



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.

Login/Registration:

- 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.

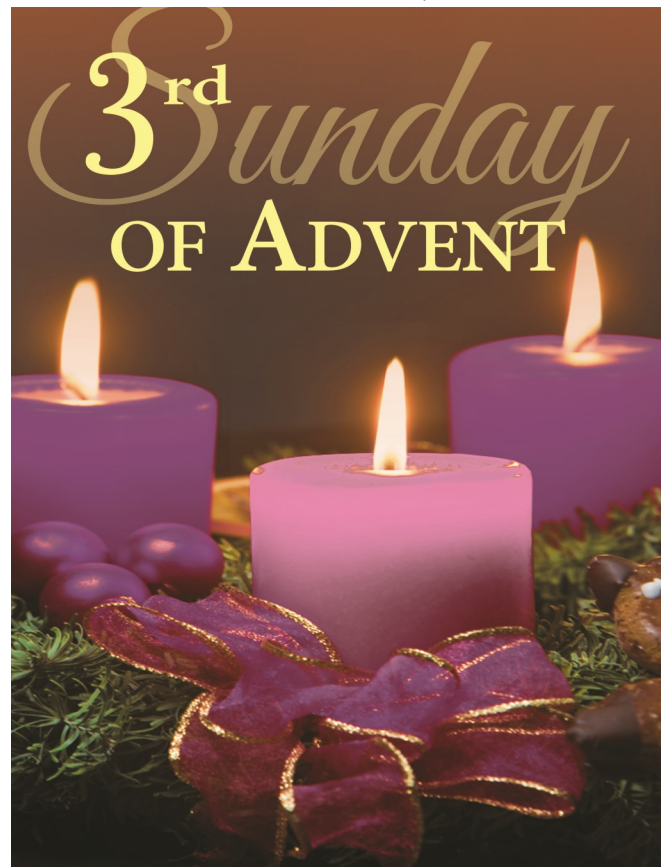
Weekday Masses will be at

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 St. Julie Parishioners,

Christmas is around the corner. With all its joy, there can be a measure of frustration that sets in, even here at church. We will be seeing people in church we do not normally see. Some of them will sit in our seats! Before we let resentment rise in our hearts, let us resolve now to be grateful that they are here. Let us pray that whoever attends our holy day Masses may be touched by the Lord. May our attitude be that of St. Paul in today's second reading: *Rejoice in the Lord always. I say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near.*

Perhaps the key to that attitude lies in the lines that follow: *Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*

The words of John the Baptist in today's gospel are both directive and motivational. The crowds, tax-collectors and soldiers all ask the question, *What should we do?* It is a question we would do well to take to the Lord Jesus in prayer ourselves. John's answer can be summarized by the words: *Do what is right!* We should share what we have with those needy around us. All business dealings should be above board and just. Pride has no place in our relating to other people. For our young people (and for some who are not so young!): *No bullying!* As for motivation, John tells us that the Messiah will *gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.* Let us do what is right!

John ends his practical exhortation by saying *be satisfied with your wages.* We struggle with contentment in our time. There is always something new and better on the horizon. There is a time and place for trading in and trading up. However, our happiness does not depend on it. We are satisfied because we know Christ and have purpose, even in our suffering and loneliness.

Confession will be offered at St. Julie's on Saturday, December 22 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the library. St. Peter Parish will be hearing confessions on Friday, December 21 morning, noon and evening: after the 8:15 a.m. Mass, then from 3:00-4:00 p.m. and finally from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Let us heed the cry of John the Baptist and prepare our lives to welcome our Savior with a fresh faith, joyful hope and charity that perseveres.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob Franco

Mass Intentions for the Week

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)

Monday - Friday No Masses until further notice*

Dec. 22 - Saturday 5:00 p.m. Ron Matuszak (Family)

Dec. 23 - Sunday 9:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiard Parishioners
10:30 a.m. Joe Kearney (June Kearney)

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

The Week Ahead

December 16

Sun.

PSR

Reconciliation Parent

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

Tues.

Choir Rehearsal, 7:00

Wed.

Rosary, 7:30 p.m.

Sat.

Confessions, 3:30-4:30,
in the library

Sun.

NO PSR

Coming Events

December 30

Blood Drive

January 12

Women's Fellowship Breakfast

January 19

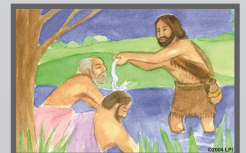
Men's Fellowship Breakfast

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.



Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming."
- Lk 3:15-16a



Wedding Banns

III ~ 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)

~ Advent Confessions ~

Confession times at St. Julie's in the Library, will be as follows:

- Saturday - December 22: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

~ Christmas Mass Schedule ~

Christmas Eve

- Monday - December 24: 5:00 p.m.
- Monday - December 24: 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

- Tuesday - December 25: 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

New Years Eve

- Monday - December 31: 5:00 p.m.

New Years Day

- Tuesday - January 1: 9:00 a.m.

From the desk of Fr. George...

On this third Sunday of Advent - when we celebrate with joy the nearness of the Feast of the Nativity - I want to thank you for all your prayers and cards. My journey to better health has, at times, been an uphill battle. Two weeks ago, I spent four days in the Heart Failure ICU at University Hospital in Cleveland. I went in for an outpatient procedure and the results led to immediate admission. I feel much better and the cardiologists are continuing to adjust my medications. I have a heart ablation scheduled for mid-January and we will see what happens next. I am hoping to soon return to the helm, but better health comes first. Meanwhile, I plan to be part of the Christmas celebrations in some fashion. May God's Peace and Blessings be upon you all!



PRAY FOR . . .

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, 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 Layette sets 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.

If you know someone who is pregnant and needs help, let them know they can find the loving help they need by calling Birthright, (440) 324-9566. Additional information on Birthright is in the literature rack at the back of church or online at: <https://birthright.org/elyria/>.

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 ✚ **This week my prayers were for:** my family; mom, dad, Ashley, Candy, Brian, Saidy, Sparky; Sadie, JJ, Jovie, Sparky, Uncle Jim, Mr. Gerace, Brian & Candy; my family; my family; uncle Patrick; my uncle.  
 ✚ **This is how I used my time and talent for others:** I went to first Reconciliation; I gave money to the Salvation Army charity worker and I got her coffee; shared time/info w/cub scouts; clene my house; doing laundry and helping cleaning; I helped put up Christmas tree.  
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Parish Stewardship

Dec. 9: Envelopes used: 251 (out of 681 mailed) \$7137
 Average per Envelope \$28
 Children's \$25
 School Subsidy \$140
 Capital Improvement \$342
Net Offertory \$7644
 Mass Attendance 483

Thank you for sharing your blessings.

News & Events

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

<u>Sat, Dec. 15, 5:00</u>	<u>Sun, Dec. 16, 9:00</u>	<u>10:30</u>
L- Terry Flanagan	Barb Arguello	Lisa Palazzo
L- Renee Gallagher	()	Mark LaLonde
EM- Agnes Klimkowicz	Theresa Bak	David Davis
Eileen McBriarty	John Burghard*	Laura Knoblauch
Jim Miklich	Debijo Lamb	Tom Lamoda
Suzanne Snyder	Gene Morrison	John Palazzo
Beth Paoloni*		Suzanne Snyder*

Altar Servers

Annie Dubecky	Ashley McDowell	Tessa Johnston
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<u>Sat, Dec. 22, 5:00</u>	<u>Sun, Dec. 23, 9:00</u>	<u>10:30</u>
L- Sharon DeBevec	Linda Vasiloff	Jim Cassidy
L- ()	Ken Allen	Gloria Hearn
Don Braun	Dottie Heller	Barb Arguello
Greg Dubecky	Kristine Krejsa	Laura Eland
Genny Umpirowicz	Nick Modock	Meg Hogue
Suzanne Snyder*	Larry Rozman	()
	Leslie Rozman	Joe Kotarsky
	Suzanne Snyder*	Mike Yarosh*

Altar Servers

Anthony Shealy	Lizzie Schiffbauer	Tessa Johnston
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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.



Married Couples - Worn out from the Holidays? Feeling stressed? Are you looking for a way to avoid the winter blahs? Bring some warmth and refreshed intimacy back into your marriage with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Weekend. Winter dates: January 19-20 at St. Paschal Baylon in Highland Heights, or February 15-17 at the Hartville Comfort Suites. Info; 330-305-9963 or www.GreatMarriagesOhio.org

Community Care

Special Items Needed This Week:

Laundry Soap ~ Fabric Softener ~ Dryer Sheets

Items for Back-to-School Lunches

Fruit Cups ~ Peanut Butter & Jelly ~ PB&J Crackers