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BILLIART
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

2016-2017

GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY

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St. Julie Billiart Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

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

Weekday Masses at Chapel

Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.

excluding Thursday

Sacraments

BAPTISM: First and third Sunday, by appointment only.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements must be made six months in advance

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

**We dedicate this directory to
St. Julie Billiart parishioners who,
in the spirit of Stewardship, are using their time,
talent and treasure to support, maintain and
continue the mission of St. Julie's parish.**

A Word from Our Pastor

Greetings and Salutations from *'The Little Church in the Woods'*. While we might be small (approximately 700 registered families) we are a vibrant and active community of faith. On July 1, 2016 I began my fifth year as the pastor of St. Julie's, and it has been every bit as rewarding and as enjoyable as I had hoped it would be.

St. Julie's is situated on 14 acres of woods and gardens located in the northeast corner of North Ridgeville. The parish mission is to welcome families from surrounding communities who are searching for a parish that can satisfy their spiritual and ministerial needs. I invite you to take some time and read through this directory – it is sure to offer something for nearly every age level. The parish staff is dedicated to supporting all parishioners to be faithful stewards by using their time, talent and treasure in support of our many ministries. There is indeed something for everyone... and if we don't have it, we can make it happen. We just need YOU to be part of it all.

Together we are responsible for building the Kingdom by spreading Christ's message of peace, justice and charity through prayer and service. Thank you for your interest and dedication to St. Julie's!

Fr. George A. Vrabel



History of Parish and Community

St. Julie Billiard was established on August 15, 1978. Bishop James Hickey, Bishop of Cleveland, appointed Father Richard A. Gonser as founding pastor. We moved into the Parish Administration Center on Opal Drive in the summer of 1980. Construction on the church began in July of 1981, and the first Mass was celebrated on Christmas Eve 1981.

Father Gonser retired as pastor on July 1, 2012 after serving St. Julie's parishioners for 34 years. Father George Vrabel was appointed as pastor on July 1, 2012.

The geographical boundaries of the parish are approximately three square miles of the northeast corner of North Ridgeville. Our membership has grown from the original 485 families to 670 families in 2016. Many of our parishioners come from seventeen cities surrounding North Ridgeville.

In response to Bishop Pilla's Pastoral Letter on Vibrant Parish Life in 2001, our parish staff and parishioners committed themselves to a process of self-study and reflection that supports our efforts to work in cooperation and mutual assistance with neighboring parishes. The parish continues its mission to reach out to all who are searching for a strong, vibrant, active faith community.

Our parish is one of 15 parishes worldwide that are named in honor of St. Julie Billiart. Julie was a French woman who established a religious order of nuns known today as the Notre Dames. After her death in 1816, the order expanded from France to Belgium to Germany. On June 22, 1969 Pope Paul VI canonized Julie Billiart. Her feast day is celebrated each year on May 13.

St. Julie's Mission Statement

St. Julie Billiart Parish is a welcoming Catholic Stewardship based community that strives to proclaim God's goodness in our friendly and caring outreach to those seeking a spiritual home.

Our faith community is centered in the celebration of the Eucharist. Sent forth, nourished by the Word of God and our sacramental encounters with the Lord Jesus, we endeavor to live the Gospel each day.

As a compassionate Christian people, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we minister to each other and the greater world community through prayer and action.

Our Parish Goals Are:

- to be a Christ-centered community
- to support family life and respect for life in all phases
- to support the youth of the church
- to support issues of social justice through prayer and action
- to support education on all levels
- to provide all persons the opportunity to exercise their gifts through shared responsibility in the parish and in the community
- to enable each person, through continuing spiritual, educational, and moral growth, to proclaim the Good News and minister to each other.

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Ministries by Category

In order to guide parishioners to understand the many ways that our parish services and supports the community of faith, as well as the community at large, the ministries of our parish have been categorized into several areas.

In the 2016-17 Guide Book and Directory, we continue our call to be disciples for Jesus. We have listed the many ministries and activities, which St. Julie Billiart Parish supports, to address our mission. We hope this list gives you the information to discern how best to use your time, talent, and treasure as responsible parishioners and Disciples of Christ. There is more detailed information on all our ministries in the St. Julie Billiart Parish Stewardship Plan which is listed on line. The Plan shows what we can do to strengthen the diverse array of parish ministries by:

- reaching more people
- helping those who need our assistance
- teaching more adults, youth, and children
- encouraging those who are anxious or depressed
- helping all to grow in the image of Christ

We are called through baptism to be stewards of our time, talent and treasure.

Liturgy

Ministry activities that contribute to the celebration of the Eucharist.

