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March 3, 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.*



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

**Pastor:** Rev. Robert Franco

**Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Isidore Munishi

**Deacons:** Rev. Mr. John Rivera

Rev. Dr. Ken DeLuca, Retired

**PSR Principal:** Kelly Reed

### 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,

One of the best ways to prepare to renew one's baptismal promises on Easter is to celebrate devoutly the **Sacrament of Penance**. Many people did just that last Wednesday at the Diocesan wide *Evening of Confession*. I am grateful to God for being able to share the forgiveness and mercy of Jesus Christ with the many people who participated in this event at St. Peter and St. Julie Parish.

Our parishes, St. Peter and St. Julie, have another opportunity **next Sunday, March 10. We will gather at 3:00 p.m. in the afternoon at St. Peter Parish for a communal celebration Sacrament of Penance**. Jesus thought that this sacrament was so important that on the evening of that first Easter, when Jesus appeared to his apostles, He breathed the Holy Spirit upon them and said, *Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained*. If you have not yet gone to confession, I hope to see you next weekend. There will be plenty of priests to assist our parishes that afternoon.

**Last week I gave a pitch for anyone else who wanted to join the *Discovering Christ* program**. A few people accepted the offer and there are now 34 people who are signed up. I pray that the people can experience what the title of the program describes: a deeper and personal discovery of Jesus Christ.

**I am also edified by the people who are participating in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays afternoon (2:00-5:00 p.m.)**. This oasis of silent prayer can refresh one's soul. Many people come for an hour. Some people make a short visit. **Either way, the Lord is pleased with our presence adoring His Presence**. Last week, one ninety-year-old woman rolled in with her walker to St. Peter's adoration on Tuesday afternoon on her way to pick up her medications at a local pharmacy. She prayed for a few minutes and continued on her way. *God bless her!*

**I am also encouraged by the reports I get from Fr. Isidore about Stations of the Cross on Fridays at Noon**. Again, this is a way for us to deepen our love of the Lord as we witness how great his love is for us.

**Our readings this week highlight both the spiritual problem and solution of life. The problem, simply put, is sin. And the solution is clearly Jesus Christ Himself!**

**Last week I was teaching religion to the sixth graders at St. Peter School**. They were reviewing the Ten Commandments (not the movie but the real commandments!) This is today's first reading from the Book of Exodus. In my teaching, I emphasized that these Commandments are good. They highlight natural law. They resonate with our conscience. They frame a way of life that leads to greater peace in society.

**However, I also spoke of the fact that we have an interior tendency to break them!** Sixth graders do not always treat their parents with respect! They do not always jump on their homework, embrace their chores with cheerfulness, and sometimes lie! **Why do they (and all of us) break or neglect these good commandments?**

**We are infected by original sin**. Though forgiven in baptism and the Sacrament of Penance, the tendency toward self-love remains. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, quoting the Vatican II Council document, *The Church in the Modern World*, put it this way:

The whole of man's history has been the story of our combat with the powers of evil, stretching, so our Lord tells us, from the very dawn of history until the last day. Finding himself in the midst of the battlefield man has to struggle to do what is right, and it is at great cost to himself, and aided by God's grace, that he succeeds in achieving his own inner integrity. (CCC #409)

**Thank God for Christ!** In our second reading St. Paul proclaims the power and the wisdom of the cross of Jesus Christ. Through it we are forgiven. By the cross, and the gift of the Holy Spirit that God lavishes upon us, we learn to die to our self-love and develop holy habits (virtue) by which we do the good God created us to do.

**During this Lent, may the Lord, who desires us to be His clean and holy temple (today's gospel), lead us along a path of truth, goodness, and beauty. We want to reflect God's plan revealed in Jesus.**

In Christ,  
Fr. Bob Franco

### Unbound Conference

Do you want to break free from patterns of habitual sin, an addiction, negative thoughts, resentments or other forms of spiritual difficulty? Catholic Renewal Ministries is hosting an **Unbound: Freedom in Christ Conference** with Matt Lozano from the Heart of the Father Ministries. At this conference, you will learn how to unlock your prison doors by using the Five Keys to Freedom. The conference is being held at St. Peter Church on **Saturday, April 6**, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Register by March 1<sup>st</sup> for early bird pricing of \$75, which includes continental breakfast and lunch. The price after March 1<sup>st</sup> will be \$85. Register at [crrmweb.org](http://crrmweb.org).

