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February 2, 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 PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

“Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel.” - Lk 2:34

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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

On February 2, the eyes of many people turn toward Punxsutawney, PA to see what the groundhog Phil has to say about the weather. Punxsutawney Phil may garner even greater attention this year due to the colder than average January we have just completed.

However, the Church turns its eyes to an old Jewish mystic named Simeon and an elderly prophetess named Anna. February 2nd is the fortieth day after Christmas, and we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord.

According to Jewish Law, a couple's firstborn male child is to be presented to the Lord 40 days after his birth. Thus, Joseph and Mary bring Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem as prescribed by Jewish Law. This ceremony involves a purification rite for the mother as well as offering a sacrifice that reminds the devout Jewish family that God ransomed his people from Egypt at the price of the firstborn of the Egyptians.

The action of today's gospel focuses on Simeon and Anna, but the real star of the event is the baby Jesus, now forty days old. Simeon proclaimed that when he saw Jesus, he saw the world's salvation! This Jesus is a "light of revelation to the Gentiles" and the "glory for your people Israel." What began as the fulfilment of the Law for the Holy Family became a prophetic event that described a seismic shift in the ordering of the universe!

As we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord, let us pray that Jesus would be the light of our lives. Many people furiously sprint into the future, not exactly knowing why they are here. Jesus Christ is the one who sheds light on the why and how of life. No matter what Punxsutawney Phil sees this weekend, Christ's light is unailing and leads to peace now and eternally.

Next Saturday, February 8, I will be speaking at the Woman's Fellowship Breakfast here at St. Julie Parish. Details are in this bulletin. My topic will be Bishop Malesic's Apostolic Letter, *A Flourishing Apostolic Church*. All women of our parishes are welcome.

Regarding the football season, this weekend is the calm before the storm. There are no major football games on Sunday (I do not consider the Pro Bowl a major game), the week before the Super Bowl. With that in mind, I invite everyone to St. Peter Church for a Holy Hour at 3:00 p.m. As you may have heard, St. Peter Parish is celebrating 150-year Jubilee in 2025. The focus of the Holy Hour will be to pray in gratitude for what has been and ask God's blessings on the parish's future plans. All are welcome.

This coming Saturday, February 8, there will be no confessions at 3:30 p.m. Mass at 5:00 p.m. will proceed as usual. Fr. Isidore and I will both be hearing confessions at St. Peter Parish at 2:30 p.m. I will be joining Bishop Malesic as he installs Fr. Andrew Hoover (former parochial vicar at St. Peter Parish) as Pastor of St. Anthony Parish in Parma at their 4:30 p.m. Mass. I am asking those wishing to go to confession on February 8 to come to St. Peter Parish at 2:30 p.m. Confessions on February 15 will resume as normal at St. Julie Parish.

In Christ, Fr. Bob Franco

Second Collection for California Fire Victims

The second collection for the victims of the California fires will be taken up this weekend, February 1 & 2 to assist with the humanitarian relief through Catholic Charities USA who is working through the local agencies on the ground and will continue to help during the extensive recovery period to come. Please continue to pray for all the victims of the fires. You may also give via Faith Direct.

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.

World Day For Consecrated Life has been celebrated universally throughout the Catholic Church since 1997. Held annually on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, this remembrance encourages all members of the Church to see religious life as a source of great light and strength for the world, and secondly, to highlight the place of consecrated life in the Church. Consecrated women and men not only see their vocation recognized and celebrated on this day, but the encouragement of this vocation - which offers great example and impact upon the Body of Christ through living the evangelical council of poverty, chastity, and obedience - is highlighted through this celebration. This year the observance of the **World Day For Consecrated Life** will be **February 1 & 2**.

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. 1	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Anthony Kashi (Rich & Elaine Galik)
Feb. 2	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Vincent Bak (Bak Family)
		11:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiant Parishioners
Feb. 3	Monday	5:30 p.m.	All Souls
Feb. 5	Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Phyllis Harstine (Bob Brooks)
Feb. 7	Friday	5:30 p.m.	John Vrtachnik, Sr. (Bob & Mary Ann Jirousek)
Feb. 8	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Frank Guerra (Rich & Elaine Galik)
Feb. 9	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Dennis Payne (Elaine Payne)
		11:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiant Parishioners

The Week Ahead

Sun. PSR Mass, 9:00 a.m.

Wed. Rosary, 1:00 p.m.

Adoration, 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Thu. Confirmation Class 5:30-8:30 Ch.

Sat. Women's Breakfast, St. Julie's
No St. Julie Confessions this evening

St. Peter Confessions, 2:30 p.m.

Men's Breakfast

Please join us for the St. Julie & St. Peter Men's Fellowship breakfast on Saturday, February 15 @ 8:20 a.m. Breakfast will be served at St. Julie's in the Church. 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 2/10**.

