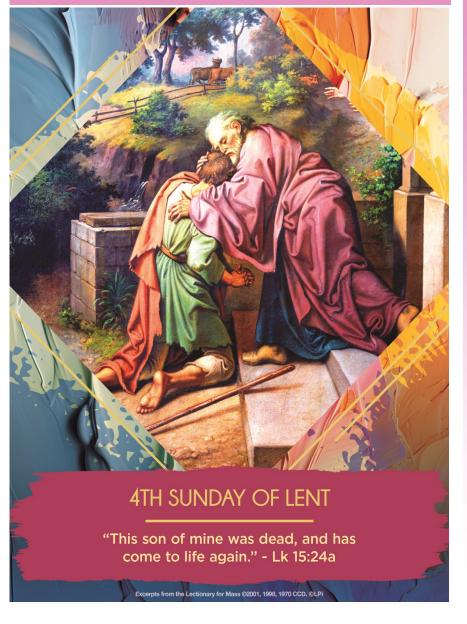


#### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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Music Director: Mary Pokrywka
LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
Holydays......Consult the Bulletin
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesdays from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

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 - 7: 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. Sunday Grade 8: 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. Sunday (check PSR website for information)

**OCIA & OCIC** (Order 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.

### 4th Sunday of Lent

#### Dear Parishioner.

The Sacrament of Penance is a gift from God to the Church. Jesus Christ, on the Sunday night after he rose from the dead, breathed the Holy Spirit on his apostles and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them and whose sins you retain, are retained." (John 20:22b-23) The Lord Jesus knew that forgiveness of sins was essential to the health of his people, so he gave this authority to the Church immediately after he rose from the dead.

Last week was Confession week. Besides our three plus hours of confessions on Wednesday, we also heard confession on Sunday afternoon at St. Julie's for 90 minutes. As priests who desires to see people reconciled to God, this ministry is our joy. And in case you missed these opportunities, fret not. There is more. We will still offer this Sacrament on Saturday afternoons and on Wednesday mornings at St. Peter Parish. There will also be extra hours during Holy Week. Like the prodigal son in today's gospel, our Father welcomes you with open arms.

Please keep our candidates for Confirmation in your prayers. They will be having their interviews over the next couple of weeks. Especially, please pray for the adults and youth that will be initiated into Christ and the Church at this upcoming Easter Vigil. Especially pray for Dale Chan from St. Julie Parish, who has been preparing for the Easter Sacraments with the St. Peter Parish OCIA group. May they encounter the Lord in the Easter sacraments and remain faithful to Him!

I have been getting more inquiries about getting marriages convalidated in the Church. Fr. Isidore and I are glad to assist couples in these situations. Please do not hesitate to call us.

This is Parish Mission Week! Frank Runyon is here to lead us through our three-evening mission. I have heard that Frank Runyon's presentations of the gospels and his messages are very engaging. Please make every effort to participate. As we give our time to the Lord, he will give us blessings in return.

This is Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means rejoice. We rejoice as we pass the halfway point of Lent. We especially rejoice because of the reconciling love of the Lord revealed to us in the Sacred Scriptures.

Our first reading from the Book of Joshua summarizes the story of one of the most famous stories of Jesus-the prodigal son. The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you." Certainly, this is what the father did when his wayward son returned home. He clothed his shame with the finest robe. The sandals indicate that he was not a slave but a free person. The ring on his finger indicates that he was restored as a family member. His shame was removed.

Also from our first reading, the Israelites ceased to receive manna, the bread that sustained them on their journey. Why? They have now arrived in their homeland and could eat its grain. Similarly, in today's gospel, when the younger son returns, the father celebrates his return home with the slaughtering the fatted calf. So too our shame is removed through Baptism and subsequently through the Sacrament of Penance. We now have the privilege of feasting on Christ Himself in the Eucharist.

Let us pray to always be grateful for the mercy that has found us. This will keep us from becoming hardened like the elder brother. Our delight is not primarily in our earthly comforts but in our Lord and the brothers and sisters he reconciles to himself. In Christ, Fr. Bob Franco

#### Adult and Family Servers

St. Julie Parish is expanding its server core. There will be training for families and individuals on Saturday, April 5 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Julie Church. If you as a family or individual adult or child grade 4 or older, would like to serve please call the office to register (440-327-1978) Questions? Please leave a message for Fr. Bob Franco.

