

SECOND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

DECEMBER 7, 2025



Knowing Christ + Loving Christ + Serving Christ **Together**



WELCOME!

We are delighted to extend a heartfelt welcome to everyone visiting St. Peter or St. Julie Billiart Parish. Our goal is to help you know, love & serve Christ together and assist you in any way possible. If you have any questions or wish to learn more about our parishes, please reach out to us at the office.

Thank you for joining us in worship, and we hope to see you again soon.

To become a parishioner, please register online or stop by the St. Julie or St. Peter parish office.

2nd Sunday OF ADVENT



ST. JULIE BILLIART PARISH

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ST. PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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ST. PETER ENDOWMENT FUND

🌐 www.stpetereducationendowment.org

📍 St. Peter Education Endowment Fund

RIDGEVILLE CATHOLIC YOUTH

📷 [ridgevillecatholicyouth](http://ridgevillecatholicyouth.org)

CYO ATHLETICS

📍 www.stpetercyo.com

📷 stpeternr.org

MASS TIMES

ST. JULIE BILLIART

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am and 11:00am

Weekdays: Mon, Wed, Fri 5:30pm

ST. PETER

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00pm

Weekdays: Monday thru Friday 8:15am

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PASTOR'S LETTER



Feast of the Immaculate Conception MASS TIMES

Monday, December 8

St. Julie:

9:00am and 5:30pm

St. Peter:

8:15am and 7:00pm

No Confessions

There will be no Confessions at St. Julie on Saturday, December 6th. Anyone needing Confession can go to Saint Peter from 2:30pm - 3:30pm.

Dear Parishioners,

There are a couple of major transitions happening at our parishes. At St. Julie Parish, Pat Hoffman, secretary extraordinaire for 42 years, is retiring. Her dedicated and fruitful service to the parish helped make St. Julie's what it is today. An expression of gratitude for Pat's service to St. Julie Parish is below my column. Please keep her in your prayers.

Beth Paoloni has begun working in the office at St. Julie on the midweek days that Pat Hoffman was working. When I asked Beth if she was planning on a 42 year run like Pat, she laughed. I think that means "No!"

There is a different kind of transition about to take place at St. Peter Parish. It has to do with the physical landscape of the property. St. Peter Parish, Marous Brothers Construction and the Diocese of Cleveland now have a fully executed contract. This means that construction of the new event center, kitchen and elevator will be starting soon. Excavating is first on the agenda.

When construction begins, things will likely become a bit messy. We will need to be patient when on the grounds of St. Peter Parish. My slogan for the next ten months is going to be: A temporary inconvenience for a permanent improvement. God will see us through!

I know that this is a bit of a repeat, but our Joint Advent Penance Service will be at 3:00 pm this Sunday. The location is St. Julie Parish. While in the office at St. Julie Parish on Monday, Amy fielded a phone call that wanted to know if the communal penance meant "general absolution". I was able to chime in and say, "No. There will be plenty of priests to hear everyone's individual confession." Let us together encounter the Lord and his mercy this Advent season.

One more calendar reminder: the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary is on Monday, December 8. Mass times are listed in the bulletin.

Next Sunday, Bishop Edward C. Malesic will be coming to St. Peter Parish for the Noon Mass to celebrate the parish's 150th Jubilee. This Mass will be the capstone of a Year of Jubilee events. We are grateful to celebrate with Bishop Malesic the wonderful things our faithful God has done in our midst for generations. All are welcome to participate in this special Mass of Jubilee.

In Christ,
Fr. Bob Franco

Grateful, Thankful and Blessed

After faithfully serving St. Julie's for over 42 years, Pat Hoffman is retiring as parish secretary.

Parishioners and visitors will surely miss her sweet smile, caring demeanor, and her listening ear when they stop in the office.

As a founding member of St. Julie's, and a prior member of St. Peter's, Pat has enjoyed the friendship of many friends over the years in North Ridgeville. We wish Pat God's many blessings as He restores her health, and a peaceful transition as she begins a new chapter of her life.

