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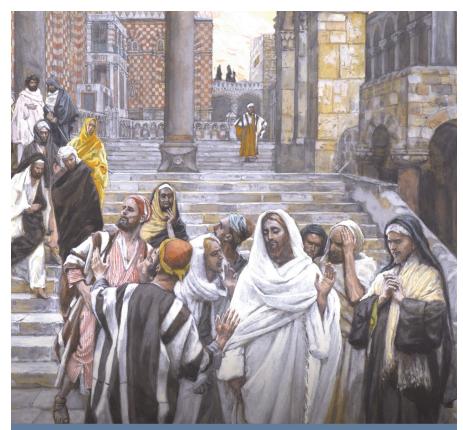
> CHAPEL-ADMINISTRATION BUILDING 5545 Opal Drive • N. Ridgeville, OH 44039 Hours: (Monday-Friday) 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Phone: 440-327-1978 Email: stjbc@stjuliebilliart.org Fr. Bob: franco@stpeternr.org Website: www.stjuliebilliart.org

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.

September 29, 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.



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

St. Julie Billiart Parish

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

Last Saturday I witnessed the marriage of Vincent Pizzuli and Samantha Zezena. The last name of Sam's grandmother is Mazzeo. I have never had a wedding in which the last names for three generations contained two Zs. God willing, Vince and Sam will continue this into the fourth generation with their children. I did absolve Vince and Sam from mandating that their children marry into a family with the last name that had two Zs. And in case you are wondering, they did not serve pizza at the reception.

Seriously, it was great to have a young couple get married in the Church. The Catholic Church sees marriage as more than a social institution or a cultural relationship that some people prefer. Marriage is a call from God, a vocation. And to embrace that call means entering into a covenant with a member of the opposite sex for life, open to having children and being faithful to their partner. God meets this couple in Church with a special sacrament that equips them to live this state in life in a loving, sacrificial and joyful way.

One of the great changes of western culture over the last 70 years is seen in marriage. In 1950 about 3.9% of children were born outside of marriage. In 2023 the number had risen to 39.8% of children were born outside of marriage. These children lack the role models of both a father and mother. These situations lead to a less stable home, making it harder for children to succeed in school and in life.

There is no simple solution to these kinds of social problems. However, the Church is to be a part of the solution. By calling people to embrace marriage as a vocation with a mission, not simply a relationship of convenience, marriage can become a springboard to more successful lives.

And as I have written before, for couples who have gotten married outside the Church, I encourage them to investigate getting their union blessed by the Church and receive the Sacrament of Marriage. The solution to our social problems will be resolved one couple, one family at a time. Receive God's grace and be part of the solution.

Last Tuesday, as I was scurrying across the parking lot to my 4:00 p.m. Adoration Hour I saw Fr. Isidore getting dropped off. He has returned from this four week visit with his family in Tanzania. We welcome him back to North Ridgeville. Praise God for safe travels!

This week's bulletin contains an insert by Bishop Michael F. Burbidge, who heads up the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities. His timely statement at the beginning of Respect Life Month (October), helps us both embrace the dignity of each and every person, born and unborn, as well as pray. This mindset as well as prayer is what our nation needs at this time.

Many people have asked me about the upcoming presidential election. They are uncomfortable with both candidates running for the office of president. One suggestion I have is to check out the American Solidarity Party. Its platform lines up with Catholic values. Their presidential and vice-presidential candidates are on the ballot in the State of Ohio. Cont'd Some people might say, "The person has no chance to win!" I wouldn't disagree. However, a vote for a third-party candidate makes a statement. People want something beyond political ideologies that cause division and anger. Let us continue to invoke Our Lady, the Immaculate Conception, for our nation.

Final word: last week I authorized some outside work to be done at St. Julie Church and Rectory. We hired CMN Painting to paint the exterior of the church. Hopefully, this will be completed by the end of October. The rectory will be getting some new shrubbery and a new tree (replacing the dying crab apple tree near the office entry door.) God, grant us favorable weather to finish our outdoor work!

> In Christ, Fr. Bob Franco

Are you registered to vote: You can register, update your registration, or check your registration status online at: <u>VoteOhio.gov</u>. Deadline to register for the November 5 election is October 7, 2024.

Walking with Moms in Need

You're invited to an Afternoon Tea fund raiser to benefit "Walking with Moms in Need" on Saturday, October 26. The tea will be held at St. Peter's gym beginning at 11:30 a.m. and end with raffle drawings at 1:30 p.m. For additional information about "Walking with Moms in Need" and the Tea, please take a flyer located in the vestibule. Please join us for this worthy cause. Questions call Cindy Traut, 440-315-2155 or Polly Wittrup, 440-748-2928.



Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of

water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." - Mk 9:39a, 40-41

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

Sept.28	Saturday	5:00 p.m. Irene Weaver (Chuck Smick)
Sept.29	Sunday	9:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
		11:00 a.m. O'Connor & Dunaskovic Family (Dennis Jufko)
Sept.30	Monday	5:30 p.m. Josephine Meredith (Marian Kessler)
Oct. 2	Wednesday	5:30 p.m. Linda LaLonde (LaLonde Family)
Oct. 4	Friday	5:30 p.m. Janelda Martin (Bob & Nancy Francway)
Oct. 5	Saturday	5:00 p.m. Winnie Smick (Chuck Smick)
Oct. 6	Sunday	9:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
		11:00 a.m. Mary Lou Jufko (Dennis Jufko)

The Week Ahead

Sun. PSR Class Mon. Discovering Christ, 6:15 p.m. Wed. Rosary, 1:00

Adoration, 2:00-5:00 p.m. Sat. Pet Blessing, 1:00 p.m., Julie Ln.

Sun. PSR Mass, 9:00 a.m.

Home Visits Update

We are nearing the end of our deliveries of the purple bags. We paid a visit to about 2000 homes!!!! The nine missionaries who are finishing up their routes are set to be finished by September 30. We hope you enjoyed the visits, phone calls and packages!

Women's Fellowship Breakfast

All women are invited to the Women's Breakfast on October 12 at St. Peter's from 8:30 until 10:00 a.m. in the gym. Join us for a delicious breakfast and to hear Tom Hummer speak on Veronica's Veil. To ensure enough seating and food is prepared, please RSVP by October 7 at:

https://www.stpeternr.org/womens-

ministry . If you prefer, you can call our St. Peter's, 440-327-2201 and we will get you registered.

~ Pet Blessing ~ God Cares for all his Creatures



St. Julie's will have our annual Blessing of Pets on Saturday, October 5, at 1:00 p.m. at the Saint Francis of Assisi Shrine located between the Administration/Rectory building on Opal Street and the south parking lot of the church. Please park at either end of Julie Lane. All pets are invited to come.

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PRAY FOR ...

the health of, and caregivers of: Barbara Dodge, sister of Bernice Cusick, Louise Alexander, Daniel DeLaat, Donald Skrovan, brother of Elaine Payne, Carly Guerra, Stephan Durosko, nephew of Ted Lapponi, Nicole Jirousek, Dennis Jufko, Mae Preiss, mother of Sandra Zanick, Marian Kessler, Christian Hoffman, nephew of Pat, Dolores Rivera, Bob Jirousek, Barb Vrtachnik, Terry Flanagan, 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, and religious life.

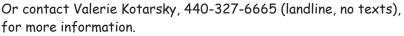
Please call the office to add a name to the Prayer List. The name will stay for one month.

Annual Life Chain

On Sunday, October 6th a peaceful prayerful witness to the sanctity of human life will be going on across America. Please join us as we line the sidewalk and hold provided signs to witness to the terrible truth that ABORTION KILLS CHIILDREN. This will take place rain or shine from 2-3 pm in front of the Planned Parenthood Clinic at 21016 Center Ridge Road, Rocky River. You will need to park on the side street by Walgreens. PLEASE KEEP 6 FEET APART FROM EACH OTHER. FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL DORIS PETERS, 216-659-3362.

North Ridgeville Holiday on the Ridge Craft Show

St. Julie's will be hosting vendors on Saturday, December 7, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There is still space for additional crafters and vendors, so please help spread the word. Contracts are available in the vestibule. You can also find information on St. Julie's website at https://www.stjuliebilliart.org/craft-show





Parish	Stewardship
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Sept.22:	\$3	571
Faith Direct:()\$		
School Subsidy:	\$	15
Capital Improvement:	\$	226
Net Offertory	\$3	8812
In Person Mass Attendance: 388		
Thank you for sharing your blessings.		

