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September 3, 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.*

**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.



## 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” - Mt 16:24b-25

**From the desk of Fr. Bob...**

Dear Parishioners,

**Labor Day weekend has a number of facets.** For many people it marks the end of summer. Technically, we have a couple more weeks of summer left. However, schedules have changed, routines are back in place, days are shorter and even the weather begins to cool down.

**Historically, Labor Day was about the Labor Movement.** At the end of the 19th century, laborers were forced to embrace long hours, unsafe working conditions and low pay. By forming unions and calling for strikes, laborers were able to get improved pay, better working conditions, and more reasonable hours. These social improvements have greatly enhanced the life of workers in the United States. Which leads to another facet of Labor Day: a time to reflect on the importance of work for human beings.

**Work is good.** Even before the fall of the human race from God's grace by sin, human beings had work. And after our earthly life is complete (provided we are headed in the right direction), there will be work for us to do in heaven. The problem we have now is finding work's proper place in our lives. As in much of life, there are two extremes.

**The first extreme is found in those who value people only for the work they do.** People are valuable as long as they are productive. Equating people with their work denies the inherent dignity of human beings. As I have often said, we are human beings, not human doings. This extreme can lead to work-a-holism as well as a disdain for people who are no longer productive.

**The opposite extreme treats work as an evil to be endured or even avoided altogether.** This leads to immaturity, laziness, and poverty. If I were a parent, after making sure my children embraced the faith and respected people, I would seek to instill in them a strong work ethic. Work is one of the ways that we develop our full potential as human beings.

**As we celebrate Labor Day this weekend, let us thank God for the talents and abilities we have and seek to use them to bless others and honor our Maker.**

**Next week we begin some of our fall adult education activities:** Discovering Christ (at St. Julie Parish), the Bishop Barron book study on *The Body of Christ* (at St. Peter Parish), and the Women's Breakfast (at St. Julie Parish) all recommence this week. For details, please see parts of the bulletin. These are great opportunities to encounter the Lord, grow spiritually, and build community.

**Last week St. Peter Parish and St. Julie Parish had their initial gatherings of their respective Parish Councils.** Then, on Wednesday, September 6, we will hold our first joint Parish Council meeting. We are planning on joint Parish Council meetings twice a year. Due to the time constraints of the bulletin, I am not able to describe our joint meeting. I will do that in next week's bulletin.

**As we listen to the readings this week, let us pray not be an obstacle to Jesus Christ, but a vehicle of the Lord.** With a renewed mind that thinks like Him, let us carry him into every aspect of our lives.

In Christ,  
Fr. Bob Franco

**Book Study**

Two book studies will be taking place during this year of the Parish Eucharistic Revival. The first study is being held at St. Peter's in September and the second study (book TBD) will be at St. Julie's in January. Our first study will run for 5 weeks and begins on **Saturday, September 9, 10:00 a.m.** in St. Peter's Parish office. We will be reading *This is my Body - A Call to Eucharistic Revival* by Bishop Robert Barron. We have books available for \$2 each unless you prefer to order your own. For more details and to register, please visit St. Peter's website at <https://www.stpeternr.org/eucharist-book-study-this-is-my-body>. The reading plan will be provided at a later date.

**Women's Breakfast Help Needed**

The Women's Breakfast is in need of some help. If you would like to help in the kitchen preparing breakfast on the 2nd Saturday of the month, **please contact Denise Pastula at [ddpastula@gmail.com](mailto:ddpastula@gmail.com).**



**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Training**  
Extraordinary Minister

of Holy Communion Diocesan Training is taking place this fall. If you are interested in distributing Holy Communion at Mass, to the homebound or the Nursing Homes, please contact one of the priests or the parish office no later than **October 1st.**



## Religious Education

### PSR-Parish School of Religion

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

### 2023-2024 PSR Registration

PSR will be Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Please go online to the PSR website to register. **After August 1st a late fee applies.**