THE MASS INTENTIONS

St. Peter = (SP)
St. Julie Billiart = (SJB)

● LIVE STREAMING

SATURDAY VIGIL December 6

4:00pm (SP) For the Deceased Members of the Buterbaugh and Frank Families
5:00pm (SJB) ● Charles Smick Jr. (Chuck Smick)

SUNDAY December 7, Second Sunday of Advent

8:00am (SP) For the People of St. Peter Parish
9:00am (SJB) St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
10:00am (SP) ● JoAnn Tomasheski
11:00am (SJB) Helena Konopka (Teresa Sivec)
12:00pm (SP) Kim Salas Mohnickey

MONDAY December 8, Immaculate Conception

8:15am (SP) ● For the Deceased Members of the Kalina Family
9:00am (SJB) ● St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
7:00pm (SP) ● For the People of Saint Peter Parish
5:30pm (SJB) Linda LaLonde (LaLonde Family)

TUESDAY December 9,

8:15am (SP) ● Patrick & Josephine O'Donnell

WEDNESDAY December 10,

8:15am (SP) ● John & Margaret O'Donnell
5:30pm (SJB) Phyllis Harstine (Bob Brooks)

THURSDAY December 11,

8:15am (SP) ● Kathy Kowalski

FRIDAY December 12

8:15am (SP) ● Martin Cooney Jr.
5:30pm (SJB) Linda LaLonde (LaLonde Family)

SATURDAY VIGIL December 13

4:00pm (SP) Sisters Maryann & Veronica Blasko
5:00pm (SJB) ● Dennis Payne (Elaine Payne)

SUNDAY December 14, Third Sunday of Advent

8:00am (SP) Bob & Andy Sclesky
9:00am (SJB) Harry McLaughlin (Sandra McLaughlin)
10:00am (SP) ● Rich & Kathy Urig
11:00am (SJB) St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
12:00pm (SP) For the People of Saint Peter Parish

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

St. Peter:

Wednesday: 9:00am (after 8:15am Mass)

Saturday: 2:30pm to 3:30pm

St. Julie:

Saturday: 3:30pm - 4:30pm in Library
(by the PSR Office)

BAPTISMS

First-time parents must attend Pre-Baptism instruction. This should be done during pregnancy so as not to delay the time of Baptism. Call your parish office for class registration.

St. Julie: 1st & 3rd Sundays at 12:15pm

St. Peter: 2nd & 4th Sundays at 1:15pm

MARRIAGE

Couples should contact the parish priest at least six months prior to the date for marriage.

OTHER SACRAMENTS

Contact your parish office with questions. Preparation for First Holy Communion & Confirmation will be facilitated through your PSR, St. Peter School, OCIA, or OCIC programs.

BECOMING CATHOLIC (OCIA & OCIC)

To join the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children to receive the Sacraments of Initiation, please contact your parish office.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St. Peter: Tuesday: 9:00am to 6:15pm;
Evening Prayer begins at 6:00pm

St. Julie: Wednesdays: 2:00 to 5:00pm;
Evening Prayer begins at 4:45 pm.

DEVOTIONS

Miraculous Medal Novena: Mondays after the 8:15am Mass at St. Peter.

Morning Prayer: Monday thru Friday at 7:35am at St. Peter.

Rosary: Pray with members of St. Peter's staff every Saturday at 10:00am on-line on St. Peter's website or Facebook page. You can also pray in person immediately after the 8:15am daily Mass in St. Peter's Church and at 1:00pm on Wednesdays in St. Julie's Church.

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Prayed on-line every Friday at 3:00pm at St. Peter's website or Facebook page.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

St. Julie Billiart Parish

For the health and caregivers of: Pat Hoffman, Jennie Cook, Trevor Matthew, Joanne Carter, Jim Nolan, Richard & Elaine Galik, Lola Cook, Carol Gosselin, June Kearney, Karen Casement, daughter in law of Pat Casement, Lynn Frisbie, Lisa Ramsey, daughter of Tony Frameli, Daniel DeLaat, Louse Alexander, Dolores Rivera, Kathleen Sobczak, Mary Ann Homola, Mark & Phyllis Turk, Robert Popelas, Fr George and Fr Gonser.

