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January 12, 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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

**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 Parishioner,

**Winter is back.** Though I know that weather can change on a dime, I still like to check out the long-range forecast. The first report of a day 40 degrees or more was the second weekend in February! May the Lord help us to face the cold and embrace the weather he gives us.

**During this first full week of January, I met with the parish councils of both St. Julie and St. Peter Parishes.** Among other things I gave both parish councils (as well as the staff members and finance councils of both parishes) **homework!** I am asking them to read over Bishop Malesic's Pastoral Letter *A Flourishing Apostolic Church*. After we read the letter, we will discuss it. It is my desire that each of our parishes become *flourishing, apostolic parishes*, knowing Christ, loving Christ, and serving Christ *Together*.

**Today's Feast is the Baptism of the Lord. In many ways, this feast is the perfect segue into Ordinary Time** and our focus in the ministry and teachings of Jesus public life. Like last week's feast, Epiphany, this event reveals who Jesus is-*the beloved Son of the Father*. It also highlights who God is, for we see the Son of God made flesh, hear the voice of the Father, and see the presence of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove. **The Baptism of the Lord also gives insight into the plan of God.**

**God's plan is to make all things new (see Revelation 21:5).** Genesis 6: 5-9:28 tells the story of Noah and the great flood. As the waters recede from the flood, Noah eventually releases a dove. It returned to the ark after a day. The second time he released it, it returned with an olive branch. The third time he released the dove, it did not return.

**The fact that the dove returned with an olive branch indicated to Noah and his family that the earth was cleansed and starting over.** This was God's plans-to cleanse the world of evil and make it new.

**Christians, because they are baptized, are to be living signs of this coming new world.** St. Paul said, *So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.* (2 Corinthians 5:17) Our baptism frees us from sin and empowers us to live a holy way of life. This is our call. Unfortunately, many of us forget who we really are and embrace a manner of life that is opposed to God's call in Christ.

**By the power of the Holy Spirit, we want to embrace a manner of life befitting a new creation in Christ.** As the waters of Noah's time cleansed the earth and gave it a new beginning, so the waters of baptism have freed us from the bondages of sin and given us a new start, with new power, new purpose, and new peace. And if we are not living in the liberty Christ has won for us, let us seek it afresh in the Sacrament of Penance. This gift of God's mercy refreshes the baptized with forgiveness and a fresh start. **In God's eyes, it is never too late to start over. And since we do not know the day or the hour of the Lord's return, let us not put off starting afresh!**

In Christ,  
Fr. Bob Franco



"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

- Lk 3:16bc

## Catholic Renewal Ministries

Catholic Renewal Ministries' **Traveling Healing Mass** for January will be held at St. Julie Billiard 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.



## 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.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

- Jan. 11 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Helena Konopka (Teresa Sivec)
- Jan. 12 Sunday 9:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiart Parishioners  
11:00 a.m. Marilyn Hogue (Dick & Alice Hogue)
- Jan. 13 Monday 5:30 p.m. Dennis Payne (Elaine Payne)
- Jan. 15 Wednesday 5:30 p.m. Lidobina Lopez (Goldyn Family)
- Jan. 17 Friday 5:30 a.m. Health of Olivia Lohfeld (Pat & Susan)
- Jan. 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m. St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
- Jan. 19 Sunday 9:00 a.m. Vincent Bak (The Bak Family)  
11:00 a.m. Carol Polak (Gene & MaryAnne Schwarzwald)

## The Week Ahead

- Sat.** Women's Breakfast, St. Julie's
- Sun.** Men's Cursillo Mtg., 6-8:30 p.m.,  
St. Anne's Room
- Wed.** Rosary, 1:00  
Adoration, 2-5:00 p.m.  
Walking with Mom's, 6:10 p.m.,  
Holy Family Room
- Fri.** Charismatic Mass, 7:00 p.m.,  
St. Julie's Church
- Sat.** Men's Breakfast, St. Peter's

**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)

## Donating to St. Julie's

**Faith Direct** - On-Line giving is available on our parish website: [www.stjuliebilliart.org](http://www.stjuliebilliart.org)  
**Envelopes** - drop in the church collection basket at Mass, mail to St. Julie's, 5545 Opal Dr., or drop off at the Parish Office.  
**Electronic Bill Pay** - use your bank's electronic bill pay program.

