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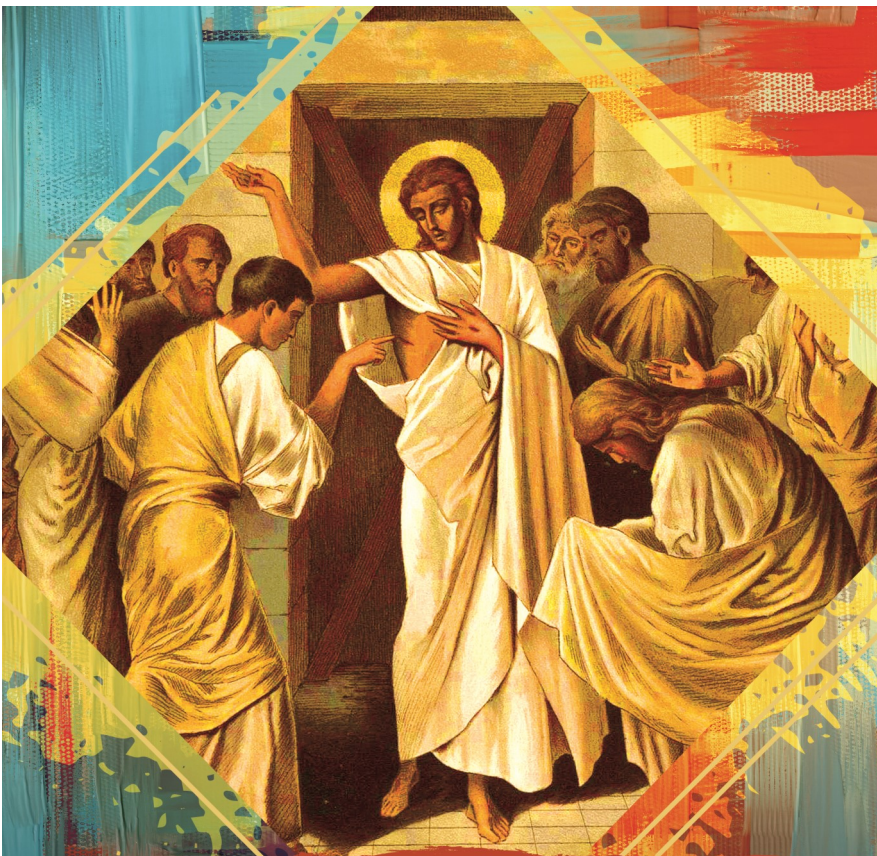
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April 7, 2024

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Julie Billiart is a welcoming Roman Catholic community that deepens our personal relationship with Jesus Christ by worshipping together, reaching out to others and building up the Kingdom of God.



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

“Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” - Jn 20: 27

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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,

On Easter Tuesday of this week, I met with the St. Julie Parish Council for our April meeting. Earlier this year I shared with a number of the council members a book called *Becoming Eucharistic People* by Dr. Timothy O'Malley. In the discussions that flowed from their reading, we asked the obvious question, "How are we doing as a parish?" A number of council members talked about something that has been on my mind for a while. Silence.

Why silence? Just as human conversation fills our minds and hearts with the joys and concerns of humanity, so silence allows us to hear God better and allows our own concerns and needs to surface. **Silence prepares our hearts for prayer.**

Over the next couple of months, the Parish Council and I will be developing a strategy to incorporate more silence into our celebration of Mass. **Part of that silence will be before Mass.** Silence before Mass will help us to collect our thoughts and offer them with Christ's sacrifice to the Father.

Our goal is to worship the Father through the Son in the Holy Spirit with reverence and joy. We want to welcome the Lord Jesus with faith, gratitude, and joy. **And having encountered Him, live for Christ in a fuller manner.**

The Parish Office will be closed this Monday, April 8th, due to the Eclipse. The office will reopen on Tuesday, April 9. And speaking of the eclipse: it has been pointed out to me that there are seven cities in the United States named Nineveh and one city named Jonah. All of them are supposedly in the path of the eclipse. Regarding signs about the end, in Luke 21:11, Jesus said, "There will be...awesome sights and mighty signs...from the sky." Does this qualify?

