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January 5, 2025

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*St. Julie Billiart is a welcoming Roman Catholic community that deepens our personal relationship with Jesus Christ by worshipping together, reaching out to others and building up the Kingdom of God.*



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

**Pastor:** Rev. Robert Franco

**Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Isidore Munishi

**Deacons:** Rev. Mr. John Rivera

Rev. Mr. Del Sherman

Rev. Dr. Ken DeLuca, Retired

**PSR Principal:** Kelly Reed

**Music Director:** Mary Pokrywka

### LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

(This Mass is Live Streamed & Recorded)

Sunday..... 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

5:30 p.m. Evening Mass on

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

Holydays.....Consult the Bulletin

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

**For updates check St. Julie's Website**

### CONFESSIONS

Saturdays.....3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

### In the Church

**PSR - PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

Grades 1 - 7: 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. Sunday

Grade 8: 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. Sunday

(check PSR website for information)

**OCIA & OCIC (Order 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.

Dear Parishioners

Let me begin this New Year by assuring you that I pray that this year will be a year of grace and favor for you and for our parish. This is a Jubilee Year for the Church Universal and for our sister St. Peter Parish which is celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a parish.

The word Jubilee comes from a Hebrew word meaning "horn." The third book of the Bible, Leviticus, states that every 50<sup>th</sup> year the horn would be sounded, and God's people would begin celebrating a special year of favor from the Lord. Debts would be cancelled. Slaves would be freed. People would return to their ancestral heritage. It was sort of a "reset" for everyone. The Jubilee Year would be commenced with the blowing of the horn.

Though this Jubilee "reset" is referred to in the Leviticus 25, the historical books of the bible give no historical description of how this was practiced in the history of Israel. However, the Church Universal picked up this practice in the year 1300 AD. The focus was and is on spiritual debts, Jubilee Years were times of forgiveness and reconciliation as well as release from temporal punishment due to sin.

What initially began as every 50 years was reduced to every 25 years. Other occasions have led to special Holy Years being convoked, such as the 1933 Jubilee of Redemption and the 2016 Jubilee of Mercy.

St. Peter Parish will be joining in this Universal Jubilee Year with its own celebration of 150 Years of parish life. We will do so in a variety of ways, beginning this weekend when Mayor Corcoran reads a Proclamation on behalf of the North Ridgeville City Council as part of our Epiphany Mass at 4:00 p.m.

There are other events happening this year that make it a special time of grace for us. As I mentioned in last week's bulletin, Bishop Malesic has written a pastoral letter to the people of God in the Diocese of Cleveland entitled *A Flourishing Apostolic Church*. This letter is very readable and practical. Bishop Malesic calls each individual to deepen their friendship with the Lord through prayer. He also calls each parish to grow in its *Worship of the Lord, Evangelization, and Service of the Needy*. He is encouraging parish staff, parish councils, and parish faith sharing groups to prayerfully read and discuss this letter. Copies of this 24-page letter are at the doors of the church.

Finally, as I mentioned a few weeks ago, I met with a number of parishioners to revise the parish mission and vision statements for St. Peter and St. Julie Parishes. After gathering ideas from both parish councils, we developed a simple and easily remembered statement:

**Knowing Christ + Loving Christ + Serving Christ Together**

We will be looking at the pastoral mission of St. Peter and St. Julie Parishes through the lens of this statement. Our desire is to become a local expression of Bishop Malesic's letter: *A Flourishing Apostolic Church*.

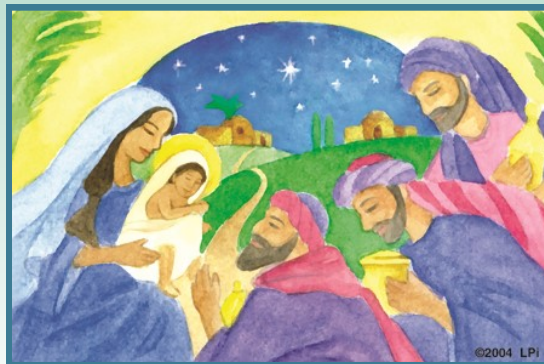
These three things-the Jubilee Year, Bishop Malesic's pastoral letter, and our new parish vision statement-will provide the inspiration for growing our parishes pastoral work in North Ridgeville and beyond.

With Magi, representatives of the whole world, let us offer to the Newborn King our gifts. We want to acknowledge Jesus Christ as King and God and Sacrifice!

In Christ,  
Fr. Bob Franco

"And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel."

