, St. Julie

#### Coming Events

October 26 - Crockpot Carry-Out October 28/29 - Priesthood Sunday Wood Carver Sale October 29 - PSR Mass, New Parishioner Breakfast, and Walking

with Moms in Need Workshop

November 5 - Fr. Bob's Installation Mass with Bishop Malesic presiding

#### ~ Attention PrimeTimers ~

I Am. He Said: A Celebration of Neil Diamond Starring Matt Vee & The Killer Vees, Sunday, November 19, 7:30 p.m., Stocker Center at Lorain County Community College. A Block of 20 tickets have been reserved in the Orchestra Section at \$35 per ticket. Let Sue Dybowski know by Friday, November 3, if you wish to attend. Contact Sue Dybowski at 419-350-1164 or at sadybowski2@gmail.com to attend the above events.

Walking with Mom's in Need

informational workshop will be held at St. Julies church on October 29th at 1:30-3:30. Our presenters, Tom and Mary Woods, are a married couple, who have lived this ministry for 14 years and served over 800 women. All are welcome to discover how God may be calling you to care for women who choose life in difficult circumstances. Any questions please call Ann Marie Flanagan 440-865-3506.

## PRAY FOR ...

the health of, and caregivers of: Daniel DeLaat, Gene Schwarzwalder, Tom Kubiak, Richard Tullos, friend of Don Moran, Mae Preiss, mother of Sandy Zanick, Paul & Ana Kovacs, Dolores Rivera, Bob Jirousek, Fr. Richard Gonser, Fr. George, Debijo Lamb, June Kearney, Nancy Francway, 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, and religious life.

#### eGiving with Faith Direct

This month we are introducing a new and exciting way for you to support our parish offertory and second collections: Faith Direct. Faith Direct enables parishioners to make your Church contributions through either direct debit from your checking/savings account or through your credit/debit card. No more writing checks or searching for envelopes on the way out the door. Now you can apply the convenience of direct debit to your parish offerings in much the same way as you may now use it to make your mortgage, car, or tuition payments.

Faith Direct also offers you personalized offertory cards to replace your envelopes for the collection basket. Please join me in enrolling by responding to the mailing you will receive.

#### Healing Prayer Teams

St. Julie's is hoping to offer opportunities for Healing Prayer after the weekend Masses. To do this, Healing Prayer Teams are needed. If you are interested in praying over people for healing, please contact Peg or Jim Nolan, 440-937-4833. Training will be provided before we begin.



#### Parish Stewardship

Oct. 8:	\$4953
Online Giving:	
School Subsidy:	
Capital Improvement:	
Net Offertory:	

In Person Mass Attendance: Thank you for sharing your blessings.

#### News & Events

Ministers Schedule		
Sat, Oct. 14,5:00 Rec S-Beth Paoloni L-Jessica Angelo EM-Jim Nolan Beth Paoloni Ted Lapponi	Sun, Oct. 15, 9:00 John Burghard Ken Allen Gretchen Bulan John Burghard Ray Sharron	11:00 Not Filled Cindy Naprestek Larry Rozman Leslie Rozman Joe Kotarsky
Sat,Oct.21,5:00 Rec S-Beth Paoloni L-Terry Flanagan EM-Beth Paoloni Agnes Klimkowicz Ted Lapponi	Sun, Oct. 22, 9:00 Suzanne Snyder Mark LaLonde Ray Sharron Suzanne Snyder John Burghard	11:00 Not Filled Kristine Krejsa Chris Snyder Denise Pastula Not Filled

Ukrainian Welcome Circle Needs Your Help
Household Items: You can now sign up to help furnish
the family's residence. Please visit <a href="https://signup.com/go/EjyWTbL">https://signup.com/go/EjyWTbL</a> 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 <a href="https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-ukrainian-family-to-start-a-new-life">https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-ukrainian-family-to-start-a-new-life</a>

More Info: Visit our web page at www.stpeternr.org/ukrainian-welcome-circle

for more info or submit your questions to welcomecircle23nr@gmail.com.