St. Peter School is a faith-based learning environment where Christ is personally encountered, intentionally followed, and joyfully shared, empowering our students to thrive spiritually, academically, and charitably. I know that every member of our staff works diligently to ensure that we stay dedicated to our mission. New families interested in enrolling at St. Peter School. Please call Mrs. Reitz at (440) 327-3212 to reserve a time for a tour and to learn more about enrollment in Pre-Kindergarten - 8th grade for the 2025-2026 school year. Please visit our website at stpeterschoolnr.org to learn more about our school. We look forward to showing your family why We Are The Difference! Yours in Catholic Education, Roger C Brooks, Principal Saint Peter School.

A Journey into the Unknown: Refugee Simulation and Action

What would you do if your family was forced to flee your home with little notice and only a backpack? This is the reality that many refugees face due to war, political upheaval, and climate change. St. Raphael parish has partnered with the Diocesan Social Action Office to bring you a unique program that will give you insight into the immigrant and refugee crises of today. The program will be on Tuesday, April 1 from 7-9:00 p.m. at St. Raphael Parish (525 Dover Center Rd., Bay Village 44140) in the Zwilling Room. RSVP to Jane Blackie (216) 513 -8065 or jane.blackie@gmail.com

#### Religious Education

#### PSR-Parish School of Religion

Sunday: Grades 1-7, 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. / Grade 8. 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.

#### Mass Intentions for the Week

Mar. 29 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Valerie Sumerauer (Rich & Elaine Galik)

Mar. 30 Sunday 9:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiart Parishioners

11:00 a.m. Jeff Kohl (Kohl Family)

Mar. 31 Monday 5:30 p.m. All Souls

April 2 Wednesday 5:30 p.m. Kevin Zientek (Mike Zablotney)

April 4 Friday 5:30 p.m. Special Intention (Friend)

April 5 Saturday 5:00 p.m. David Gaffney (Mary Pat Coughlin)

April 6 Sunday 9:00 a.m. Vincent Bak (Bak Family)
11:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiart Parishioners

#### 11:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiart Parishio

#### The Week Ahead

Sun. Parish Mission, 7 p.m, St. Julie Mon. Parish Mission, 7 p.m, St. Julie

Tues. Catholic Parents, 6:00, HFR Parish Mission, 7 p.m, St. Julie

Wed. Rosary, 1:00 p.m.

Adoration, 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Thu. 40 Days for Life Rosary, Noon Crockpot Drive Thru, 5:30-6:15

Fri. Stations of Cross, Noon, SJB Sat. Altar Server Training, 1:00

#### Women's Breakfast

The Women's next Fellowship
Breakfast will be on April 12 in
St. Peter's gym from 8:30-10:00 a.m.
Join us for a delicious breakfast and
to hear Jeff Abood from the
Equestrian Order of the Holy
Sepulchre of Jerusalem speak about
the situation in the Holy Land. To
ensure enough seating and food is
prepared, please RSVP by April 7 at:
<a href="https://www.stpeternr.org/womens-ministry">https://www.stpeternr.org/womens-ministry</a>. If you prefer, you can call
St. Peter's, 440-327-2201 to
register.

#### K of C Pancake Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast will be held April 13, 9:00 a.m. to Noon in St. Peter's Gym. The breakfast includes: scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit cups, coffee, juice and of course pancakes! Come hungry because it's all you can eat PANCAKES! Adults \$12 and Children 4-12 yrs old is \$6.

#### Abortion Pill Reversal

If you or someone you know has taken the Abortion Pill, it may not be too late. For women who have started a chemical abortion and regret their decision, Abortion Pill Reversal offers hope. Thousands of women have successfully reversed the process and saved their pregnancies. Help is available 24/7 with support, compassionate care, and expert guidance. Visit abortionpillreversal.com or call 877-558-0333.

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the health of, and caregivers of: Pope Francis, Bill & Kathleen Lamb, Lisa Ramsey, daughter of Tony Frameli, Daniel DeLaat, Mary Ann Kohl-Schwarzwalder, Lola Cook, Paul Kovacs, Louise Alexander, Stephan Durosko, nephew of Ted Lapponi, Marian Kessler, Dolores Rivera, Bob Jirousek, Barb Vrtachnik, Terry Flanagan, Jean Rasmussen, Kathleen Sobczak, JoAnne Bellomo, Regula family, Fr. George, Fr. Gonser; for our men & women in uniform; our firefighters, police, doctors & nurses; for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious

#### Attention Prime Timers

Our next event will be on Saturday evening, April 19, at 7:30 p.m. at Lorain County Community College's Stocker Center. Join us for Brit Beat: The Immersive Beatles Tribute Band. Tickets are \$40 per person. Contact Sue Dybowski at <a href="mailto:sadybowski2@gmail.com">sadybowski2@gmail.com</a> or at 419-350-1164 no later than Thursday, April 3, if you would like to attend.