- Mt 2:6



## Religious Education

**PSR-Parish School of Religion**

Sunday: Grades 1-7, 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. / Grade 8. 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.



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## Mass Intentions for the Week

- Jan. 4 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Emil P. Galik (Rich & Elaine Galik)
- Jan. 5 Sunday 9:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiant Parishioners  
11:00 a.m. Mary Lee (Lee Family)
- Jan. 6 Monday 5:30 p.m. Jamie Cook (Cook Family)
- Jan. 8 Wednesday 5:30 p.m. Lois Goldyn (Goldyn Family)
- Jan. 10 Friday 5:30 a.m. Health of Fr. Ned Weist (Pat & Susan Mahoney)
- Jan. 11 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Helena Konopka (Teresa Sivec)
- Jan. 12 Sunday 9:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiant Parishioners  
11:00 a.m. Marilyn Hogue (Dick & Alice Hogue)

## The Week Ahead

- Thu.** Respect Life, 7:00 p.m., HFR
- Sat.** Women's Breakfast, St. Julie's
- Sun.** Cursillo Meg., 6-8:30 p.m.,  
St. Anne's Room

**The Respect Life Group** will meet this Thursday, January 9 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Julie Billiant Church in the Holy Family Room to plan activities that foster respect for all human life from conception to natural death. Everyone from St. Julie Billiant and St. Peter is welcome. If you have questions, please call Susan and John DeLaat at 440-327-2398, or email [jaydee40days@gmail.com](mailto:jaydee40days@gmail.com).

### Women's Breakfast

The next Women's Fellowship Breakfast will be on **January 11** at St. Julie's from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. Join us for a delicious breakfast, to

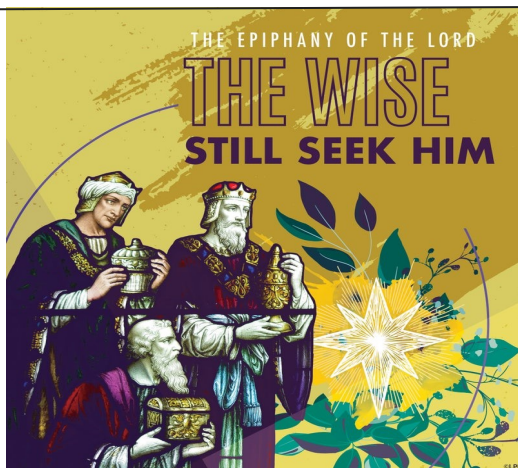
share our faith, and meet other women. To ensure enough seating and food is prepared, please **RSVP by January 6** at our website: <https://www.stpeternr.org/womens-ministry>. If you prefer, you can call our office, 440-327-2201 and we will get you registered.

### Men's Breakfast

Please join us for the St. Julie & St. Peter Men's Fellowship breakfast on Saturday, **January 18 @ 8:20 a.m.** Breakfast will be served at St. Peter's in the Gym. Open to men of any parish in the Diocese, come and enjoy a hearty, hot breakfast followed by a short video and discussion. We will end promptly at 9:45 a.m. So we have an idea of how much food to prepare please **RSVP by January 13** to, [sjspbreakfast@gmail.com](mailto:sjspbreakfast@gmail.com)

### Catholic Renewal Ministries

Catholic Renewal Ministries' **Traveling Healing Mass** for January will be held at St. Julie Billiant Parish on **Friday, January 17, 7:00 p.m.** Fr. Bob Franco will be the celebrant. Praise and worship will begin at 7:00 and the liturgy will start at 7:30. Healing prayer teams will be available after the mass for individual prayer, and there will also be a social after the mass. For more information, please contact CRM at 440-944-9445. All are welcome. Come, Sing and Praise God with Joy as we enter into the Jubilee Year 2025.



## Parish Stewardship

<b>Dec. 25:</b> .....	\$1423
Faith Direct: .....	\$3555
School Subsidy: .....	\$200
Capital Improvement: .....	\$250
<b>Net Offertory:</b> .....	<b>\$5428</b>
Christmas: .....	<b>\$13,283</b>

Thank you for sharing your blessings.