Ministers Schedule						
Sat, Sept. 28 Rec	<u>Sept. 29, 9:00</u>	<u>11:00</u>				
S -Chris Vacca	S-John Burghard	S- <u>Not Filled</u>				
L-Cindy Naprestek	L-Ken Allen	L-Lisa Palazzo				
EM-Ceil Morrison	EM-Barb Arguello	EM-Jim Livingston				
EM-Tony Tinnirello	EM-Suzanne Snyder	EM-Chris Snyder				
C-Deacon John	C-John Burghard	C-Joe Kotarsky				
C -Agnes Klimkowicz	C-Deacon Del	C-Elaine Payne				
U-Ron Uecker	U-Hung Le	U-Sue Dybowski				
U-Nick Guerrieri	U-Jim Gaffney	U-Not Filled				
AS-Not Filled	AS-Not Filled	AS-Not Filled				
AS-Not Filled	AS-Not Filled	AS-Sophie Lukachinsky				
Sat, Oct. 5 Rec Oct. 6, 9:00 11:00						
S-Beth Paoloni	S-John Burghard	S-Kathleen McWeeny				
L-Jane Herbcha	L-Linda Vasiloff	L-Kristine Krejsa				
EM-Beth Paoloni	EM-Tom Lamoda	EM-Larry Rozman				
EM-Tony Tinnirello	EM-John Burghard	EM-Leslie Rozman				
C -Deacon John	C-Deacon Del	C-Kathleen McWeeny				
C-Agnes Klimkowicz	C-Elaine Payne	C-Barb Arguello				
U-Ron Uecker	U-Dave Rodriguez	U-Not Filled				
U-Sue Dybowski	U-Jim Gaffney	U-Not Filled				
AS-Ryan Papesch	AS-Ashley McDowell	AS-Not Filled				
AS-Not Filled	AS-Duncan McDowell	AS-Dawson Davis				
S -Sacristan	C-Chalice					
L-Lector	U-Usher					
EM- Eucharistic Minister AS -Altar Server						
CM-Luchuristic Minister AS-Attur Server						

The 40 Days for Life Fall 2024 Campaign of prayer and fasting began this past Wednesday in 703 cities around the world -- including Cleveland the largest 40 Days for Life Campaign ever! The Fall Campaign will run through Sunday, November 3rd. Please pray every day and fast as you are able that God will have mercy on us and remove the scourge of abortion from our land.

The 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil: St. Julie Parishioners will be out praying at the Planned Parenthood abortion mill at 25350 Rockside Rd. in Bedford Heights each Thursday from 12noon-1pm. This time of shared prayer, at the place where babies are being killed, is a sign of hope to all who come there. We will meet at the St. Julie main parking lot at 11:15am. Questions about 40 Days for Life, call Susan and John DeLaat, 440-327-2398.

Weekly 40 Days for Life Rosary Hour: Every Thursday from 12noon to 1pm, a 40 Days for Life Rosary Hour will be held in the church. Join with fellow parishioners to pray for an end to abortion in conjunction with the ongoing Prayer Vigil at the abortion mills.

News & Events

Ukraine Welcome Circle Updates

Save the Date! We will be joined by our Ukrainian family, the Bryiovskyis on Sunday, October 20. There will be a meet and greet after the 11 o'clock Mass at St. Julie (at or around Noon). You will be able to meet the family and hear a little about their journey. Of course, there will be refreshments.

Blanket Sunday Coming Soon

The weekend of October 12-13 marks the 38th Annual Blanket Sunday Collection to help the poor. This collection is sponsored by the Diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society. Due to sanitary concerns and lack of storage space, we will gratefully accept your financial donation and do the shopping for you, making your money go even further with bulk purchases of blankets and other items needed by poverty-stricken and unhoused neighbors. So please "blanket" someone for the winter - and give yourself a warm feeling! You may also donate online at www.svdpcle.org Envelopes are in the vestibule for your convenience.

First Friday Forum of Lorain County Fr. Joe Koopman will be speaking on Christian Sexuality and the Catholic Church in our Present Day. The luncheon is on Friday, October 4. Come join us for good food, fellowship and a great speaker. Lunch begins at 11:30 at the Spitzer Conference Center of Lorain County Community College, 1005 N. Abbe Road, Elyria. Reservations need to be received by 6:00 p.m. Monday, September 30. Call 440-320-3272 or 440-213-2132, or email <u>ffflorain@gmail.com</u>. Cost is \$25.

Theology on the Rocks West For Adults 40 & Over Join us Monday, Oct. 14 NEW LOCATION Westside Irish American Club

8559 Jennings Rd. Olmsted Twp.



I was in prison and you visited me! Fr. Neil Walters, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Church/Elyria and St. Frances Xavier Cabrini/Lorain, former chaplain for the Cuyahoga County Jail & currently providing spiritual direction to those in the Grafton Correctional Prison: How does Jesus calls us to serve? Whatsoever you do for the least, you do for me. Cost is \$15 per person which includes light appetizers & refreshments. Cash Bar is also available. Advance tickets highly recommended for catering purposes. Register in advance: www.theologyontherockswest.com Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Program begins at 7:00.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH STATEMENT October 2024

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

We are living in an exciting time of revival. Our National Eucharistic Congress, and the Eucharistic processions that led to it, involved hundreds of thousands of Catholics who will never be the same. The revival continues, and is so needed, especially in our efforts to defend human life.

Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist, gives us the fullness of life. He calls each of us to respect that gift of life in every human person. While we live in a society that often rejects those who are weak, fragile, or vulnerable, they are the most in need of our care and protection. Pope Francis reminds us that "every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, bears the face of the Lord, who even before he was born, and then just after birth, experienced the world's rejection."¹

The law and millions of our brothers and sisters have yet to recognize this reality. We thankfully no longer live under the regime of Roe v. Wade, and our elected officials are now empowered to reduce or end abortion. But what we now see is that fifty years of virtually unlimited abortion has tragically created a national mindset where many Americans have become comfortable with some amount of abortion. This allows the abortion industry to continue to provide any amount of abortion. Given this challenge, the U.S. bishops have affirmed that, while it is important to address all the ways in which human life is threatened, "abortion remains our pre-eminent priority as it directly attacks our most vulnerable brothers and sisters, destroying more than a million lives each year in our country alone."2

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In a tragic way, abortion has become the preeminent priority for others as well. We see many politicians celebrating the destruction of preborn children, and protecting access to abortion, even up until the moment of birth. Few leaders are standing up to limit the harm of chemical abortion (abortion pills) to mothers and children, which is now the most common form of abortion. And heading into the November elections, as many as ten states face gravely evil ballot initiatives that would enshrine abortion in their state constitutions.

Pope St. John Paul II's words resonate today: "we are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life' ... we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life."³

And so we need a revival of prayer and action:

 We must renew our commitment to work for the legal protection of every human life, from conception to natural death, and to vote for candidates who will defend the life and dignity of the human person.

- We must call for policies that assist women and their children in need, while also continuing to help mothers in our own communities through local pregnancy help centers and our nationwide, parish-based initiative, <u>Walking with Moms in Need</u>.
- We must likewise continue to extend the hand of compassion to all who are suffering from participation in abortion, through the Church's abortion healing ministries like <u>Project Rachel Ministry</u>.
- Most importantly, we must rededicate ourselves to fervent prayer on behalf of life.

I invite all Catholics to join me in a concerted effort of prayer between now and our national elections, by daily praying our Respect Life Month "*Prayer for Life to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament*":

Jesus, you came that we might have life and have it in abundance. Together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you form us in our mothers' wombs and call us to love you for all eternity. As your most precious gift of human life is attacked, draw us ever closer to your Real Presence in the Eucharist. Dispel the darkness of the culture of death, for you are the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it. By the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every human person at every stage. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable. For you are God, forever and ever. Amen.



Through the graces of this revival, may we witness, work, and vote so that all children in the womb will be protected in law and welcomed in love, and that all mothers and families will be strengthened by our support and accompaniment.

For information on October *Respect Life Month*, visit <u>https://www.respectlife.org/</u>.

1 Pope Francis, "Address of Holy Father Francis to Participants in the Meeting Organized by the International Federation of Catholic Medical Associations," September 20, 2013 (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana).

2 Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States, Introductory Letter, p. 8 (Washington, D.C.: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2024).

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³ Pope John Paul II, Evangelium vitae (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1995), no. 28.

You're Invited to an Afternoon Tea Fund Raiser to Benefit Malking with In Need



One of the greatest blessings in life is being a mother. There are also many challenges women face throughout pregnancy and these challenges may continue until their children are soaring to success on their own.

Walking with Moms in Need' is a nationwide Catholic movement and an opportunity for all of us to come together as a community to support each other. Members of the St. Julie Billiart and St. Peter congregations have come together to answer the call.

We are asking for your help to create the foundation upon which we will build a network of support for mothers in need as they face challenging times in their lives.

To aid in this effort, we are planning an afternoon tea fundraiser. Please consider hosting a table (6-8 people). The only hostess requirement is to invite friends to your table. If you don't want to host a table, but would still like to attend either by yourself or with a friend, we will seat you with other guests. Please fill out the Registration Form below and return with payment as soon as possible. Event information is listed below.

Where: St. Peter's Gym	Tea Program	
35777 Center Ridge Road, N. Ridgeville When: Saturday, October 26, 2024	11:15 Doors Open	
11:30 am to 2:00 pm	11:30 Browse the raffle items and purchase tickets for the 50/50 raffle or Chinese raffle	
Cost: \$20.00/per person	while listening to our Guest pianist.	
RSVP: October 22, 2024 For additional information or questions, please contact Cindy Traut 440-315-2155 or	12:00 Brief Intro to ' <i>Walking with Moms in Need'</i> followed by Prayer of Thanks.	
	12:15 Light Lunch Buffet—Variety of Tea	
Polly Wittrup 440-748-2928	Sandwiches, Salads and Pastries	
	1:30 Raffle Drawings	

	F	Reservation Form				
I will host a table. Minimum Guests—6. Maximum Guests—8. Please list your name and guests below.						
I want to reserve	seat(s). Pl	ease list your name and any friends included with this reservation.				
1		5				
2		6				
3		7				
4		8				
Number Attending	@\$20 each	Total enclosed				
Please make checks payable t	o: St. Peter Church					
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