St. Peter Parish

Bernie K., Janet W., Vincent A., Trevor Mathew, Ed, Fay, Irene, Kayle, Ben M., Mike L., Sue H., Michael K., Allan, Wendy, Jeanette, Brenda, Michael J., Pat, Darlene D., Larry, Ben., Bryan, Berkman/Thompson Family, Bill, Marie, Bob M., Jim and Zoe K., Bob and Linda S., Gina M., Laura F., Gerome J., Antoinette P., Diane S., Fran G., Dianna W., Richard, Diane, Kathleen R., Dolly, Joyce, Benny, Carol G, Lissy, Lisa R., Kathleen M, Michael W.

Names will remain for one month. Call your Parish Office to renew or add a name to the Prayer Chain.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR) CLASSES

St. Peter: K - 8: Mondays, 6:30 - 7:45pm

December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. All PSR students K-8 will be attending the 7:00pm Mass. We invite all parents to come and celebrate this feast with your children! This celebration is a great foundation for your faith and connection with Jesus!

St. Julie: Grades 1 - 7: Sundays, 9:30 - 10:45am; Grade 8: Sundays, 6:30 - 7:45pm

RIDGEVILLE CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUPS



MIDDLE SCHOOL RCY - December 11th

Middle School students (6-8), we will be gathering in Saint Peter's Apostles Hall on December 11th, from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. Join us for an evening of fellowship, faith, and fun! All are welcome. Bring your Bible!

HIGH SCHOOL RCY - January 22, 2026

The next High School RCY event is on Thursday, January 22nd from 7:30pm to 8:30pm at St. Peter's Parish Center. Come connect with your peers, deepen your faith, and enjoy a great evening together. We look forward to seeing you there! Bring your Bible! (Grades 9-12)

ST. PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL



FAITH FIRST

St. Peter School welcomed the students and staff back to class on Monday after Thanksgiving break. The students and staff were well rested and ready to get back to learning. Staff members and students in Third grade through Eighth grade had the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday. A big thank you to Sr. Sean for organizing confessions and Fr. Bob, Fr. isidore and all the priests that came to help ensure everyone had the chance to receive this awesome Sacrament. On Friday the Junior High Students celebrated Mass. It is fantastic to see our students have the opportunity to receive the Eucharist and live their faith by attending Mass.

ACADEMICS

Students in Junior High have been studying how to Interpret the equation $y = mx + b$ as defining a linear function. The students needed to graph in a straight line and give examples of functions that are not linear. Kindergarten students worked on demonstrating and understanding of spoken words, syllables, and sounds (phonemes). They accomplished this task by making a reading booklet, "Fast Pig". The story was read orally with the class, then the students' partner read and they took the books home to practice.

EVERYTHING ELSE

Lego Robotics Club will be competing in their annual competition this coming weekend at Aurora High School. Our students are members of FIRST LEGO League Challenge. They prepared all season to compete at regional tournaments, where judges provide valuable feedback on their robot, code, and invention. The final test of their work comes at the Robot Game table, where they race against the clock for a personal best score and the chance to advance to a local championship. Some teams earn an invitation to FIRST Championship, where teams from all over the world meet and compete.

Thank you PTU for a successful Santa Shop. On Thursday and Friday the students had the opportunity to go shopping for their family and friends just in time for Christmas. Thank you PTU for putting this event together for St. Peter Students as they always enjoy spending time shopping and thinking about others.

The St. Peter PTU 44th Annual Christmas Craft Bazaar is being held on December 6th in the gym. There will be many crafters and food as well as an atmosphere that can put anyone in the Christmas Spirit. Thank you to the PTU for putting together this awesome time honored event.

SAINT PETER PARISH JUBILEE

All are invited to St. Peter's 12:00pm Mass for a Solemn Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving on December 14, 2025, to celebrate our 150th Anniversary. Bishop Edward Charles Malesic will be the main celebrant. The Mass will be livestreamed on St. Peter's website and on our Facebook page.

Immediately following Mass at 1:15pm will be a reception and luncheon in the St. Peter Gymnasium which is by ticket only. Call the parish office to check if seats are still available.



GENEROSITY

Angel Scholarship Fund

The Diocese of Cleveland has organized the Angel Scholarship Fund to assist Catholic schools in the Diocese to take advantage of this Ohio tax credit.