## Religious Education

**PSR-Parish School of Religion**

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



**PRAY FOR . . .**

**the health of, and caregivers of:**  
 Fr. Isidore's mother Adelaide, Syl Steffen, Shannon Kennedy, daughter of Cecelia Fields, Agnes Valenta, Mae Preiss, mother of Sandy Zanick, Louise Alexander, Kennedy Smith, granddaughter of Dottie Heller, Peg Nolan, Debijo Lamb, John Peters son of John & Marge Peters, Fr. George, Connor Laska, grandson of Joyce & Marty Laska, Fr. Gonser, Jeff Kohl, son of Mary Anne Schwarzwald, Emily Jirousek, granddaughter of Bob & Mary Ann Jirousek, Marian Kessler, Carter Evard, grandson of Jim & Joanne Carter, Christian Hoffman, nephew of Pat, Daniel DeLaat, Dolores Rivera, Bob Jirousek, June Kearney, Barb Vrtachnik, Lola Cook, Terry Flanagan, Carol Polak, 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.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

- Mar. 2 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Charles Smick Sr. & Nancy Erwin (Chuck Smick)
- Mar. 3 Sunday 9:00 a.m. Marty Mahoney (Pat & Susan Mahoney)  
11:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
- Mar. 4 Monday 5:30 p.m. John & Mary Yuehnik (Mike Zabloutney)
- Mar. 6 Wednesday 5:30 p.m. Linda LaLonde (LaLonde Family)
- Mar. 8 Friday 5:30 p.m. All Souls
- Mar. 9 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Angela Guerra (Rich & Elaine Galik)
- Mar. 10 Sunday 9:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiart Parishioners  
11:00 a.m. Susan Sweeder (Rhoda Pikul)

## The Week Ahead

- Sun.** PSR Mass, 9:00
- Mon.** Prayer Group, Chapel, 2:00  
Discovering Christ, 6:15, STB
- Tues.** Prayer Group, Chapel, 10:30
- Wed.** Rosary, 1:00 Church  
Adoration, 2-5:00, Church
- Thurs.** 40 Days for Life Prayer  
Noon-1:00, St. Julie's
- Fri.** Stations, Noon
- Sat.** Woman's Breakfast, St. Julie
- Sun.** Daylight Savings Time Begins  
Penance Service, 3:00 p.m.,  
St. Peter's

## Coming Events

Washing of feet of 12 children and adults on Holy Thursday. See the flyer next week

Palm Sunday children are asked to be in a procession into Church. See the flyer next week.

### Women's Breakfast

All women are invited to our Women's Fellowship Breakfast being held on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Our next

gathering to share our faith will be at St. Julie's from 8:30 until 10:00 a.m. Join us for a delicious breakfast, a video and discussion. To ensure enough seating and food is prepared, please RSVP by March 4th via the website: <https://www.stpeternr.org/womens-ministry>. If you prefer, you can call St. Peter's office, 440-327-2201 and we will get you registered.

**St. Julie's Easter egg hunt is quickly approaching.** Please help make this event for our young people a success with the donation of individually wrapped Easter candy. Please pick candies that will fit inside of a plastic Easter egg. We will also accept prize donations for the egg hunt. This can be anything like kite, crayons, coloring books, small toys, or small gift cards. There will be a drop off box outside of the PSR office. You can also drop off candy and prizes at the parish office. The egg hunt welcomes children 0 to 12, on Sunday, March 24, after the 11:00 Mass.



