



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.

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.

FORMED.org What is "FORMED?"

From the Augustine Institute website: FORMED.org is a revolutionary online platform featuring the best Catholic videos, audio talks, eBooks and movies from trusted partners. Catechism and Personal Faith formation are at the fingertips of every parishioner. Visit FORMED.org to learn about these resources delivered to you by the Augustine Institute. St. Julie Billiart Church is happy to be able to offer free access to FORMED for our parishioners at no charge.

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- Go to stjuliebilliart.formed.org
- Click on "register"
- Enter your name, email address, and desired password
- You're all ready to access the inspiring and engaging content on FORMED!

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

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

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

PSR Principal.....Kelly Reed

Music Director.....Danny O'Brien

LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

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

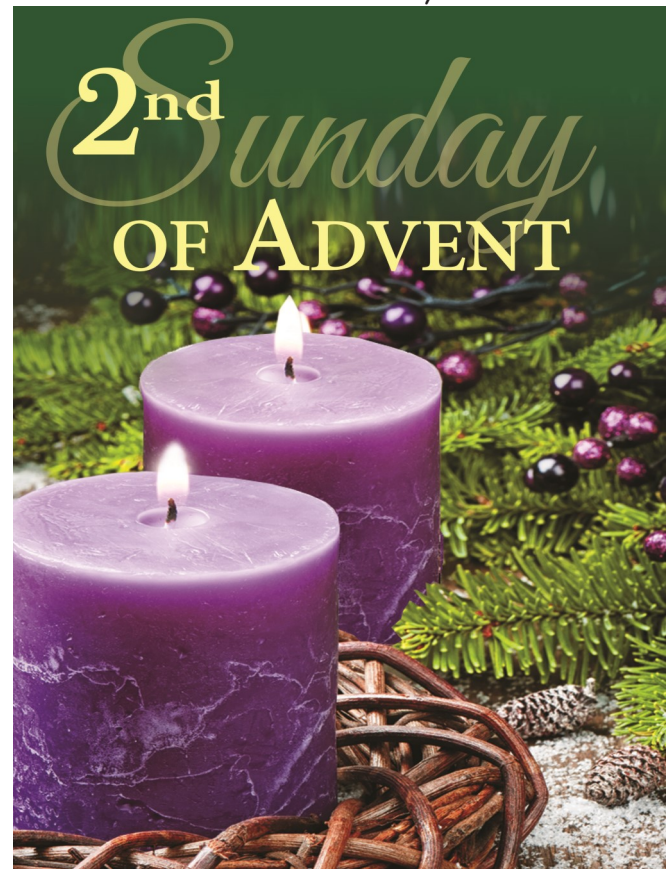
Weekday Masses will be at

St. Peter Parish until further notice

Holydays.....Consult the Bulletin

CONFESSIONS

2nd Saturday of the month 4:00-4:30 p.m. in the Church Library



From the Desk of Father Franco

Dear Parishioners,

The second Sunday of Advent introduces the person of John the Baptist. Born into the priestly family of Zechariah and Elizabeth, John did not pursue the Lord in the Temple. Instead he went out into the barren Judean desert. Some scholars think that John may have spent time with a Jewish monastic community called *the Essenes* that lived by the Dead Sea. Luke 1:80 records: *The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the desert until the day of his manifestation to Israel.*

St. Luke introduces John the Baptist's public ministry in a unique manner. **He sets the stage by listing all the important figures of his time:** Tiberius Caesar, the Emperor; Pontius Pilate the governor; Herod; Philip and Lysanias, tetrarchs (mini-rulers) of the various parts of the Holy Land, and the religious leaders of his time, Annas and Caiaphas, the High Priests. **However, it seems that God skipped over them. The word of God came to John in the desert.** Why did God's word come to John and not to the others?

It would be easy to say, "Well, God planned it that way." For sure, that is true. However, I also think that God's word came to John because John was seeking God's word. As Jesus would teach during His public ministry, "Seek and you shall find." Also, it is easy for those charged with governing people to be more concerned with people's opinions than God's prophetic message. **The word of God is not so concerned about managing the feelings of people. It summons us to change our lives.** By straightening our paths, filling in the valleys of sin with righteousness, leveling our mountains of pride-in a word-by conforming our ways to God's way-we respond to God's word.