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Sept. 2	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Olga Sivec (Teresa Sivec)
Sept. 3	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	John Minnich (Mark & Judy Selee)
		11:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
Sept. 4	Monday	9:00 a.m.	<b>Mass at St. Peter's Church (no 5:30 Mass)</b>
Sept. 6	Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Deceased Members of the Matuszak Family
Sept. 8	Friday	5:30 p.m.	Health of Roxane Brewer (Lapponi Family)
Sept. 9	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Richard & Elaine Galik Wedding Anniversary
Sept. 10	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
		11:00 a.m.	Bob Bellomo & Vestfall Family



I Vincent Scarpelli and Nicole Spaetzel

## The Week Ahead

- Mon.** Labor Day Mass at St. Peter, No 5:30 p.m. Mass
- Wed.** Rosary, 1:00 Church

## Coming Events

- September 9** - Book Study Woman's Breakfast, St. Peter
- September 11** - Discovering Christ
- September 13** - Welcome Circle
- September 16** - Men's Breakfast Book Study
- September 17** - Praise and Worship Concert
- September 24** - Open House, PSR Grades 1-7, after 11:00 Mass Grade 8, 7:00 p.m.

### Discovering Christ

Jesus tells us, "Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst."

Come and quench your thirst at our Discovering Christ sessions **beginning Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at St. Julie's**. Discovering Christ is a free seven-week series with a **life-changing retreat**. You will enjoy a free, **delicious dinner** and listen to an **enlightening teaching**. Then, you will join others in exploring the meaning of life and the identity of Jesus Christ. Childcare is available. You won't want to miss this. For more details and to register, visit St. Peter's website, [www.stpeternr.org/discovering-christ](http://www.stpeternr.org/discovering-christ). (You can still join us even if you need to miss a session or two.)

### Second Collection

Next weekend, September 9/10, we will be taking up a second collection for the anticipated arrival of our Ukraine Family. Please be generous.



**the health of, and caregivers of:** Daniel DeLaat, Gloria Schaefer, Dolores Rivera, Bob Jirousek, Fr. Richard Gonser, Carter Evard, grandson of Jim & Joanne Carter, Fr. George, Debijo Lamb, June Kearney, Nancy Francway, Mary Begany, Barb Vrtachnik, Jim Carter, Lola Cook, Mary Lee, 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; for the repose of the soul of Dennis Gonser, brother of Fr. Richard Gonser.



### Women's Breakfast

The Women's Fellowship Breakfasts resume in the fall. Our next gathering to share our faith will be on September 9 at St. Peter's from 8:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Join us for a delicious breakfast and to hear Fr. Johnpaul Cafiero, OFM, speak on *Spiritual Zumba - How to get your spiritual life fit*. We loved when Fr. JP spoke last year. Sr. Sean will be speaking in October. To ensure enough seating and food is prepared, please RSVP by September 4<sup>th</sup> at our website: <https://www.stpeternr.org/womens-ministry>. If you prefer, you can call our office and we will get you registered.






**Music by Sanctuary**  
**Sunday, Sept. 17**  
**7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**  
**St. Julie Billiart**  
**Church**




### Parish Stewardship

Aug. 27:.....	\$4252
Online Giving:.....	\$345
School Subsidy:.....	\$0
Capital Improvement:.....	\$265
<b>Net Offertory:.....</b>	<b>\$4862</b>
In Person Mass Attendance:.....	396

# News & Events

## Ministers Schedule

<u>Sat, Sept. 2, 5:00</u> <b>Rec</b>	<u>Sun, Sept. 3, 9:00</u>	<u>11:00</u>
S-Beth Paoloni	Suzanne Snyder	Kathleen McWeeny
L-Linda Vasiloff	Jessica Angelo	Lisa Palazzo
EM-D. Schiffbauer	Larry Rozman	Mark LaLonde
Beth Paoloni	Leslie Rozman	Kathleen McWeeny
Ted Laponi 	Suzanne Snyder 	Chris Snyder 

<u>Sat, Sept. 9, 5:00</u> <b>Rec</b>	<u>Sun, Sept. 10, 9:00</u>	<u>11:00</u>
S-Beth Paoloni	Suzanne Snyder	<b>NOT FILLED</b>
L-Cindy Naprestek	Ken Allen	Amy Shealy
EM-Beth Paoloni	Barb Arguello	Denise Pastula
<b>NOT FILLED</b>	Suzanne Snyder	D. Schiffbauer
K. McWeeny 	Ray Sharron 	Chris Snyder 

### St. Julie & St. Peter Ukrainian Welcome Circle BROWNS SQUARES Fundraiser

All squares from the St. Julie & St. Peter Ukrainian Welcome Circle **BROWNS SQUARES Fundraiser** have been secured! Thank you to all participating for supporting the sponsorship of a Ukrainian family.

