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#### LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

5:30 p.m. Evening Masses 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: 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

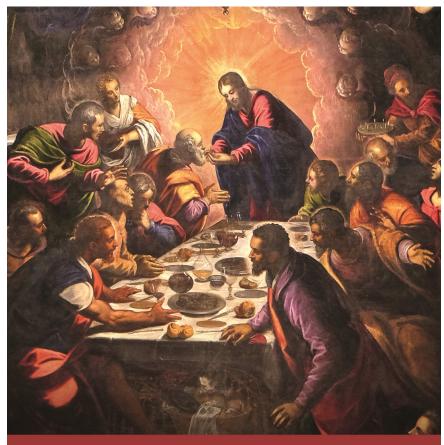
MARRIAGE Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance

NEW PARISHIONERS You are welcome to call the office or register on line.

May 7, 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.



## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

## St. Julie Billiart Parish

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

Dear Parishioners,

Congratulations to our Second graders who made their first Holy Communion on Saturday, May 6. Their eager faith and joy are an inspiration for us all. May they remain close to the Lord Jesus they have welcomed in Holy Communion. We pray that they are able to welcome Jesus frequently-yes, each week!

Again, we are grateful for Kelly Reed, Judy Cummings and all who had a hand in their preparation for their First Holy Communion. Their weekly labors were complimented by the Jesus Day they put on last Saturday. May the Lord continue to bless the efforts of our PSR program.

This week's bulletin contains an announcement about our Welcome Circle to sponsor a family from Ukraine to our area. The parish councils of both St. Julie and St. Peter Parishes are supportive of going forward. What is needed now is for people to commit themselves to form that welcome circle. If you have any interest in this project, please attend the upcoming meeting Wednesday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Peter Parish. The meeting will be held in the Galilee Room of the Parish Center. (Yes-the offices have reopened!) This is the building in the back of the property, next to the cemetery. Remember, our decisions and labors can positively affect a Ukrainian family for generations to come!

St. Julie's Parish is brining back servers. Server Training will take place this coming Saturday, May 13 at 10:00 a.m. in the church. Children grade four and older are eligible to be trained for serving. Also, if there are adults who want to serve Masses (especially at the 5:30 p.m. weekday Masses (Monday-Wednesday-Friday) and at funerals, you are also welcome. Fr. Isidore and I are looking forward to reigniting this ministry at St. Julie's.

Last Friday ten or so people met with Greg Dubecky and myself to scope out the garden and landscape needs of the grounds of St. Julie Parish. I was impressed by their presence and enthusiasm for beautifying the grounds of our parish. Though it has been a cool spring (great for grass growing), we hope for a warmup and a time plant flowers.

In today's gospel Jesus consoles with this promise: I go to prepare a place for you. Jesus wants us with Him and is preparing a place for us. He then tells us how we get there: I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. This is why we try to follow the way of Jesus, believe the Truth (who is Jesus) and share the life that Jesus gives us, especially in the Eucharist.

As we continue to celebrate this season of Easter, let us place our faith in God who raises the dead.

In Christ, Fr. Bob Franco

## 5th Sunday of Easter

#### Jesus is our Light

St. Julie's is offering a "STELLAR" Vacation Bible School, July 10-14. The theme is "Jesus is our Light," and St. Julie's will be transformed into a lunar space station.

This program is so important to the development of our parish youth. Not only do the youngsters have an



amazing time each night with snacks, crafts, experiments, and games, but they hear core bible stories that strengthen their faith, learn about saints who were a "light" for others, and participate in a project serving those in need. Our teenagers also begin taking on one of their first leadership roles as they guide our children through the daily events, being role models for the little ones.

The cost of this wonderful program has more than doubled this year. Please prayerfully consider supporting St. Julie's Vacation Bible School. **VBS** materials and supplies cost about \$63 dollars per child. We charge only \$30 dollars per child for registration. Please consider sponsoring a child, or donating to our VBS set design, materials, and snack supplies. Your support will help make this a great VBS experience and help us keep the cost down for families. Donations can be placed in an envelope marked VBS and deposited in the collection basket or mailed to the office.

