

THIRD SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

DECEMBER 14, 2025



Knowing Christ + Loving Christ + Serving Christ **Together**



WELCOME!

We are delighted to extend a heartfelt welcome to everyone visiting St. Peter or St. Julie Billiart Parish. Our goal is to help you know, love & serve Christ together and assist you in any way possible. If you have any questions or wish to learn more about our parishes, please reach out to us at the office.

Thank you for joining us in worship, and we hope to see you again soon.

To become a parishioner, please register online or stop by the St. Julie or St. Peter parish office.

ST. JULIE BILLIART PARISH

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ST. PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

- 🌐 www.stpeterschoolnr.org
- 📱 St. Peter School North Ridgeville
- 📷 stpeterschoolnr

ST. PETER ENDOWMENT FUND

- 🌐 www.stpetereducationendowment.org
- 📱 St. Peter Education Endowment Fund

RIDGEVILLE CATHOLIC YOUTH

- 📷 ridgevillecatholicyouth

CYO ATHLETICS

- 📱 www.stpetercyo.com
- 📷 stpeternr cyo

3rd Sunday OF ADVENT

Proclaiming Christ Our Heritage & Our Hope

150th Jubilee Celebration
ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Established December 1875

MASS TIMES

ST. JULIE BILLIART

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am and 11:00am
Weekdays: Mon, Wed, Fri, 5:30pm

ST. PETER

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00pm
Weekdays: Monday thru Friday, 8:15am

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THE MASS INTENTIONS

St. Peter = (SP) ● **LIVE STREAMING**
 St. Julie Billiart = (SJB)

SATURDAY VIGIL December 13

4:00pm (SP) Sr. Maryann and Sr. Veronica Blasko
 5:00pm (SJB) ● Dennis Payne (Elaine Payne)

SUNDAY December 14, Third Sunday of Advent

8:00am (SP) Bob & Andy Sclesky
 9:00am (SJB) Harry McLaughlin (Sandra McLaughlin)
 10:00am (SP) ● Rich & Kathy Urig
 11:00am (SJB) Saint Julie Billiart Parishioners
 12:00pm (SP) For the People of Saint Peter Parish

MONDAY December 15

8:15am (SP) ● Gregory Bral
 5:30pm (SJB) James Yandura (Paulette Jandura)

TUESDAY December 16

8:15am (SP) ● Henry Jalowiec

WEDNESDAY December 17

8:15am (SP) ● Michael Hayden
 5:30pm (SJB) Bob Beverstock (Beth Paoloni)

THURSDAY December 18

8:15am (SP) ● Ivka Frigan

FRIDAY December 19

8:15am (SP) ● Betty Groh
 5:30pm (SJB) Rachel Juskiewicz (Marian Juskiewicz)

SATURDAY VIGIL December 20

4:00pm (SP) Dale Koberna
 5:00pm (SJB) ● Kenneth Guerra (Rich & Elaine Galik)

SUNDAY December 21, Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00am (SP) Bob and Gretchen Ziegman
 9:00am (SJB) St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
 10:00am (SP) ● For the People of Saint Peter Parish
 11:00am (SJB) Ed and Mary Lee (Lee Family)
 12:00pm (SP) Ron Klimko

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Readings for the week of December 14, 2025

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

Thursday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Saturday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

St. Peter:

Wednesday: 9:00am (after 8:15am Mass)

Saturday: 2:30pm to 3:30pm

St. Julie:

Saturday: 3:30pm - 4:30pm in Library

(by the PSR Office)

See Page 6 for more Confession times.

BAPTISMS

First-time parents must attend Pre-Baptism instruction. This should be done during pregnancy so as not to delay the time of Baptism. Call your parish office for class registration.

St. Julie: 1st & 3rd Sundays at 12:15pm

St. Peter: 2nd & 4th Sundays at 1:15pm

MARRIAGE

Couples should contact the parish priest at least six months prior to the date for marriage.

OTHER SACRAMENTS

Contact your parish office with questions. Preparation for First Holy Communion & Confirmation will be facilitated through your PSR, St. Peter School, OCIA, or OCIC programs.