## Support North Ridgeville Community Care



Soup for the Spirit 2024 will be held on Saturday, March 9. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. at the VFW, 6805 Lear Nagle Road. Cost is \$75, dinner and drinks included. Silent Auction/50-50. New this year—\$25 Signature Drink Glass, will include refills. Visit the website to purchase tickets, [www.nrcommcare.org](http://www.nrcommcare.org)  
 Email questions to [heather@nrcommcare.org](mailto:heather@nrcommcare.org)

**Men's Breakfast** - Please join us for the St. Julie & St. Peter Men's Fellowship breakfast on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:20 a.m. Breakfast will be served at St. Peter'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 to [sjspbreakfast@gmail.com](mailto:sjspbreakfast@gmail.com) by March 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Parish Stewardship

<b>Feb. 25:</b> .....	\$4220
Faith Direct:..... Feb. 1-Feb. 15.....	\$2650
School Subsidy:.....	\$30
Capital Improvement:.....	\$310
<b>Net Offertory:</b> .....	<b>\$7210</b>
In Person Mass Attendance:.....	461

## Ministers Schedule

<p><u>Sat, Mar. 2, 5:00 Rec</u>  <b>S</b>-Beth Paoloni  <b>L</b>-Cindy Naprestek  <b>EM</b>-Beth Paoloni                      Greg Dubecky  <b>C</b>-Deacon John                      Ted Laponi  <b>U</b>-Agnes Klimkowicz  <u>Not Filled</u></p>	<p><u>Mar. 3, 9:00</u>                      Kathleen McWeeny                      Amy Shealy                      Jim Livingston                      Denise Pastula                      Robert Ricksecker  <b>U</b>-Nick Guerrieri                      Hung Le</p>	<p><u>11:00</u>                      Mike Yarosh                      Gloria Hearnns                      Leslie Rozman                      Mike Yarosh                      Larry Rozman                      Sue Dybowski                      Tim Malinich</p>
<p><u>Sat, Mar. 9, 5:00 Rec</u>  <b>S</b>-Chris Vacca  <b>L</b>-Cindy Naprestek  <b>EM</b>-Greg Dubecky                      Chris Vacca  <b>C</b>-Deacon John  <b>U</b>-Agnes Klimkowicz  <u>Not Filled</u></p>	<p><u>Mar. 10, 9:00</u>                      John Burghard                      Amy Shealy                      Gretchen Bulan                      Tom Lamoda                      John Burghard  <b>U</b>-Jim Gaffney                      Gene Morrison</p>	<p><u>11:00</u>                      Kathleen McWeeny                      Mark LaLonde                      Kathleen McWeeny                      Tony Tinnirello                      Joe Kotarsky                      Nick Guerrieri  <u>Not Filled</u></p>

### Do you enjoy playing golf?

St. Peter Golf League is looking for new members. The league is open to men 18 years of age or older.

The league plays on Wednesdays at Bob-O-Links in Avon, with practice rounds starting on April 10.

The League invites new prospects and current members to our spring informational meeting on Saturday, March 9 at 10:00 a.m. in Apostles Hall (church basement). We will provide coffee and donuts. Contact Johnathan Bray 440-382-8605 or Dave Traut 440-759-3734 for more information.

### Rice Bowl - Help Transform the World this Lent: Lenten Alms Changes Lives!

Each Lent, Catholics and Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through **CRS Rice Bowl**, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and climate change, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all. Your Lenten alms change lives globally and in your own community! **Twenty-five percent (25%)** of gifts stay in each U.S. diocese for hunger and poverty alleviation efforts through Catholic Charities-Diocese of Cleveland's Emergency Assistance Services.

**The St. Peter Parish Life Commission** invites all ladies to our **annual women's luncheon** to be held on Saturday, April 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the gym. Our theme this year is "Celebrate Peace". Come and enjoy great fellowship, lunch, and a chance to win a raffle item, or the 50/50 raffle. If you are interested in hosting a table, purchasing tickets and/or donating a raffle item, please contact Jackie Madisen at [jrmadisen@gmail.com](mailto:jrmadisen@gmail.com) or Maggie Finney at [maggie.finney@yahoo.com](mailto:maggie.finney@yahoo.com). Seating is limited so reserve your spot or table today. If you have already been invited by a hostess, your reservation is secured.

# News & Events

## ***Ukraine Welcome Committee***

On February 18<sup>th</sup>, the UWC held a reception to thank our volunteers for all they have done to help the Bryiovskiy family settle into their new home.

It was humbling to realize that more than 230 men, women, and children have donated, time, talent and treasure to welcome and support our family. There are still many challenges ahead but we are confident we will meet those challenges together.

