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Saint Julie Billiart Catholic Church

The Holy Family

From the Desk of Father Franco

Dear St. Julie Parishioners,

This Tuesday, January 1st, is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God and the Octave of Christmas. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are at 5:00 p.m. on Monday evening and at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, New Year's Day. **Start the New Year off right by worshipping the Lord.**

This Sunday is called The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We recall that Jesus was born into a family to sanctify all families. He makes the family the incubator for faith. Jesus comes into our families to make us God's family.

How can we imitate the Holy Family in our day?

The Holy Family worshipped together.

* The Holy Family prayed together. Though we lack details of their lives, we can glean some things. Joseph, described as a righteous man, most likely began his day with the Jewish "*Shema*", the word that means *hear*. In other words, Joseph started the day by quoting Deuteronomy 6:4, 5. *Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength*…These words are echoed in the teachings of Jesus, which he learned from the lips of Joseph.
* Mary prayed vocally (*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord*…The Magnificat) as well as contemplatively (…*Mary kept all these things in her heart*).
* Together Joseph, Mary and Jesus went to the Temple for Feasts (a three week round trip from Nazareth to Jerusalem) and went weekly to the synagogue in their hometown.

If our families are to become holy, we also need to pray personally and communally. Let us commit ourselves to Mass every week and Holy Day, as well as pray personally every day.

The Holy Family spent time together.
Granted, times were different. In Jesus' time there were no computer screens, smart phones or home theatre systems. We do know that they spent time with each other, face to face, talking of things that were both mundane and sublime. If our families are to grow in holiness, we too need to spend more time looking at each other and less time looking at screens.

The Holy Family fostered love and respect.
Again, we do not have a lot about Jesus' hidden years. However, the gospel tells us that Jesus was "obedient" to Joseph and Mary. This kind of love and respect unites families and helps every person, young and old, mature in a human and holy way.

As we celebrate Holy Family Sunday, let us pray that the Lord bring healing and strength to our fragmented and weakened family life.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob Franco

PASTOR…Rev. George A. Vrabel

Permanent Deacon……Rev. Mr. John Rivera
Permanent Deacon...Rev. Dr. Ken DeLuca
Music Director……..Danny O'Brien
PSR Principal……..Kelly Reed

LITURGY SCHEDULE
Masses at Church
Saturday……5:00 p.m.
Sunday……..9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
Weekday Masses will be at St. Peter's until further notice
Holydays……Consult the Bulletin

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

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.

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.

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St. Julie's Office will be closed from Noon, December 31 until 9:00 a.m. January 2.

Parish & Community Events

December 30, 2018

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)*

RCIA & RCIC *(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children)*

Mass Intentions for the Week

Dec. 29 - Saturday	3:00 p.m.	Wed. Ross MacDonald & Kathryn Elmore
	5:00 p.m.	Mary O'Malley (Jim & Peg Nolan)
Dec. 30 - Sunday	9:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
	10:30 a.m.	Tom McNamara (Joanne McNamara)
Dec. 31 - Monday	5:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of Pietrzak & Matuszak Families
Jan. 1 - Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Dolores Snyder (Suzanne Snyder)
Jan. 5 - Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Sandy Ciocca (Gary & Harriet Halvin)
Jan. 6 - Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Nick Gestrich (Jim & Amy Gaffney)
	10:30 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners

St. Julie Billiart Craft Show

A very big "THANK YOU!" to everyone who helped with our 2018 parish craft show.

Over 700 people excitingly attended the event. We received many compliments on our delicious food, stunning decorations, and, most importantly, the friendliness of our volunteers. The time all of you invested in making this year's Craft Show a success is greatly appreciated!

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Joe and Valerie Kotarsky

Catholics Coming Home

St. Peter Parish is offering a seven 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 from 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.** in the Galilee Room at the Parish Center **beginning January 15.** 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.

PRAY FOR . . .

the health of, and caregivers of Father George, Linda Lagina, Joe Dominak, JoAnne Bellomo, Phil Vella (brother of Dottie Heller), 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.

Birthright is a free, non-sectarian, non-profit emergency pregnancy service. Since March 1973, Birthright of Lorain County has been available to all single and married women and their families who have difficulty coping with their pregnancies. If you know someone who is pregnant and needs help, let them know they can find the loving help they need by calling Birthright at (440) 324-9566. Additional information on Birthright is in the literature rack at the back of church or online at: https://birthright.org/elyria/.

FORMED KIDS' KORNER

Joseph

Also in Spanish

The thrilling biblical story of Joseph is told in this animated feature film for children ages 5 and up. It powerfully demonstrates God's sovereign hand in all things.

FORMED:

Login/Registration:

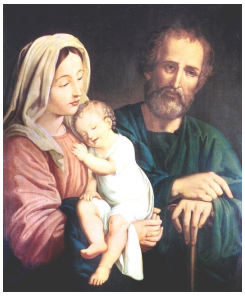
- Go to stjuliebilliart.formed.org
- Click on "register"
- Enter your name, email, and password
- You're all ready to access the inspiring and engaging content on FORMED!

News & Events

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Sat,Dec.29, 5:00	Sun,Dec.30, 9:00	10:30
L- ( )	Cindy Naprestek	Jim Cassidy
L- Sharon DeBevec	Linda Vasiloff	Gloria Hearns
EM- Don Braun	Theresa Bak	JoAnne Bellomo
( )	Kristine Krejsa	Laura Knoblauch
Jim Miklich	Mary Kay Polomsky	Tom Lamoda
Ted Lapponi	Larry Rozman	Terri Lanser
Beth Paoloni*	Leslie Rozman	Gene Morrison
	Debijo Lamb*	Suzanne Snyder*
Altar Servers		Amanda Bastian
Kady Jerore	Lizzie Schiffbauer	Marie Bastian

Mon,Dec.31, 5:00	Tue.Jan.1,9:00am
L- ( )	Diane DeMelo
L- ( )	Ken Allen
EM- Theresa Bak	Barb Arguello
Nick Modock	Leslie Rozman
Suzanne Snyder*	Suzanne Snyder*
Altar Servers	
Alyssa Eland	Juliana Cerny
Haley Eland	



Sat,Jan.5, 5:00	Sun,Jan.6, 9:00	10:30
L- Renee Gallagher	PSR	Lisa Palazzo
L- ( )	PSR	Mark LaLonde
EM-Agnes Klimkowicz	Jim Carter	Barb Arguello
	Joanne Carter	JoAnne Bellomo
Ted Lapponi	Michelle Davis	Meg Hogue
Eileen McBriarty	Laura Eland	John Palazzo
Chris Piontkowski	Debijo Lamb*	Mike Yarosh*
Chris Vacca*	Gene Morrison	
	Leslie Rozman	
Altar Servers	Annie Dubecky	Amanda Bastian
Anthony Shealy	Alyssa Eland	Marie Bastian

Save the Date!!!

Soup For The Spirit
A Community Care Benefit
February 23, 6:00-11:00 p.m.
Tom's Country Place
$50/person. Dinner will be served.
Sideboards and Chinese Raffles
Call 440-353-9716 to purchase tickets or
to be a sponsor.

Community Care

Special Items Needed This Week:
Plastic Wrap ~ Sandwich Bags
Dryer Sheets ~ Bleach ~ Laundry Soap