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### LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 p.m.
(This Mass is Live St	reamed & Recorded)

Sunday...... 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Evening Masses on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday beginning January 2

Holydays.....Consult the Bulletin

For updates check St. Julie's Website

### CONFESSIONS

In the Church

### PSR - PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Grades 1 - 8: 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. Sunday Grade 8: 6:00 p.m. Sunday (Check PSR website for Grade 8 dates)

**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.

March 26, 2023

### 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.



## **5TH SUNDAY OF LENT**

And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" - Jn 11:43

# St. Julie Billiart Parish

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

## From the desk of Fr. Bob...

Dear Parishioners,

I met with Bishop Malesic on Tuesday of last week. He called the meeting to find out how my work as administrator was going at St. Julie Parish. During the meeting he handed me a letter from him that began:

> After proper consultation, I hereby conclude your assignment as Administrator of St. Julie Billiart Parish, North Ridgeville and appoint you Pastor of St. Julie Billiart Parish in North Ridgeville. This appointment will become effective 21 March, 2023.

I am your new pastor.

Like Pope Francis, let me begin my time as your pastor asking for your prayers. Jesus said, I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. (John 15:5) The flip of being fruitless without the Lord comes from the words of St. Paul: I have the strength for everything through him who empowers me. Let us pray for each other. Together, in Christ, we can do good, beautiful, and fruitful things for the Lord.

Also on Tuesday, a group of 27 people from St. Julie and St. Peter Parishes gathered in the Holy Family Room at St. Julie's Parish to hear Sarah Murphy from Catholic Charities present on the Welcome Circle, a process by which a team of people sponsor a family from Ukraine and accompany them as they settle in the United States. Though I had read a bit of how the process works, Sarah's presentation made the Welcome Circle process seem possible.

There are a number of parishes in the Diocese of Cleveland that are in the process of welcoming Ukrainian families to our area. St. Joseph Parish in Strongsville was the first parish to welcome a family. A number of other parishes in our area (St. Clarence and St. Christopher) are moving ahead with the process.

After one final discussion with the Parish Councils of St. Peter's and St. Julie's, I will regather people who are interested in forming a *Welcome Circle* and see if there is a consensus to move forward. Besides fulfilling the gospel mandate of welcoming the stranger, our welcome can affect generations to come. We soon forget that it was just a couple of generations ago someone welcomed our grandparents or great grandparents to the United States.

Over the last few weeks Fr. Isidore and I have been able to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance with many people during the Diocesan evening of Penance on March 8 and our joint penance service last Sunday. There will be an hour or two more at St. Julie's during Holy Week. I am still working out details. Please see next week's bulletin.

The readings today focus on our ultimate hope: eternal life and resurrection from the dead. Jesus showed us great compassion and great power in raising Lazarus from the dead. He did this to assure us that our hope in Him is rock solid. Amid the difficulties and trials of life, Jesus Christ is Lord-of both the dead and the living. (Romans 14:9).

In Christ, Fr. Bob Franco

### Easter Basket Blessing Bring your

Bring your basket full of foods to



the church on Holy Saturday at 1:00 p.m. Some baskets may be laden with food while others may contain an assortment of symbolic food items such as Paska bread, butter, salt, horseradish, colored eggs, kielbasa, bacon, cheese, wine, cakes, and other food items. Children can also bring their baskets for a blessing.

**CRS Rice Bowl** will be collected next Sunday, April 2, Palm Sunday. Please be generous. There are still Bowls left in the vestibule that you can fill or donate using a plain envelope marked Rice Bowl.

"Welcoming the Stranger 2023" Sister Rita Mary Harwood, SND, retired in August 2021 after more than 25 years as head of the Parish Life and Development Secretariat of the diocese of Cleveland. Although she no longer directs that very busy ministry for the diocese, she remains very involved with many of the same groups on a volunteer basis. An important part of her job was dealing with migrants, immigrants and refugees. When she began her work, there were 62 million people forced from their homes and countries. That number has grown to **<u>83 million</u>** and continues to rise, thanks to war and other forms of persecution. April 14 is the next FFF of Lorain County at LCCC Spitzer Conference Center Luncheon Buffet: 11:30. Speaker:12:00-1:00 p.m. \$25. Reservations, 440-213-2132 or ffflorain@gmail.com before 6:00 p.m. Monday, April 10.