Thank you for your consideration.

#### Confessions

Confessions are now being heard in the Library, which is half way down the hallway, past the kitchen, next to the PSR office.

The room at the back of the Church with all the windows is once again a room for those who have small children who are very restless.

## 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

May 6	Saturday	11:30 a.m.	First Communion
		5:00 p.m.	Winnie Smick (Chuck Smick)
May 7	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
		11:00 a.m.	Frank, Jr. & Jim Valenta (Agnes Valenta)
May 8	Monday	5:30 p.m.	All Souls
May 10	Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Lidubina Lopez (Jim Goldyn)
May 12	Friday	5:30 p.m.	DeLuca & Bahr Mothers (Ken & Jan DeLuca)
May 13	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Gary Halvin (Harriet Halvin)
May 14	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
		11:00 a.m.	John & Mary O'Connor (Dennis Jufko)

## The Week Ahead

- Sat. First Communion, 11:30 a.m.
- Sun. PSR Mass, 9:00
- Tues. Choir
- L.E.A.F., 7:00 Church
- Wed. Rosary, 1:00 Church Welcome Circle Mtg. 7:00pm St. Peter's
- Sat. Women's Breakfast, St. Julie Altar Server Training, 10:00

## Coming Events

- May 20 Men's Breakfast, St. Peter Confirmation, 5:00 p.m.
- May 21 Men's Cursillo Mtg,
- May 24 Walk with Mom's,
- May 25 Crockpot Drive-Thru
- Jun. 18 Blood Drive at St. Julie's
- July 10-14 VBS

#### Uniting for Ukraine - St. Julie & St. Peter Welcome Circle

A second meeting has been scheduled to discuss the



potential of forming a St. Julie & St. Peter Welcome Circle. The meeting will take place on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Galilee Room at the St. Peter Parish Center located in the back part of the property next to the cemetery. We have received approval to move forward. For this program to launch we need to establish sponsor lead cocoordinators and group leaders. Everyone who is interested in this program is encouraged to attend. Please RSVP Sarah Murphy (skmurphy@ccdocle.org) so we have an understanding how many people will attend.

Womens

Breakfast

## May 7, 2023

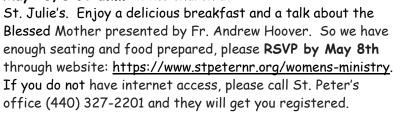
## PRAY FOR ....

the health of, and caregivers of: Joyce Becker, Ileen Sroka, Alan Pavelschak, Debijo Lamb, Cecelia Fields, June Kearney, Elaine Galik, Nancy Francway, Daniel DeLaat, Mary Begany, Barb Vrtachnik, Fr. George, Jim Carter, Nancy Kubiak, Lola Cook, Mary Lee, Terry Flanagan, Carol Polak, Jean Rasmussen, Kathleen Sobczak, Dolores Rivera, JoAnne Bellomo, and the Regula family; for our men & women in uniform; our police, firefighters, doctors & nurses: for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate & religious life.

40 Days for Life Spring 2023 Campaign - Final Results: Praise God! From February 22 through April 2, there were 680 babies' lives saved that we know of, including one in Cleveland! This means that since the first 40 Days for Life in 2007, there have been reports of 22,517 babies saved from death by abortion and thousands of moms and dads who can rejoice in choosing life!!! In addition to babies saved, there were also 2 more abortion workers who had a change of heart and left the abortion industry during the Spring Campaign. 247 workers in all have left since 2007! Three more abortion facilities closed, for a total of 138 abortion facilities that have closed since 2007! These kinds of miracles can only be the hand of God working in and through the prayers of His people. Thank you and God bless you for your prayers for His littlest children!

#### Women's Breakfast

Please join us for the St. Julie & St. Peter Women's Fellowship breakfast on **Saturday**, **May 13, 8:30 a.m.** in the church at



### Parish Stewardship

Apr. 30:	\$3687
Online Giving:	\$255
School Subsidy:	\$0
Capital Improvement:	
Special Donations:	
Net Offertory:	

Thank you for sharing your blessings.

