SAINT JULIE BILLIART

### ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

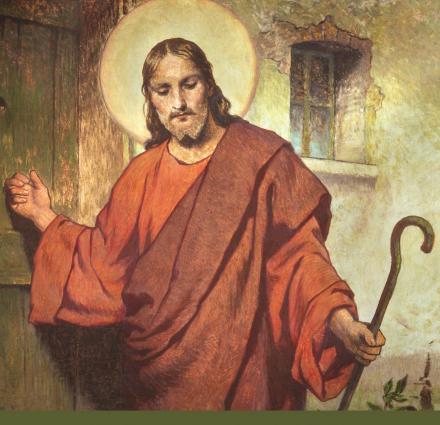
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> CHAPEL-ADMINISTRATION BUILDING 5545 Opal Drive • N. Ridgeville, OH 44039 Hours: (Monday-Friday) 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Phone: 440-327-1978 Email: stjbc@stjuliebilliart.org Fr. Bob: franco@stpeternr.org Website: www.stjuliebilliart.org

Pastor: Rev. Robert Franco Parochial Vicar: Rev. Isidore Munishi Deacons: Rev. Mr. John Rivera Rev. Mr. Del Sherman Rev. Dr. 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** 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.

May 11, 2025

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT Knowing Christ + Loving Christ + Serving Christ Together



# **4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." - Jn 10:27-28a

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# St. Julie Billiart Parish

#### Dear Parishioners,

Again, I offer my congratulations to the 53 eighth graders and adults who were confirmed on Tuesday, April 29. I am grateful for the work and leadership of Jill Papesch. Her oversight of the St. Julie-St. Peter Confirmation program has bore good fruit. Again, thank you Jill.

This past Monday, May 5 the Parish Pastoral Councils of St. Julie and St. Peter Parish met together. We reviewed the pastoral activities of each parish and our joint pastoral activities since July of 2024. From delivering over 2500 purple bags last fall to a wonderful parish mission given by a former Hollywood soap star, we were grateful for the good works that God has done in our midst.

I also spoke with them about the new Parish Pastoral Council norms promulgated by the Bishop Malesic in March of 2025. One of the main changes for these norms is that the members of the Parish Pastoral Council (like the Parish Finance Council) will be appointed by the pastor, not elected at large. This keeps the council from being a popularity contest. The new norms describe qualities that a pastor should look for in potential council members. These new norms also do allow for the parish at large to nominate potential council members. However, it is the pastor, after discernment and dialogue, who will appoint members to this council.

The guidelines do cover things such as term limits and personal conflicts (no members of the staff can be on the council, et cetera). For more information, please see the revised notice about Parish Pastoral Council nominations in this bulletin.

On Friday, May 9, William Myers, a parishioner, and seminarian of St. Peter Parish who has helped out at St. Julie Parish for holiday Masses, graduated from John Carroll University through our Borromeo College Seminary program. After much prayer and dialogue with his spiritual director, Will has discerned not to apply to St. Mary Seminary, our diocesan graduate school that prepares men for the priesthood. I am grateful for Will's openness in seeking out God's call. We pray that the training he has received will be of service to the Church in some other capacity. God bless you, Will!

Among other things, this Fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In our Cycle C readings, we have perhaps the shortest gospel reading of the year. However, these four verses are very telling. They first tell us of ourselves: if we are going to truly be his flock, we need to listen to his voice! They also tell us of Jesus, who is one with the Father and never lets go of us.

Last, but certainly not least, this is Mother's Day! We honor our mothers for their exalted and holy vocation. Their love and sacrifice make us who we are. The Son of God thought so highly of mothers that he chose to be born and raised by Mother Mary!

Though we cannot repay a mother's love and sacrifice, we can express our gratitude and love for them. I pray that the Holy Spirit inspires in us ways of showing appreciation for our mothers that will touch them deeply. Without the investment of a mother's love for her children, our world would be crueler and colder. A mother's love inspires kindness and sacrificial charity in her children. And isn't this just what our world needs?

In Christ, Fr. Bob Franco

## 4th Sunday of Easter

#### Money Counters

We are looking for more Money Counters. It is usually only a commitment of once a month. You need to be at the church from 10:45-12:15 approximately. Free bonus - access to the donuts! A good way to give stewardship to St. Julie. Please call Judy Selee with any questions (440-327-1952).

#### Collection for Newman Catholic Ministries and the Office of Catechetical Services

This collection provides faith formation for adults, teens, and children as will as Parish Catechetical Leaders and Catechists as missionary disciples. Newman Campus Ministries provides opportunities for Students to deepen a relationship with Christ through Prayer and worship, community, faith and Bible studies, retreats and service. A contribution to the Office of Catechetical Services is an investment in the faith formation of people of all ages throughout the Diocese of Cleveland. Thank you for being generous.

