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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY St. Julie Billiart Catholic Church

St. Julie Billiart Parish

Dear Parishioners,

The birth of Jesus is a touching human event and yet supremely divine mystery. That God entered into our world in this way is truly beyond words. Having said that, I should probably end this column now! I am not going to do that, but I will share with you a short Christmas poem I wrote:

Grace Takes Its Place

It seems I hear this ev'ry year. That many hearts are filled with fear. And grief of loss brings eyes to tear. Despair blots out all that is dear.

We seem to forget of God's grace. He has not abandoned this place. In His Son, God has wed our race. Son of God wears a human face.

So let us leave this downward slope Which tells us that we cannot cope. Christ's earthly leader, called the Pope,

In Jub'lee Year calls us to hope.

Bethlehem manger, cude and bare, Jesus laid a feast, rich and fair. To that manager, let us so dare Leave all our sin, fear and despair.

Just a reminder: Mass on January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are on Tuesday, December 31, at 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday, January 1 at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Let us start off the New Year with Jesus Christ and our Lady, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Sunday, December 15, Bishop Edward Malesic issued his first Pastoral Letter as bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. The bishop invites you to read and embrace its content. This letter is composed of four sections, and they build on each other, like St. Paul's letters. The first three sections remind us of who we are and the final section articulates specific strategies to boldly follow the call of the Holy Spirit as sons and daughters of the Father. The letter, "A Flourishing, Apostolic Church," can be found on the Diocesan Website: dioceseofcleveland.org/pastoral-letter. We will also make some copies of the Apostolic Letter available at the doors of the church.

This is Holy Family Sunday. Let us pray that all families in our time, aided by the example and prayers of the Holy Family, will reflect the loving holiness to all.

In Christ, Fr. Bob Franco He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and



was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

Men's Breakfast - Please join us for the St. Julie & St. Peter Men's Fellowship breakfast on Saturday January 18th @ 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 <u>sjspbreakfast@gmail.com</u> by January 13th.

Thank you for your generosity in 2024. St. Julie's has accomplished so much due to your faithfulness.





The Holy Family

Parish & Community Events

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

Dec. 28	Saturday	5:00 p.m. Josephine Kowalska (Teresa Sivec)
Dec. 29	Sunday	9:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
		11:00 a.m. Linda LaLonde (LaLonde Family)
Dec. 30	Monday	5:30 p.m. David Gaffney (Mary Pat Coughlin)
Dec. 31	Tuesday	5:00 p.m. All Souls
Jan. 1	Wednesday	11:00 a.m. Dennis Payne (Elaine Payne)
Jan. 3	Friday	5:30 a.m. Jack Dabose (Louise Alexander)
Jan. 4	Saturday	5:00 p.m. Emil P. Galik (Rich & Elaine Galik)
Jan. 5	Sunday	9:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
		11:00 a.m. Mary Lee (Lee Family)



the health of, and caregivers of: Daniel DeLaat, Paul Kovacs, Kristen Premura, Roy Ramsey, Olivia Lohfeld, Cecelia Fields, Lisa Ramsey, daughter of Tony Frameli, Barbara Dodge, sister of Bernice Cusick, Louise Alexander, Stephan Durosko, nephew of Ted Lapponi, Nicole Jirousek, Mae Preiss, mother of Sandra Zanick, 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. Ned Weist, Fr. George, Fr. Gonser: for our men & women in uniform; our firefighters, police, doctors & nurses; for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life.

Parish Stewardship

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Dec.15:	\$5666		
Faith Direct:(11/16-31)	\$4925		
School Subsidy:	\$45		
Capital Improvement:	\$290		
Net Offertory	\$10,926		
In Person Mass Attendance:	428		
Thank you for sharing your	blessings.		

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

Prayer for Family Dear God, Help my family to be holy, too! Amen.



Parish Stewardship

Dec.22:	\$4607
Faith Direct:()\$	
School Subsidy:	\$30
Capital Improvement:	\$140
Net Offertory	\$4777
In Person Mass Attendance:	361
Thank you for sharing your bl	essings.

December 29, 2024

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.

	Ninisters Schedul	e
Sat, Dec. 28,5:00 Rec	<u>Dec. 29, 9:00 am</u>	11:00 am
S-Chris Vacca	S-John Burghard	S-Kathleen McWeeny
L-Jane Herbcha	L-Ken Allen	L-Lisa Palazzo
EM-Keith Klimkowicz	EM-Gretchen Bulan	EM-Barb Arguello
EM-Tony Tinnirello	EM-John Burghard	EM-Kathleen McWeeny
C-Deacon John	C-Robert Ricksecker	C-Larry Rozman
C-Jim Nolan	C-Kristine Krejsa	C-Leslie Rozman
U-Sue Dybowski	U-Val Wisniewski	U-Dave Rodriguez
U-Nick Guerrieri	U-Hung Le	U-Elaine Payne
AS-Not Filled	AS- <u>Not Filled</u>	AS-Ryan Papesch
AS-Not Filled	AS- <u>Not Filled</u>	AS-Dawson Davis
Tue, Dec. 31, 5:00 pm S-Beh Paoloni L-Not Filled EM-Elaine Payne EM-Not Filled C-Ted Lapponi C-Not Filled U-Not Filled U-Not Filled AS-Not Filled	Wishing you a U. eased New Year	Wed.Jan.1,11:00 am S-Beth Paoloni L-Mark LaLonde EM-Elaine Payne EM-Ray Sharron C-Beth Paoloni C-Not Filled U-Not Filled U-Not Filled AS-Not Filled
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 Lapponi	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

Parish Help Needed

Last year at St. Julies, we gave

Fr. Bob and Fr. Isidore 12 dinners, one each month. It was a success. Our priests got to spend quality times with their parishioners or enjoy a meal dropped off at the rectory. Some people made it into a small dinner party and invited neighbors or fellow parishioners.

You are invited to host such a meal, in your home or as a drop off dinner. I know the priests enjoyed all the dinners, but going out was an added treat.

Call Ceil Morrison, 440-670-3900 and leave your name and number if you are interested in hosting or providing a meal next year. Someone will get back to you to discuss details.

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 Bryiovskyi family.

In spite of coming to a new country thousands of miles from their extended family and home, the Bryiovskyis have 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 Bryiovskyis, 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 Bryiovskyis.

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

Please take note - all 2024 donations must be received on or before December 31. If it is postmarked December 31 we can count it in 2024.

Advent/Christmas Program

Thank you to our wonderful choir, pictured below, and the readers for the evening of Lessons and Carols on December 15. Everyone enjoyed the evening of uplifting music and spiritual readings putting us all in the Christmas spirit. Thank you again. See the picture below.

