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February 16, 2025

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Knowing Christ + Loving Christ + Serving Christ Together



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are you who are now hungry,
for you will be satisfied.
Blessed are you who are now weeping,
for you will laugh."
- Lk 6:21

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

I participated in two important events last week. The first one I would call inspiring. Fr. Andrew Hoover, former parochial vicar, was installed as the pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Parma last Saturday. He has been the administrator of the parish for one year. He is now officially installed as pastor. Congratulations and let us keep him in our prayers as he continues to serve God's people in Parma.

The second event I would describe as alarming. Fr. Allen Hoffa of the Diocese of Allentown, PA, put on a workshop on the pervasiveness and harmful effects of Pornography. Gathering best practices from *Integrity Restored* and other reputable organizations, he accurately and with clinical precision described this scourge of our time and pointed to avenues of healing and hope. Fr. Hoffa gave us materials to educate and equip the people we serve.

I am interested in developing a plan to educate and equip parents and students (in an age-appropriate manner) on this pervasive problem. I will be calling on some people to assist in the development of this plan. Please keep this in your prayers also.

In addition to the Mass and sacraments, I am grateful for the many ways that our parishes offer programs to help people grow in their faith. When I stand at the pulpit at St. Peter Parish, I can read the scripture quote on the back arch: *Simon, lovest thou Me? Feed My sheep.* These programs are meant to feed and strengthen our walk with the Lord.

Some programs that are on the immediate horizon include the one offered to Parents of Pre-K to Grade 2 video series overseen by Deacon Del and Niki Sherman (at St. Julie Parish), and the Bereavement Program (at St. Peter Parish). Please check this bulletin and the parish websites for more information.

Other upcoming programs include the *No Greater Love* Book Study/Video Series, the repeat of the *National Eucharistic Congress* one day mini-retreat (March 22) and the three-week discussion study of the Bishop's Pastoral Letter *a Flourishing Apostolic Church* (March/April).

I have just mentioned some of the ways that we are spiritually fed in addition to the Eucharist. We need to remember that we are fed by the Lord so that we can live our faith robustly for the Lord. **And one way we are called to do that is to participate in the Annual Catholic Charities Appeal. This is Appeal Weekend.** Many of you have already made your pledge through the mail appeal that was conducted in late January/early February. THANK YOU! However, others have not made a pledge or given a gift. I ask you, as you are able, to support this campaign that assists so many others. Catholic Charities assists people with basic needs, mental health needs, people who are physically and developmentally handicapped, and even our student athletes through CYO. **I encourage your generosity.** Catholic Charities seeks to be the hands and feet of Christ, doing corporal works of mercy. More than simply giving a handout, they give a hand up, elevating the dignity of a human person.

This week's readings remind us of where we find true life: in the Lord. Apart from Christ, we are in a spiritual desert. With Christ, we are planted by the streams of grace. This means that we must seek the blessings that come from being humble, simple, hungry, and hidden. If we seek our comfort and reputation more than seeking to bless others, we will end up in a desert of woes. Let us seek the true blessings of Christ. Though they seem the opposite of what the world offers, they lead us to the Kingdom of God, where there is no fear of loss but only the fullness of joy.

In Christ,
Fr. Bob Franco

Bereavement Support

Journeying through a loss of a loved one is difficult. We are here to help you find even a moment of peace and healing. You are invited to attend our next Bereavement Support group which will begin on February 20 at 6:30 p.m. All 4 sessions will be held on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in St. Peter's Parish Center. Join us and experience some comfort in prayer, support and sharing. Please **register by February 17** via our website at stpeternr.org/consolation-ministry.

Lenten Bible Study

Thousands sought Jesus during His life. Only a few followed Him to Calvary. What will YOU do? Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *No Greater Love* is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for you - and grow closer to Jesus. Join us for this **5-week study on Mondays during Lent** beginning **March 10 at St. Julie's**. We will begin at **7:00 p.m.** Visit <https://www.stpeternr.org/no-greater-love> for more info and to register.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Behold, your reward will be great in heaven."
- Lk 6:22, 23b