#### Welcome Circle Update

Big News! The St. Julie & St. Peter Welcome Circle has offered sponsorship to a family in Kyiv and they have accepted. The weekend of October 14/15, we will "introduce" our sponsored family, the Prymachovs, to our parish family.

We have filed our government forms and expect the family sometime in November.

If you have any questions, contact the Welcome Circle leaders. Cards with email in the back of church

Weekend Healing Retreat: Women suffering after an abortion are invited to a confidential, private healing retreat at Loyola Retreat House, just north of Canton. October 20-22, 2023. Encounter the mercy of the Lord through the sacraments, prayer and scripture. For more information, contact The Community of Jesus, the Living Mercy at 1-800-482-4100 or email at reachout@bethesdahouseofmercy.org

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#### Men's Breakfast

Please join us for the St. Julie & St. Peter Men's Fellowship breakfast on , October 21st @ 8:20 a.m. Breakfast will be served at St. Julie's in the Church. 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 a.m. So we have an idea of how much food to prepare please RSVP by sending an email to sjspbreakfast@gmail.com by October 16th.

#### Blanket Sunday "Covers" Many Needs

Next Weekend is Blanket Sunday, sponsored by the Diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society. When you make a financial donation, our money will go even further through bulk purchases of blankets and other items for the homeless and poor individuals in our own metropolitan area. You may also donate online at www.svdpcle.org. The Blanket Sunday envelopes are in the vestibule for everyone to use. Please be generous and help the less fortunate. Just drop the envelopes into the collection basket.

#### Free Books for Kids Ages 0-5

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Ohio mails kids one free book each month until their 5th birthday. Any child in Ohio between birth and age 5 is eligible for the program. Ohioimaginationlibrary.org



St. Peter School invites new families to attend our Pre-K & Kindergarten Information Night on either Wednesday, October 18 or Wednesday, November 29 in the school (35749 Center Ridge Rd. North Ridgeville). Parents will have the opportunity to meet the teachers, and learn more about our programs. Mark your calendar! Open enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year will begin at our New Family Open House on Sunday, January 28th. More information will be provided about the enrollment process when families attend the Information Night. Visit our school website at <a href="https://www.stpeterschoolnr.org">www.stpeterschoolnr.org</a>. We look forward to meeting your family soon to show you why

St. Peter School is the Difference!

The First Friday Forum of Lorain County will be present Bishop Edward Malesic at our luncheon on Friday, November 3. Lunch begins at 11:30 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 30. Call 440-213-2132 or email ffflorain@gmail.com. Cost is \$25.



# Introducing the Prymachov Family Currently Living in Kyiv

Oleksandr - has worked at Otis Elevator as an electrician and in construction

Iryna – studied Economics and worked in the Trade sector

Daria – 18 years old – taking online courses in economics, English, entrepreneurship, business, sociology etc.

Pavlo – 12 Years old in 7 grade and he likes sports

Judy is their 4 year old dog

We have filed the government forms that, when approved, will allow them to travel here. We are hoping for them to arrive by mid-November.

#### **Housing and Basic Family Needs**

- We have secured a house in Parma and will be getting it set up for their arrival
- We will be engaging the many folks who have signed up to volunteer. So, watch your emails.
- We will likely have additional items or needs and we will communicate those as soon as we know.