## News & Events

Ministers Schedule						
Sat, May 6,5:00 Rec S-Suzanne Snyder L-Cindy Naprestek EM-Greg Dubecky Agnes Klimkowicz TM Ted Lapponi	Sun, May 7,9:00 PSR Kathleen McWeeny Jessica Angelo Tom Lamoda Laura Knoblauch Nick Modock TM Kathleen McWeeny Ed Knoblauch	11:00 Presider Amy Shealy Denise Pastula TM Donnie Schiffbauer				
Sat, May13,5:00 Rec S-Chris Vacca L-Terry Flanagan EM-Jim Nolan Chris Vacca TM Ted Lapponi	Sun, May 14,9:00 John Burghard Barb Arguello Leslie Rozman Larry Rozman TM John Burghard	11:00 Presider Lisa Palazzo Gene Morrison TM Joe Kotarsky				

#### Men's Breakfast

Please join us for the St. Julie and St. Peter Men's Fellowship breakfast on **Saturday**, **May 20th @ 8:20 a.m.** Breakfast will be served at St. Peter's in the Gym. 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 to Mike Jessup at <u>sjspbreakfast@gmail.com</u> by May 15th.

#### Formation for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

If you would like to help out with distributing Holy Communion come to a class on Tuesday, May 23, 7:00-9:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Parish in Avon Lake. Call the St. Julie's parish office, 440-327-1978 to register or for information.

Lorain County Right to Life Ad Campaign: Thank you to the 78 parishioners who signed up last weekend to sponsor the Ad Campaign. Ads will placed in area newspapers and online, and billboards will be on display in Lorain County throughout June. The Ad and list of sponsors will be available at:

<u>loraincountyrighttolife.org/</u> starting June 1<sup>st</sup>. You can still donate toward the Campaign at: <u>LorainCountyRightToLife.org/AdCampaign</u>.



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come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be." - Jn 14:2-3

### **Parish Council Nominations 2023**

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

- May 20/21 2023 nominations held; forms should be placed in the Collection basket that weekend or submitted to the Parish Office before Noon on Monday, May 22. Nominees will be notified by phone and asked if they are willing to be on the ballot.
- By Monday, May 29 Nominees will provide pictures and short bios to the office for publication in our bulletin.
- June 3/4 bios published in bulletin
- June 10/11 elections held

#### Sample of Next Week's Nomination Form:

Nominate yourself here - phone

Nominee

Phone

Nominee

Phone

Nominee



St. Julie Billiart Parish



#### Why does Easter matter?

Jesus died so that we might live. In fact, He died so that we might live forever. If we truly believe in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, that belief must cause us to live differently. Easter gives us confidence that the darkness in our past can be forgiven, our present has meaning, and we can have hope for the future. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the most important event in human history.

#### Come together in silence.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta said, "We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence." Once a week, turn off the television, computers, video games and telephones for fifteen minutes. Sit in silence together and listen for God's voice.

"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, receives me, receives not me but (H)im who sent me" (Mark 9:37).

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## Live with Easter joy throughout the year

The Church gives us a whole season to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ on Easter, ending on

Pentecost (May 28). Here are five ways to spread Easter joy beyond the season:

Praise God daily together. Christ's Resurrection is a source of hope. Without it, getting to Heaven would be impossible for us. Offer prayers of praise and thanksgiving together every day.

Celebrate our new life. Plant an indoor Easter garden that you can tend all year. Point out new leaves, blossoms, or shoots when they appear, and remember that Easter brings us all new life.

"Tell me a story." Jesus told marvelous stories to help us understand God's love for us. Add

Why Do Catholics Do That

Why are roses associated with Mary?

For centuries, Our Lady has been associated with roses, traditionally considered the "queen" of flowers in Europe and the Middle East for their beauty, nobility, delicacy, and fragrance. They have also been linked to royalty. In apparitions, Jesus' stories to your regular bedtime story selection and help children fall asleep with sweet dreams of God's love.