And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came

out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go." - Jn 11:43-44

# Parish & Community Events

### Religious Education PSR-Parish School of Religion

Sunday: Grades 1-7, 9:30-10:45 a.m.; Grade 8, 6:00 p.m.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Mar. 25 Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Valerie Sumerauer (Richard & Elaine Galik)
Mar. 26 Sunday	9:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
	11:00 a.m.	Harry Sivec (Teresa Sivec)
Mar. 27 Monday	5:30 p.m.	Michael Greenly (Gloria Livingston)
Mar. 29 Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Anthony & Lois Goldyn (Jim Goldyn)
Mar. 31 Friday	5:30 p.m.	All Souls
Apr. 1 Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Gary Halvin (Harriet Halvin)
Apr. 2 Sunday	9:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
	11:00 a.m.	For the Health of Steven

(Ed & Marion Matuszak)

# The Week Ahead

Sun. PSR

Tues. Choir Practice Wed. Rosary for Life, 1:00 p.m., St. Anne Rm. Thur. 40 Days for Life Holy Hour, Noon-1:00, Church Fri. Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm Sun. Palm Sunday PSR



# Coming Events

- **Apr. 11 -** L.E.A.F., 7:00 p.m.
- Apr. 15 Men's Breakfast
- Apr. 16 Men's Cursillo Group
- Jun. 18 Blood Drive at St. Julie's

### Crockpot Community Dinners

Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule to help with food donations, cooking or monetary donations. The next meal will be Thursday, March 30.

### Men's Breakfast

Please join us for the St. Julie & St. Peter Men's Fellowship breakfast on Saturday, April 15 @ 8:20 a.m. Breakfast will be served at St. Julie's. 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 am. So we have an idea of how much food to prepare please RSVP by sending an **email by April 10** to Mike Jessup, <u>sjspbreakfast@gmail.com</u>

St. Julie Billiart Easter Egg Hunt Easter Saturday, April 8, 11:00 a.m. at the Church, children 10 & under Bring your own basket

**Needed:** donations of wrapped candy

for the eggs. Please drop off in the PSR office or the parish office. Last day to bring candy in will be Friday, March 31.



# March 26, 2023

# PRAY FOR ....

the health of, and caregivers of: Cecelia Fields, June Kearney, Elaine Galik, Nancy Francway, Daniel DeLaat, Chris Sinclair, Mary Begany, Barb Vrtachnik, Fr. George, Jim Carter, Nancy Kubiak, Eugene Stellato (father of Lou Stellato), Lola Cook, Mary Lee, Terry Flanagan, Carol Polak, Jean Rasmussen, Kathleen Sobczak, Dolores Rivera, JoAnne Bellomo, and the Regula family; for the repose of the soul of Denise Gamble, daughter of Dan & Gloria Hearns; for our men & women in uniform; our police, firefighters, doctors & nurses; for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate & religious life.

Names will be kept on the sick list for one month. Call the office, 440-327-1978 to renew or add a name.



This Week's Donut Sponsors are Tom & Debbie Lamoda

Walking Through Holy Week Books from the Lenten Mission "Walking Through Holy Week," by Karen Mae can still be purchased at the parish office

# Holy Week

Apr.6 - Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 p.m.

- Apr.7 Good Friday, Stations at Noon Passion of Our Lord, 3:00
- Apr.8 Easter Egg Hunt, 11:00 a.m. Holy Saturday, Food Blessing, 1:00 Easter Vigil, 8:45 p.m.
- Apr.9 Easter Sunday, Masses: 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.



## Parish Stewardship

Mar. 19:	\$3685
Online Giving:	\$10
School Subsidy:	\$0
Capital Improvement:	
Net Offertory:	
Online Mass including 11 livestream:	
In Person Mass Attendance:	333

Thank you for sharing your blessings.

# News & Events

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<u>Sat, Mar. 25, 5:00 Rec</u>	<u>Sun, Mar. 26, 9:00,</u>	11:00					
S- Chris Vacca	Suzanne Snyder	Mike Yarosh					
L- Jessica Angelo	Barb Arguello						
EM- Deacon John	Laura Knoblauch	Gene Morrison					
Donnie Schiffbauer TM	Ed Knoblauch TM	Mike Yarosh TM					

### Palm Sunday

Sun, Apr. 2, 9:00, Kathleen McWeeny (1) Linda Vasiloff (2) Ken Allen Tom Lamoda	11:00 Suzanne Snyder (1) Donnie Schiffbauer (2) Lisa Palazzo Leslie Rozman
	Larry Rozman TM
	Kathleen McWeeny (1) Linda Vasiloff (2) Ken Allen Tom Lamoda