It is quite simple. Complete the form and donate to the Angel Scholarship Fund. Please designate *St. Peter Parish School - North Ridgeville* as the school that will benefit from this tax credit. The Diocese will provide you with a receipt for your donation which you should provide to your tax preparer. If you donate by April 15, 2026, you can still elect to include the donation on your 2025 Ohio tax return. Visit www.catholiccommunity.org/angel. You may also pick up forms at the doors of the Church or at your parish office.



Qualified Charitable Contributions

If you are 70½ or older, please prayerfully consider speaking with your Financial Advisor or IRA Administrator to learn how you can make a direct gift from your IRA to St. Julie Parish or St. Peter Parish — supporting our faith community and the mission we share.

Retirement Fund for Religious

"A lifetime of service deserves care in return. Thanks to your generosity, we can provide the best care for our sisters. Let us offer them the dignity they have given others." Your support in the **second collection on December 6–7** at both parishes is greatly appreciated.

STAFF DIRECTORY

CLERGY

Pastor:

Rev. Robert J. Franco

Parochial Vicar:

Rev. Isidore Munishi

Deacon Del Sherman

Deacon John Rivera
(Retired St. Julie)

Deacon Ken DeLuca
(Retired St. Julie)

ST. JULIE BILLIART STAFF:

PSR Principal: Kelly Reed

Music Director: Mary Pokrywka

Business Manager: Amy Gaffney

Parish Secretary: Pat Hoffman

Parish Coordinator: Beth Paoloni

SAINT PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL STAFF:

Principal: Roger Brooks

ST. PETER STAFF:

Director of Religious Education: Sr. Sean Groh

Music Director: Alexander Kostitsa

Pastoral Minister: Cheryle Koberna

Business Manager: Regina Wojciechowski

Parish Secretary: Christine Stefanek

OFFERTORY

November 23, 2025

ST. JULIE

Offertory Total	\$11,797.00
Envelopes, Cash & Coin	\$4,642.00
ParishSoft	\$6,635.00
School Scholarship	\$95.00
Capital Improvement	\$425.00
MASS ATTENDANCE	425

OFFERTORY GIVING

Contribute a gift via ParishSoft:



ST. PETER

Offertory Total	\$14,422.37
Envelopes, Cash & Coin	\$5,012.62
ACH Weekly	\$85.00
Parish Soft	\$9,324.75
MASS ATTENDANCE	697

BUILDING ON THE ROCK CAMPAIGN

November 23, 2025

Original Pledge Total	\$2,277,148.94
Outstanding Pledges	\$408,320.17
Pledges & Donations Received	\$2,869,315.43
Participants	475

THANKSGIVING COLLECTION COMMUNITY CARE

\$800.00

SCHEDULES: SERVERS, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS, USHERS, GREETERS, & CLOW

Please access schedules via the app or obtain a copy of the monthly schedule through the parish office.

ST. JULIE AND ST. PETER PARISH EVENTS

Communal Penance Service

Our Communal Penance Service will be at St. Julie's today, December 7th, at 3:00pm. Confessions are also available every Wednesday morning at St. Peter's immediately after the 8:15am Mass and Saturdays from 2:30 – 3:30pm and at St. Julie's on Saturdays from 3:30 – 4:30pm. Watch the bulletin for additional times for Confession as we get closer to Christmas.

Raising Faith-Filled Kids

Raising kids in the faith is challenging, but you don't have to do it alone! St. Peter and St. Julie parishioners are invited to join Deacon Del and Niki for The Catholic Parent, a six-part series to help families live their faith daily. Each session includes a short video, discussion, and time to connect with other parents. Kids are welcome! Visit St. Peter's website to register. First session starts 1/6/2026 at St. Julie's.

Cursillo Weekends

With great joy we announce the return of the Cursillo Weekends to all. The men's weekend is scheduled for January 8 – 11, 2026 and the women's weekend is scheduled for April 16 – 19, 2026. We are currently accepting applications from any men or women who would like to secure their spot for the weekend. Christ is calling. Be still and listen for that call. Please visit our website for more details; <https://lsescursillo.org/>

December Men's Breakfast

Join us for the **St. Julie & St. Peter** Men's Fellowship Breakfast on Saturday, December 20th at 8:20am in the church at St. Julie's. Enjoy a hearty breakfast, a short video, and discussion. We'll finish by 9:45am. Men from any parish in the Diocese are welcome. Please RSVP by December 15th via the invite or email sjspbreakfast@gmail.com.