Here's what I know. Every Catholic Christian should live as if it is his last day. And I know that repentance never goes out of style. Jonah called Nineveh to repent, and they did. God had mercy upon them and did not judge them at that time. (Apparently their repentance was a fleeting fancy. The Ninevites returned to their sinful ways and their city eventually fell under judgement.)

This Second Sunday of Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday. Let us repent our sins and embrace the mercy of God in Christ in an ever-deepening way. Jesus Christ wants nothing more than to heal our wounded souls with his mercy and make us ambassadors of God's mercy. Besides Mass, one more way of celebrating God's mercy in Christ is by participating in the Divine Mercy Holy Hour at 3:00 p.m. this afternoon. The Holy Hour will be at St. Peter Parish, and all are welcome!

Finally, some "Thank You" words need to be extended. First, a thank you goes out to Kelly Reed, Jill Papesch, David Davis, and others who organized the Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt. Of course, that trio and the PSR teachers can also be thanked for their faithful service to our PSR Program.

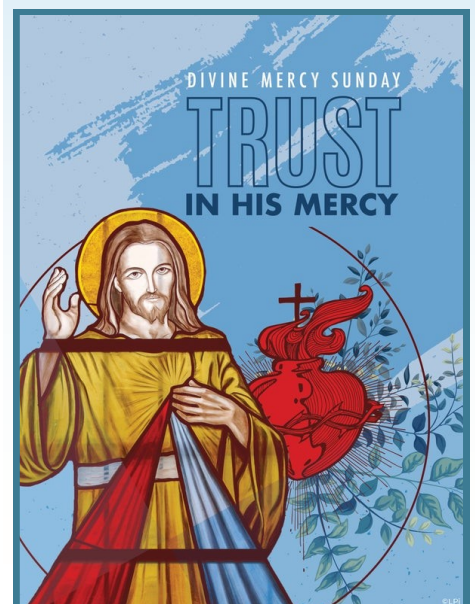
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I also want to thank all who made our Holy Week celebrations so special: Mary Pokrywka and the choirs, our Liturgical Environment team, those who had their feet washed, as well as all our liturgical ministers, sacristans, and greeters. And thank you Fr. Isidore Munishi for celebrating these Masses, as well as Deacons John Rivera and Ken DeLuca for their ministry as Deacons.

In Christ,
Fr. Bob Franco

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 **Saturday, April 20, after the 5:00 p.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.



Religious Education

PSR-Parish School of Religion

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



the health of, and caregivers of: Syl Steffen, Agnes Valenta, Louise Alexander, Peg Nolan, Kennedy Smith, granddaughter of Dottie Heller, Fr. Gonser, Jeff Kohl, son of Mary Anne Schwarzwaldner, Marian Kessler, 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.

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, April 7, 7:45 to 9:15 p.m. at St. Julie's in the Holy Family Room.

The next **Middle School** meeting will be on Thursday, April 18 at St. Peter's from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Apostle Hall. 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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

- Apr. 6 Saturday 8:30 p.m. Eddie Smick (Chuck Smick)
- Apr. 7 Sunday 9:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiant Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Wendel, Jeanne, & Mark Friedl
(Joe & Nancy Dominak)
- Apr. 8 Monday 5:30 p.m. Bill Livingston (Gloria Livingston)
- Apr. 10 Wednesday 5:30 p.m. Charles Skrovan & Mark Payne (Elaine Payne)
- Apr. 12 Friday 5:30 p.m. Linda LaLonde (Family)
- Apr. 13 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Dennis Payne (Elaine Payne)
- Apr. 14 Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mary Mishlan (Bill & Donna Grabe)
11:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiant Parishioners

The Week Ahead

- Sun.** Youth Group for High School, 7:45 in the Holy Family Room
- Mon.** Eclipse
Office Closed
- Wed.** Rosary, 1:00
Adoration, 2:00-5:00
- Sat.** Women's Breakfast,
St. Peter's
- Sun.** PSR, 6:30-7:45

Men's Breakfast

Please join us for the St. Julie and St. Peter Men's Fellowship breakfast on Saturday, April 20th @ 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 by April 15 to sjspbreakfast@gmail.com.

