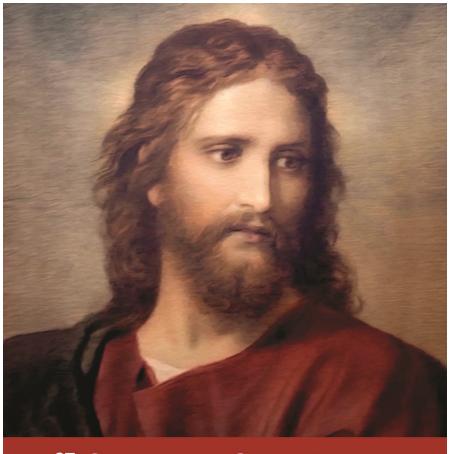


### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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.



# 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." - Mt 24:44

PASTOR: Rev. George A. Vrabel

December 1, 2019

Deacons: Rev. Mr. John Rivera

Rev. Dr. Ken DeLuca, retired

PSR Principal: Kelly Reed Music Director: Danny O'Brien

#### LITURGY SCHEDULE

Masses at Church

### CONFESSIONS

Saturdays.....4:00 - 4:30 p.m. in the Church Library

# PSR - PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Grades K - 8: 9 - 10:15 a.m. Sundays Children's Liturgy of the Word: During 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass (except first Sunday of Month)

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Grades 9 - 12: 11:45 a.m. Sundays

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.

## From the Desk of Father George

Greetings Parishioners and Friends of St. Julie's,

On this First Sunday of Advent - the beginning of a new church year - we are once again drawn into the mystery of waiting. While the association is often one of waiting for Christmas, the true waiting is discovered in meeting Jesus day-to-day and finally at the end of time, when He will come again. These weeks immediately prior to Christmas are mirrors of a lifetime and of history. Do we have the thrill and anticipation of discovering Jesus in the gnarled hands of an elderly person? Are we excited to meet Jesus in the face of an enemy? Will the choices of a lifetime ready us to meet Christ?

Re-focusing our attitude and thought takes time and energy. But most of all, it takes a prayerful desire to be filled with the Holy Spirit. As the lights upon the Advent Wreath grow brighter with every passing week, our love for God and one and other should grow ever more intense. Christmas giving and greeting is not about evening the score or being one up. Rather, it is about the internal joy of knowing what God has done and what God promises to do. Through Jesus' birth we are reminded of the depth of His love and offered our personal opportunity to say "Yes" once again.

Lord Jesus, our light in days of darkness, Lord, have mercy. Christ Jesus, our hope in times of struggle, Christ have mercy. Lord Jesus, our promise from God on high, Lord have mercy.

May our Advent be a time of great joy and hope!

Fr. George

### Parish News and Updates:

- The Annual St. Peter/St. Julie Penance service is scheduled for Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> at St. Julie's at 7:30 p.m. Several priests will be present to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Holiday on the Ridge is coming up NEXT Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>.
   Plan on stopping into St. Julie's for some awesome vendors and food!
- Reminder... The Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Monday - December 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. This year, the obligation to attend Mass has been dispensed.
- FYI... St. Clarence will be having a penance service on Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

# Mass Intentions for the Week

Nov.30 - Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Amy Rothgery (Natalle Treece)
Dec. 1 - Sunday	9:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
	10:30 a.m.	Patricia Hardy (Jim Cassidy)
Dec. 2 - Monday	8:30 a.m.	Nick Arguello (Barb Arguello)
Dec. 3 - Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Poor Souls
Dec. 4 - Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Ken & Jan DeLuca Fam.
Dec. 5 - Thursday	ny No Mass	
Dec. 6 - Friday	8:30 a.m.	Poor Souls
Dec. 7 - Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Charles Smick, Sr. (Chuck Smick)
Dec. 8 - Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Living/Deceased of Matuszak & Rasmussen Families
	10:30 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners

### The Week Ahead

December 1

Sun. No PSR

Tues.

Choir, 7-8:30 p.m.

Wed.

Fr. George's Birthday

Rosary , 7:30 p.m.

Sat.

St. Julie's Craft Sale, 9:00-4:00 p.m.

Sun.

**PSR** 

### Coming Events

December 8

Communal Penance Service St. Julie's, 7:30 p.m.

December 9

Immaculate Conception Masses: 9 a.m. in Church

December 14

Breakfast with Santa

December 19

Community Crockpot Dinner

December 21

Men's Breakfast, St. Julie's

December 24

Christmas Eve

Masses: 5:00 & 10:00 p.m.

December 25

Christmas Day

Masses: 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

After many years of leading our children in the Liturgy of the Word, Rhoda Pikul is retiring from that ministry. The children at 10:30 Mass will miss her very much. We are now looking for someone, a group of people, or a family to lead Children's Liturgy of the Word. We have hand-out material to use, or you can make it your own and do it your way. If you are interested or just want to find out mare information call the office, 327-1978.

### Religious Education

PSR - Parish School of Religion, Pre K - 8th grades (Sundays, 9:00 a.m.)

FLY - Faithfully Leading Youth - St. Julie's High School Youth Ministry Grades 9 - 12 (Sundays, 11:45 a.m.)

