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October 12, 2025

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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Pastor: Rev. Robert Franco

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Isidore Munishi

Deacons: Deacon John Rivera

Deacon Del Sherman

Deacon 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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

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 - 7: 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. Sunday

Grade 8: 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. Sunday

(check PSR website for information)

OCIA & OCIC (Order 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,

October began with blessings. Both St. Peter and St. Julie parishes had animal and pet blessings last weekend. St. Julie Parish gathered at the St. Francis of Assisi shrine on Julie Lane on Saturday, the feast day of St. Francis. St. Peter Parish gathered at the playground on Sunday morning between Masses. The Book of Blessings reminds us that animals not only serve in a functional way (for police departments or other services), but also as pets who bring comfort and companionship. May "All creatures of our God and King" give praise to God.

Let us keep **Fr. Isidore** in our prayers as he heads out to Our Lady of Gethsemane Monastery in Kentucky this week. He **will be on retreat with the monks for five days**. May the Lord refresh and bless him!

Our first reading this week focuses on Naaman, a Syrian general, who came to Israel seeking to be healed of leprosy. He reluctantly plunged into the muddy waters of the Jordan River at the bidding of the prophet Elisha. Much to his surprise, he was healed. Naaman tried to give Elisha a gift. When he refused, Naaman thought of a way to express his gratitude to God for his healing. He would take earth from the Holy Land back to Syria. On that earth, he would worship the God of Israel.

Our gospel reading is a bit more familiar. When ten lepers besought Jesus for healing, he sent them to the priests. While on the way to see the priests, they were healed. A Samaritan returned, praising God and thanking Jesus. After pondering where the other nine were, Jesus addressed the Samaritan. "*Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.*"

Naaman the Syrian and Samaritan point the way for us. For sure, they were grateful that they were healed. However, their gratitude brought them to acknowledge the living God. They were not only grateful for the gift. They humbled themselves before the Giver, God, and gave him thanks. This kind of gratitude, coupled with humility, leads to salvation.

I think of the old Godspell song, Day by Day. Its lyrics are: *To see Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly, follow Thee more nearly, day by day.* To see the blessings of God more clearly and respond with gratitude...to be impelled to express love for the Lord in an unashamed manner...to follow his ways *more nearly*: this is our life! This is what Naaman the Syrian and healed Samaritan did. May they inspire us to not only be grateful for our gifts but love the Giver and follow his ways more wholeheartedly.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob Franco

Society of St. Vincent de Paul 39th Annual Blanket Sunday

Beginning this weekend of Oct. 11-12, SVDP is asking for your help. Please consider a monetary donation to help them purchase blankets, beds, and other winter essentials for those in need. All money raised stays in NE Ohio. There will be envelopes in the vestibule soon for your convenience. Please visit BlanketSunday.org for more information and to donate. Thank you!



It isn't enough to just love Jesus. He said we are to be His disciples. A disciple is a student or a follower of a teacher. What does it take to be a disciple of Jesus in today's world? Come join us for the dynamic 7-week series, **Following Christ**, on Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at St. Julie's. The sessions will begin on October 27th and conclude on December 1st with a day of retreat on November 22nd. (There is one Thursday session on November 6). Prerequisite: Discovering Christ, Alpha, Cursillo or something similar. Register by October 23rd online at <https://www.stpeternr.org/following-christ> or call your parish office.

40 Days for Life Holy Hours

will be held at St. Julie's every Thursday from Noon to 1:00 p.m., and at St. Peter's every Monday, Noon-1:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and pray for the protection of all human life and for an end to abortion.

Religious Education

PSR-Parish School of Religion

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Oct. 11	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Anna Galik (Rich & Elaine Galik)
Oct. 12	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Debbie Purta (Cindy Bacisin)
		11:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
Oct. 13	Monday	5:30 p.m.	Dennis Payne (Elaine Payne)
Oct. 15	Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	For Our Children (Jim and Amy)
Oct. 17	Friday	5:30 p.m.	John & Rachel Juskiewicz (Marian Juskiewicz)
Oct. 18	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Winnie Smick (Chuck Smick)
Oct. 19	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Michael Payne (Elaine Payne)
		11:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners

The Week Ahead

Sat. Women's Breakfast, St. Peter's

Sun. PSR Classes, 9:30 a.m.
Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.