Rice Bowls

There is still time to turn in your Rice Bowls. Give to ushers or put on the table in the vestibule.

Women in Friendship

Women in Friendship will meet on Tuesday, April 9th at 1:00-3:00 p.m. at St. Peter Parish Center. We will have a presentation by Sr. Mary Berigan, SND about Blessing House and the good work they do to help local children. If you can, please bring \$10 gasoline gift cards to help benefit Blessing House in their work. New members are always welcome, so consider joining us on April 9th! Questions may be answered by calling Barbara at 440-458-6197.

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. -Joshua 1:9

Women's Fellowship Breakfast

The next Women's Fellowship Breakfast is on April 13th in St. Peter's gym from 8:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. All women are invited to join us for a delicious breakfast and to hear a talk by Fr. Bob Franco. To ensure enough seating and food is prepared, please RSVP by April 8th at our website: <https://www.stpeternr.org/womens-ministry>. If you prefer, you can call 440-327-2201 we will get you registered.

Parish Stewardship

March 31:	\$10,562
Faith Direct:	\$
School Subsidy:	\$0
Capital Improvement:	\$280
Net Offertory:	\$10,842
In Person Mass Attendance:	659

Thank you for sharing your Blessings.

Ministers Schedule

<u>Sat, April 6</u> <u>Rec</u>	<u>April 7, 9:00</u>	<u>11:00</u>
S-Chris Vacca	S-John Burghard	S- <u>Not Filled</u>
L-Gloria Hearn	L-Linda Vasiloff	L-Mark LaLonde
EM-Tony Tinnirello	EM-Barb Arguello	EM-Kristine Krejsa
EM-Chris Vacca	EM-John Burghard	EM- <u>Not Filled</u>
C-Deacon John/Ted	C-Jim Livingston	C-Bob Leither
U- <u>Not Filled</u>	U-Nick Guerrieri	U-Sue Dybowski
U- <u>Not Filled</u>	U-Hung Le	U- <u>Not Filled</u>

<u>Sat, Apr. 13</u> <u>Rec</u>	<u>Apr. 14, 9:00</u>	<u>11:00</u>
S-Beth Paoloni	S-Kathleen McWeeny	S- <u>Not Filled</u>
L-Terry Flanagan	L-Linda Vasiloff	L-Gloria Hearn
EM-Agnes K.	EM-Tom Lamoda	EM-Denise Pastula
Beth Paoloni	Kathleen McWeeny	Mark LaLonde
C-Deacon John	Robert Ricksicker	Chris Snyder
U- <u>Not Filled</u>	U-Jim Gaffney	U-Sue Dybowski
U- <u>Not Filled</u>	U-Hung Le	Gene Morrison

Christ is risen!

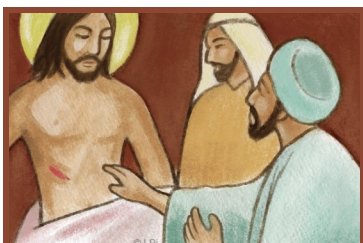
As His disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of Christ's Resurrection. The fruitful ministries at our parish are examples of how many of you have answered, and continue to answer, that call. To ensure such work can continue requires not only gifts of time, but also of financial help. I ask you to prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through Faith Direct. You can sign up online at faith.direct/OH1171 or call Faith Direct customer service at 866-507-8757.

You'll provide us with consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

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and have believed."