### Retirement Fund for Religious

Give in thanksgiving. "The nuns left lasting impressions on me," writes a donor. "I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education." Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Next week's collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Please give generously. There are Retirement Fund envelopes in your packet and in the vestibule.



You may have noticed we have our Giving Tree up in the vestibule. There are many gifts items to pick from for the needy in our area. Please note that the unwrapped gifts are due by December 4th. The wrapped gifts are due by December 10th. We are assisting Neighborhood Alliance and Community Care this year.



A very happy birthday to Father George. May he be blessed with good health in the coming year.

"The priest is a man totally belonging to the Lord, because it is God himself who calls him and who establishes him in his apostolic service. And precisely being totally of God,

And precisely being totally of God, he is totally of mankind, for all people."

~Pope Benedict WVI

### Lorain County Right to Life Newsletter:

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The Fall issue is available in the literature rack in the church lobby. In this issue: Status of Ohio's Heartbeat Bill; House Bill 90 - The Humanity of the Unborn Child Act; Senate Bill 27 - The Unborn Child Dignity Act; Resources on Euthanasia, Physician-assisted Suicide, Living Wills and Mercy Killing; Information for students and teachers; and more. The Newsletter is also available online at loraincountyrighttolife.org.



the health of, and caregivers of: Fr. George, Bradly Field, Toni Frameli, Larry Kolarik (brother of Linda Koch), Ruth Geierman, Ginny Umpirowicz, Dolores Rivera, Elaine Klepek, Terry Flanagan, Bill Livingston, Alma Hamilton, JoAnne Bellomo, John Murphy, Patrick Tinics, June Seman, Jerry Moran, Carol Polak, Irene Kollin, Regula Family, Sondra Jirousek, Carol Straub; for the High School shooting victims in California, for our men & women in uniform, our police, firefighters, doctors and nurses; and for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

### Spaghetti Dinner

A very big thank you to all who attended, worked at, and donated to our delicious Spaghetti Dinner especially Pat Foster and Ted Lapponi. A \$1,596.49 check will be sent to James Livingston in care of St. Mary's Seminary.



"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night

when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

- Mt 24:43-44

This week my prayers were for: mom, dad, Ashley, Chance, Father George, papa, grandma; my family; my aunt Jessica's grandma; my mom & dad.

This is how I used my time and talent for others: I helped my mom plant; helped take cookies to our elderly neighbor; I gave my allowance for sick kids; I helped my mom.

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### Parish Stewardship

Nov. 17: Envelopes used: 203 (out of 692 mailed) \$5	5078
Average per Envelope	\$22
Children's	\$37
School Subsidy\$	
Capital Improvement	
Net Offertory \$5	
Mass Attendance	534

Thank you for sharing your blessings.

### News & Events

### Liturgical Ministers Schedule

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Sat, Nov. 30, 5:00 L- Cindy Naprestek L- ( ) EM-Greg Dubecky Paula Dubecky Agnes Klimkowicz Chris Piontkowski Chris Vacca*	Sun, Dec. 1, 9:00 Ken Allen Dottie Heller Barb Arguello Theresa Bak Jim Carter Joanne Carter ( ) Meg Hogue Linda Forthofer*	10:30 Jim Cassidy Renee Gallagher Michelle Davis Joe Kotarsky Tom Lamoda Larry Rozman Leslie Rozman Mike Yarosh*				
Altar Servers Alyssa Eland Haley Eland	Ashley McDowell	Tessa Johnston				
Sat, Dec. 7, 5:00 L- Sharon DeBevec L- ( ) EM-Elaine Klepek Ted Lapponi ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )*	Sun, Dec. 8 ,9:00 PSR PSR David Davis Michelle Davis Ed Knoblauch ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )*	10:30 Barb Arguello Gloria Hearns Laura Knoblauch Mike Yarosh* ( ) ( ) ( )				
<u>Altar Servers</u> Tessa Johnston	Alyssa Eland Haley Eland Leah Palazzo	Amanda Bastian Marie Bastian				
December 9, Immaculate Conception, 9:00 a.m. Sacristan; ( ) Lectors; Peg Nolan & Barb Arguello EM; Jim Nolan, Leslie Rozman, ( ), ( ) Altar Servers; Adult Servers						
ATIMIT JETVETS, AUMIT JETVETS						

Lorain County Right to Life holds monthly Board and Volunteers meetings to pray, plan, and coordinate local Pro-Life activities. The next meeting is Monday, December 2, 7:00 p.m. at Harvest Christian Church, 907 Eastern Hts Blvd in Elyria (corner of Boston Ave and Eastern Heights Blvd.) If you have been considering how you could help defend life, Lorain County Right to Life could use your help in a number of areas. Please seriously and prayerfully consider coming to the Meeting (and bring others with you!). For more information, you can contact Lorain County Right to Life at 440-322-0076 or loraincountyrighttolife.org.

# Community Care

Leave bags in vestibule and mark Community Care
Baked Beans ~ Boxed or Bagged Potatoes
Hamburger Helper ~ Fruit Juices for Children
Jello ~ Cake Mixes ~ Coffee ~ Sugar ~ Flour
Salt/Pepper ~ Spaghetti Sauce ~ Canned Fruit
Pancake Mix Pancake Syrup ~ Pudding