BECOMING CATHOLIC (OCIA & OCIC)

To join the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children to receive the Sacraments of Initiation, please contact your parish office.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St. Peter: Tuesday: 9:00am to 6:15pm; Evening Prayer begins at 6:00pm

St. Julie: Wednesdays: 2:00 to 5:00pm; Evening Prayer begins at 4:45 pm.

DEVOTIONS

Miraculous Medal Novena: Mondays after the 8:15am Mass at St. Peter.

Morning Prayer: Monday thru Friday at 7:35am at St. Peter.

Rosary: Pray with members of St. Peter's staff every Saturday at 10:00am on-line on St. Peter's website or Facebook page. You can also pray in person immediately after the 8:15am daily Mass in St. Peter's Church and at 1:00pm on Wednesdays in St. Julie's Church.

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Prayed on-line every Friday at 3:00pm at St. Peter's website or Facebook page.



PASTOR'S LETTER

Holy Day Mass Times



Saint Julie Billiart

December 24th

5:00pm (Livestreamed)
10:00pm

December 25th

9:00am
11:00am (Livestreamed)

December 31st

5:00pm (Livestreamed)

January 1st

11:00am

Saint Peter Parish

December 24th

4:00pm - Church
4:00pm - Gym
10:00pm (Livestreamed)

December 25th

8:00am
10:00am (Livestreamed)
12:00pm

December 31st

4:00pm

January 1st

10:00am (Livestreamed)
12:00pm

Dear Parishioners,

St. Peter Parish welcomes the Bishop of Cleveland, the Most Rev. Edward C. Malesic, to the Noon Mass this weekend. This is the capstone event of the St. Peter Year of Jubilee, celebrating 150 years of pastoral service in North Ridgeville.

This year has been a year of blessing to our parish and community. We have celebrated in a variety of ways such as a potluck dinner, a team trivia evening and a tour of our cemetery. We have been honored by the City of North Ridgeville and the State of Ohio with official proclamations. We also created a Rosary Garden and had a one-night carnival with St. Peter School.

I am grateful for everyone who has made this Jubilee Year a time of gratitude and celebration: Ken Buescher, Karen Cristino, Sandy D'Orazio, Maggie Finney, Cheryle Koberna, Tom Mischik, Joanne Pawar, Marcia Ratajczak, Marilyn Sgro, Peggy Whitney and Barb Wilson. I especially thank Jennifer Justiniani and her team, who are making this Sunday's luncheon a wonderful event.

At the Noon Mass, Bishop Malesic will be blessing some new liturgical vessels for the distribution of Holy Communion. These were purchased in Rome while on pilgrimage in October. Funding for these vessels came from the St. Peter Memorial Fund.

I also want to thank everyone who made the recent craft shows at St. Julie and St. Peter Parishes a success. Joe Kotarsky of St. Julie's headed up an amazing team of people. They set up and then restored the church for 5:00 PM Mass in record time. Nicole Pinta also led a great team of people at St. Peter Gym for an equally successful show. Thank you!!!

St. Julie Parish welcomes back Fr. George Vrabel to celebrate the 9:00 AM Mass this weekend. We continue to pray God's health and blessings on him during this season of his life. Thank you, Fr. George for your presence at St. Julie's.

As mentioned in last week's bulletin, construction of the St. Peter Event Center and elevator will begin soon at St. Peter Parish. Those who will be directly overseeing the construction for Marous Brothers have moved their office operations into the east side of the mobile unit behind the school. The next step will involve excavation and infrastructure work. I am not sure if that will begin before or after January 1. Again, just be patient when on the property St. Peter's during construction.

On the afternoon of Sunday, December 7, St. Julie and St. Peter had its annual Advent Penance service at St. Julie's. I was pleased with the turnout and am grateful for the assistance of Fr. Isidore (who lead us in prayer) and my brother priests who assisted by hearing confessions. Both St. Peter and St. Julie Parishes will continue to celebrate this great sacrament of forgiveness at their normal times next week. Confessions have also been added on Monday, December 22. St. Julie Parish will have confessions from 3:00-4:00 PM and 6:30-7:30 PM. St. Peter Parish will have confessions from 3:00-4:00 PM and 7:00-8:00 PM.

Let us continue to prepare for the coming of the Lord!

