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April 28, 2024

## 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.*



## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

**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 Parishioners,

The word "breakthrough" is most commonly associated with science. We have become somewhat used to hearing about scientific breakthroughs that improve our health, efficiency, and comfort. However, the most significant "breakthrough" for humanity took place almost 2000 years ago. The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the breakthrough that changed more than history. It changed our eternal destiny.

**Jesus Christ broke the bondages of sin and death. He is now the inexhaustible source of grace by which we are forgiven, healed, and given hope.** God's grace through Jesus Christ comes to us in many ways. However, the seven sacraments are sure and true channels of God's grace by which Christ applies the benefits of his ultimate break through.

During this week some of our parishioners will be experiencing the grace of the Holy Spirit through unrepeatable sacraments. First off, on Wednesday, May 1, Bishop Michael Woost will be at St. Peter Parish to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with almost fifty of our young people.

**Confirmation is an unrepeatable sacrament.** When the Bishop (or duly delegated priest) celebrates this sacrament, after he extends his hands and prays for the coming of the Holy Spirit, will anoint the forehead of each confirmand with Sacred Chrism and say, "Be sealed with the Holy Spirit."

Perhaps the image one has with the word "sealed" is that of an envelope being sealed shut. **A better image of confirmation would be that of paper being pressed with an embossed stamping device.** That device would leave a raised imprint (also called a seal) on the paper. It cannot be washed off or even effectively ironed out. The paper would always have that "seal" on it.

**So it is with Confirmation.** When a person receives the sacrament of Confirmation, they have a special imprinting of the Holy Spirit on their soul that gives them ready access to the Holy Spirit and His gifts. Please pray that our newly Confirmed youth, and truly all the Church's Confirmed, would live their lives more deeply in the Spirit.

**Holy Orders is another unrepeatable Sacrament.** To be ordained is to be ordained for life. There are three degrees in the Sacrament of Holy Orders: Deacon, Priest, and Bishop. Each degree of Holy Orders conforms a man to Christ for the service of the Church as she seeks to fulfill the mission of Jesus Christ.

**This year St. Julie Parishioner Rev. Mr. Ken DeLuca will be celebrating 20 years of service as a permanent deacon.** On May 22, 2002, Deacon Ken was ordained to the permanent diaconate for the Diocese of Cleveland and has served at St. Julie Parish for those twenty years. As a permanent deacon in our diocese, Deacon Ken was ordained to preach, celebrate the sacraments of baptism and marriage, and serve in a variety of other ways. Though officially retired, Deacon Ken still assists our parish. We are very grateful for his ministry over the years. I personally am grateful for his sage like advice as I became pastor of St. Julie Parish. He told me, *Remember, you will be no good to anyone if you do not take care of yourself.* May I learn to practice this!

Finally, I want to express my gratitude to our second graders who made their First Holy Communion this Saturday, April 27. God's blessings to you and your families on this important day. **Holy Communion is a "repeatable" sacrament.** The Eucharist is the way we can encounter Jesus Christ most fully on our earthly journey to our heavenly homeland. Jesus in the Eucharist is to be our abiding consolation and nourishment as we seek to do God's will on earth.

**Again, congratulations to our First Communicants and their families.** We pray that Jesus Christ be your strength each and every day. We also pray that you are able to come to Mass frequently and receive Holy Communion often.

In Christ,  
Fr. Bob Franco

## Attention PrimeTimers

We will be attending the Crushers Baseball Game on Wednesday, May 29, at 1:05 p.m. Twenty tickets at \$8 per ticket have been obtained for the group. Those interested will meet for lunch at 11:00 a.m. at Fiesta Habaneros across the street from the ballpark. Contact Sue Dybowski at [sadybowski2@gmail.com](mailto:sadybowski2@gmail.com) or at 419-350-1164 to reserve your tickets. A \$5 per person fee to join Prime Timers will be charged if you are not already a member of the group and will entitle you to membership in the group through August of 2025.

## Donations Needed!!!

St. Julie's Confirmation candidates will be Confirmed at St. Peter's on Wednesday, May 1st. It is a tradition at St. Peter's to have a reception for the families after the Confirmation Mass. In order to make this a success, we are in need of parishioners from both parishes to donate appetizers for this reception. If you are able to donate an appetizer, please email Megan Thaxton - [mfougie22@yahoo.com](mailto:mfougie22@yahoo.com) by April 28th. Thank you in advance for your donations.

## Religious Education

**PSR-Parish School of Religion**

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



the health of, and caregivers of:  
Lisa Ramsey, daughter of Tony Frameli, Barbara Dodge, sister of Bernice Cusick, Elaine Payne, Carly Guerra, Agnes Valenta, Louise Alexander, Kennedy Smith, granddaughter of Dottie Heller, Marian Kessler, Jeff Kohl, son of Mary Anne Schwarzwald, Christian Hoffman, nephew of Pat, Daniel DeLaat, Dolores Rivera, Bob Jirousek, Barb Vrtachnik, Terry Flanagan, 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.

