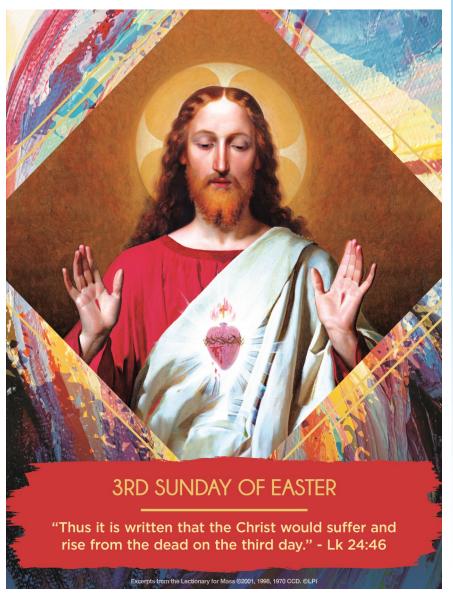


April 14, 2024

#### 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.



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.

#### St. Julie Billiart Parish

Dear Parishioners.

Certainly, the buzz of the week was the total solar eclipse that came through northeast Ohio last Monday. This once in a lifetime event for our area was an awesome spectacle. Besides simply enjoying the beauty and wonder of our solar system, we probably absorbed a lot of fascinating information

Here is some science I read on the Texas A&M Today website: While Earth's moon is about 400 times smaller than the sun, it is also about 400 times closer to Earth's surface, allowing it to just barely cover the entire sun during a total eclipse.

The website went on to explain that this will not always be the case. The moon is slowly drifting from the earth. A few hundred million years from now there will not any solar eclipses on earth. (I don't think we have anything to worry about!) And the next solar eclipse that will be near us (totality being just north of Columbus) will not take place for another 75 years.

During Lent the third graders at St. Peter Parish School asked me how we come up with a date for Easter. Some of them recognized that it moved about from year to year. Somewhere in the fourth century the Church discussed and settled on the date of Easter as the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal (spring) equinox.

This means that there would be more daylight than nighttime. It would also mean that there would be more moonlight at night, since it was near the first full moon. The symbolism is clear. Death and darkness are conquered by Jesus Christ, risen from the dead and true light of the world.

One other liturgical note: Holy Week and Easter Week are not to be interrupted by any other feasts. However, if there is Solemnity (like St. Joseph Day or the Annunciation), those days would be moved to the first available day after Easter Week.

This is what happened this year. March 25, the Annunciation, when the Angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would become the mother of God's Son, was on Monday of Holy Week. It was moved to Monday, April 8-Eclipse Day! This is significant. In Christian symbolism, Christ is often referred to as the Sun of Justice. His light shines for life on the earth. Mary is often referred to as the Moon. She reflects the light. In the gospel reading for the Annunciation, Mary is told that the Holy Spirit would overshadow her, enabling her to conceive the Son of God as a virgin. Just as the Sun overshadowed the Moon during our eclipse, so the Presence of God overshadowed Mary, enabling her to bring Jesus Christ into the world.

As we are grateful to God for the wonder and beauty of our world, may we be especially grateful for His amazing plan. Mary's "yes" to God's plan for her changed the direction of the human race. His plan culminated in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And God's plan continues to be brought to fulfilment when we say "Yes" to His saving plan for us. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Our readings this week highlight the kerygma, that Greek word which means proclamation. Simply put, the message of the early Church (and the Church of all times) is that Jesus Christ suffered for us sinners

#### 3rd Sunday of Easter

and rose from the dead. Our response is repentance (turning away from sin and back to God) and faith: to trust Christ and seek to live the manner of life he teaches. May this message, which never grows old, resonate freshly in our minds and hearts, and bring us the peace, pardon, and purpose it promises.

On another note: St. Julie Parish is looking for more people to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. We are especially interested in people who would be able to take the Blessed Sacrament to the Homebound. If you are interested in doing this, please leave your name at the office Beth Paoloni or myself will get back to you.

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.

#### Rice Bowls

There is still time to turn in your Rice Bowls. Give to ushers or put on the table in the vestibule by April 22.



He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that

everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled. You are witnesses of these things."

- Lk 24:44, 48

### Parish & Community Events

#### Religious Education

PSR-Parish School of Religion

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

#### Mass Intentions for the Week

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 Billiart Parishioners

Apr. 15 Monday 5:30 p.m. Linda LaLonde (LaLonde Family

Apr. 17 Wednesday 5:30 p.m. Ileen Sroka (Family & Friends)
Apr. 19 Friday 5:30 p.m. Nick Arguello (Barb Arguello)

Apr. 20 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Marianne Diloreto (Jim & Barbara Foster)

Apr. 21 Sunday 9:00 a.m. Martin Mahoney (Jeff & Donna Kral)

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

#### The Week Ahead

**Sun.** PSR, 6:30-7:45

Mon. Respect Life, 7:00 Church

Wed. Rosary, 1:00

Adoration, 2:00-5:00

Mom's in Need, 7:00, HFR

 $\textbf{Thurs.} \ \ \textbf{Middle School Youth $G$roup,}$ 

at St. Peter's, 7:30

Sat. Men's Breakfast, St. Julie's

Jesus Day, 10:00 a.m. Healing Prayer after 5:00

Mass

**Sun.** PSR, 6:30-7:45

High School Youth Group Mtg., April 21, St. Julie's,

7:45-8:30 p.m.