#### Ukrainian Welcome Circle Needs Your Help

**Household Items:** You can now sign up to help furnish the family's residence. Please visit <https://signup.com/go/EjyWTbL> or scan this Code to sign up to donate the needed items. Once you sign up, a member of the Welcome Circle will contact you regarding drop-off instructions.



**Monetary Donations:** In addition to using the envelopes at the doors of the church for cash or check made payable to "St Julie & St Peter UWC", GoFundMe can now be used to make a donation: Help Young Ukrainian Family to Start a New Life <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-ukrainian-family-to-start-a-new-life>

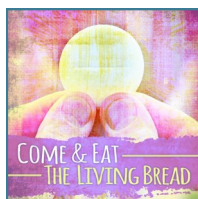




**More Info:** Visit our web page at [www.stpeternr.org/ukrainian-welcome-circle](http://www.stpeternr.org/ukrainian-welcome-circle) for more info or submit your questions to [welcomecircle23nr@gmail.com](mailto:welcomecircle23nr@gmail.com).

### Taking Communion to Nursing Homes

The nursing home ministry is in need of a Eucharistic Minister to distribute Communion at the North Ridge facility on the fourth Wednesday of the month following St. Peter's 8:15 a.m. Mass. We are also in need of three Eucharistic ministers to distribute Communion at The Avenue following St. Julie's 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Please contact the parish office if you would be willing to help.



## News & Events

**A Memorial Service for Aborted Children** will be held at the St. Julie Billiart Memorial for the Unborn on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 1-2 p.m. On that day, Pro-Life Americans throughout the country will gather at the gravesites of aborted babies and other memorial sites dedicated in their honor for the tenth annual [National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children](#). Solemn vigils will be held to commemorate the more than 63 million children who have lost their lives to legal abortion in the U.S. and to remind our society of the humanity of the unborn child. The St. Julie Billiart Memorial for the Unborn is on Julie Lane. Parking is at the church. Bring a chair should you need or want. For more info, contact Mark LaLonde at 440-420-2010, [markjlaLonde@gmail.com](mailto:markjlaLonde@gmail.com). Together let us remember the victims of abortion and pray for a final end to this injustice in our land.

**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](http://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.

### **Men's Fellowship Area Meet & Greet**

Excitement is in the air as we plan to gather our area Men's Ministries for a night of sharing and fellowship! At 6:00 p.m. on **September 12<sup>th</sup>**, you are invited to gather for an "**Area Men's Ministry Meet and Greet**" under the tent on the grounds of St. Joseph Parish, 32929 Lake Road, Avon Lake. Father Eric Garriss, Director of the Diocesan Vocation Office for the Diocese of Cleveland, will open our evening with a brief explanation of how we, as men of faith, can further the vocations of priestly and diaconal formation. Most of our time together will be spent engaging in open discussion around our men's ministries, sharing ideas on how often you meet, clergy members, average age of members, if food is served, and over all purpose. We are excited to meet all of you, pray together, and enjoy an evening of mutual fellowship. Sandwiches, a light snack, and beverages will be provided. Please let me know if you plan on attending by responding to this email by Saturday September 2<sup>nd</sup>  
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## Thoughtful Moments

### St. Padre Pio

Born to farmers in 1887 in Italy, Francesco Forgione joined the Capuchin Friars. In 1918, Fr. "Pio" received the five wounds of Our Lord's Passion (stigmata) in his body. Renowned for his preaching, holiness, and charity, thousands sought him for Confession and spiritual guidance. His famous advice, "Pray, hope, and don't worry," consoles and inspires many today. Even in his sufferings, he cared for others' spiritual and physical well-being, founding a hospital that continues to operate today.



