

SAINT JULIE BILLIART

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHURCH-CATECHETICAL CENTER • 440-327-1978

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Julie Billiart 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.

December 11, 2016

PASTOR.....Rev. George A. Vrabel

Permanent Deacon.....Rev. Mr. John Rivera

Permanent Deacon.....Rev. Dr. Ken DeLuca

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Masses at Church

Saturday.....5:00 p.m.

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

Weekday Masses at the Chapel

Monday-Friday.....8:30 a.m.

(Excluding Thursdays)

Holydays.....Consult the Bulletin

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays.....4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

in the Church Library

Religious Education

PSR Principal.....Kelly Reed

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

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.

THIRD SUNDAY of Advent



From the Desk of Father George

Greetings Parishioners and Friends of St. Julie's

The Third Sunday of Advent - Rejoice!

This year, because Christmas is on a Sunday, we are able to celebrate four full weeks of Advent. And so, although the big day is still two weeks away, it's time to get busy putting the finishing touches upon our preparations. While the stockings may already be hung on the chimney with care and containers of cookies await hungry mouths, have we tended to the preparation of our hearts? The greatest gift we might offer to a family member or friend is acceptance or forgiveness. Placing ourselves into the framework of God's love means we live by His love. Allow this third week of Advent to be one of even greater preparation and joyfulness.

TONIGHT is the **ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE AT 7:00 HERE AT ST. JULIE'S**. It is the perfect time to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today!

Beginning on December 17th, the church liturgy celebrates *The 'O' Antiphons*. These ancient phrases remind us of the fast approaching feast of the long awaited Messiah. They are excellent 'food for prayer' by the message they contain.

December 17 th	O Wisdom	(O Sapientia)
December 18 th	O Sacred Lord	(O Adonai)
December 19 th	O Flower of Jesse's Stem	(O Radix Jesse)
December 20 th	O Key of David	(O Clavis David)
December 21 st	O Radiant Dawn	(O Oriens)
December 22 nd	O King of all Nations	(O Rex Gentium)
December 23 rd	O God with Us	(O Emmanuel)

Fr. George

Parish News and Updates:

- The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available on:
 - Saturday - December 17th 3:30-4:30 p.m.
 - Tuesday - December 20th 6:00-7:00 p.m.
 - NO CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAY - DECEMBER 24**
- The Christmas Mass Schedule is as follows:
 - Saturday - December 24th at 5:00 and 10:00 p.m.
 - Sunday - December 25th at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

MASS INTENTIONS

Dec. 10 - Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Frank Jr. & Jim Valenta (Agnes Valenta)
Dec. 11 - Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Jerry Polomsky (Polomsky Family)
	10:30 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
Dec. 12 - Monday	8:30 a.m.	Clara Sittinger
Dec. 13 - Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Tom Wanosik (Sandy Wanosik & family)
Dec. 14 - Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	All Souls
Dec. 15 - Thursday		No Mass
Dec. 16 - Friday	8:30 a.m.	Jim Frameli (Tony Frameli)
Dec. 18 - Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Bobby Hepner (Bob & Helen Hepner)
Dec. 19 - Sunday	9:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
	10:30 a.m.	Deceased Members of Bahr & DeLuca Families (Ken & Jan DeLuca)

The Week Ahead

December 11

Sun.

PSR
Advent Penance Service,
7:00 p.m., St. Julie's

Wed.

Family Choir, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Choir, 7:00 p.m.
Rosary, 7:30 p.m., St. Anne Rm.

Sat.

Men's Breakfast, St. Julie's
Confessions, 3:30-4:30,
Church Library

Sun.

PSR
Blood Drive, 10:00-1:00

Coming Events

December 20

Confessions, 6:00-7:00

December 24/25

Birthday-Gifts for Baby Jesus

December 28

Singing Angels, St. Julie's

December 29

Crockpot

January 7/8

Signature Ad's

January 8-15

Family Promise

Family Perspective

The question in today's gospel demands a response: "Are you the one... or shall we look elsewhere?" Put another way: Do you live your life in the way that gives clear guidance to others? Or must children and friends look elsewhere for direction: to sitcoms, athletes and politicians! The gospel asks, are you the one to bring Christ to others?

Christmas Bells

Christmas bells are believed to announce the arrival of baby Jesus and mark the beginning of the holiday season. The tinkling sound of bells guide the lost sheep back to the fold, just like the Lord would guide us to walk in His ways.



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



the health of, and caregivers of Pat Wing, Chris Piazza, Steve Herbcha, Lisa Engle (daughter of Tony Frameli), Craig Tracey, Donny Kotarsky (brother of Joe Kotarsky), Larry Primozic, Bob Bellomo, Carol Polak, Andrea Daw, Pat Tinics, Teresa, Brian Edmonds, Dolores Rivera, Cindy Olsieski, Rick Birsic, Joe Reed, Diane Soukup, Irene Kollin, Don & Rose Regula and son Ron, Sondra Jirousek, Sandy Ciocca, Dick & Georgia Sullinger, Carol Straub, for the repose of the soul of Tom McNamara and for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

Catholics Coming Home

St. Peter's Parish will offer a seven week program called "Catholics Coming Home" beginning on Wednesday, January 18, 7:00 p.m. in the Galilee Room at the Parish Center. The program is for nonpracticing Catholics who are looking for answers to questions about returning to the Church. If you know someone who has left the Church, and may be searching to return, please extend an invitation to them to join us. For more information regarding this program call either Tom Banner, 327-5905 or Christine Bak, 327-6808 or contact the Parish Center, 327-2201.