Nursing Home & Homebound Ministry

St. Peter is in need of Extraordinary Ministers who would be willing to distribute Communion to those who cannot get to Mass. The Minister would be scheduled for one of the nursing homes on Sunday or Wednesday of a designated week. Our Homebound Ministers serve on a Sunday of a designated week. Any **St. Julie or St. Peter** parishioner interested in volunteering for this rewarding ministry should contact St. Peter's parish office.

Women in Friendship

Our annual members' Christmas potluck will be held at 1:00pm on Tues., Dec. 9th at the Parish Center at St. Peter's. Please bring a plentiful dish to share with a serving utensil as follows:

Last names A-J: main dish

Last names K-Z: side dish or salad

Paper products, beverages and dessert will be provided. Questions may be answered by calling Barbara at 440-458-6197.

Ukrainian Welcome Circle

In December, our 2 years of financial commitment to the Bryiovskyis ends. They are very excited to have gained their financial independence. Nadiia and Vitalii are so very grateful to all who helped them create a safe place for their children filled with love. Because of your generosity of both talent and treasure, our relationship with them continues beyond any commitment deadline. As Nadiia has said, you all have a place in their hearts forever.

Any donations this month will still go toward this last month of support. In January we will provide more information about our journey together.

The Giving Trees

It is always heartwarming to see and feel the joy and enthusiasm that accompanies the appearance of the Giving Tree. We help children learn to think of the less fortunate, to care for someone they do not know, while expecting nothing in return. What valuable lessons are learned at a tender age. Thank you for your loving example!

St. Julie's Giving Tree is in the church vestibule. Gift items must be returned to St. Julie's by this Sunday, December 7th.

St. Peter's Giving Tree is in the church. Items need to be returned by December 14th. These dates will ensure delivery to the recipients by each organization's deadline. Thank you for your generosity!

Advent Memorial Candles

At **St. Peter's**, we celebrate the memory of our loved ones through the Advent Memorial Candles. Please continue to pray for them and all of our loved ones who have gone before us to live with joy in the company of the angels and saints in heaven. Those who signed up for the Memorial candles can pick up their votive candle to light on Christmas day. They are available at St. Peter's Parish Office during the week following its celebration.

The Christmas Wafer (OPLATKI)

The Oplatki Wafer (four sheets) are available for a \$3.00 donation at **St. Peter's** Parish Office. Office Hours are Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm.

Community Meals

St. Peter: Community Meal will not be served for the month of December due to the holidays.

St. Julie: The next Crockpot meal will be served on December 18th. Sign up sheets to help are in the vestibule.



Remember Loved Ones at Christmas (Living or Deceased)

Names of loved ones will be printed in the Christmas bulletin.

Please Print.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Name of Donor _____

Envelope # _____

Donation \$ _____

If you've donated for flowers on Parish Soft and would like a loved one remembered, check here:

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Return to the rectory by Noon on Tuesday, December 16



Gifts for Baby Jesus in Support of Birthright of Lorain County

In our continuing support of Birthright of Lorain County, St. Julie's Respect Life and Rosary groups will sponsor our annual "Gifts for Baby Jesus" at all masses Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Birthright uses these items to make up layette sets that are given to mothers to take their babies home from the hospital. These mothers have decided to give their babies the greatest gift of all, Life! We like these items to be new. Items currently needed:

Diapers (Size 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7)

Fleece Blankets

Enfamil Formula (Infant or Gentlease)

Baby Socks 0-6 months

Baby Wash/Shampoo

Baby Sleep Sacks 0-6 months

Rattles, teething rings, baby board books

Baby Wipes (pkg of 50-100)

Burp Cloths

Bottles 4 oz

Diaper Cream

Bath Towels / Wash Cloths

Cotton Sleepers 0-6 & 3-6 months

Additional items needed can be found on the Baby Amazon link linktr.ee/birthrightloraincounty