#### Thank You!

Thank you to all who helped with the Confirmation reception: Maggie and Jackie who coordinated it; Annette, Jeanette, Karen, and Angela who helped to serve and clean-up; and all of you from St. Peter's and St. Julie's who donated the food. The families were very appreciative. To quote one parent: "It was exquisite and the food was delicious!"



# Parish & Community Events

## 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

May 10	Saturday	5:00 p.m. Winnie Smick (Chuck Smick)
May 11	Sunday	9:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
		11:00 a.m. Bob Coufalik (Gene & MaryAnn Schwarzwalder)
May 12	Monday	5:30 p.m. Dennis Payne (Elaine Payne)
May 14	Wednesday	5:30 p.m. Rose Romero (Walsh & Romero Families)
May 16	Friday	5:30 p.m. Ileen Sroka (Rosary Group)
May 17	Saturday	5:00 p.m. Daniel Sumerauer (Rich & Elaine Galik)
May 18	Sunday	9:00 a.m. Tom Furey (Dick & Alice Hogue)
		11:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiart Parishioners

## The Week Ahead

Sun. Mother's Day
Wed. Rosary, 1:00
Adoration, 2:00-5:00 p.m.
Thu. Respect Life Mtg., 7:00 p.m.
Sat. Men's Fellowship Breakfast
Sun. Men's Cursillo Mtg., St. Anne Rm., 6:00-8:30 p.m.

The Respect Life Group will meet this Thursday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Julie Billiart Church to plan activities that foster respect for all human life from conception to natural death. Everyone from St. Julie's and St. Peter's is welcome. If you have questions, please call Susan and John DeLaat at 440-327-2398, or email jaydee40days@gmail.com.

#### Thank you

On behalf of Catholic Charities USA, please know grateful we are for the most generous gift in the amount of \$1,281 in support of our relief and recovery efforts in Greater Los Angeles. As our thoughts and prayers are with those whose lives have been devasted, your support will help us make a difference in getting them back on their feet.

Staff and volunteers from Catholic Charities agencies are currently on the ground providing life-sustaining assistance to those who need food, water, shelter, and financial aid.

With gratitude, Anthon T. Sciacca Executive Vice President

#### Cornerstone Pregnancy Baby Bottle Blessings



Today we are celebrating our Mothers until we celebrate our Fathers in June. Please choose a bottle to fill for the benefit of Pregnant Moms and their babies! Thank you! May 11, 2025

# PRAY FOR ....

the health of, and caregivers of: Carolyn Mayer, wife of Dave, Linda Schmidt, niece of Rosemary Aspery, Harriet Halvin, Richard & Elaine Galik, Bill & Kathleen Lamb, Emma Bryant, Lisa Ramsey, daughter of Tony Frameli, Daniel DeLaat, Patricia D'Onofrio, Lola Cook, Paul Kovacs, Louise Alexander, Marian Kessler, Dolores Rivera, Bob Jirousek, Barb Vrtachnik, Terry Flanagan, Jean Rasmussen, Kathleen Sobczak, JoAnne Bellomo, Regula family, Fr. George, Fr. Gonser; for our men & women in uniform; our firefighters, police, doctors & nurses; for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life.

#### Women In Friendship

On Tues, May 13 at 1:00 p.m., we will meet in St. Peter's Parish Center for an inspiring retreat by Sr. Sean Groh who has fostered a greater spirituality in us for many years! Please join us because we always welcome new members! Questions may be answered by calling the Parish Center at 440-327-2201.



# MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

**Men's Breakfast** Please join us for the St. Julie & St. Peter Men's Fellowship breakfast on Saturday, May 17, 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 <u>sispbreakfast@gmail.com</u> by May 12.

## Parish Stewardship

May 4:	\$4230
Faith Direct:()	
School Subsidy:	
Capital Improvement:	\$363
Net Offertory	
Mass Attendance:	

Thank you for sharing your blessings.

Ministers Schedule					
<u>Sat, May10, 5:00 Rec</u>	<u>May 11, 9:00</u>	<u>11:00</u>			
<b>S</b> -Chris Vacca	S-Elaine Payne	S-Beth Paoloni			
<b>L</b> -Terry Flanagan	L-Jessica Angelo	L-Cindy Naprestek			
EM-Agnes Klimkowicz	EM-Robert Ricksecker	EM-Bob Leither			
EM-Keith Klimkowicz	EM-Elaine Payne	EM-Beth Paoloni			
<b>C</b> -Kathleen McWeeny	C-Mark LaLonde	C-Joe Kotarsky			
<b>C</b> -Elaine Payne	C-Deacon Del	C-Denise Pastula			
AS-Ryan Papesch	AS-Not Filled	AS-Ashley McDowell			
AS-Not Filled	AS-Not Filled	AS-Duncan McDowell			
U- Sue Dybowski	U-Jim Gaffney	U-Not Filled			
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#### Parish Pastoral Council Nominations A New Process

The Diocese of Cleveland has issued new norms for Parish Pastoral Councils. Here are three paragraphs from these new norms:

4. The council's primary purpose is to assist the pastor in discerning the pastoral direction of the parish in light of both the Bishop's and the larger Church's vision of parish life.