Liturgy Committee: Collaborates to enhance the liturgical space for the celebration of the liturgy. Its purpose is to enrich the experience of the parishioners through music, the overall church surroundings, and liturgical planning. Mary Malbasa, 440.327.3195

Sacristans: Prepare the altar before and after liturgy.
sjbschedules@yahoo.com

Eucharistic Ministers: Assist the celebrant in the distribution of the Holy Eucharist. sjbschedules@yahoo.com

Lector/Commentators: Proclaim the Word of God and the Good News during parish liturgies. sjbschedules@yahoo.com

Sunday Choir: Aids in worship and praise of our Lord. The organist leads the adult choir at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. Judi Paskert, 440.937.2127

Parish Cantor: Provides a feeling of spiritual community by leading the parishioners through song and prayer. Dottie Marks, 440.327.5247

Family Choir: Assists the worshipping community in the ongoing liturgical renewal through pastoral music on Saturday at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Mike and Mary Malbasa, 440.327.3195

Baptismal Gowns: This ministry celebrates the Sacrament of Baptism and new life by embroidering garments for Baptism. Contact the parish office, 440.327.1978

Adult Servers: Adult altar servers assist liturgy every 2nd Sunday of the month, holy days, and funerals. They backup and set an example for our youth servers. Contact the parish office, 440.327.1978

Student Servers: Starting in fourth grade they assist the priest in the celebration of the liturgy. They set an example and join voices in prayer. Contact the parish office, 440.327.1978

Ministers of Hospitality: Greeters of St. Julie's are visible at every liturgy to offer a warm welcome to all. Cindy Olsieski, 440.427.9719

Art and Environment: Prepares the sanctuary area for the weekend liturgies, according to the liturgical calendar, and special ceremonies, with an array of seasonal plants, flowers and decorations. 440.327.1978

Education

Ministries that contribute to the teaching of church related social concerns, theological or catechumenal issues.

Parish School of Religion (PSR): PSR is the education program for school children Pre-K through 12th grade who do not attend Catholic School. Registration forms can be found on our web page, www.stjuliebilliart.org under Education, in the PSR Office or at the Parish Office. Kelly Reed, 440.327.1978

Confirmation Retreat: All candidates in the Confirmation program from St. Julie's are invited to participate in a renewal. The renewal program helps our youth to develop a relationship with God, each other, and their community. The Renewal builds a deeper awareness in each youth, reopening their personal commitment and relationship to God and their role in life. It fosters team and a one on one relationship. The Parish Office, 440.327.1978, Kelly Reed

The F.L.Y. Youth Group: The FLY (Faithfully Leading Youth) will be focused on ministering to teens through outreach, service projects, St. Julie Family events sponsored by the youth group, and faith building meetings every month. Jessica Roberson, will be acting as Youth Minister, and has many exciting things planned for the upcoming school year. The FLY Group is driven by the leadership council and is comprised of several teens that showed leadership and dedication during the Confirmation process. These committed teens are planning fundraising events, mixers, and have a goal of raising enough money to take the kids to Catholic Heart Camp. The FLY leadership council has come together to create and approve guidelines and rules, as well as written the youth group's mission statement. The FLY youth group's first fundraiser is to create a church cookbook. Look for many exciting things from "FLY" and St. Julie's PSR. Please continue to support us with prayer, and come out and join in our next event. Our youth are our future, please help us build a strong faith filled future for our children and teens. Jessica Roberson, 327.1978

Adult Education: St. Julie's participates, with other parishes through the principals of Vibrant Parish Life, in services on Social Justice Issues to challenge and educate our adults in their own relationship with the church, God, and one another. 440.327.1978

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: RCIA introduces individuals to the Catholic faith and helps them develop an appropriate understanding necessary to join the Church. Fr. George, 440.327.1978

Spiritual Development

Ministries that contribute to the development and growth of our spiritual life.

Cursillo: "A Small Course in Christianity." A three-day encounter with Christ that teaches a method through which one's spirituality may be developed, lived and shared. Mike Yarosh, 440.327.2722

Ultreya: Ultreya is an ongoing fellowship to support the Cursillo movement. It brings others closer to Christ by a method of developing, living and sharing one's spirituality. Initially members attend a "Small Course in Christianity" called Cursillo. Ultreya meets the 3rd Saturday of the month. Mike and Chris Yarosh, 440.327.2722

Women's Spiritual Development: Women share a unique relationship and position in the Church through Spiritual Development. Women draw upon the support of one another, learn and encourage each other to be better Christians. 440.327.1978

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Women's Renewal: The Renewal weekend enriches each individual's personal journey with God and allows them opportunities to see how they can enrich their parish community and world. Peg Nolan, 440.937.4833

Women's Fellowship Breakfast: We call to communion the women of St. Julie Billiart and St. Peter parishes to share in fellowship and encourage spiritual growth. With a special devotion to the Blessed Mother, we will reflect, pray, worship and share our faith experiences in support of one another. The breakfast falls on the second Saturday of the month and alternates between St. Julie's and St. Peter's. Donna Travagliante, 440.748.1793

Men's Spiritual Development

Men's Renewal: Its purpose is to develop and strengthen relationships with men in our community, revitalize and deepen our relationship with God, and encourage renewalist to be more active disciples in our community. Joe Dominak, 440.353.1805

Men's Fellowship Breakfast: With a hearty breakfast the Men's Fellowship Breakfast draws men in prayer, discussion, stewardship, spiritual development, and parish involvement. Held the third Saturday of the month alternating location between St. Peter's and St. Julie's Parishes.