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen
- Jn 20:28-29

News & Events

Ukraine Welcome Committee Update

Since our last update, we have settled into a rhythm with Nadiia, Vitalii and the kids. Our family is studying hard to learn English. They attend ESL classes twice a week. We have gotten some extra help for Nadiia and Vitalii and also reading help for the boys. Both boys are doing well in school. Daniel is continuing his study of guitar. They are looking forward to getting involved in sports. All three children go to Ukrainian school Saturday mornings.

It appears that there will be no government support coming to supplement our payments for rent, food and pocket money. So, we continue to closely monitor all of the family's needs. That means we still need your support as well.


To donate use Faith Direct or the envelopes in the vestibule.

Knights of Columbus - Council 7970

Help us to help others through corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Enjoy the fellowship of other Catholic men who share your values and commitment to serving our community. Questions? Call Ray McConaghy at (440)723-7062

Knights at the Races Saturday, April 27 **K of C Ragan Hall Avon**

Your North Ridgeville Council along with our Brother Knights from the Avon Council are sponsoring this fun filled evening. Dinner served at 6:00 p.m. and Post Time is 7:00 p.m. This Fundraiser benefits K of C Charities enabling us to continue to support our Youth Programs, our Seminarians, Food and Clothing for the needy and Community and Parish Activities such as PSR. Flyers can be found at the Church exits. PLEASE JOIN US!



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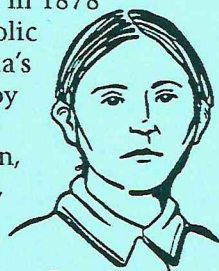
St. Julie Billiart Parish



Thoughtful Moments

St. Gemma Galgani

Born in Tuscany in 1878 to a devout Catholic family, St. Gemma's life was marked by consolation and suffering. Early on, she loved to pray, mystically conversing with Jesus, Mary, and her Guardian Angel. She suffered the loss of half her family to tuberculosis and was prevented from entering the Passionist Order due to her own poor health. She died of tuberculosis at the age of 25.



Religion, front and center

Treat children's religious education classes as the most important education they receive. Make attendance and homework as much a priority as "regular" school. Mastering the content they learn may not get them into college, but it will guarantee their entrance into someplace even more important.

"Truly, the Lord is waiting to be gracious to you, truly, he shall rise to show you mercy; For the Lord is a God of justice: happy are all who wait for him!" (Isaiah 30:18)



Family habits that can help keep youngsters Catholic

Recent studies have revealed that many Catholic children leave the Faith when they leave high school. Those who remain faithful to Jesus come from families who follow four "best practices." Consider these:

Cultivate communion: Researchers found that families who shared a meal regularly are more likely to raise faithful Catholic adults. It's a powerful way to strengthen communion, teach values, and share a love for Jesus. Resolve to have family meals three or four times weekly (without screens).

Be open to questions: Most young people leave the Church because they had many faith-based questions but no answers. Encourage children to ask and seek the answers together. Teach them

how to use reliable sources, starting with the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* or turn to your local pastor.

Form a prayer tradition: Keep it simple. Gather round a Crucifix to pray for intentions and exchange a sign of peace. Let a different child lead the "nightly decade," or sing a hymn together and offer a blessing before bedtime.

Make prayer whatever works for you.

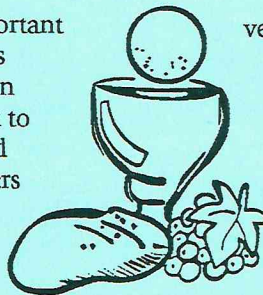
Encourage service: Faithful adults tend to grow up in families that prioritized service to the poor. Look for a way to donate time, talent or treasure to those in need. Your parish may need your support of one of its ministries. Let God's priorities shape your own.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics celebrate Communion?

The Mass is the most important and powerful gift we have as Catholics. Holy Communion brings us into union – heart to heart – with Jesus, really and truly present. When He enters a soul, He brings with Him countless graces: peace, healing, remission for



venial sins, strength, spiritual nourishment, and a "love...strong as death" (Song of Songs 8:6). When Jesus enters the sanctuary of our hearts in Holy Communion, and especially at one's First Communion, it's a cause for joyful celebration.