In Christ,
Fr. Bob Franco

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

St. Julie Billiart Parish

For the health and caregivers of: Pat Hoffman, Jennie Cook, Trevor Matthew, Joanne Carter, Jim Nolan, Richard & Elaine Galik, Lola Cook, Carol Gosselin, June Kearney, Karen Casement, daughter in law of Pat Casement, Lynn Frisbie, Lisa Ramsey, daughter of Tony Frameli, Daniel DeLaat, Louise Alexander, Dolores Rivera, Kathleen Sobczak, Mary Ann Homola, Mark & Phyllis Turk, Robert Popelas, Fr George and Fr Gonser.

St. Peter Parish

Elaine K., Bernie K., Janet W., Vincent A., Trevor Mathew, Ed, Fay, Irene, Kayle, Ben M., Mike L., Sue H., Allan, Wendy, Jeanette, Brenda, Michael J., Pat, Darlene D., Larry, Ben M., Bryan, Berkman/Thompson Family, Bill, Marie, Bob M., Jim and Zoe K., Bob and Linda S., Gina M., Laura F., Gerome J., Antoinette P., Diane S., Fran G., Dianna W., Richard, Diane, Kathleen R., Dolly, Joyce, Benny, Carol G, Lissy, Lisa R., Kathleen M, Michael W.

Names will remain for one month. Call your Parish Office to renew or add a name to the Prayer Chain.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR) CLASSES

St. Peter: K - 8: Mondays, 6:30pm - 7:45pm

Monday, December 15th, is our last class of 2025. We will return on January 5, 2026. Our staff wants to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May God bless your Christmas season with peace, health and happiness. Thank you for all that you do for us!

St. Julie: Grades 1 - 7: Sundays, 9:30am - 10:45am; Grade 8: Sundays, 6:30pm - 7:45pm

Our final class before Christmas break will be on December 21st. Please watch for family Advent resources being sent home with students to support your celebrations at home. As we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, may you and your family be filled with the peace, hope, and joy of this blessed season. Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Wishing you a grace-filled Advent and a joyful Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

RIDGEVILLE CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUPS

MIDDLE SCHOOL RCY - December 11th

Middle School students (Grades 6-8), will be gathering in Saint Peter's Apostles Hall on December 11th, from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. Join us for an evening of fellowship, faith, and fun! All are welcome. Bring your Bible!

HIGH SCHOOL RCY - January 22, 2026

The next High School RCY event (Grades 9-12) is on Thursday, January 22nd from 7:30pm to 8:30pm at St. Peter's Parish Center. Come connect with your peers, deepen your faith, and enjoy a great evening together. We look forward to seeing you there! Bring your Bible!



ST. PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL



FAITH FIRST

St. Peter School students and staff had the opportunity to attend Mass on Monday. They celebrated the Immaculate Conception and honored Mary as she said Yes. The students have also been learning about Advent and waiting for Jesus. They understand that Advent is a season of hopeful waiting and joyful preparation for the coming of Christ. It invites us to slow down, reflect, and make room in our hearts for God's presence. Through prayer, repentance, and small daily acts of love, we ready ourselves not only to celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas but also to welcome Him more fully into our lives each day.

ACADEMICS

Second grade students have been working on demonstrating command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking as well as command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. They are using these skills to write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply reasons that support the opinion, use linking words to connect opinion and reasons, and provide a concluding statement or section. Awesome job second grade! Kindergarten students have been studying how to write numbers from 0 to 20 and represent a number of objects with a written numeral 0 to 20. When counting objects, they are learning to say the number names in the standard order, pairing each object with one and only one number name and each number name with one and only one object. They are also understanding that the last number name says the number of objects counted. The number of objects is the same regardless of their arrangement or the order in which they were counted. Kindergarten students are fantastic.

EVERYTHING ELSE

Practice, Practice, Practice! The entire school has been rehearsing for the Christmas Concert. It is wonderful to walk through the school and hear all of their voices singing faith filled songs that speak about our Faith! Drama Club has begun rehearsals for "Mary Poppins Jr." The Musical! The students and staff are excited to begin acting, singing and working through the play! It is going to be a supercalifragilistic-expialidocious time.