Parish Stewardship

Dec. 4: Envelopes used: 298 (out of 663 mailed) .	\$7744
Average per Envelope	\$26
Children's	\$72
School Subsidy	\$41
Capital Improvement	\$348
Net Offertory	\$8205
Mass Attendance	574

Thank you for sharing your blessings.



The St. Julie craft show attracted over 600 shoppers with our many crafters and vendors. A big thanks to Joe and Val Kotarsky for heading up this event. Many of our guests fell in love with our beautiful little church in the woods. They were bowled over by our amazing teens and our courteous volunteers, but they simply could not get enough of our secret recipe, delicious chili and cabbage and noodles. They will be back. One of our crafters shouted down the hall as she was leaving, "Don't forget to invite me back next year." Well done to the craft show committee, Joe, Val, Beth Paoloni, Debiyo Lamb, Leslie Rozman, and all the volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this event a success.

The Third Annual St. Julie's Christmas tea was a hit. The Avon High School orchestra and string quartet provided music of the season. The orchestra played a wide variety of Christmas songs and everyone sang along.

A big thanks to all who made the night possible, from our fabulous kitchen crew to our handsome wait staff and our talented hostesses. Thanks also to those generous parishioners who supported our event with raffle basket donations. Also thanks to Fr. George who donated treasures from the church attic for us to use for wreaths and centerpieces. Finally, thanks to all those who took time out of their busy schedule to spend some good times with good friends at the tea.

Poinsettia

Mexico is the native home of this holiday flower and its legend. On Christmas Eve villagers placed gifts at the Nativity scene. Folklore claims a peasant boy had no gift and prayed outside the door. His prayers were answered when a red flower appeared through the snow. Joel Poinsett an amateur botanist brought the flower to this country in the 1820's. It is named in his honor.



Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Our December breakfast is on the 17th at **St. Julie's**. Please join us and become closer to Jesus. Food is served @ 8:20 am. So we have an idea of how much food to buy please RSVP by December 13th to Tom Fumich @ 440-610-6604 or by email to sjspbreakfast@gmail.com.

Advent Penance Service

The Annual St. Peter's and St. Julie's Penance Service is scheduled for Sunday, December 11th at St. Julie's, 7:00 p.m. A number of priests will be present to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



This week my prayers were for: all the family members we have lost; my family; aunt Gerry; mom, Brian; Mrs. Gallagher, Ed, Sparky, family, Jovie, JJ, Amy, Kristi; Pipper; everyone to have a happy Thanksgiving; Connor & Piper; gramps & mom; mom, dad, Candy, Brian.

This is how I used my time and talent for others: I helped clean the house before Thanksgiving & I helped put up the Christmas tree & decorations; helping them find new friends; I helped mom make pie; I helped by babysitting my cousin JJ (6 months old); help Connor with stuff; I helped my daddy do yard work; play with my family; I wrote a note to my friend.

News & Events

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Sat, Dec. 10, 5:00

L- ()
L- Sharon DeBevec
EM- Ted Lapponi
Jim Miklich
Suzanne Snyder*
Jack Whipkey

Sun, Dec. 11, 9:00

Ken Allen
Barb Arguello
Jim Carter
Joanne Carter
Brenda Klein
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Mary Kay Polomsky
Linda Forthofer*

10:30

Lisa Palazzo
Dena Warmuth
John Burghard
Laura Knoblauch
John Palazzo
Mike Yarosh*

Altar Servers

Marty Dubecky
Annie Dubecky

Adult Servers

Lizzie Schiffbauer
Sydney Schiffbauer

Sat, Dec. 17, 5:00

L- Terry Flanagan
L- ()
EM- Don Braun
Joe Dominak
Nancy Dominak
Suzanne Snyder
Jeanne Kovach*

Sun, Dec. 18, 9:00

Linda Vasiloff
Cindy Naprestek
Theresa Bak
Laura Eland
Nick Modock
Gene Morrison
Mary Kay Polomsky
(*)

10:30

Jim Cassidy
Mark LaLonde
JoAnne Bellomo
Alice Hogue
Tom Lamoda
Terri Lanser
Jim Livingston
Debijo Lamb*

Altar Servers

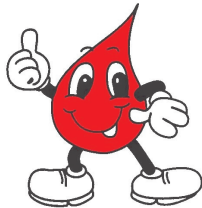
Amanda Bastian

Alyssa Eland
Haley Eland

Lizzie Schiffbauer
Sydney Schiffbauer

Blood Drive

St. Julie's will be hosting a blood drive on Sunday, December 18, 10:00-12:30. During the holidays the blood supply always drops and during this time, more than ever, is when the majority of blood is needed by the community. Please set this date aside to donate.



Gifts for Baby Jesus

In support of Birthright of Lorain County.

See the Flyer in this week's bulletin for gift suggestions. We like these items to be new. The items are used to make up Layette Sets for babies whose Mother has come to Birthright for guidance and support. Please bring your gifts to Mass December 24 and December 25. Children may bring them up to the altar during the offertory. Our gifts will help Birthright to provide almost 300 Layettes in the coming months.



Thank you for a delicious and wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner event. Your parishioners are awesome!