### Raising good stewards

Stewardship means demonstrating that all we have and all we are belong to God. Children can be given opportunities to practice stewardship by participating in service projects, giving away excess possessions, and especially by giving to the Church. Our offerings enable our parishes to provide ministry to us and our communities.

*"I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you"*  
(Psalm 32:8).



## Four healthy habits for a new school year

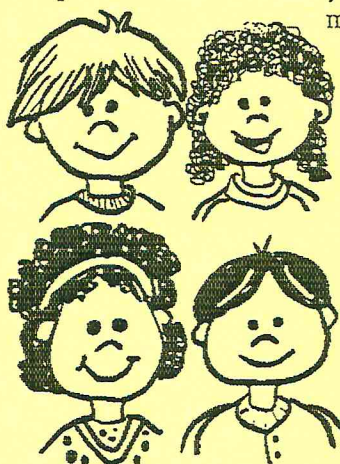
As people of faith, we know that our lasting happiness is found in a relationship with God. Help children develop these four soul-healthy habits in the new school year as a key to finding lifelong joy and lasting fulfillment in God-filled lives:

**Prudence** is a virtue that helps us consider decisions from a practical and Catholic viewpoint – choosing friendships, activities, and entertainment that flow from our Catholic values.

**Justice** encourages us to give others what they're owed. Attending Sunday Mass is just because we owe God our worship. Others deserve respect because all are made in God's image. Treat everyone with respect, honor, and charity, and children will follow your example.

**Fortitude** strengthens us to follow Christ faithfully. Model fortitude for your children by offering many saints as role models, helping children spot how God works in your lives, praying aloud together in good times and bad, consulting Scripture prior to acting.

**Temperance** properly prioritizes our desires. Good food, fashionable clothes, the latest technology are all blessings, but can't be a focus. As an antidote, reserve a day each week for penance – Fridays, from tradition – to help increase appreciation for those blessings. Spend extra time in family prayer, set limits for screens, abstain from meat or favorite foods. We deny ourselves small pleasures so we can appreciate the greatest Gift.

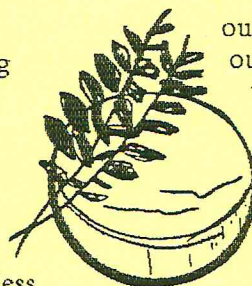


## Why Do Catholics Do That ?

### Why do Catholics bless themselves with holy water?

Blessing ourselves with holy water before entering a Catholic church recalls the washing rituals of the Old Testament Jews who cleansed themselves by bathing before entering the holy temple.

In addition, when we bless

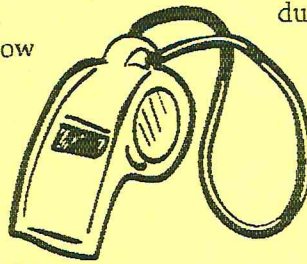


ourselves with holy water, we recall our baptism and renew our promises to God to live our faith. Because holy water is a sacramental, we receive graces when we use it with the right disposition, such as strengthening us against temptation and removing venial (small) sins.

# Good sports – big and small

Children learn the basics of sportsmanship from adults, especially parents and coaches. By learning to develop good sportsmanship, children also learn that success in sports comes to those who know how to persevere and respect others – win or lose.

Focus on lessons learned. Winning is just one lesson learned from playing sports. Youngsters also learn to take pride in their efforts, their improving skills, and in their accomplishments, even if the ending score doesn't favor them. Encourage young athletes to play fair, to have fun, and to concentrate on helping



the team while improving their own skills.

Remember, you are the parent. How you behave during practices and games will teach your children more than what you say. Unless you are coaching your child's team, stay on the sidelines. Shout only encouragement – not directions or criticism – to the players. Praise sincere effort and congratulate winners, even if they're on the other team.

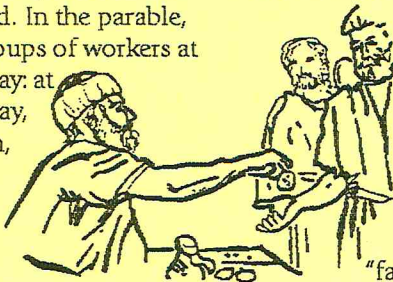
Stay positive. Express only support for coaches, officials, or other players. Any concern you have should be addressed privately.