SAINT PETER PARISH JUBILEE

On December 14th, all are invited to St. Peter's 12:00pm Mass for a Solemn Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate the 150th Anniversary. Bishop Edward Malesic will be the main celebrant. The Mass will be livestreamed on St. Peter's website and Facebook page.



GENEROSITY

Angel Scholarship Fund

The Diocese of Cleveland has organized the Angel Scholarship Fund to assist Catholic schools in the Diocese to take advantage of this Ohio tax credit.



It is quite simple. Complete the form and donate to the Angel Scholarship Fund. Please designate *St. Peter Parish School - North Ridgeville* as the school that will benefit from this tax credit. The Diocese will provide you with a receipt for your donation which you should provide to your tax preparer. If you donate by April 15, 2026, you can still elect to include the donation on your 2025 Ohio tax return. Visit www.catholiccommunity.org/angel. You may also pick up forms at the doors of the Church or at your parish office.



Retirement Fund for Religious

On behalf of the religious who will benefit from your generous contribution, please know that we will continue to pray for you. May God bless you for seeing His work in and through us.

Qualified Charitable Contributions

If you are 73 or older, please prayerfully consider speaking with your Financial Advisor or IRA Administrator to learn how you can make a direct gift from your IRA to St. Julie Parish or St. Peter Parish — supporting our faith community and the mission we share.

STAFF DIRECTORY

CLERGY

Pastor:

Rev. Robert J. Franco

Parochial Vicar:

Rev. Isidore Munishi

Deacon Del Sherman

Deacon John Rivera

(Retired St. Julie)

Deacon Ken DeLuca

(Retired St. Julie)

ST. JULIE BILLIART STAFF:

PSR Principal: Kelly Reed

Music Director: Mary Pokrywka

Business Manager: Amy Gaffney

Parish Coordinator: Beth Paoloni

SAINT PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL STAFF:

Principal: Roger Brooks

ST. PETER STAFF:

Director of Religious Education: Sr. Sean Groh

Music Director: Alexander Kostitsa

Pastoral Minister: Cheryle Koberna

Business Manager: Regina Wojciechowski

Parish Secretary: Christine Stefanek

School Secretary: Aimee Reitz

OFFERTORY

November 30, 2025

ST. JULIE

Offertory Total	\$4,229.00
Envelopes, Cash & Coin	\$3,944.00
ParishSoft	0
School Scholarship	\$25.00
Capital Improvement	\$260.00
MASS ATTENDANCE	435

OFFERTORY GIVING

Contribute a gift via ParishSoft:



ST. PETER

Offertory Total	\$13,845.65
Envelopes, Cash & Coin	\$8,284.15
ACH Weekly	\$85.00
Parish Soft	\$5,476.50
MASS ATTENDANCE	703

BUILDING ON THE ROCK CAMPAIGN

November 30, 2025

Original Pledge Total	\$2,277,148.94
Outstanding Pledges	\$407,975
Pledges & Donations Received	\$2,879,023.30
Participants	475

SCHEDULES: SERVERS, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS, USHERS, GREETERS, & CLOW

Please access schedules via the app or obtain a copy of the monthly schedule through the parish office.

ST. JULIE AND ST. PETER PARISH EVENTS



Sacrament of Penance

There are still opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Penance before Christmas at St. Peter's and St. Julie's.

Saint Peter

Monday, December 22nd

3:00pm – 4:00pm

7:00pm – 8:00pm

As usual, Confessions are heard on **Wednesdays** after the 8:15am Mass (not on 12/24) and on **Saturdays** at 2:30pm

Saint Julie Billiart

Monday, December 22nd

3:00pm – 4:00pm

6:30pm – 7:30pm

As usual, Confessions are heard on **Saturdays** at 3:30pm

Church Decorating

St. Peter Church will be decorated for Christmas on Sunday, December 21st at 4:00 p.m. Much needs to be done and all are welcome to assist. Meet us in the Church if you are willing and able to lend a hand.

December Men's Breakfast

Join us for the **St. Julie & St. Peter** Men's Fellowship Breakfast on Saturday, December 20th at 8:20am in the church at St. Julie's. Enjoy a hearty breakfast, a short video, and discussion. We'll finish by 9:45am. Men from any parish in the Diocese are welcome. Please RSVP by December 15th via the invite or email sjspbreakfast@gmail.com.