The Bryiovskiy family did not attend, but we shared how they have changed the house into a home over the last couple of months. Go to the website [www.stpeternr.org/ukrainian-welcome-circle](http://www.stpeternr.org/ukrainian-welcome-circle) and view the presentation and a picture of the volunteers who were able to attend the reception.

Mom, Dad, and the three children are studying English now. All parishioners will have a chance to meet our family as soon as they are more comfortable with their English so that they can express their appreciation themselves.



*"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility and trust to repentance. The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To the same Father and to his mercy you can with sure hope entrust your child."* (Pope St. John Paul II, *The Gospel of Life*, #99)

**If you know someone hurting after abortion**, let them know they can find healing and hope through Project Rachel (216-334-2966) or Bethesda - The House of Mercy (1-800-482-4100), or they can visit [hopeafterabortion.com](http://hopeafterabortion.com).



# Sanctuary Decorations

Remember loved ones, living & deceased, by donating toward the decorations that adorn our altar. Names will be printed in the Easter bulletin. **Deadline is Monday, March 25**

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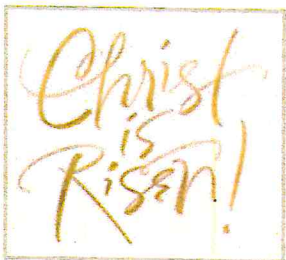
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## Week 3 Update

**During the first two weeks of the Fall Campaign, 35 babies were saved from abortion (that we know of). Praise God!! Keep praying -- God is hearing and answering our prayers!**

**A critical resource in the effort to save babies and their families from abortion are the thousands of Pro-Life pregnancy resource centers throughout the U.S. and the world. In our area, we have two wonderful pregnancy help centers:**

Birthright of Lorain County

2136 North Ridge Rd.

Elyria, OH 44035

(440) 324-9566

[Birthright.org](http://Birthright.org)

and

Cornerstone Pregnancy Services

364 Griswold Rd.

Elyria, OH 44035

(440) 284-1010

[Cornerstoneanswers.org](http://Cornerstoneanswers.org)

**If you or someone you know is facing an unwanted or problem pregnancy, both Birthright and Cornerstone will provide a pregnancy test, on-going support, maternity and baby clothes, prenatal classes, community assistance referrals, and adoption counseling. In addition, Cornerstone also provides limited ultrasound exams. All services provided at both centers are free, non-judgemental, and confidential.**

**Also, Walking With Moms in Need of St. Julie Billiart and St. Peter parishes in North Ridgeville has compiled an Inventory of Local Pregnancy Help and Family Assistance for women raising children. Walking with Moms volunteers are eager to journey with moms and help connect them with the resources they may need. To speak to a volunteer call 440-662-9068, or email: [wwminsbsp@gmail.com](mailto:wwminsbsp@gmail.com). A list of local help organizations and the services they provide is available at: [stjuliebilliart.org/moms-in-need](http://stjuliebilliart.org/moms-in-need).**

**Please keep praying for all those facing a challenging pregnancy, for the staff at Birthright and Cornerstone, and for all those assisting moms in need.**

**You can pray directly for those considering abortion by joining with fellow St. Julie Billiart parishioners each Thursday during 40 Days for Life to pray at the Planned Parenthood abortion mill in Bedford Heights from 12noon to 1pm. Meet at the St. Julie large parking lot at 11:15am. Or, if you can't make it to Planned Parenthood, you can pray with fellow parishioners in the church, also on Thursday from 12noon to 1pm.**

**The Rosary Group meets to pray the Rosary each Wednesday at 1:00pm in the church followed by Eucharistic Adoration in the church from 2-5pm.**

**Each Monday, St. Peter Parish participates in 40 Days for Life by praying from Noon to 1pm. Those going to the Preterm abortion facility leave at 11:15 AM from the St. Peter front parking lot. Those praying at St Peter Church meet at the church at Noon and end at 1:00 PM.**

**Questions about 40 Days for Life, call Susan and John DeLaat, 440-327-2398.**

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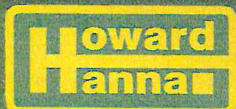
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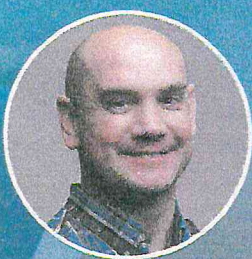
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