#### Men's Breakfast

Please join us for the St. Julie and St. Peter Men's Fellowship breakfast on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> @ 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 sispbreakfast@gmail.com

#### Bulletin on Line

If you would like to receive the bulletin in your email, send your address to <a href="mailto:stjbc@stjuliebilliart.org">stjbc@stjuliebilliart.org</a>. Be the first to receive St. Julie's news.

The Respect Life Group will meet this Monday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m. to plan activities that foster respect for all human life from conception to natural death. The meeting will be held by telephone. For the teleconference call-in info or if you have other questions, please call Susan and John DeLaat at 440-327-2398, or email jaydee40days@gmail.com. Everyone from St. Julie Billiart and St. Peter is welcome.

## PRAY FOR ...

the health of, and caregivers of: Barbara Dodge, sister of Bernice Cusick, Elaine Payne, Syl Steffen, Carly Guerra, Agnes Valenta, Louise Alexander, Kennedy Smith, granddaughter of Dottie Heller, Marian Kessler, Jeff Kohl, son of Mary Anne Schwarzwalder, 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 21**, 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.

#### Crockpot Dinners

#### We need help with April's dinner

The sigh up sheets are in the vestibule of the Church. You can bring food items, cook a dish and bring to the Church on April 25, help in the kitchen, or help monetarily.



#### Parish Stewardship

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April 7:	\$4055
Faith Direct:\$	
School Subsidy:	\$115
Capital Improvement:	\$185
Net Offertory:	\$4355

In Person Mass Attendance: 424

Thank you for sharing your Blessings.

#### Ministers Schedule

Sat, Apr. 13 Rec
<b>S</b> -Beth Paoloni
L-Terry Flanagan
EM-Agnes K.
Beth Paoloni
C-Deacon John
U-Not Filled
U-Not Filled

Apr. 14, 9:00
S-Kathleen McWeeny
L-Linda Vasiloff
EM-Tom Lamoda
Kathleen McWeeny
Jim Livingston
U-Jim Gaffney
U-Hung Le

11:00 S-Beth Paoloni L-Gloria Hearns EM-Denise Pastula Mark LaLonde Chris Snyder U-Sue Dybowski Gene Morrison

# Sat, Apr. 20 Rec S-Beth Paoloni L-Jane Herbcha EM-Greg Dubecky Beth Paoloni C-Deacon John U-Nick Guerrieri U-Agnes K.

Apr. 21, 9:00
S-John Burghard
L-Cindy Naprestek
EM-Larry Rozman
John Burghard
Jim Livingston
U-Jim Gaffney
U-Not Filled

11:00
S-Beth Paoloni
L-Amy Shealy
EM-Jim Carter
Joanne Carter
Bob Leither
U-Tim Malinich
Not Filled

#### Knights of Columbus - Council 7970

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## 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!

#### Holy Spirit Parish Ladies Guild Garage Sale

Garage and Bake Sale: Thursday, April 25, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Fill-A-Bag Friday, April 26, 9:00 a.m. to Noon Cash and Credit Cards accepted! 410 Lear Road, Avon Lake



#### 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!



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. Place bags in the vestibule marked Com.Care.

#### Parish Council Nominations 2024

It's that time of year again! The terms of three of our Parish Council members are coming to an end.

According to the Diocesan Guideline, the Parish Council is a consultative body which unites laity and clergy in a community of prayer, leadership, service, and pastoral planning. Members of Council serve as a voice of the people and act as an advisory body to the Pastor and Pastoral Staff. Membership on the Pastoral Council is open to registered Catholic members of the parish who are in full communion with the Church.

#### What Can I Do?

As a St. Julie parishioner, you are asked to participate in the nomination and subsequent election of the members to fill the three vacancies on Council. These vacancies have a three-year term, with an option to serve a second consecutive three-year term. Persons who have previously served on Council may run again provided it is not a third consecutive term.

You are encouraged to think and pray about members in our parish, (including yourself), whom you feel would be a good candidate to spiritually and ministerially participate in the advancement of our parish mission. You will have the opportunity to present three names for nomination. In addition, there will be a space for a self-nomination.

Qualities of Pastoral Council Members (from the Diocesan Parish Pastoral Council Guidelines)

- Willingness to participate in an orientation process;
- Willingness to listen and be open-minded towards the ideas of others and the good of the whole parish;
- Dedication to the mission and spiritual welfare of the parish;
- Commitment and ability to give time to attend meetings and to prepare sufficiently;
- Willingness to work with the Pastor who is the spiritual leader of the parish; and
- Commitment to work in a group process of prayer, consensus-building and planning.

#### Nomination/Election Process

- April 27/28 nominations held; forms should be placed in the Collection basket that weekend or submitted to the Parish Office before Noon on Monday, April 29.
- Nominees will be notified by phone and asked if they are willing to be on the ballot.
- By Monday, May 6 Nominees will provide pictures and short bios to the office for publication in our bulletin.
- May 11/12 bios published in bulletin
- May 18/19 elections held

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