### Holy Thursday

Thur.Apr.6,7:00 S- Suzanne Snyder L- Linda Vasiloff EM- Deacon John Eileen McBriarty TM

### Good Friday

Fri, Apr. 7, 3:00 S- Suzanne Snyder L-(1) Peg Nolan (2) Barb Arguello EM- Deacon John Larry Rozman TM

Lector Assignments: 1 - Reading 1 and Passion Narration 2 - Reading 2, Voice of Passion, & Petitions

### **Prison Ministry**

Pen pals are needed for correspondence with Ohio inmates. For more information, please call the pen pal coordinator at St. Julie's Ted Lapponi, 440.315.6527. Alternatively, contact George Scherma, 440.465.8944.

### Garden Angels Needed

Julie Lane has three gardens that need TLC. For more information call Gene Morrison, 440-552-5420.

Walking With Moms In Need: Brochures and cards containing a list of local Pregnancy Help and Family Assistance resources for women raising children are available at the back of church. Please feel free to take multiple copies for yourself and to share. This resource list is also available on our parish website at: stjuliebilliart.org/moms-in -need. We hope that our parish's efforts, combined with the efforts of other parishes, will move us closer to the day when any mother in need knows where she can turn for help. Married and Engaged Couples: A Natural Family Planning (NFP) class is an excellent tool to help couples get the practical help they need to understand and live out the truth and beauty of God's plan for married love. NFP is safe and healthy. It's nearly free. It's "green." And NFP is effective for achieving or postponing pregnancy. Many couples find that NFP helps them build a deeper and closer relationship to each other and to God since they are experiencing marriage as God intended. Classes are available in-person and also online - both live and self-paced. For information on upcoming classes or to learn more about NFP, call Bill and Jessica Davidson at 216-347-1041, or visit the Couple To Couple League website at <u>ccli.org</u>.



## St. Julie Billiart (SJB) and St. Peter (SP) Catholic Churches

### PALM SUNDAY

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, when we celebrate our Lord's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Palms will be blessed at the beginning of each Mass.



Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast 8:30am until Noon in St. Peter's Gym. See the bulletin for the details.

Rice Bowls will be collected during the offertory at all Masses.



### **Monday of Holy Week**

Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer: (SP) 7:35am

Mass: (SP) 8:15am | (SJB) 5:30pm

**Confessions:** (SP & SJB) 7:00pm - 8:00pm

### **Tuesday of Holy Week**

Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer: (SP) 7:35am

Mass: (SP) 8:15am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (SP) 9:00am until 7:00pm

Benediction: (SP) 6:40pm

### Wednesday of Holy Week

Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer: (SP) 7:35am

Mass: (SP) 8:15am | (SJB) 5:30pm

**Confessions:** (SP & SJB) 3:00pm - 4:00pm (SP) 7:00pm - 8:00pm

### THE SACRED TRIDUUM (Latin for "three days")

### HOLY THURSDAY

Commemorates the Last Supper with Jesus and His apostles. We celebrate the institution of the Eucharist as the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ and the institution of the Sacrament of the priesthood. Parish Office Closes at 5:00pm (SP & SJB)

Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer: (SP) 8:15am

Mass of the Lord's Supper: (SP) 7:00pm [IVE] (SJB) 7:00pm [IVE] Immediately after Mass, the Eucharist is

taken to the gym (SP) and Holy Family Room (SJB) in procession. Adoration will conclude with Night Prayer and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament as follows:

SJB: Night prayer begins 9:00pm with Reposition at 9:15pm SP: Night prayer begins 11:45 with Reposition at 12:00 midnight

EASTER VIGIL (Saturday Vigil)

During the Easter Vigil we will welcome our newest members into the Catholic Church.

Easter Vigil: (SP) 8:45pm (SJB) 8:45pm LIVE

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### **GOOD FRIDAY**

Good Friday commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. It is a day of fasting and abstinence. Traditionally there is no Mass as a solemn atmosphere is preserved until the Easter Vigil.

Parish Office Closes at Noon (SP & SJB)

Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer: (SP) 8:15am

Begin the **Divine Mercy Novena** today

Stations of the Cross: (SJB) Noon

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion: (SP & SJB) 3:00pm [IVE 4

(SP & SJB) Cross Walk: 5:30pm

Stations of the Cross: (SP) 7:00pm

### **HOLY SATURDAY**

Holy Saturday commemorates the day that Jesus Christ lay in the tomb after His death.