Fast before the feast. The pain of Good Friday makes the joy at Easter more intense. Observe every Friday as a day of penance. For example, in addition to abstaining from meat, consider making Friday night a no-dessert or a no-computer game night. Then, on Sunday, treat

yourselves to whatever you gave up.

Celebrate Easter every week. At every Mass, we receive the Resurrected Christ. He is as present to us as He was to Mary Magdalene outside the tomb. Don't miss a chance to celebrate "Little Easter" every Sunday.

#### Mary has appeared with roses at Lourdes, Guadalupe, and La Salette. One of her titles is "Mystical Rose." This connection was so strong, people compared praying sets of Hail Marys to a "wreath of roses,' called a "rosarium"—now known as the Rosary.



### Partners in Faith™

## Helping children encounter the Holy Spirit

At the Last Supper, Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit, the Counselor, who would remain with us to comfort, guide, and teach us (John 14:16, 26). Encourage children to:

Accept His gifts: Knowledge to know right from wrong, fortitude to stand up and be strong, understanding to follow God's way, piety to worship and pray, counsel to enlighten and guide, wisdom to feel God's presence, fear of the Lord to always be awed by the mighty wonders of our God.



Listen for His voice: Even when *"the still small voice"* (1 Kings 19:12) reveals our wrongdoing, the Holy Spirit gently urges us back to the right path. Teach children to rely on Him for inspiration and guidance.

Asking Him to reveal God's love: God pours out His love to us through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5) and makes us His beloved children (Romans 8:15-16). When we accept this gift, we're empowered to extend it to others. Every day, pray together for your children to receive His love and grace.



# John 20:19-23, God's transforming mercy

In this Gospel reading, the Apostles spent their first Easter Sunday fearfully hiding in a locked room. They were

terrified the Romans would find them and execute them for being Jesus' students. Instead, Jesus appeared to them in glory and spoke words of peace. He showed them His wounds as "the living proof" of His

Resurrection. He was alive! That night, Jesus created

the Sacrament of Penance, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained," (John 20:23). He knew we would need to hear the words of forgiveness. Having authority to forgive sins in His name,



May 13 – St. Mary Mazzarello (1881). Born near Genoa, Italy, Mary Domenica and a friend taught poor girls to work as dressmakers and to love God. Inspired by a vision, she worked with St. John Bosco to found the Salesian Sisters.

May 14 – St. Matthias the Apostle (1st century). He was chosen by lot to replace Judas Iscariot, since Matthias had accompanied Jesus from the beginning. He spent his life preaching the Good News until his martyrdom. the Apostles and their successors could continue Jesus' work after he returned to Heaven.

What can parents do? Jesus appeared to His Apostles in their darkest moments and gave them strength, peace, and grace to move forward. Tell children God doesn't wait for us to mess up, but instead

prefers to keep us close. Teach them that when they fall into sin, don't waste time "hiding" from Jesus. Instead, seek Him out in Confession and celebrate His forgiveness.

May 18 - Ascension of the Lord (1st century). This solemnity marks the completion of Jesus' mission of salvation and His triumphant entry into Heaven. Note: In many dioceses, observance of Ascension has been moved to the following Sunday.

May 31 – The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth (1st century). Following the news from the angel, Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, to share gladness at being favored by God. Upon hearing Mary's greeting, John the Baptist leapt for joy in Elizabeth's womb. The Hail Mary includes Elizabeth's address to Mary.



Having younger siblings prepared me for my two noisy, active children. But I wasn't prepared for constant



bickering and tattling. It seems as if I settle an argument every ten minutes. One day, Fr.

Mike Dobbins came to dinner. The children were on their best behavior until they went to the next room to play. The screams and tattling made adult conversation impossible.

Father finally said, as the oldest of a large family, it looked like our children didn't know how to settle their own fights because I always settle them. Once I stop, he predicted things would calm down.

The next day, I told the children that if they fought, they needed to ask, "What would Jesus do?" and find a solution. Otherwise, they would both get sent to their rooms no matter who started it. Sure enough, within a few days they learned to solve their own disputes.

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