## Scripture LESSON

### Matthew 20:1-16a, God's ways are not our ways

In this Gospel reading, Jesus compared God's kingdom to a vineyard and God to a generous landlord. In the parable, the landlord hired groups of workers at different times of the day: at the start of the workday, at midmorning, noon, midafternoon, and finally, at five o'clock in the evening. All the workers agreed on a "fair wage."

Jesus' listeners must have been shocked to hear the landlord paid all the workers equally, regardless of how long they worked. In fact, he paid the workers who came the latest, first. Understandably, the full-day workers



were frustrated. They complained to the landowner, who reminded them that he paid them the agreed-upon sum; the rest was sheer generosity

*What can a parent do?* The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard shows that God judges "fairness" differently from

us. The last people we expect to see in Heaven might be the first people to greet us in Paradise. This parable reminds us not to assume we know the state of someone's soul. We may judge actions, but only God can judge hearts.

## Feasts & Celebrations

September 12 – The Most Holy Name of Mary. We honor Mary's name out of respect for her relationship to Jesus. One of Mary's titles is "Help of Christians." We can always look to Mary to lead us back to her Son.

September 13 - St. John Chrysostom (407). Born in Antioch around AD 349, St. John was called "Golden-mouthed" for his eloquent homilies. As Bishop of Constantinople, his concern for the poor led to criticizing the opulence of the royal courts. He died in exile.

September 22 – St. Thomas of Villanova (1555). Born in Spain, St.

Thomas studied theology at the University of Alcalá, before becoming a priest. Named Bishop of Valencia by Emperor Charles V, he fostered Catholic spirituality in his diocese, and provided for the poor.

September 29 – Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Rafael. Today, we remember the three archangels named in the Bible, who were entrusted with important missions to mankind, such as St. Gabriel's visit to the Blessed Mother at the Annunciation.



## Parent TALK

When my daughter was invited to a professional soccer match by a friend, she was thrilled. She had been

playing soccer for few years and was excited to see how the professionals play it.

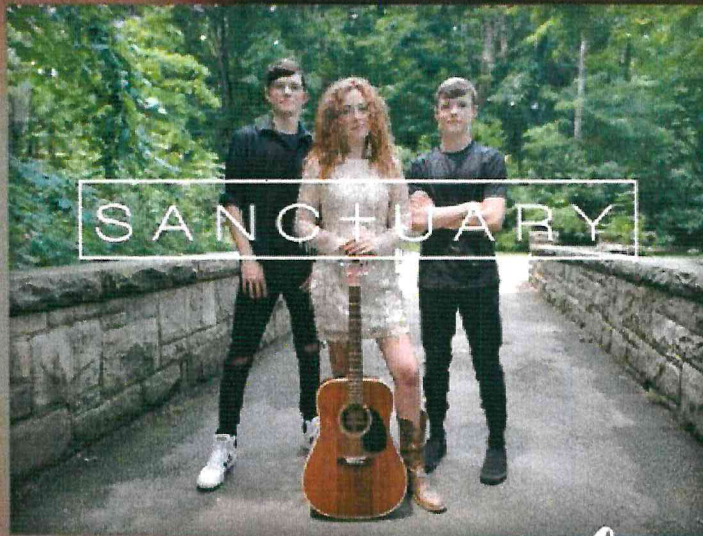
Before she left, I

reminded her of the behavior I expected from her. I stressed the importance of saying, "thank you," and I urged her to be polite and use her manners.

Anne came home beaming. It had been a great game and her team had won. Later, she told me that only one thing had marred the experience for her. She said that a man who was sitting in front of her yelled insults at the opposing team through the entire game and even used bad language. Anne was shocked to see an adult behave that way and remembered my lecture about manners. She said someone should have reminded the man to use his manners.

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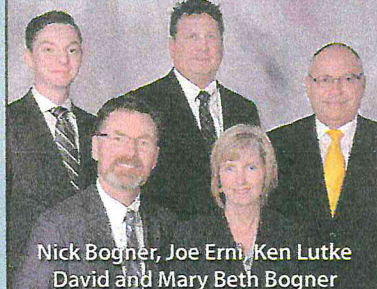
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