## Ministers Schedule

Sat, Jan. 4, 5:00 Rec	Jan. 5, 9:00 am	11:00 am
S-Beth Paoloni	S-Kathleen McWeeny	S-Mike Yarosh
L-Cindy Naprestek	L-Linda Vasiloff	L-Kristine Krejsa
EM-Beth Paoloni	EM-Elaine Payne	EM-Bob Leither
EM-Ceil Morrison	EM-Kathleen McWeeny	EM-Mike Yarosh
C-Deacon John	C-Barb Arguello	C-Jim Livingston
C-Ted Laponi	C-Deacon Del	C-Leslie Rozman
U-Sue Dybowski	U-Hung Le	U-Dave Rodriguez
U-Nick Guerrieri	U-Jim Gaffney	U-Elaine Payne
AS-Not Filled	AS-Melody Shealy	AS-Not Filled
AS-Not Filled	AS-Anthony Shealy	AS-Not Filled

Sat, Jan. 11, 5:00 Rec	Jan. 12, 9:00	11:00
S-Beth Paoloni	S-John Burghard	S-Mike Yarosh
L-Cindy Naprestek	L-Jessica Angelo	L-Amy Shealy
EM-Beth Paoloni	EM-Tom Lamoda	EM-Jim Livingston
EM-Tony Tinnirello	EM-John Burghard	EM-Mike Yarosh
C-Deacon John	C-Nicole Spaetzelscarpelli	C-Joe Kotarsky
C-Elaine Payne	C-Robert Ricksecker	C-Bob Leither
U-Sue Dybowski	U-Jim Gaffney	U-Dave Rodriguez
U-Nick Guerrieri	U-Hung Le	U-Elaine Payne
AS-Ryan Papesch	AS-Duncan McDowell	AS-Melody Shealy
AS-Not Filled	AS-Ashley McDowell	AS-Anthony Shealy

S-Sacristan                      C-Chalice  
 L-Lector                          U-Usher  
 EM-Eucharistic Minister      AS-Altar Server

### 2024 Contribution Statements

If you would like a copy of your Contribution Statement for 2024 please contact the office via email, [stjbc@stjuliebilliart.org](mailto:stjbc@stjuliebilliart.org), or call the office at 440-327-1978. If you have signed up for our online Giving Program, Faith Direct, your statement of giving will be mailed to you directly from Faith Direct.

**Please take note - all 2024 donations must have been received on or before December 31. If it was postmarked December 31 we can count it in 2024.**

### Collection for Central and Eastern Europe

This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that are still struggling to recover from former communist rule. It also aids communities throughout the region that are affected by the war in Ukraine. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your contribution restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. You can find more information at [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee). You have an envelope in your packet or you can donate on Faith Direct.

## News & Events

### Ukraine Welcome Circle Updates

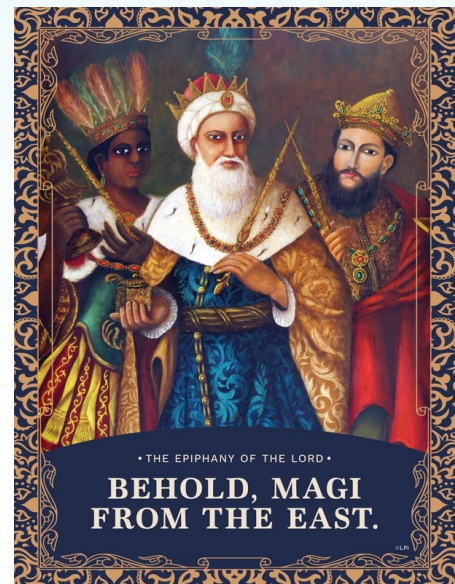
As our first year as a Welcome Circle comes to a close, we are reflecting on all of the extraordinary blessings we've received. The Welcome Circle may have started as a core team of folks, but you have helped us create a "welcoming circle" of love, hope and generosity around the Bryiovskiy family.

In spite of coming to a new country thousands of miles from their extended family and home, the Bryiovskiy family has met this uncertainty with courage navigating through their everyday situations. They have worked hard to make a new life here.

So much has been accomplished this last year not only by the Bryiovskiy family, but also by all of us together. We have truly been able to provide "A Hand up and Not a Hand Out". We could not have done it without you. We thank you for all of your support this past year and look forward to God's guidance along our path in our second year with the Bryiovskiy family.

May your hearts rejoice in the blessings of Christ this Christmas season and throughout the year.

**Married and Engaged Couples:** A Natural Family Planning (NFP) class is an excellent tool to help couples get the practical help they need to understand and live out the truth and beauty of God's plan for married love. NFP is safe and healthy. It's nearly free. It's "green." And NFP is effective for achieving or postponing pregnancy. Many couples find that NFP helps them build a deeper and closer relationship to each other and to God since they are experiencing marriage as God intended. Classes are available in-person and also online - both live and self-paced. For information on upcoming classes or to learn more about NFP, call Bill and Jessica Davidson at 216-347-1041, or visit the Couple To Couple League website at [ccli.org](http://ccli.org).



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