Ukrainian Welcome Circle

In December, our 2 years of financial commitment to the Bryiovskiy's ends. They are very excited to have gained their financial independence. Nadiia and Vitalii are so very grateful to all who helped them create a safe place for their children filled with love. Because of your generosity of both talent and treasure, our relationship with them continues beyond any commitment deadline. As Nadiia has said, you all have a place in their hearts forever.

Any donations this month will still go toward this last month of support. In January we will provide more information about our journey together.



Cursillo Weekend

With great joy we announce the return of the Cursillo Weekends to all. The men's weekend is scheduled for January 8th – 11th, 2026 and the women's weekend is scheduled for April 16th–19th, 2026. We are currently accepting applications from any men or women who would like to secure their spot for the weekend. Christ is calling. Be still and listen for that call. Please visit our website for more details: <https://lsescursillo.org/>

Gifts for Baby Jesus at St Julie's

In support of Birthright of Lorain County, please see the flyer in **St. Julie's** bulletin for gift suggestions. We would like to have children bring the gifts forward at the Offertory at all Christmas masses. Visit linktr.ee/birthrightloraincounty for the Amazon gift wish list, a way to donate and to learn more about Birthright.

Advent Memorial Candles

At **St. Peter's**, we celebrate the memory of our loved ones through the Advent Memorial Candles. Please continue to pray for them and all of our loved ones who have gone before us to live with joy in the company of the angels and saints in heaven. Those who signed up for the Memorial candles can pick up their votive candle to light on Christmas day. They are available at St. Peter's Parish Office during the week following its celebration.

The Christmas Wafer (Oplatki)

The Oplatki Wafer (four sheets) are available for a \$3.00 donation at **St. Peter's** Parish Office, Monday thru Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm.

The Giving Tree

St. Peter's Giving Tree items need to be returned **today, December 14th**. Thank you for your generosity!

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus,

we sincerely thank you for your generous support of our annual Turkey Raffle held on November 23rd. All proceeds raised, totaling \$3,735, will benefit the St. Peter Education Endowment Fund. Thanks to your participation and the support of the parish staff and Principal Brooks, we can continue serving our parishes, school, and community in meaningful ways. We are truly grateful for your kindness, enthusiasm, and ongoing support. God bless you and your families!

Community Meals

St. Peter: Community Meal will not be served in December due to the holidays.

St. Julie: The next Crockpot meal will be served on December 18th. Sign up sheets to help are in the vestibule.

The

Catholic Parent

6-Week Series
SOCIAL, VIDEO, DISCUSSION
Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm
Starts: January 6th

ST. JULIE BILLIART IN HOLY FAMILY ROOM
• NO COST • KIDS WELCOME!

REGISTER:



Remember Loved Ones at Christmas (Living or Deceased)

Names of loved ones will be printed in the Christmas bulletin.

Please Print.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Name of Donor _____

Envelope # _____

Donation \$ _____

If you've donated for flowers on Parish Soft and would like a loved one remembered, check here: ☐



Return to the rectory by Noon on Tuesday, December 16



Gifts for Baby Jesus in Support of Birthright of Lorain County

In our continuing support of Birthright of Lorain County, St. Julie's Respect Life and Rosary groups will sponsor our annual "Gifts for Baby Jesus" at all masses Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Birthright uses these items to make up layette sets that are given to mothers to take their babies home from the hospital. These mothers have decided to give their babies the greatest gift of all, Life! We like these items to be new. Items currently needed:

Diapers (Size 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7)

Fleece Blankets

Enfamil Formula (Infant or Gentlease)

Baby Socks 0-6 months

Baby Wash/Shampoo

Baby Sleep Sacks 0-6 months

Rattles, teething rings, baby board books

Baby Wipes (pkg of 50-100)

Burp Cloths

Bottles 4 oz

Diaper Cream

Bath Towels / Wash Cloths

Cotton Sleepers 0-6 & 3-6 months

Additional items needed can be found on the Baby Amazon link linktr.ee/birthrightloraincounty