Mon. Columbus Day

Mass, 5:30 p.m.
Discovering Christ, 6:15pm, SJB
Faith Sharing Group, 7:00

Wed. Rosary, 1:00 p.m.

Adoration, 2:00-5:00 p.m.
Mass, 5:30 p.m.
Walking w/Moms, 6:15
Open Your Heart, 6:30-8:00 SJB

Thu. 40 Days for Life Holy Hour,
Noon-1:00, Church

Fri. Mass, 5:30 p.m.

Sat. Men's Breakfast, SJB

Mark Your Calendar

St. Peter Catholic School is having a Pre-K and Kindergarten Parent information night on Wednesday nights October 29, and November 19, both at 6:00 p.m. Come and take a tour of the school and meet our St. Peter family.

October Men's Breakfast

Please join us for the Men's Fellowship breakfast on Saturday October 18th @ 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 breakfast followed by a short video and discussion. Ends promptly at 9:45 a.m. Please RSVP by October 13 by sending an email to sjspbreakfast@gmail.com if this is your first time.

Walking With Purpose Women's Bible Study

Please purchase your own book. Register at: <https://www.stpeternr.org/walking-with-purpose-womens-bible-study> so we have a spot for you. You can order the book, Opening Your Heart-The Starting Point at: <https://shop.walkingwithpurpose.com/>.

The \$5 fee can be paid at the meeting. (Wednesday 6:30 p.m. at St. Julie's) or October 3rd (Friday 10:00 a.m. at St. Peter's).



the health of, and caregivers of:
Pat Hoffman, Jennie Cook, Brittany King, Jacob Guzowski, son of Rebecca Whipkey, Joanne Carter, Jim Nolan, Carly Guerra, niece of Richard & Elaine Galik, Emma Brandt, Bob Becka, Lola Cook, Carol Gosselin, brother-in-law of Judy Cummings, Sue Wilson, sister of Pam Tinics, Angela Schuster granddaughter of Lola, Terry Shepler, son-in-law of Lola Cook, June Kearney, Karen Casement, daughter-in-law of Pat Casement, Lynn Frisbie, Carolyn Mayer, Harriet Halvin, Richard & Elaine Galik, Bill & Kathleen Lamb, Lisa Ramsey, daughter of Tony Frameli, Daniel DeLaat, Patricia D'Onofrio, Paul Kovacs, Louise Alexander, Marian Kessler, Dolores Rivera, Bob Jirousek, Barb Vrtachnik, Terry Flanagan, Kathleen Sobczak, Regula family, for Fr. George, and Fr. Gonser; for the repose of the soul of Robert Becker, father of Mary Pokrywka; for our men & women in uniform; our firefighters, police, doctors & nurses; for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life.

Considering Becoming Catholic?

Do you have questions about the Catholic Faith?

Have you thought about joining the Church, but are not sure how to do this? Do you want to brush up on your faith lessons since grade school? Does your spouse want to join the Church? If some of these questions are yours, then call St. Peter's office, 400-327-2201, and we will set up a time just to talk! Or you can call Sr. Sean Groh, S.N.D., Director of Religious Education at 440-327-2201 ext. 2118.

Weekend Healing Retreat

Women seeking help after an abortion are invited to a confidential, private healing retreat at Loyola Retreat House, north of Canton, October 24-26, 2025. Encounter the mercy of the Lord through the sacraments, prayer, and scripture in a safe, supportive, and sacred environment. Applications are at the back of the church. For more info, contact The Community of Jesus, the Living Mercy at 1-800-482-4100 or email bethesda-house-of-mercy2008@gmail.com.

Parish Stewardship

Sept.28:	\$5235
Faith Direct: (0)	\$
School Scholarship:	\$120
Capital Improvement:	\$640
Net Offertory:	\$5995
Mass Attendance:	432

Thank you for sharing your blessings.