# National Black and Indian Mission Collection

Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Envelopes are in packets or on Faith Direct.

#### ~ Parish Mission ~

St. Peter and St. Julie Parishes will welcome Frank Runyeon for our Parish Mission on March 30, 31, and April 1 at St. Julie Parish at 7:00 p.m. each evening. Frank is an Emmy-nominated Catholic actor and will bring scripture to life with drama and humor as he presents the Gospels of John and Luke during this time of Eucharistic Revival. This will be great for the whole family! Save this date on your calendar so you don't miss it!

#### Parish Stewardship

Mar. 16:	\$3927
Faith Direct: (Mar. 1-15)	\$3415
School Subsidy:	\$50
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Mass Attendance: 366

Thank you for sharing your blessings.

#### Ministers Schedule

Sat, Mar. 29, 5:00 Rec	Mar. 30, 9:00	11:00
<b>S</b> -Chris Vacca	S-Beth Paoloni	S-Kathleen McWeeny
L-Cindy Naprestek	L-Ken Allen	L-Lisa Palazzo
EM-Greg Dubecky	EM-Gretchen Bulan	EM-Barb Arguello
EM-Jim Nolan	EM-Beth Paoloni	EM-Kathleen McWeeny
C-Deacon John	C-Tom Lamoda	C-Bob Leither
C-Ted Lapponi	C-Robert Ricksecker	C-Chris Snyder
AS-Ryan Papesch	AS-Dawson Davis	AS-Ashley McDowell
AS-Not Filled	AS-Not Filled	AS-Duncan McDowell
U- Elaine Payne	U-Val Wisniewski	U-Sue Dybowski
U-Nick Guerrieri	U-Hung Le	U-Dave Rodriguez

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Sat, Apr. 5, 5:00 Rec	Apr. 6, 9:00	11:00
<b>S</b> -Elaine Payne	S-John Burghard	S-Beth Paoloni
L-Jane Herbcha	L-Linda Vasiloff	L-Jim Livingston
EM-Agnes Klimkowicz	EM-John Burghard	EM-Jim Carter
<b>EM-</b> Keith Klimkowicz	EM-Nicole Scarpelli	EM-Beth Paoloni
<b>C</b> -Deacon John	C-Deacon Del	C-Barb Arguello
C-Elaine Payne	C-Robert Ricksecker	C-Joanne Carter
AS-Not Filled	AS-Not Filled	AS-Ashley McDowell
AS-Not Filled	AS-Not Filled	AS-Duncan McDowell
U- Sue Dybowski	U-Jim Gaffney	U-Michael Herner
U-Nick Guerrieri	U-Hung Le	U-Dave Rodriguez

#### Pilgrimage to Italy

Fr. Bob is leading a pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, San Giovanni Rotundo (the monastery of St. Padre Pio) and other religious sites during the Holy Year 2025. This ten-day pilgrimage will be from October 20-October 29, 2025 and will be a joyful time of encountering the Lord, perhaps traveling with old friends and making new friends. 206 Tours has prepared a wonderful and inspiring itinerary. For more details about this pilgrimage, go to:

www.206tours.com/frfranco/ where you will find the itinerary, the sites described in detail, and how to book your spot.

Walking with Moms in need is a national Catholic organization. The primary goal is to assure that any woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant, or parenting in difficult circumstances, can turn to her local Catholic Church to find the help she needs. If you would like to learn more about this ministry, please call Ann Marie, 440-865-3506. If you would like to join our email Circle of Hope group, please email flannymom5@aol.com

The First Friday Forum of Lorain County will hear from Fr. Andy Turner on Friday, April 4 at the luncheon at the Spitzer Conference Center of Lorain County Community College. He will be updating us on what is happening at the Seminary and how it has changed over the years. Come join us for good food, fellowship and a great speaker. Lunch begins at 11:30. The Spitzer Conference Center is located at 1005 N. Abbe Rd., Elyria. Reservations need to be received by 6:00 p.m. Monday, March 31. Call 440-320-3272 or 440-213-2132, or email ffflorain@gmail.com. Cost is \$25.