Rosary: The Rosary is prayed every Wednesday; we offer prayers for World Peace, God's Unborn Children, our men & women serving in the military and St. Julie's Family. Our Prayer Request Banner hangs in the back of church. You can write your specific prayer request, and pin it to the banner. Each week we offer your intentions in prayer. The Rosary Group is involved with Christmas in July for Birthright and Gifts for Baby Jesus at Christmas. We are your prayer warriors. We would love to have you join us Wednesday evenings at 7:30 in the St. Anne Room. In January 2011, the Rosary Group celebrated 20 years of praying the Rosary weekly. Ron & Ileen Sroka, 440.327.4106

Community Life and Parish Life

Provides parishioner sponsored involvement
in celebrating faith-filled activities.

Resurrection Ministry: The Resurrection Ministry coordinates and provides a light luncheon after the funeral service, for grieving families and friends, at the Church. A team member calls volunteers to bring food for the luncheon to go along with the meat tray ordered from Convenient. A card is mailed to the family on the first anniversary of the member's death, letting the family know they are still in our prayers. Pat Hoffman, 440.327.1978

Respect Life Group: The Respect Life Group keeps us apprised of Pro-Life issues and needs, recruits volunteers, and tries to enable each parishioner to be actively Pro-Life. The Group exists to foster respect for all human life from conception to natural death; abortion plays a central role because it is a direct attack against the most vulnerable and defenseless members of the human family. The policy and practice of allowing over 1½ million abortions annually cannot but diminish respect for life in other areas.

Activities of the Respect Life Group:

- 1) Prayer in support of a Culture of Life
- 2) Information and educational efforts
- 3) Compassionate care addressed to the special needs of women and men with respect to pregnancy and abortion
- 4) Public policy advocacy directed to ensuring effective legal protection for the right to life of unborn children.

John & Susan DeLaat, 440.327.2398

Outreach and Social Concerns

Ministries that arise out of taking action to fulfill the mission of our faith as laid out by the Church Leadership.

Prison Ministry: The Prison Ministry follows in Christ's steps by visiting with local inmates, performing communion services, and communicating with the inmates. Men of the parish are encouraged to participate in this meaningful outreach experience. John Rivera, 440.327.4426

Family Promise (Interfaith Hospitality Network): Meets the growing need to provide shelter, meals, assistance, and compassion to families without homes. Area congregations participate in this national program providing overnight lodging and meals for three to five families for one week three times per year. Our participation provides homeless families with basic human needs with a spirit of warmth and hospitality. Churches become their temporary homes for six weeks. This ministry is a way of serving God by serving others and is a wonderful way to get the entire family involved. Our Ministry organizes the Giving Tree at Christmas in conjunction with Community Care, Family Promise and local families in need. Toni Yandura, 440.241.3767

Knights of Columbus: Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic lay organization in the world consisting of Catholic men at least 18 years of age. The council meetings are scheduled on the first Thursday of the odd months and begin with the rosary at 7:00 p.m. One of the primary goals of the Knights of Columbus is helping the Catholic Church remain vigorous and undiminished. Devotion to Mary is also very important. The organization promotes faith, family and fraternity. K of C Council #7970 includes 130 parishioners from St. Julie Billiard and St. Peter parishes in North Ridgeville. Ed Knoblauch, 440.748.1364

Blood Mobile: The Blood Mobile helps Life Share run a blood drive in order to help the community by increasing the supply of much needed, blood that helps the critically ill and injured in our area. Due to lack of participation, this ministry has been put on hold. Pat Hoffman, 440.327.1978

Our Heroes (Military Ministry): Our Heroes recognizes the members of our parish who have or are currently serving their country in the armed forces; active duty, National Guard or Reserves. We gather the names of veterans from our parish and put them in a special display which is located in the church vestibule. It is our goal recognizing these selfless patriots who are proudly serving or have served their country. If you have a family member you would like to include in this display. 440. 327.1978

On Eagle's Wings: Parishioners volunteer to bring bread and pastries donated by Giant Eagle to needy families in North Ridgeville. Gina DelPrincipe, 440.225.6854