5. The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative and advisory, not deliberative body, which provides the pastor with insights perspective and guidance on the issues affecting the pastoral life of the parish.

8. (b) Elections for membership of the council are not permitted. However, the pastor may invite parishioners prayerfully to share the names of members of the community to serve on council, in addition to inviting members to serve on his own initiative.

St. Julie Parish is implementing these norms this year. We will not be having elections. However, Fr. Bob Franco welcomes nominations. You may nominate a parishioner or yourself. He will be in contact with you. Nominations are due on Wednesday, May 28.

## News & Events

#### Our Ukrainian Welcome Circle

While we were touched by the Easter message from the family, they also were moved and very grateful for the gifts and personal messages/cards you sent to them.

Even though threats from the administration to the immigration status of Ukrainians have been quieter in the last few weeks, the situation remains a very unstable for the Bryiovskyis.

At this moment, the Bryiovskyis are allowed to stay in the US until the end of this year as that will be the end of their original humanitarian parole status. They continue to work with an immigration lawyer to determine how they can/will proceed as new Executive orders are issued and ICE activity continues to change.

We are staying in touch with other Welcome Circles to see how they are doing with their families. All are in the same boat. We all remain vigilant.

As for the Bryiovskyis' day to day...... Because the CDL license training takes 2-3 months, and it currently appears the Bryiovskyis will be here only until the end of their parole period in December, Vitalii will remain in his mechanic's job and not pursue the CDL truck driver license. This was an especially difficult decision. His temporary CDL license that allows him to take the training expires in December. So, if there is positive change regarding their humanitarian parole, he will still be able to sign up.

The kids are doing great! The boys are really enjoying school this year and Susiana spends lots of time with Nadiia and loves helping around the house.

As we continue our journey alongside the family, our support does not change. We are still committed to do all we can until the end of the humanitarian parole in December. We will continue to monitor the ever-changing immigration landscape and provide needed support. We pray that the coming months offer some relief from the emotional roller coaster and hope for their future. We need to remember something that Nadiia and Vitalii told us... It's in God's hands now.

Thank you for all of the help you have provided and we continue to rely on you. We encourage you to contact your representatives as you have done before to keep this issue in front of them. Of course, the power of prayer at this unstable time cannot be underestimated.

#### Mental Health: A Journey of Hope You Are Not Alone

Thursday, May 22, 7-9:00 p.m. at Elyria Catholic High School in the James E. Terrell Performing Arts Center, 725 Gulf Rd., Elyria. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Events are free of charge & all welcome.

**Mental health touches all of us.** Hope can be difficult to find and sustain in these uncertain times, not knowing where to turn or what to do. This is an opportunity for people of faith and good will to come together to learn and discover how to foster hope in the face of mental health conditions. Topics will include available resources, cultural influences, and generating HOPE! This presentation is sponsored by the Diocesan Social Action Office (DSAO) for Lorain & Western Cuyahoga County.



Cornerstone Pregnancy Services in Elyria and Cleveland is proud to kick off their Annual Baby Bottle Blessings Campaign! Their mission is "Caring for women by providing life-affirming services'' and they have been doing so for almost 40 years. Visit their website for more information: www.cornerstonepregnancy.org.

This annual FUNdraising initiative encourages

people to donate spare change, cash or checks in baby bottles to help continue to build up Cornerstone Pregnancy Services in and around our Lorain and Cuyahoga County communities. They are one ministry in two locations and Cornerstone provides medical, spiritual and educational support to women and men during pregnancy and beyond.

The campaign runs from Mother's Day to Father's Day, and participants can donate by filling up any number of baby bottles or giving online. By participating in the campaign, individuals can make a meaningful impact and support families in their local community.

**Please see the table in the back of the church and pick up a bottle or two**. Cornerstone hopes you will join them in supporting **LIFE!** 

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**Questions?** Call your Baby Bottle Blessings coordinator Kathleen Esper, or Karen Howell at Cornerstone: 440-284-1010 Ext. 370 or send her an email: <u>khowell@cornerstonepregnancy.org</u>



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#### Panelists Include Representatives From:

Catholic Charities of Lorain County

MHARS: Mental Health, Addiction & Recovery Services

NAMI: National Alliance on Mental Illness

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A Parent Facing Mental Health Challenges in Her Family

### Questions?

 > Barb Hornbeek, Event Chair hornbeekb@yahoo.com
 > Shawn Witmer, DSAO Director for Lorain County Shawn.Witmer@ccdocle.org or 216-316-9544