Ministers Schedule

Sat, Oct. 11, 5:00 Rec	Oct. 12, 9:00	11:00
S-Chris Vacca	S-Beth Paoloni	S- Not Filled
L-Jane Herbcha	L-Linda Vasiloff	L-Amy Shealy
EM-Keith Klimkowicz	EM-Tom Lamoda	EM-Jim Livingston
EM-Agnes Klimkowicz	EM-Beth Paoloni	EM- Not Filled
C-Deacon John	C-Barb Arguello	C-Bob Leither
C-Ceil Morrison	C-Robert Ricksecker	C- Not Filled
AS-Elaine Payne	AS- Not Filled	AS-Ashley McDowell
AS- Not Filled	AS- Not Filled	AS-Duncan McDowell
U- Not Filled	U-Jim Gaffney	U-Sue Dybowski
U-Ron Uecker	U-Hung Le	U-Dave Rodriguez

Sat, Oct. 18, 5:00 Rec	Oct. 19, 9:00	11:00
S-Beth Paoloni	S-Elaine Payne	S-K. McWeeny
L-Terry Flanagan	L-Jessica Angelo	L-Cindy Naprestek
EM-Beth Paoloni	EM-Elaine Payne	EM-Larry Rozman
EM-Tony Tinnirello	EM-Robt. Ricksecker	EM-Leslie Rozman
C-Deacon John	C-Barb Arguello	C-Joe Kotarsky
C-Elaine Payne	C- Not Filled	C-Kathleen McWeeny
AS- Not Filled	AS-Ashley McDowell	AS-Dawson Davis
AS- Not Filled	AS-Duncan McDowell	AS- Not Filled
U-Ron Uecker	U-Jim Gaffney	U-Michael Herner
U- Not Filled	U-Hung LE	U-Dave Rodriguez

St. Julie/St. Peter "Walking with Moms in Need" 2nd Annual Fundraiser Luncheon

Reservation forms are by the doors of the church. Seating is limited.

Contact Cindy Traut: 440-315-2155 for information.

50 Raffle * Basket Raffle * Door Prizes

Saturday, October 18
11:15 -1:30 p.m.

St. Peter's Gym
Cost: \$20

Volunteers Needed for Walking with Moms in Need

Walking with Moms in Need is a National Catholic organization sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. WWMIN is a parish-based initiative to increase support for pregnant and parenting mothers in need. It works to ensure that any woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant, or parenting in difficult circumstances, can turn to her local Catholic Church and find the resources she needs. Volunteers walk with moms throughout the mothering journey offering them authentic Christian friendship and ongoing support.

Since beginning two years ago, our joint ministry of St. Julie and St. Peter parishes of North Ridgeville, has walked with many moms in need - 30 in the past year alone. We are seeking compassionate parishioners to serve as **companions**. Companions work in pairs to meet with moms, connect them to resources, and provide ongoing Christian friendship.

We prayerfully invite you to consider walking with moms and sharing Christ's love in this vital ministry by attending two meetings:

- **Information Night:** Wednesday, October 29, 7-8 p.m. at St. Julie Billiart, Holy Family Room
- **Companion Training:** Sunday, November 9, 1-3 p.m. at St. Julie Billiart, Holy Family Room

News & Events

Our Ukrainian Welcome Circle

Reflecting on this last year.....A year ago the St. Julie and St. Peter Circle was awarded the 2024 Bishop A.J. Quinn Award for Justice from Catholic Charities Diocesan Social Action Office. The team leaders accepted the award, but it was all of you, sharing your time, talent, and treasures, who made this recognition possible.

Your financial support has been outstanding, allowing us to continue to help with rent, utilities, and food while the family takes care of all of their other expenses and needs. Maybe your donation was for school clothing and supplies, grocery gift cards, buying a football square, providing guitar lessons, or English tutoring classes. Maybe you were one of the many volunteers or makers that provided all of the items for the Christmas Craft show last year, or were on our trip to the Westside Market, or played games with the kids at a small family party. When the Bryiovskyis family came to St. Julie's, you embraced them with open arms.