#### News & Events

#### Our Ukrainian Welcome Circle Lenten Message

During this Lenten season, the UWC leadership is reflecting on how we can integrate our core spiritual disciplines of the Lenten Season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, into support for the Bryiovskyis in their difficult wait for clarity on their immigration status in this tumultuous time.

We invite you to join us in our Lenten practices in support of the Bryiovskyis and others who are distressed at this time.

Prayer-Pray with us for all of those who are distressed as a result of the rapid changes in the government:

God our Father, we know that you hear the cries of all those who are distressed. Hear us as we pray for them so that their plight might be relieved. We pray for those who are causing the distress, that they may incorporate compassion and clarity in their decisions. We pray for ourselves that we might have the courage to do whatever we can to alleviate the distress and to address the causes. We ask you this through Christ, our brother. Amen.

Fasting - Give of your time to write a note or a card of support for the Bryiovskyis during Lent. Drop it in the collection basket and we will deliver it to them.

Almsgiving - Any size donation to help us support the Bryiovskyis for the remainder of the year we would be extremely appreciated. If that is not possible, then please take time to write them a note as described above.

God bless you for your support of the Bryiovskyis on this journey.



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Join us Monday, April 14, 7-8:30 p.m.
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"We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life'. We find ourselves not only 'faced with' but necessarily 'in the midst of' this conflict: we are all involved, and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life"

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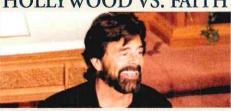
### LUKE



# Monday 7 p.m

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## Week 4 Update

We are now in Week 4 of the 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign, and there's exciting news to share: Reports continue to come in of the many babies whose lives have been saved from abortion! Praise God!! Each baby saved also means that a mom and dad were spared the pain and suffering of participating in the death of their own child. Your prayers are making a difference! Keep praying!

Around the U.S. and around the world, children are being saved from death by abortion because people are praying. Here's an account of how prayer and persistence saved the life of a child in Atlanta:

With God on your side, there is hope even in the most hopeless situations. That was the case with an abortion-bound woman in Atlanta, who refused information on alternatives to abortion and then got out of her car and began photographing Cathy--a tactic sometimes used to try to intimidate vigil participants. Cathy didn't give up. She simply shared the many ways her 40 Days for Life team could help. But the woman still entered the clinic. As the young mother left the abortion facility, she gestured to Cathy that she wanted to talk. "If you could help me find a job, I know I can have this baby," she said. Cathy made plans to meet with the young woman the next day to set her up with a job recruiter, joined her for an appointment at the local pregnancy help center, and reimbursed her for the money she spent on the ultrasound at the abortion facility. The mom has already had a number of abortions, but Cathy refused to allow the woman's initial response to get her down. And that perseverance paid off, breaking the cycle of abortion and protecting both mother and child from another abortion. "Praise God," Cathy said. "We had a baby saved today."

What a blessing to see how God is hearing and answering the prayers of His people! Please pray for this mom, and all the moms and dads who choose life. Often the circumstances that brought them to the abortion facility are waiting for them when they return home. This is why prayers are so critical, and also why the amazing services provided by the pregnancy help centers are so important (for a list of local pregnancy help service centers, see <a href="stiplilebilliart.org/moms-in-need">stiplilebilliart.org/moms-in-need</a>.)

This Thursday, you can join with fellow St. Julie Billiart parishioners to pray at the Planned Parenthood abortion mill in Bedford Heights from 12noon to 1pm. Our prayers, at the very place where babies are being killed, provide God an opportunity to work in and through us for the benefit of all who enter. Meet at the St. Julie large parking lot at 11:15am.

If you can't make it to Planned Parenthood, you can pray with fellow parishioners in the church, also on Thursday from 12noon to 1pm.

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

Each Monday, St. Peter Church participates in 40 Days for Life by praying from Noon to 1pm at the Preterm abortion facility and simultaneously at St. Peter Church. Those going to Preterm leave at 11:10 AM from the St. Peter front parking lot and return at 1:45 PM. Those praying at St Peter Church meet there at Noon and end at 1:00 PM.

God is working many miracles in response to the prayers of His people. Keep praying!

Questions about 40 Days for Life, call Susan and John DeLaat, 440-327-2398.



# Sanctuary Decorations

Remember loved ones, living & deceased, by donating toward the decorations that adorn our altar. Names will be printed in the Easter bulletin.

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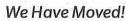
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