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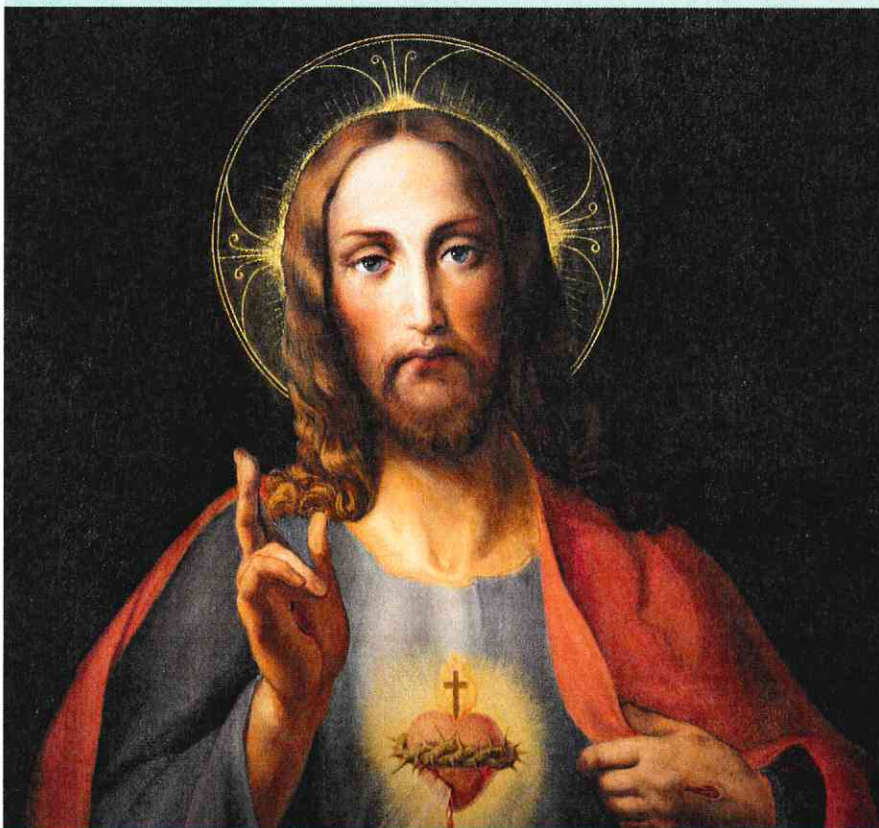
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February 23, 2025

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*Knowing Christ + Loving Christ + Serving Christ
Together*



7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." - Lk 6:38

Pastor: Rev. Robert Franco

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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,

Ash Wednesday is less than two weeks away. How ought we prepare? It was in April of 1975 (fifty years ago!) I surrendered my life to Jesus Christ. Around this time a bible study leader at Ohio State encouraged me to start memorizing Sacred Scripture through a program called the *Topical Memory System*. Short passages of scripture were printed on card stock about the size of a business card. The very first card read: *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, this person is a new creation; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come* (2 Corinthians 5:17 NASB). This short passage highlights that, in Christ, I am made new. I will have different values, different approaches to problems and ultimately a different destiny.

Even 50 years later this passage speaks to me, especially in the light of Lent. So often we think about what we want to do during this special liturgical season. **Perhaps we would do better to think about who we want to become.** In Christ, we are a *new creation*, and *the old things have passed away*. Are we hanging onto some dead, old things that are dragging us back into the world? In Christ, *behold, new things have come*. Is there some new thing that we currently lack that will make us more like a new creation in Christ?

During this upcoming season of Lent, we want to let go of the old things that have led us away from God. We want to embrace the virtues that will help us reflect the newness of Christ to our circle of influence. As we reflect on who we want to become, we can invite Christ's grace to dwell in those "weak virtues" and make them strong. Most likely the Lord will give us opportunities to exercise those virtues too! Our goal is to reflect Christ to the world, to be His new creations.

Our readings today cover one of the most challenging aspects of following Jesus: loving our enemies. This is especially difficult in an age of social media where it seems that civil discourse is often put on the shelf.

Shortly after my conversion (yes...50 years ago...and so much work to be done in my life!) I heard a Catholic layman reflect on our first reading from 1 Samuel 26. David was being pursued by King Saul, who sought to put him to death out of envy. David had the perfect opportunity to kill King Saul when he came upon the King asleep amid his sleeping soldiers. One spear thrust and his enemy would be eliminated!

David refrained from harming the Lord's anointed King Saul. Why? Saul was not a "private person" but a sacred office bearer. He was the legitimate King. Killing Saul would be a challenge to God's authority and invite civil war among the Israelites. It would also set a precedent: if you don't like the king, get rid of him! Soon enough, by God's plan, David would be holding that office. As it was, David's line endured for 400 plus years, longer than any other Near East dynasty.