> Parish Offices Closed (SP & SJB)

Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer: (SP) 8:15am

> Food Blessing: (SP & SJB) 1:00pm

### **EASTER SUNDAY**

Alleluia! He Has Risen! Alleluia!

Masses:

(SJB) 9:00am LIVE (SP) 10:00am Church [IVE] | (SP) 10:00am Gym (SJB) 11:00am (SP) 12:00pm Church

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(SP) 8:00am

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40 DAYS FORLIFE.	Week 5 Update	We have one more week to go in the Spring Campaign. During the first four weeks, 248 babies have been saved from abortion! (that we know of) This makes over 23,000 babies saved since 40 Days for Life started in 2007! God is hearing and answering our prayers!	This true story from a 40 Days for Life prayer volunteer in Reno, Nevada reminds us of what God can accomplish when we pray:	Laura was praying near the exit of the abortion facility. A woman who had gone in for an abortion appointment drove out of the parking lot. "She rolled down her window and asked for my cell number," Laura said. "I don't give my number to strangers, but when you're out there praying, everything changes. I gave it to her. And just a few moments later, I got a long text."	I just wanted to send you guys a text to let you know that what you do out there does make a difference. When I went to that abortion clinic last week to drop off my money to terminate my pregnancy, I saw people	standing out there with signs. I didn't expect to see that and part of me felt ashamed. I drove through the gates anyway and went inside, gave them my money, and made an appointment for 2:30 p.m. today. As I was	driving away, I couldn't help but think that maybe there was another way. All this week I thought and prayed about it and I realized in my heart what the right thing to do was. I can't help but think that had you guys not been	there that day to remind me that I had another choice, that maybe one more baby would have died today. Don't stop what you're doing. It matters. It did to me. From the blonde lady in the white SUV who picked up her money instead of aborting her baby today.	Though our part is small, we must never downplay God's huge part – that he uses our prayers and presence to demonstrate his love!	This week provides one last opportunity during the Spring Campaign to prayerfully join with others in the live-saving mission of 40 Days for Life. This Thursday, St. Julie Billiart parishioners will pray at the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Bedford Heights from 12noon to 1pm. The facility is located at 25350 Rockside Rd. Carpooling is available from the St.	Julie large parking lot at LL:Lbam. There will be a simultaneous hour of prayer in the church, also on Thursday from 12noon to 1pm.	Please join these opportunities for shared prayer, and please continue to pray for an end to abortion every day. Our prayers are making a difference and saving lives!	

# **HE MADE HIS DWELLING AMONG US** The Annunciation and the Gospel of Life

The Annunciation celebrates the visit of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to inform her that she was to be the mother of Jesus. On this great feast day, we not only recall Mary's courageous "yes" to God, we also celebrate the Incarnation of Christ, our Savior. For it was there, in the womb of a woman, nine months before the celebration of the manger, that "the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (John 1:14).

The celebration of the Annunciation coincides with the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*). This prophetic document on the dignity and inviolability of every human life was put forth by Pope John Paul II on the Solemnity of the Annunciation in 1995. The intimate connection of these two events highlights a profound reality about the identity and value of every human person.

Luke's Gospel tells us that by the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ would be conceived within the womb of Mary. It was there, in the womb of the Blessed Mother, that Christ first took on human flesh and made his dwelling among us. Like us, the unborn child Jesus grew and developed beneath the shelter of his mother's loving heart. Through Christ's Incarnation, God



chose to share fully and intimately in our humanity and bridge all distance between God and man, so that we may dwell together.

The Church teaches us that "by His incarnation the Son of God has united Himself in some fashion with every man."<sup>1</sup> God desired to dwell among us, as one of us, in order to bring us salvation. This truth "reveals to humanity not only the boundless love of God… but also the incomparable value of every human person."<sup>2</sup>

Each of us is made in the image and likeness of our Creator, to share in the very life of God himself. This reality "reveals the greatness and the inestimable value of human life."<sup>3</sup> The human person is "a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory."<sup>4</sup> Created through the love of the Father, each one of us bears "an indelible imprint of God."<sup>5</sup> By sharing in our humanity, Christ invites us to share in his divinity, that we might dwell with him for eternity.

Therefore, "the Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel."<sup>6</sup> Through Christ's descent to earth God desires to raise each one of us to the heights of heaven. May we recognize that to proclaim the Gospel of Life is to proclaim Christ, the one who *made his dwelling among us*.

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- 4 Pope John Paul II. Erangelium vitae. 34.
- 5 Pope John Paul II. Erangelium ritae, 35.
- 6 Pope John Paul II, Evangelium vitae, 2.

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