Please call the office to add a name to the Prayer List, the name will stay for one month. Call the office to renew or add names to the list.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Apr. 27 Saturday 11:00 a.m. First Holy Communion  
5:00 p.m. St. Julie Billiart Parishioners  
Apr. 28 Sunday 9:00 a.m. Helen Gebura (Cindy Bacisin)  
11:00 a.m. Denise Hearn (Dan & Gloria Hearn)  
Apr. 29 Monday 5:30 p.m. Donald Regula (Roseann Regula)  
May 1 Wednesday 5:30 p.m. Linda LaLonde (LaLonde Family)  
May 3 Friday 5:30 p.m. Judy Flanagan (Malbasa Family)  
May 4 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Winnie Smick (Chuck Smick)  
May 5 Sunday 9:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiart Parishioners  
11:00 a.m. Mary Lou Jufko (Dennis Jufko)

## The Week Ahead

Sat. 1st Communion, 11:00 a.m.  
Sat./Sun. Nominations for Parish Council Positions  
Sun. PSR, 6:30-7:45  
H. S. Youth Group, St. Julie's 7:45-9:15 p.m.  
Wed. Rosary, 1:00  
Adoration, 2:00-5:00  
Confirmation, 7:00 p.m., St. Peter's  
Sun. PSR, 6:30-7:45

### Walking With Mom's in Need Rice Bowls Coming Soon

Today, April 28, PSR students will be bringing home recycled Lenten rice bowls with a new purpose. Please consider helping us build our funds with your donations to help Mom's in Need in our own community. Doing so will help us provide family/baby care items when other resources are not available. If you would prefer, donations can be made to Faith Direct during the next two weeks. Specify

your donation in the Note Box. Bowls are requested to be returned on May 13. Extra rice bowls will be at the back of the church for anyone interested. Thank you so much for your generosity.

## Congratulations to our First Communion Students

Anthony Fiscella  
Tenley Klorer  
Ava Krupa  
Natalie Reynolds  
Brody Sowers



## Youth Group for St. Julie/ St. Peter Students

A new Youth Group has been formed to include all High School students of St. Julie's and St. Peter's Parishes. Our next High School meeting will be this Sunday evening, May 5, 7:45 to 9:15 p.m. at St. Peter's.

The next Middle School meeting will be on Thursday, May 16 at St. Peter's from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the Apostle Hall. We will be welcoming all 6th graders. All are welcome and bring a friend.

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

**Men's Breakfast** - Please join us for the St. Julie & St. Peter Men's Fellowship breakfast on Saturday, May 18 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 a.m. So we have an idea of how much food to prepare please RSVP by sending an email to [sjspbreakfast@gmail.com](mailto:sjspbreakfast@gmail.com) by May 13.



## Parish Stewardship

April 21:	\$4403
Faith Direct: (Apr. 1-15)	\$2485
School Subsidy:	\$30
Capital Improvement:	\$185
<b>Net Offertory:</b>	<b>\$7103</b>
In Person Mass Attendance:	450

Thank you for sharing your Blessings.

## Ministers Schedule

<u>Sat, Apr. 27</u> <u>Rec</u>	<u>Apr. 28, 9:00</u>	<u>11:00</u>
S-Chris Vacca	S-Kathleen McWeeny	S-Mike Yarosh
L-Jessica Angelo	L-Ken Allen	L-Lisa Palazzo
EM-Ceil Morrison	EM-John Burghard	EM-Barb Arguello
Chris Vacca	Tom Lamoda	Joe Kotarsky
C-Deacon John	Kathleen McWeeny	Mike Yarosh
U-Gene Morrison	U-Hung Le	U-Sue Dybowski
U-Agnes Klimkowicz	U-Val Wisniewski	Nick Guerrieri

<u>Sat, May 4</u> <u>Rec</u>	<u>May 5, 9:00</u>	<u>11:00</u>
S-Beth Paoloni	S- <u>Not Filled</u>	S- <u>Not Filled</u>
L-Mark LaLonde	L-Ken Allen	L-Gloria Hearn
EM-Kelly Reed	EM-Tom Lamoda	EM-Tony Tinnirello
Chris Vacca	Ray Sharron	<u>Not Filled</u>
C-Deacon John	Robert Ricksecker	Larry Rozman
U- <u>Not Filled</u>	U-Dave Rodriguez	U-Gene Morrison
U-Agnes Klimkowicz	U-Jim Gaffney	Nick Guerrieri

## Healing Prayer

St. Julie's prayer teams are ready to offer prayer for healing of your physical, spiritual, emotional, and other needs. In March, the teams prayed over six people. The next time of offering healing prayer will be **Sunday, May 19, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass**. If you are in need of experiencing the gentle touch and love of Jesus, stay after Mass and have one of our teams pray over you. They currently expect to be available one Sunday in "odd" months, and one Saturday in "even" months.