#### Language and Education

- We have a volunteer who has taught English as a second language for a long time. She has offered to work directly with the family.
- Daria (the daughter) will continue online course for now
- The team is working to determine Pavlo's school arrangements

#### We Still Need Your Help

If you are able to support us financially, use one of the following options:

- Cash/Check Donations made out to "St Julie & St Peter UWC" (can use the envelopes on the tables in Church)
- Faith Direct: https://membership.faithdirect.net/OH1061
- Go Fund Me <a href="https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-ukrainian-family-to-start-a-new-life">https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-ukrainian-family-to-start-a-new-life</a>
- Help us get the word out on social media. Share the GoFundMe information with your networks

#### **Questions & More Information**

For any questions or more information, please email: <a href="welcomecircle23nr@gmail.com">welcomecircle23nr@gmail.com</a>
Or visit the Welcome Circle Page of St Peter's website at: stpeternr.org/ukrainian-welcome-circle



### Week 3 Update

During the first two weeks of the 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign, there were 137 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. "Luana" tells her story:

I have had three abortions because I didn't think I had any other choices. When I went in for my abortions, I was told that I carried only a blob of tissue. I would later find out that it had been a lie. I remember lying on the cold table, with no anesthetic for the pain, staring at the ceiling, wishing I were someplace else. It seemed to last forever The pain was unbearable. Nothing could dull the pain in my heart and mind as I listened to the vacuum aspirator. I could hear by the increased labor of the suction machine when a part or limb of my baby was being extracted. When it was finished, I was sent to a waiting room with the other girls. I was given a cup of juice and told I could leave in 20 minutes if I felt alright. I had never felt worse, but I told them I felt fine because I just wanted out of there.

A part of me died that day as I realized I would never hold or see that child. I became angry and depressed. I started drinking heavily; doing drugs, and became very promiscuous. I got pregnant two more times and chose abortion each time. With each abortion, my addictions got worse. I even attempted suicide three times. My life was a mess and was spiraling out of control.

Years later, with the loving witness of my parents, I made a good choice. I received Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I later met and married a wonderful man. After trying to start a family, with no success, we learned I was infertile because of the abortions. Every day I live with the reality that the only children I will ever bear, I killed. The only way I have been able to live through this nightmare is that I have come to know my Lord Jesus Christ. He has forgiven me and set me free. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says... "Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature, the old things are passed away; behold new things have come."

There has never been a day that I don't regret the "choices" I made to have those abortions, or think about those three children and who they would have been. Abortion didn't solve my problems, it only created more. I want the world to know the harmful, horrible effects of abortion and how it destroys lives, so I WILL BE SILENT NO MORE. (from <u>SilentNoMoreAwareness.org</u>)

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.

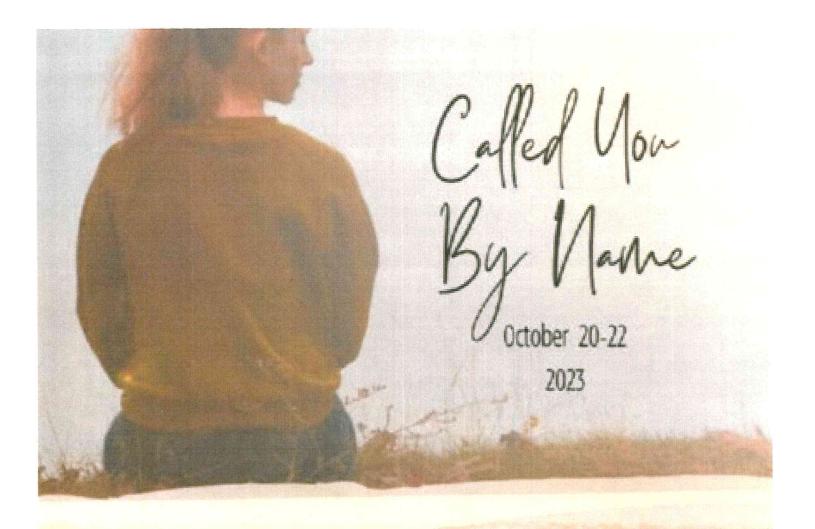
Every Thursday through November 2nd, St. Julie Billiart parishioners will be praying at the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Bedford Heights from 12noon to 1pm. The facility is located at 25350 Rockside Rd. Parking is available across the street at Cannon Beverage. God uses our peaceful, prayerful 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.

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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