As we enter more deeply into the season of Advent, **let us seek God's word.** And more than seek it, let us conform our lives to it. **We may be a bit out of step with the world. However, we will be walking on a highway where we will meet the Lord.**

Finally, for those who may be interested, this Friday, December 14th, I will be presenting an Advent Program based on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, *Gaudete et Exsultate* (Rejoice and Be Glad). This exhortation is subtitled *On the Call to Holiness in Today's World*. We will be meeting in the Galilee Room and begin with song and prayer. This will be followed by an overview of the Apostolic Exhortation. **The Pope's words are both practical and inspiring. All are welcome.**

In Christ,

Fr. Bob Franco

Mass Intentions for the Week

Dec. 8 - Saturday 9:00 a.m. Health of Harper Mackall (Theresa Fowler)

5:00 p.m. Charles Smick, Sr. (Smick Family)

Dec. 9 - Sunday 9:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiard Parishioners

10:30 a.m. Joe Kearney (June Kearney)

Monday - Friday No Masses until further notice*

Dec. 15 - Saturday 5:00 p.m. Rachel Juskiewicz (Marian Juskiewicz)

Dec. 16 - Sunday 9:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiard Parishioners

10:30 a.m. Frank, Jr. & Jim Valenta (Agnes Valenta)

*Morning Mass will be at St. Peter's, 8:15 a.m. every weekday.

The Week Ahead

December 9

Sun.

PSR

Communal Penance

Service, St. Julie's, 7:30

Tues.

Choir Rehearsal, 7:00

Parish Council, 7:00 p.m.,
Chapel

Wed.

Rosary, 7:30 p.m.

Sat.

Men's Breakfast,

St. Julie's

Sun.

PSR

Reconciliation Parent

Mtg., 9:10-9:40 a.m.

Coming Events

December 22

Confessions, 3:30-4:30, Library

December 30

Blood Drive

January 12

Women's Fellowship Breakfast


January 19

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Communal Penance Service

this year will be held at St. Julie's this Sunday, December 9th at 7:30 p.m. After a brief prayer service a number of priests will be available to celebrate the sacrament one on one.

"Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." - Lk 3:5-6



Wedding Banns

II ~ Ross MacDonald &
Kathryn Elmore

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.)
Children's Liturgy of the Word: During 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
 (except first Sunday of Month)
High School Ministry - Grades 9 - 12: 11:45 a.m. Sundays
RCIA & RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children)

We thank the parishioners of St. Julie Billiard for their generous response to our request for time, talent and treasure. Because of your generous response, we were able to provide 337 meals to those in need in our local community. People who were in need of a hot meal and those who were in need of companionship.

Parishioners generously donated 25 turkeys, sweet potatoes, and more; PrimeTimers donated pumpkin pies; Rosary Group donated Stovetop Stuffing; PSR children donated green beans and cream of mushroom soup and people also donated money to help defray our costs. Additionally, we thank the Knights of Columbus who donated \$543 raised at their Spaghetti Dinner! We thank our volunteers: 91 people helped to prepare the food donating a total of 393 man-hours of time and lots of talent! And all the while - smiles, jokes and fun were had by all.

Thanksgiving Day, the people who ate the food thanked us for the excellently prepared and tasty meal. Truly, this would not have been possible without all of your help. We are very grateful for whatever

support you were able to give, especially your prayers for its success.

You were the hands of God to some people who desperately needed it. Well done, good and faithful servant!

The Thanksgiving Dinner Committee

Retirement Fund for Religious

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little or no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Envelopes were in your packets or in the vestibule.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

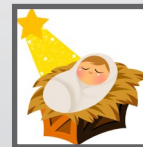
Our December breakfast is on the 15th at **St Julie's**. Please join us and become closer to Jesus. Food is served @ 8:20 a.m. So we have an idea of how much food to buy please RSVP by December 11th to Tom Fumich @ 440-610-6604 or by email to sjspbreakfast@gmail.com.



the health of, and caregivers of Father George, Steve Herbcha, Liam Strick (grandson of Leo & Sally Mahoney), Joe Dominak, JoAnne Bellomo, Phil Vella (brother of Dottie Heller), Aaron Kruger (nephew of Agnes Dlubac), John Murphy, Patrick Tinics, Theresa, June Seman, Dolores Rivera, Bill Livingston, Marge Lesnick, Jerry & Barb Moran, Carol Polak, Chris Piazza, Irene Kollin, Regula Family, Sondra Jirousek, Carol Straub; for our men & women in uniform, our police, firefighters, doctors and nurses; and for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate & religious life.