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

- Feb. 15 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Pat Blakley (Chris Vacca)
- Feb. 16 Sunday 9:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Ellen Beverstock (Joe & Nancy Dominak)
- Feb. 17 Monday 5:30 p.m. Carmen Casement (Pat Casement)
- Feb. 19 Wednesday 5:30 p.m. Jim Frameli (Tony Frameli)
- Feb. 21 Friday 5:30 p.m. Donald Skrovan (Rick & Michelle)
- Feb. 22 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Bill Armour (Mark & Judy Selee)
- Feb. 23 Sunday 9:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Martha Furey (Dick & Alice Hogue)

The Week Ahead

- Sat.** Men's Breakfast, St. Julie's
- Sat./Sun.** Catholic Charities Weekend
- Sun.** Men's Cursillo Mtg., 6-8:30,
St. Anne Room
- Tues.** Catholic Parents, 6:00, HFR
- Wed.** Rosary, 1:00 p.m.
Adoration, 2:00-5:00 p.m.
- Fri.** Set up for Pre-Cana
- Sat.** Pre-Cana Day, 9:00-5:00
- Sun.** PSR Family Gathering, 6:30 p.m.

Walking with Moms in need is a national Catholic organization. The primary goal is to assure that any woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant, or parenting in difficult circumstances, can turn to her local Catholic Church to find the help she needs. If you would like to learn more about this ministry, please call Ann Marie, 440-865-3506. If you would like to join our email Circle of Hope group, please email flannymom5@aol.com

Men's Conference

Join us for the CALLED TO LEAD Catholic Men's Conference Saturday, March 22, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. We are organizing eight or more men to secure the discounted ticket price of \$45. See the flyers at the doors. To reserve a spot, call Larry Rozman at landline 440-934-3211 **BY TUESDAY FEBRUARY 25**. For more information, go to www.cmfneo.com.

Appreciation Brunch

Postcard Invitations for St. Julie's Appreciation Brunch have been mailed out. If you have volunteered your time and talents to St. Julie's in 2024 and did not receive an invitation please call the office, 440-327-1978, or email, stjbc@stjuliebilliart.org by February 19. We want to be sure to thank everyone who volunteered this past year.



the health of, and caregivers of:

Bob Hepner, Christian Hoffman, nephew of Pat, Mark Turk, Daniel DeLaat, Lola Cook, Terry Shepler, Zack Cook, Jessica Reed-Reynolds, Kelly Reed's mother, Paul Kovacs, Kristen Premura, Louise Alexander, Stephan Durosko, nephew of Ted Lapponi, Marian Kessler, Dolores Rivera, Bob Jirousek, Barb Vrtachnik, Terry Flanagan, Jean Rasmussen, Kathleen Sobczak, JoAnne Bellomo, Regula family and for Fr. George, Fr. Gonser; for our men & women in uniform; our firefighters, police, doctors & nurses; for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life.

Pilgrimage to Italy

Fr. Bob is leading a pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, San Giovanni Rotondo (the monastery of St. Padre Pio) and other religious sites during the Holy Year 2025. This ten-day pilgrimage will be from October 20-October 29, 2025 and will be a joyful time of encountering the Lord, perhaps traveling with old friends and making new friends. 206 Tours has prepared a wonderful and inspiring itinerary. For more details about this pilgrimage, go to: www.206tours.com/frfranco/ where you will find the itinerary, the sites described in detail, and how to book your spot.

TRI-C CHORALE CONCERT on February 16 at St. Richard's is Cancelled due to illness.

Men's Breakfast Please join us for the St. Julie & St. Peter Men's Fellowship breakfast on **Saturday, March 15** at 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 sending an email to sjspbreakfast@gmail.com by **3/10**.

Parish Stewardship

Feb. 9:	\$4192
Faith Direct:..... (Jan. 16-31)	\$3903
School Subsidy:.....	\$45
Capital Improvement:.....	\$513
Net Offertory:	\$8653
Mass Attendance:..... 310	

Thank you for sharing your blessings.