## 5 Sets of Twins Saved! 40 Days for Life

**Spring Campaign Final Results:** Praise God! The results of the recently completed 2024 Spring Campaign are truly awe-inspiring! First, 656 cities in 49 countries held spring campaigns making this the largest spring Campaign ever! Four more abortion workers were converted and quit the abortion industry! Six more abortion facilities closed! Finally, and most important, 504 babies' lives were spared from abortion including 5 sets of twins! The cumulative results since 40 Days for Life started in 2007 are: 24,768 babies spared from abortion; 260 workers converted; 154 abortion facilities closed; and over 1 million people have participated! You can hear about all these exciting results and more by watching the 40 Days for Life "Road to Victory" webcast at: <https://youtu.be/O8NtQixtvd0>. Thank you and God bless you for your prayers for His littlest children!

**Community Care** is in need of non-perishable food items such as; canned vegetables, tuna, tomato soup, rice, pasta, canned fruit, macaroni & cheese also things like bar soap, shampoo, hygiene products, toothpaste, mouth wash, toilet paper, deodorant, laundry soap, etc. Place bags in the vestibule marked Comm. Care.

# News & Events

## ***Ukraine Welcome Committee Update*** **Monthly meeting with Nadiia and Vitalii**

While we continue to support the household, it is extremely important that we begin to work together for them to gain important experience in managing funds and creating credit history. This is a very important step to gain independence, and over the coming months we will work with Vitalii and Nadiia to achieve that goal. Some of this will happen through a secured credit card and checking account.

All three children are doing well. Suisanna continues to "help" mom around the house and in the kitchen. The boys are doing well in school but still need some help with their reading. We have provided an assessment from a seasoned English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher and some one-on-one tutoring, but it has been spotty. We have learned that the ESL classes at Tri-C are not working well for Nadiia and Vitalii. Other Welcome Circles indicated that the lack of conversational English in the classes is a challenge. This has proven to be true for Nadiia and Vitalii as well. They have been attending classes twice a week since mid-February and they are not happy with their progress either. All are anxious to improve.

We are looking for tutoring alternatives that could be helpful to the whole family. Obviously, it is important for Vitalii's job opportunities too. There are several recommended structured programs under review. They have excellent resources for each family member. Together with Vitalii and Nadiia we will decide the best option.

Other than the reading challenges, the boys are doing well in school. We will review further with them closer to the end of the school year May 22.

As the weather is getting warmer, we are talking about fun things for the family as well. We will be looking to do some field trips with them and getting some sports equipment for the kids.

We are reviewing all aspects of these goals and are sure there will be some opportunities for folks to donate specific items or targeted donations in the next few weeks.

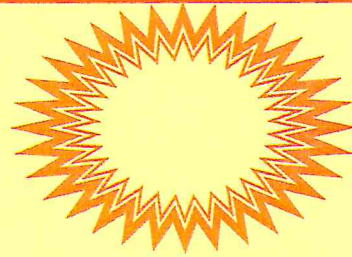
We continue to be blessed by your generosity and prayers. Thank you!

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## **Gentle Woman Fellowship**

We meet on First Fridays at St. Clarence Parish, 30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted, 44070. Join us on **Friday, May 3, 8:30 a.m.** - Attend Holy Mass in the Chapel; **9:00** - pray the Holy Rosary in the Chapel; **9:30** - enjoy a Snack and Coffee Followed by a **Very Inspirational Talk**, "The Holy Face of Jesus," and a **May Crowning** about 10:00 in Classroom 8. All women are invited to attend. **Call or leave a message for Mary at (440) 235-6258**





St. Julie families and PSR Students are invited to be part of a Eucharistic Procession on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Come, join our pastor as he carries the sacred body of Christ down Center Ridge Road from St. Peter's to St. Julie Billiard. We will carry Jesus through North Ridgeville in a solemn procession with song.

All are welcome - moms, dads, brothers, and sisters. This year's First Communion class are invited to walk wearing their First Communion Clothes. It is about a two-mile walk, so wear comfy shoes.

Meet at St. Peter Church on Sunday, June 2, at 1:00 p.m. (right after the Noon Mass) and we will begin our journey.

If you don't want to walk the whole way from St. Peter's, park at St. Julie's and join us on Opal St. near the rectory driveway at about 1:45 - 2:00 p.m. and process through Julie Lane with us.

We will have a prayer service at St. Julie's with cookies and juice afterward.

There will be a school bus to take people back to St. Peter's.

Come and join the fellowship and praise the Lord.



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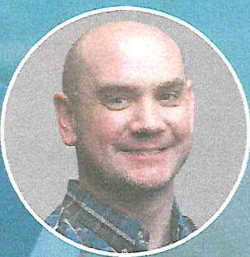
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