Gifts for Baby Jesus

St. Julie's Respect Life group will sponsor our annual Gifts for Baby Jesus to benefit Birthright of Lorain County. These gifts are used to make up Layette sets, last year they provided 238 Layettes to moms who came to Birthright for support in their pregnancy. They also distributed 1,081 canisters of formula and 2,984 packets of two dozen diapers. Our gifts help Birthright continue provide loving support to moms who have chosen life for their baby. Please see the flyer in the bulletin for gift suggestions. Gifts are returned at all masses December 24/25.



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 This week my prayers were for: my family; Jaden; Ralph, mom, Simon; the children who don't have money or presents; for all the people on the tree that don't have gifts; my family.  
 This is how I used my time and talent for others: helped my brother with math; I let Gia be in a movie; helped with lots of chores; I took out the trash; I helped mom with setting the table.  
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Parish Stewardship

Dec. 2: Envelopes used: 241 (out of 682 mailed)	\$7873
Average per Envelope	\$33
Children's	\$34
School Subsidy	\$35
Capital Improvement	\$513
Net Offertory	\$8455
Mass Attendance	583

Thank you for sharing your blessings.

News & Events

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Sat, Dec. 8, 5:00

L- Jack Whipkey
L- Cindy Naprestek
Don Braun
Elaine Klepek
Chris Piontkowski
Genny Umpirowicz
Chris Vacca*

Sun, Dec. 9, 9:00

Ken Allen
Linda Vasiloff
Theresa Bak
Jim Carter
Joanne Carter
Nick Modock
Mary Kay Polomsky
Debijo Lamb*

10:30

Gloria Hearn
Sharon DeBevec
JoAnne Bellomo
Joe Kotarsky
Larry Rozman
Leslie Rozman
Suzanne Snyder*

Altar Servers

Annie Dubecky

Adult Servers

Tessa Johnston

Sat, Dec. 15, 5:00

L- Terry Flanagan
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EM- Agnes
Klimkowicz
Eileen McBriarty
Jim Miklich
Marcia Smith
Beth Paoloni*

Sun, Dec. 16, 9:00

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Theresa Bak
John Burghard*
Debijo Lamb
Gene Morrison

10:30

Lisa Palazzo
Mark LaLonde
David Davis
Laura Knoblauch
Tom Lamoda
John Palazzo
Suzanne Snyder*

Altar Servers

Annie Dubecky

Ashley McDowell

Tessa Johnston

Theology on the Rocks was designed as many older Catholics were looking for a way to connect with their peers. They had heard so much about Theology on Tap, which is geared to those in their 20's & 30's, and wanted a similar type of program. Theology on the Rocks allows the 40+ adult to meet in a casual setting to learn more about their faith and meet other like-minded individuals. Meet at the Copper Cup at the Ironwood Café, 680 Dover Center Rd., Westlake on Monday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. to hear a talk on "Holiday Stress: Unravel the tangled family relationships & holiday season stress" by Dr. Ken DeLuca. Cost is \$10 - pay at the door - includes appetizers, cash bar. Register at: <https://theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west>

40 Days for Life Fall 2018 Campaign - Final Results:

It takes a few weeks for all the results to come in from around the world for a 40 Days for Life campaign. The great news is that the incredible final results from the Fall 2018 Campaign are worth the wait!!! From Sept. 26 through Nov. 4, there were 613 babies' lives saved that we know of. This means that since the first 40 Days for Life in 2007, there have been reports of 15,256 babies saved from death by abortion and thousands of moms and dads who can rejoice in choosing life!!! In addition to babies saved, there were also 9 more abortion workers who had a change of heart and left the abortion industry during the Fall Campaign. 186 workers in all have left since 2007! And there were 3 more abortion facilities that closed, for a total of 99 abortion facilities that have closed since 2007! These kinds of miracles can only be the hand of God working in and through the prayers of His people. Thank you and God bless you for your prayers for His littlest children!