How do our children benefit from weekly Mass?

If your family was invited to dinner and you knew Jesus would be there, would you go? Of course you would! You know how blessed your children would be just by being in Jesus' presence. In fact, Jesus is present – in person – at every Mass. Your children are blessed by Him:

Good food. Parents are careful to feed children well so they stay strong and healthy. At Sunday Mass, Jesus gives us the food we need for our souls to stay strong and healthy.

Good practice. God told us to keep holy

the Sabbath Day and to observe His laws.

Teaching children to obey God's rules is great practice for teaching them to obey ours.

Good listening. When we go to Mass, we hear God's Word. Familiarity with Scripture builds the lifelong skill of listening for God's voice.

Good company. Each of us is needed by our Catholic community. "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20).



Scripture LESSON

John 15:1-8, "Remain in me"

In this Gospel passage, Jesus compares life with Him to the Vine and its branches. Our connection with Him is absolutely vital for our souls. The stark reality is that a vine-branch can't be cut off and "transplanted" in the soil; it's either attached to the vine or it withers and dies.

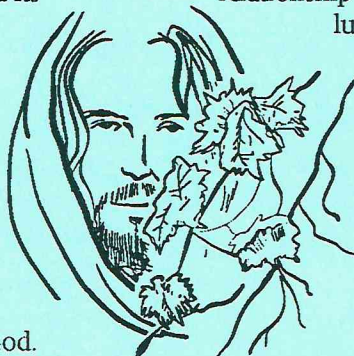
Why does Jesus say something so shocking? Because He is the Word of God.

Jesus Christ must be the center of our lives. While some are called to devote themselves more radically to Christ than others (e.g. monks, nuns, and priests), everyone is called to deep, living

intimacy with Him. A close relationship with Christ isn't a luxury; it's a necessity for our spiritual health.

What can a parent do? Teach children that Jesus must be the center of our hearts, souls, and lives. Help them to build the habit of praying to Him often. Teach

them that weekly Mass and monthly Confession is needed to "keep in touch" with their Friend. To the extent that our hearts belong to Jesus, we will find lasting peace and joy.



Feasts & Celebrations

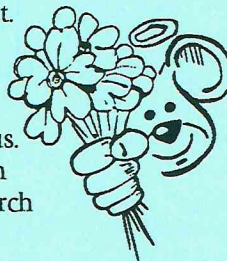
April 3 – St. Richard of Chichester (1253). Born in England, St. Richard studied law at Bologna. Known for his holiness and administrative skills, he was named archbishop of Chichester, but because of political persecution, spent most of his office in exile. St. Richard died in Dover while preaching a crusade.

April 7 – Divine Mercy Sunday (1931). Jesus asked St. Faustina to ensure that the Sunday after Easter become the "Feast of Mercy." He promised special graces and mercy to whoever honors him as the King of

Mercy and prays The Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

April 8 – The Annunciation of the Lord. The angel Gabriel visited the Blessed Virgin Mary with the extraordinary news of her role as the Mother of God, to which she had complete confidence in God's wisdom.

April 25 – St. Mark the Evangelist (First Century). St. Mark wrote his Gospel based on St. Peter's perspective and accompanied Saints Paul and Barnabas in Cyprus. He is credited with founding the Church of Alexandria.



Parent TALK

When we moved into a new neighborhood, I became concerned about some of the boys Toby started playing with. They seemed a little wild and some of the neighbors accused them of vandalism and stealing. I told Toby of

my concerns but said I wouldn't forbid him from playing with them. However, if the boys committed any misdeeds – whether he participated or not – I would hold Toby solely responsible.

That next week Toby ran home in a panic. Even though he "told them not to," the boys threw a rock through Mr. Grayson's front window. I walked Toby back to Mr. Grayson's house where he apologized for his and his friends' behavior and made arrangements to replace the window.

He had to mow a lot of lawns and rake a lot of leaves to pay for the window but he quickly lost interest in those friends, much to my relief.

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