There are times we are frustrated with legitimate leadership in the political arena and in the Church. Using proper channels to complain is good. Verbal wars are not. Sometimes the anger we stir up causes more harm than the harms we seek to rectify. Respecting the office and knowing that we are all accountable to God will bring better results. We will also reflect the way of Christ, who prayed, *Father, forgive them. They know not what they do.*

In Christ,
Fr. Bob Franco

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.

Appreciation Brunch

Due to the weather last weekend, the deadline for the Appreciation Brunch has been extended to Monday, February 24, Noon, for reservations. Please call or email the office if you haven't responded.

Catholic Charities

There is still time to turn in your Catholic Charities envelopes. Extra envelopes are in the vestibule and deposit them in the collection baskets.

Parish Mission

St. Peter and St. Julie Parishes will welcome Frank Runyeon for our Parish Mission on March 30, 31 and April 1 at St. Julie Parish at 7:00 p.m. each evening. Frank is an Emmy-nominated Catholic actor and will bring scripture to life with drama and humor as he presents the Gospels of John and Luke during this time of Eucharistic Revival. This will be great for the whole family! Save this date on your calendar so you don't miss it!

Parish & Community Events

February 23, 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

- Feb. 22 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Bill Armour (Mark & Judy Selee)
- Feb. 23 Sunday 9:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiant Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Martha Furey (Dick & Alice Hogue)
- Feb. 24 Monday 5:30 p.m. All Souls
- Feb. 26 Wednesday 5:30 p.m. Marianna Pastula (Pastula Family)
- Feb. 28 Friday 5:30 p.m. Special Intention
- Mar. 1 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Kay Galik (Rich & Elaine Galik)
- Mar. 2 Sunday 9:00 a.m. Bill Armour (Prime Timers)
11:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiant Parishioners

The Week Ahead

- Sun. PSR Family Gathering, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues. Catholic Parents, 6:00, HFR
- Wed. Rosary, 1:00 p.m.
Adoration, 2:00-5:00 p.m.
Baptism Class, 6:00 p.m.
- Thu. Crockpot Drive Thru, 5:30-6:15
- Sat. Walking With Mom's in Need
- Sun. PSR Mass

Lorain County First Friday Forum
Sr. Lisa Marie Belz, OSU, Saint Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology - Presentation "Why Did Jesus Die for Us". Friday, March 7, cost is \$25 a person includes lunch' at Lorain County Community College Spitzer Conference Center, 1005 Abbe Road North, Elyria, 44035 | Please email ffflorain@gmail.com to register (Deadline to register is March 3) or for more information.

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.

Women in Friendship

Women in Friendship will meet at 1:00-3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25 at the Parish Center at St. Peter's where we will be playing a simple, but fun game. If you have not yet done so, please submit your member renewal as soon as possible. Up next for March 11 will be a speaker from the Lorain County Office On Aging. Interested in joining us? We always welcome new members! Questions may be answered by calling Barbara at 440-458-6197.

Gracious God, thank You for the joy of giving.



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, Fr. George, Fr. Gonser; for our men & women in uniform; our firefighters, police, doctors & nurses; for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life.



Women's Fellowship Breakfast

Our next Women's Breakfast is on **March 8** at St. Julie's from 8:30 until 10:00 a.m. Join us for a delicious breakfast and to hear our guest speaker, Desi Gould, the Evangelization Director from Holy Trinity Parish. To ensure enough seating and food is prepared, please **RSVP by March 3** at our website: <https://www.stpeternr.org/womens-ministry>. If you prefer, you can call St. Peter's 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, **Saturday, March 15, 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

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Thank you for sharing your blessings.

Ministers Schedule

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- Not Filled	AS- Not Filled
AS-Duncan McDowell	AS- Not Filled	AS- Not Filled
U- Sue Dybowski	U-Jim Gaffney	U-Dave Rodriguez
U-Nick Guerrieri	U-Hung Le	U- Not Filled

Sat, Mar. 1, 5:00 Rec	Mar. 2, 9:00	11:00
S-Suzanne Snyder	S-John Burghard	S-Elaine Payne
L-Jane Herbcha	L-Ken Allen	L-Lisa Palazzo
EM-Tony Tinnirello	EM-John Burghard	EM-Jim Livingston
EM-Agnes Klimkovicz	EM-Tom Lamoda	EM-Elaine Payne
C-Deacon John	C-Barb Arguello	C-Chris Snyder
C-Ted Laponi	C-Nicole Scarpelli	C- Not Filled
AS- Not Filled	AS-Ryan Papesch	AS- Not Filled
AS- Not Filled	AS-Dawson Davis	AS- Not Filled
U- Not Filled	U-Elaine Payne	U-Dave Rodriguez
U-Nick Guerrieri	U-Hung Le	U-Sue Dybowski

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.

