SAINT JULIE BILLIART

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

#### January 7, 2018

PASTORRe	ev. George A. Vrabel
Permanent Deacon	
Permanent Deacon	Rev. Dr. Ken DeLuca
PSR Principal	Kelly Reed
Music Director	Danny O'Brien

#### 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 Libro	ary

### 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.

# St. Julie Billiart Parish

## From the Desk of Father George

Greetings Parishioners and friends of St. Julie's,

Christmas 2017 was truly a celebration of many parishioners and guests surrounded by the beauty of song, worship and decorations. Thank you to all who have made this a most memorable feast of Christ's birth.

As a new year has dawned upon us, we continue to celebrate the Christmas Season on this Feast of The Epiphany of the Lord. Tradition tells us that the three wise men were named Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. Epiphany is a word meaning manifestation. It is the manifestation of the divinity of Christ to the world as symbolized in these astrologers. Epiphany is also an invitation for us to continue to recognize Christ present and to make him known to the world in which we live today.

Through the telling of the beautiful narrative of the astrologers arriving in Bethlehem, Matthew has affirmed that all peoples are meant to hear and respond to the saving presence of God. Epiphany has often been referred to as the 'Christmas of the Gentiles' because it is a proclamation to all peoples, not just the people of Israel. We have traveled a great distance since the baby in a manger. Let us continue to proclaim the good news that Christ is born!

Tomorrow - Monday, is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and the official end of the Christmas Season of 2017. The scriptures will remind us that through baptism we have been joined to the Lord who calls us to be his disciples. How well do we listen to his voice? Being faithful to the commandments and teachings of our faith is never something we should simply do out of fear or mere obligation. Rather, our choice to live in Christ is to be the result of our relationship with Christ. If we truly love God, then it is only natural to reflect that love in our thoughts, words and deeds. Of course, we all sin or lose sight of Him from time to time, but is it more the rarity than the norm? Jesus calls us by name just as he named Cephas (Peter). Our call to live authentically in Jesus is no ordinary task. It is rooted in grace and effort. Do you hear his voice?

By next weekend, the church environment will once again reflect Ordinary Time with the remaining winter plants. Thank you for the many compliments on the church decorations and liturgical celebrations. It is our hope that the New Year will bring you much happiness, health, and blessings of God's love. Thank you for your support and presence as we move forward into 2018. Once again, Happy New Year Everyone! *Fr. George* 

## MASS INTENTIONS

Jan. 6 - Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Bob Klimkowicz (Jan Walsh-Klimkowicz)	
Jan. 7 - Sunday	9:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	Nick Gestrich (Jim & Amy Gaffney)	
Jan. 8 - Monday	8:30 a.m.	Lori Field & Brad (Gene Morrison)	
Jan. 9 - Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Living & Deceased Cassidy Family (John Cassidy)	
Jan. 10 - Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	All Souls	
Jan. 11 - Thursday No Mass			
Jan. 12 - Friday	Ν	Jo Mass	
Jan. 13 - Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Carl Kessler (Josephine Meredith)	
Jan. 14 - Sunday	9:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	Elmer & Kathryn Uhl (Kathleen Sobczak)	

# The Epiphany of the Lord

## The Week Ahead January 7

Sat./S	un. Right to Life Signature Ad
Sun.	PSR Mass, 9:00 a.m.
Tues.	Sunday Choir, 7:00 p.m.
Wed.	Saturday Choir, 7:00 p.m. Rosary, 7:30 p.m.
Thurs.	Respect Life Mtg., 7:00 p.m.
Sat.	Women's Breakfast, St. Julie's
Sun.	PSR

Coming Events January 20

Men's Breakfast, St. Peter's

January 23 1st Reconciliation

January 25 Crockpot Dinner

**February 14** Ash Wednesday

**February 18** Parent Confirmation Mtg.

## Family Perspective

It was only after they entered the house that the Magi found Jesus. Today's gospel challenges us to bring our gifts into our home and family. There we will find Jesus. Our spiritual search for God starts at home.

**The Respect Life Group** will meet this Thursday, January 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the church to plan activities that foster respect for all human life from conception to natural death. Everyone is welcome. Questions, call Susan and John DeLaat, 327-2398.



When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the

east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

# Parish & Community Events

# **Religious** Education

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

FLY - Faithfully Leading Youth - St. Julie's High School Youth Ministry

Women's Breakfast

The women of St. Julie's and St. Peter's and will be gathering



together to share breakfast and our faith experiences. All women of both parishes are welcome. Our January Women's Fellowship Breakfast will be at St. Julie's on January 13, beginning at 8:30 and ending by 10:00 a.m. Our guest speaker will be Sister Sean. In order to plan for food, RSVP's are requested by Tuesday, January 9 to Shirley Fumich phone 440-864-8111 or <u>shirlf1963@gmail.com</u>. We look forward to sharing the morning with you.