Crock Pot Thursday: Crock Pot Thursday is an Ecumenical ministry that provides a balanced meal for each of the days in the last week of each month. These meals are provided for the unemployed, under employed, elderly, and lonely of our area. Together with other Christian Churches in North Ridgeville, each provides a meal for one evening. St. Julie's serves our guests on the last Thursday of each month. Through combined efforts with our partner churches, a balanced meal is provided for one week a month. Joanne Pogros, 440.748.2204

Ministry to the Sick: Eucharistic Ministers volunteer to take communion to parishioners, every week, who are homebound due to illness or age. The ministry gives those unable to attend Mass a chance to receive communion and stay in touch with the parish community. 440.327.1978

Social Concerns: Our purpose is threefold:

- 1) To educate our parishioners in the basic principles of Catholic social teachings and to keep them informed of the current developments.
- 2) To motivate parishioners to become involved in parish and diocesan social justice programs.
- 3) To promote advocacy for change in social conditions.

Social Justice: Strives to motivate parishioners to become involved in parish and diocesan programs, and to advocate change in social conditions. 440.327.1978

Thanksgiving Dinner: St. Julie Billiard hosts a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner for the community of North Ridgeville and the surrounding area. There are many people who are not able to provide a dinner for themselves and many who are just lonely and would like company on the holiday. We provide a homelike setting while giving everyone a home cooked meal.



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Chili Cook-off: sponsored by St. Julie's Ministry Connection Group, parishioners come together in competition for the best "St. Julie's Chili" and to just eat and support the seminary. Everyone gets to vote for their favorite chili. Ted Lapponi, 440.315.6527

Parish Support

These ministries support and guide all of the various parish ministries and also serve to provide a direct hands-on activity with respect to maintaining parish facilities and property.

Parish Pastoral Council: Consists of a body of eight elected members of the parish. They serve for a two year term, four rotating on and off each year. Their purpose is to promote the spiritual growth of the parish community and to plan ways for the parish to carry out the mission of the Church. The Council is a consultative body which makes recommendations to the pastor. Fr. George, 440.327.1978

Parish Finance Council: A consultative group appointed by the Pastor that reviews and analyzes the financial situation of the parish. They recommend financial plans and policy which support the pastoral priorities of the parish. Chris Vacca, 440.327.1978

Buildings and Land: Manages the capital improvement projects for our facilities and fourteen acres of church property, as directed by Fr. George. Our purpose is to preserve the quality of the facilities at a minimum cost. Fr. George, 440.327.1978

Garden Angels: The Garden Angels beautify the grounds of St. Julie's by tending the many gardens which provide a restful and prayerful environment to praise God. Volunteers are asked to adopt one of the eight garden areas and be responsible for it by planting, weeding and watering. In the spring the parish purchases the annual flowers to be planted. Fr. George, 440.327.1978

Housekeeping: These "Heavenly Dusters" are responsible for the upkeep of the inside of the church building. Kim Bronish, 440.327.1978

Technology: Volunteers work to maximize the use of available technologies and computer software (videos, PowerPoint Presentations, Ministry Movies, etc.) in order to best share unified communications in our parish community. Ted Lapponi, 440.315.6527 and Larry Rozman, 440-934-3211

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Social Functions

Ministry activities for fund raising or for the enjoyment of fellowship among parishioners.

Social Functions: These are usually good-will events for parishioners and our greater community to share in God's love and enjoy his blessings and gifts. These events often involve the breaking of bread with a common goal of friendship and community. Donations may be offered to support organizations like Community Care or other programs in need. A number of volunteers are needed for setting up these one day events. For further information or to participate contact: 440.327.1978

Parish Picnic

Breakfast with Saint Nicholas

New Parishioner Breakfast

Easter Egg Hunt

Pancake Breakfast

Men's Golf League: To enjoy the exercise, fellowship and the sport of golf in a close community of parishioners and local hackers. Played at Bob-O-Link Golf Course from April through September, Thursday evenings at 5:00 p.m. Guests are welcome to try this frustrating yet enjoyable time to meet others. Ed Hurst, 440.382.1195

PrimeTimers: PrimeTimers is a group of parishioners, 55 years and over, who meet monthly to communicate, educate and have fun. Members pay annual dues of \$5 and pay for their own attendance at activities. Communication is conducted by newsletter, telephone and email. Natalie Treece, 440.309.4269

Donut Ministry: Undoubtedly the sweetest service we provide is the Donut Ministry. These "holy treats" are enjoyed by all after each of the Sunday liturgies. The ministry provides social interaction among parishioners to form a close parish community. The ministry helps people to become more involved with parish activities, by staying later after Mass. Rhoda Pikul, 440.327.5926