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

Pastoral Letter Discussions

The Diocese of Cleveland is hosting a 3-week study of Bishop Malesic's Pastoral Letter, *A Flourishing Apostolic Church*. Sessions for our area are being held at St. Peter's Parish Office on Thursdays, beginning March 20 at 7:00 p.m. To register for these free sessions, or to learn of the others throughout the Diocese, go to tobcle.org/events.

News & Events

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.stjuliebilliant.org

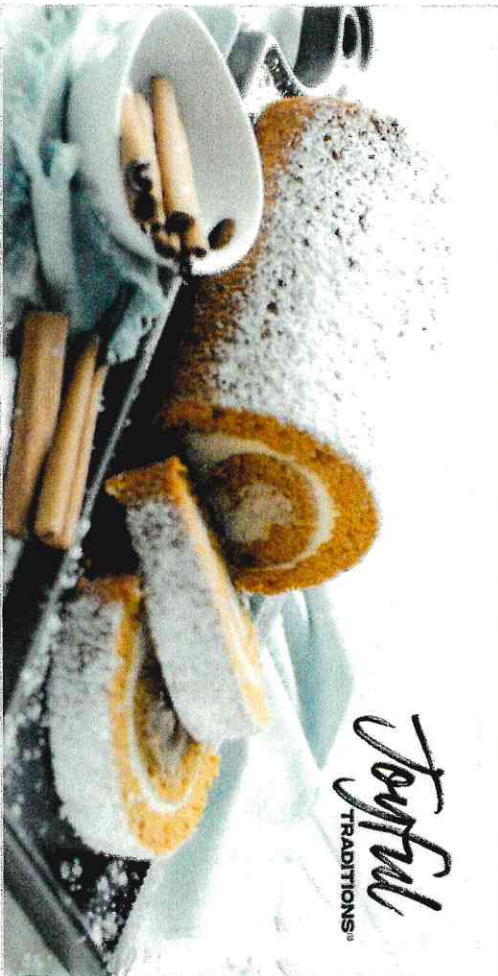
Cornerstone

Attend the Annual Spring Fundraiser on Friday, March 28, 6:00-9:00 p.m. at LaCentre Conference & Banquet Facility. The evening is free but a donation will be asked for. The special guest speaker will be David Bereit. David is an internationally sought-after keynote speaker, experienced leader, esteemed author, an inspiring communicator, former CEO of 40 Days for Life, and a strategic advisor to pro-life leaders and organizations around the world. Call 440-284-1010, ext. 370 for reservations or visit cornerstonepregnancy.org/events/fundraiser for more information.

Regional Eucharistic Congress

St. Peter's has been designated by our diocese as one of the sites to host a Regional Eucharistic Congress. This event will be held on Saturday, **March 22, 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., in the gym**. This day will include multiple talks by national (via video) and local speakers, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, confessions and much more. This event is free but registration is required at www.stpeternr.org/regional-eucharistic-congress. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.

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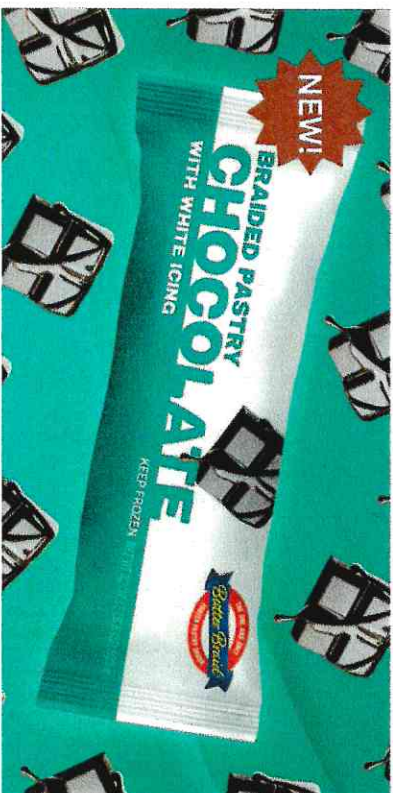
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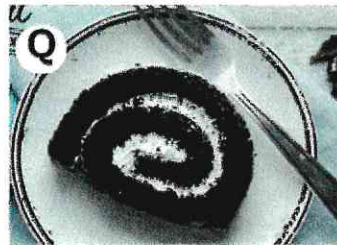
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