## Women in Friendship

Ladies, you are invited to join us in 2025 for a year filled with activities including social, educational, charitable, spiritual, and entertaining. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, and new members are always welcome! Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 14 at 1:00-3:00 p.m. in St. Peter's Parish Center. Current members should remember to bring your Member Renewal. Any questions may be directed to Barbara, 440-458-6197.



the health of, and caregivers of: Mark Turk, Daniel DeLaat, Paul Kovacs, Kristen Premura, Louise Alexander, Stephan Durosko, nephew of Ted Laponi, Marian Kessler, Christian Hoffman, nephew of Pat, Dolores Rivera, Bob Jirousek, Barb Vrtachnik, Terry Flanagan, Jean Rasmussen, Kathleen Sobczak, JoAnne Bellomo, Regula family and for Fr. George, Fr. Gonser; for the repose of the soul of Don Jirousek, a founding member of St. Julie Billiart, for Vivian Glacken, mother of Deborah Glacken, and for Fr. Ned Weist, for our men & women in uniform; our firefighters, police, doctors & nurses; for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life.

## Vincentians

The St. Peter Vincentians are ready to assist people in need at both St. Peter and St. Julie as well as anyone who lives in North Ridgeville. Please contact St. Peter Parish office (440-327-2201) and someone will be in touch with you. If you are interested in helping the St. Peter Vincentians in their charitable works, please leave a message for Tom Mischak at the St. Peter Parish office.



## Parish Stewardship

<b>Dec. 29:</b>	\$3448
Faith Direct: ( )	\$0
School Subsidy:	\$10
Capital Improvement:	\$240
<b>Net Offertory:</b>	<b>\$3698</b>
Mass Attendance	348

Thank you for sharing your blessings.



## Parish Stewardship

<b>Jan. 5:</b>	\$3919
Faith Direct: ( )	\$
School Subsidy:	\$100
Capital Improvement:	\$150
<b>Net Offertory:</b>	<b>\$4969</b>
Mass Attendance:	311

Thank you for sharing your blessings.

## Ministers Schedule

Sat, Jan. 11, 5:00 Rec	Jan. 12, 9:00	11:00
S-Beth Paoloni	S-John Burghard	S-Mike Yarosh
L-Jane Herbcha	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

Sat, Jan. 18, 5:00 Rec	Jan. 19, 9:00	11:00
S-Beth Paoloni	S-John Burghard	S-Not Filled
L-Cindy Naprestek	L-Linda Vasiloff	L-Mark LaLonde
EM-Beth Paoloni	EM-John Burghard	EM-Barb Arguello
EM-Tony Tinnirello	EM-Robert Ricksecker	EM-Elaine Payne
C-Deacon John	C-Tom Lamoda	C-Bob Leither
C-Ted Lapponi	C-Decan Del	C-Not Filled
U- Agnes Klimkowicz	U-Jim Gaffney	U-Dave Rodriguez
U-Keith Klimkowicz	U-Hung Le	U-Val Wisniewski
AS-Not Filled	AS-Duncan McDowell	AS-Not Filled
AS-Not Filled	AS-Ashley McDowell	AS-Not Filled

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@stjuliebilliard.org](mailto:stjbc@stjuliebilliard.org), or call the office at 440-327-1978. Please include your envelope number. 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.**

## 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

### Jubilee Prayer

By Pope Francis

Father I heaven,  
 may the faith you have given us in your son,  
 Jesus Christ, our brother,  
 and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

### 9 Days for Life

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, *9 Days for Life*, Thursday, January 16 - Friday, January 24. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, suggested actions to help build a culture of life, and more by email or text message. Sign up at [9daysforlife.com](http://9daysforlife.com).

### Mass for Life

On Friday, January 17 at 10:00 a.m., the annual Cleveland Diocese Mass for Life will be observed at the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist in Cleveland. For planning purposes, those bringing groups are asked to register on the Diocese website. The Mass will be livestreamed on the Cleveland Diocese website: [dioceseofcleveland.org](http://dioceseofcleveland.org).

### New Program!

AM 1260 The Rock will begin airing "Buring Hearts" on Monday, January 20, during the 3:00 p.m. hour. Replacing Food for the Journey with Sr. Ann Shield, Rachel Herbeck will host this new program, using Scripture to draw us into deeply intimate conversation with the Lord. She asks us to consider two questions: What is God saying to us? And, what are we doing about it? Journey with Rachel to discover how to make your own roadmap through the Word of God and allow Him to set your heart on fire with zeal for His Word! For a complete schedule of programs, visit [www.am1260therock.com](http://www.am1260therock.com).

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