Ministers Schedule

Sat, Feb. 15, 5:00 Rec	Feb. 16, 9:00	11:00
S-Chris Vacca	S-John Burghart	S-Beth Paoloni
L-Jane Herbcha	L-Ken Allen	L-Jim Livingston
EM-Greg Dubecky	EM-Gretchen Bulan	EM-Jim Carter
EM-Elaine Payne	EM-John Burghart	EM-Beth Paoloni
C-Deacon John	C-Deacon Del	C-Kristine Krejsa
C-Agnes Klimkowicz	C-Robert Ricksecker	C-Leslie Rozman
AS- <u>Not Filled</u>	AS-Dawson Davis	AS- <u>Not Filled</u>
AS- <u>Not Filled</u>	AS- <u>Not Filled</u>	AS- <u>Not Filled</u>
U- <u>Not Filled</u>	U-Val Wisniewski	U-Dave Rodriguez
U- <u>Not Filled</u>	U-Hung Le	U-Elaine Payne

Sat, Feb. 22, 5:00 Rec	Feb. 23, 9:00	11:00
S-Chris Vacca	S-Kathleen McWeeny	S-Mike Yarosh
L-Jane Herbcha	L-Barb Arguello	L-Mark LaLonde
EM-Ceil Morrison	EM-Ray Sharron	EM-Bob Leither
EM- Tony Tinnirello	EM-Kathleen McW.	EM-Mike Yarosh
C-Deacon John	C-Deacon Del	C-Elaine Payne
C-Jim Nolan	C-Kristine Krejsa	C-Larry Rozman
AS-Ashley McDowell	AS- <u>Not Filled</u>	AS- <u>Not Filled</u>
AS-Duncan McDowell	AS- <u>Not Filled</u>	AS- <u>Not Filled</u>
U- Sue Dybowski	U-Jim Gaffney	U-Dave Rodriguez
U-Nick Guerrieri	U-Hung Le	U- <u>Not Filled</u>

Our Ukrainian Welcome Circle and the Bryiovskyis need your help!

There have been a number of Executive Orders in the last week or so addressing Immigration. UWC Members have been in these Zoom meetings as legal representatives of the United States Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) have provided insights into the impact of the Executive Orders. They also provided guidance regarding what information to share with our families. They also have provided recommendations about how to share. We have met with the Bryiovskyis and reviewed in detail everything we have so far. What they had heard made them fearful and the meeting helped to lessen some of that fear. We will continue to follow all updates and proceed as recommended. This is the short summary.

Even though the Bryiovskyis came to the US legally under Humanitarian Parole, some of the proposed changes to Immigration could put their legal status in jeopardy. Our family is currently working with an immigration lawyer to find options as are many of the other families who came to northeast Ohio sponsored by other parishes.

So, how can we best serve them? Pray that the Bryiovskyis can stay for the full term for which they were approved. Watch your email or go to our website to contact your political representatives with three easy clicks! St. Julie's Website:

www.stjuliebilliart.org

News & Events

Ukraine Welcome Circle Updates

Everyone is doing fine. Susiana turned 4 and they had a great Christmas, thanks to all of the donations we received. They were able to spend some time with Vitalii's brother and his family as well as Nadiia's sister and her family.

This week Vitalii took the test to get his learner permit for CDL (truck driving). He passed! This is the first step to get him into CDL training. Now he will be able to apply for the full training course. So, Vitalii is now "negotiating with his boss" to take time off to complete the training. He's hoping to start soon. The process will likely take 2-3 months.

Now that our new administration is in office, we will need to keep a close eye on any changes to immigration policies as they relate to the program under which the Bryiovskyis came.

"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility and trust to repentance. The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To the same Father and to his mercy you can with sure hope entrust your child." (Pope St. John Paul II, The Gospel of Life, #99)

If you know someone hurting after abortion, let them know they can find healing and hope through Bethesda The House of Mercy (1-800-482-4100), or they can visit bethesdahouseofmercy.wordpress.com/

Parents of Pre-K to 2nd Grade

Deacon Del & his wife Niki, invite you to a 6 week video series created by Catholic parents for parents!

The Catholic Parent will empower parents to:

- Attend Sunday Mass with family, even during tough times.
- Pray together as a family, despite life's busyness.
- Seek forgiveness in Confession, even when difficult.
- Sacrificially love one another, even when uncomfortable.
- Generously Support those in need, trusting in the process.
- Raise future generations of saints, starting today.

There will be a social, video, and discussion on Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00 p.m. starting **February 18** in the Holy Family Room. All this is free and kids are welcome. Register at, www.stpeternr.org/the-catholic-parent or email deacondel@stpeternr.org.

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