# Thank You!

On behalf of the moms, babies, volunteers and staff of Maggie's Place, The Zechariah House, I would like to sincerely thank you for the wonderful love and support you have shown us. St. Julie Billiart parishioners donated **\$819.71** to Maggie's Place through the Baby Bottle Drive in October/November! We are able to serve the pregnant and parenting women as robustly as we do because of the generosity, St. Julie's High School Youth Ministry Grades 9 - 12 (Sundays, 11:45 a.m.)

love, and support from parishioners and community members like yourselves. Please know that we are deeply grateful for all you do for our home of hospitality.

Many Blessings, Erin Hathway, Ohio Regional Director

### Lifetouch Lifetouch

photographers will be here January 15 -20 to take pictures for our

40<sup>th</sup> anniversary pictorial directory.

All parishioners who have their picture taken will receive a free 8 x 10 color portrait and a copy of the pictorial directory.

Additional portraits can be purchased at the time of your sitting.

Sign-up sheets are on the table in the vestibule or you can sign up online using the parish website, or you may call the office for an appointment.

Volunteers are also needed to assist with sign-in on the days the photographer will be here. Sign-up sheets to volunteer are also on the table in the vestibule. An hour or two of your time will be greatly appreciated. Grab a friend, a cup of coffee, and come sit a while.





the health of, and caregivers of Father George, Bev Brich (mother of Tracey Murphy), Julie Kearney (granddaughter of Joe & June Kearney), John & Elaine Dubecky (parents of Greg Dubecky), Nancy Dominak, Lisa Engle (daughter of Tony Frameli), Catherine Paskert, Bill Livingston, Glenn Glacken, Judi Paskert, Kerry Decker (son-in-law of John & Dolores Rivera), JoAnne Bellomo, Marge Lesnick, Jerry & Barb Moran, Carol Polak, Chris Piazza, Pat Tinics, Dolores Rivera, Joe Reed, Diane Soukup, Irene Kollin, Don & Rose Regula and son Ron, Sondra Jirousek, Sandy Ciocca, Dick & Georgia Sullinger, Carol Straub and for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

### Men's Fellowship Breakfast



Our January breakfast is on the 20<sup>th</sup> from

8:30 to 9:45 a.m. at St. Peter's in the School Gym. Please join us and become closer to Jesus. So we have an idea of how much food to buy please try to give an RSVP by January 16<sup>th</sup> to Tom Fumich (610-6604 - sjspbreakfast@gmail.com) to attend. If you have special dietary needs please let us know. Remember this month's breakfast is at St. Peter's in the school gym.

# Parish Stewardship

Dec.31: Envelopes used: 168 (out of 670 mailed)\$3580
Average per Envelope\$21
Children's \$41
School Subsidy\$20
Capital Improvement\$25
Net Offertory\$3666
Mass Attendance
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# News & Events

#### Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Sat, Jan. 6, 5:00 L- Terry Flanagan L- Cindy Naprestek EM- Don Braun Marian Juszkiewicz Ted Lapponi Jim Miklich Suzanne Snyder*	Sun, Jan. 7,9:00 Lisa Palazzo Linda Vasiloff David Davis Laura Eland Dottie Heller Jim Livingston John Palazzo Leslie Rozman Debijo Lamb*		<u>10:30</u> Barb Arguello Gloria Hearns Alice Hogue Tom Lamoda Terri Lanser Ceil Morrison Mike Yarosh*	
<u>Altar Servers</u> Annie Dubecky Marty Dubecky	(	)	(	) )
Sat, Jan. 13, 5:00 L- Peg Nolan L- Sharon DeBevec EM- Joe Dominak Greg Dubecky Jim Nolan Marcia Smith Beth Paoloni*	Sun, Jan. 14,9:00 Ken Allen Renee Gallagher Theresa Bak Jim Carter Joanne Carter Kristine Krejsa Nick Modock Linda Forthofer*		<u>10:30</u> Jim Cassidy Mark LaLonde John Burghard* Joe Kotarsky Tom Lamoda Gene Morrison	
<u>Altar Servers</u> Alyssa Eland Haley Eland	Adult Server	S	( (	) )

**Right to Life Signature Ad:** This weekend after all Masses, we are collecting signatures for the Lorain County Right to Life Signature Ad and Billboard Campaign. The Ad will appear in area newspapers on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, the 45th anniversary of the Supreme Court decisions that decriminalized abortion-ondemand throughout all 9 months of pregnancy. Over 60 MILLION babies have been killed by abortion in the U.S. Please add your name to the people in our County speaking up for those who can't speak for themselves. A donation of \$5 per name is requested to cover the cost of the Ad and Billboards. Additional donations can be sent to: Lorain County Right to Life, P.O. Box 207, Elyria, OH 44036 or by visiting www.loraincountyrighttolife.org.

#### **Catholics Coming Home**

St. Peter Parish is offering a six week series for Catholics who have been away from the Church. No matter how long you've been away....No matter why you've been away... We invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church. We miss you and want to welcome you home. Please give us the chance to listen to you, address your concerns and examine the Catholic faith together. It is just not the same without you! Sessions will be held on Tuesdays, 7:15 - 8:30 p.m. in the Galilee Room at the Parish Center beginning February 6. All are encouraged to share this invitation with friends and family who may be seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. For more information or to register, go to our website, http://www.stpeternr.org/catholics-coming-home, or call the parish center at 440-327-2201.