God bless all of you for being disciples of Christ acting with compassion and mercy. Please continue to support the Bryiovskyis with your love and prayers.

St Julie's Annual Craft Show

The Holiday on the Ridge Craft Show at St. Julie's is on Saturday, December 6th.

There is still space for additional crafters and vendors, so please help spread the word.

Contracts are available in the church lobby. You can also find information on St. Julie's website at <https://www.stjuliebilliart.org/craft-show>

We are looking for volunteers to help, and to provide food for the café. Volunteer signup sheets are also in the church lobby!

Questions? Call Joe or Valerie at 440-327-6665 [landline, no texts].

World Mission Sunday

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday. St. Pope Paul VI reminds us that prayer is the soul of all mission: "It is the Holy Spirit who, today, just as at the beginning of the Church, acts in every evangelizer" (75). Through our prayers, we unite ourselves with missionaries bringing the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Let us offer our rosaries and Masses this week for those who bring Christ's love to the margins, often at great personal cost. And let us ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle the fire of hope in our own hearts, that we may also be missionaries, wherever we are.

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Week 3 Update

During the first two weeks of the 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign, many babies have been saved from abortion! Go to www.40daysforlife.com to read about how our prayers are being answered! Please continue to pray every day.

As we pray for an end to abortion, we also need to pray for those who have experienced abortion. “Deborah” tells her story:

I had an abortion because I was nervous about being pregnant at 17, single, and because my boyfriend wanted me to have one. When I went to Planned Parenthood, the worker there told me that I wouldn't be aborting a baby, because it was nothing more than a blob of cells. She then told me that I would have to forget about school if I decided not to have an abortion. I scheduled the appointment. Because it was against the law in 1975 for a minor to get an abortion without parental consent, the woman from Planned Parenthood told me to bring a legal ID from someone else, and not to tell my parents. A couple of years later, I was in the same situation, and had gotten another abortion.

As time went on after the abortions, I tried to hide my shame. There were physical aspects from the abortion that were bothersome, but nothing like the shame from having an abortion, and the guilt for both the abortion, and the lies I had to tell to get it. Years later, thoughts of that day kept coming back to me – over and over again. I realized that I had done the most awful thing I could ever do, and in the most inhumane way - I paid someone to kill my unborn baby. After that, I felt that I should suffer. I felt cheap and unworthy. I used sex for recreation; I used abortion for birth control.

A friend of mine told me about the after-care abortion recovery program at Rachel's Vineyard, where I found healing. Even though I didn't think that I was worthy of God's forgiveness for this, the pain was too much, and I decided to go to Him, anyway. God's love and forgiveness came, and eventually the images stopped. A friend brought me to the Lord, and I accepted Christ as my Savior. When God forgave me, he turned the situation into something good. He made me realize that I could help others who could have to make the same choice I had, or those who have experienced the pain & suffering after an abortion as I have. This is why I am silent no more.

(from SilentNoMoreAwareness.org)

If you know someone hurting after abortion, let them know they can find healing and hope through Bethesda The House of Mercy (1-800-482-4100), or they can visit bethesdahouseofmercy.wordpress.com/

Every Thursday through October 30th, St. Julie Billiart parishioners will be praying at the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Bedford Heights from 12noon to 1pm. The facility is located at 25350 Rockside Rd. Parking is available across the street at Cannon Beverage. God uses our peaceful, prayerful presence -- at the very place where children are being killed -- to change hearts, save lives, and share God's mercy with all who come there. Meet at the St. Julie large parking lot at 11:15am.

Also, on Thursdays from 12noon to 1pm, a Rosary Hour for Life will be held at St. Julie Billiart in the church. Join with fellow parishioners in the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle to pray for an end to abortion in conjunction with the ongoing Prayer Vigil at the abortion facility.

Another great opportunity for prayer is each Wednesday, the St. Julie Billiart Rosary Group will pray the Rosary at the church in the St. Anne Room at 1pm followed by Eucharistic Adoration at 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 and return at 1:45 PM. 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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Oct. 24-26

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