The First Friday Forum of Lorain County will hear from

Sr. Lisa Marie Betz, OSU speaking on a Scripture explanation of Lent. The luncheon will be on Friday, March 7. Come join us for good food, fellowship and a great speaker. Lunch begins at 11:30 at the Spitzer Conference Center of Lorain County Community College, 1005 N. Abbe Rd. Elyria. Reservations need to be received by 6:00 Monday, March 3. Call 440-320-3272 or 440-213-2132, or email ffflorain@gmail.com. Cost is \$25.

Accompaniment & Mental Health Ministry Conference "You Are Not Alone"

February 21, 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Location: St. Ambrose Catholic Parish
929 Pearl Road, Brunswick, 44212
This conference will guide you into learning what the Mental Health Crisis looks like in families, church and faith, and society while exploring Accompaniment as an essential response to building hope with individuals and families. Register at StAmbrose.us/Mental-Health-Conference

Women's Fellowship Breakfast

The next Women's Fellowship Breakfasts will be on February 8 at St. Julie's from 8:30 until 10:00 a.m. Join us for a delicious breakfast, to share our faith, and meet other women. Fr. Bob Franco will be our speaker. To ensure enough seating and food is prepared, please **RSVP by February 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.



the health of, and caregivers of:
Mark Turk, Daniel DeLaat, Jessica Reed-Reynolds, Kelly Reed's mother, 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 Gloria Hearn's wife of Dan Hearn's; for our men & women in uniform; our firefighters, police, doctors & nurses; for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life.

Women in Friendship

Women in Friendship will meet at 1:00-3:00 p.m. on Tues., Jan. 28 at St. Peter's Parish Center. We will have an opportunity to learn a little more about each other. Remember, our policy is that our meeting is cancelled whenever St. Peter School is cancelled due to weather concerns. We always welcome new members! Questions may be answered by calling Barbara at 440-458-6197.

2024 Contribution Statements

If you would like a copy of your Contribution Statement for 2024 please contact the office via email, stjbc@stjuliebilliant.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.

Parish Stewardship

Jan. 26:	\$2933
Faith Direct:	(1/1-1/15).....	\$3155
School Subsidy:	\$90
Capital Improvement:	\$320
Net Offertory:	\$6498
Mass Attendance: 376	

Thank you for sharing your blessings.

Ministers Schedule

<u>Sat, Feb. 1, 5:00 Rec</u>	<u>Feb. 2, 9:00</u>	<u>11:00</u>
S-Beth Paoloni	S-John Burghard	S-Mike Yarosh
L-Terry Flanagan	L-Jessica Angelo	L-Lisa Palazzo
EM-Beth Paoloni	EM-John Burghard	EM-Chris Snyder
EM-Tony Tinnirello	EM-Nicole Scarpelli	EM-Mike Yarosh
C-Deacon John	C-Barb Arguello	C-Leslie Rozman
C-Ted Lapponi	C-Robert Ricksecker	C-Larry Rozman
AS- <u>Not Filled</u>	AS-Dawson Davis	AS- <u>Not Filled</u>
AS- <u>Not Filled</u>	AS-Ryan Papesch	AS- <u>Not Filled</u>
U- <u>Not Filled</u>	U- <u>Not Filled</u>	U-Dave Rodriguez
U- <u>Not Filled</u>	U-Hung Le	U-Elaine Payne

<u>Sat, Feb. 8, 5:00 Rec</u>	<u>Feb. 9, 9:00</u>	<u>11:00</u>
S-Beth Paoloni	S-John Burghard	S-Elaine Payne
L-Cindy Naprestek	L-Linda Vasiloff	L-Lisa Palazzo
EM-Agnes Klimkowicz	EM-John Burghard	EM-Elaine Payne
EM-Beth Paoloni	EM-Nicole Scarpelli	EM-Chris Snyder
C-Deacon John	C-Mark LaLonde	C-Barb Arguello
C-Ted Lapponi	C-Tom Lamoda	C- <u>Not Filled</u>
AS- <u>Not Filled</u>	AS-Ashley McDowell	AS-Ryan Papesch
AS- <u>Not Filled</u>	AS-Duncan McDowell	AS- <u>Not Filled</u>
U- Nick Guerrieri	U-Elaine Payne	U-Dave Rodriguez
U- <u>Not Filled</u>	U-Hung Le	U-Sue Dybowski

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

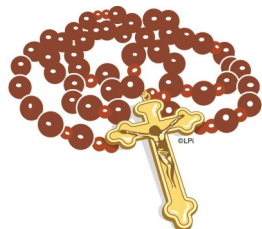
Parents of Pre-K to 2nd Grade

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.



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.

Catholic Charities

THANK YOU for your support of the 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal. We ended the year exceeding our goal with \$15,667,169 raised. Your generosity continues the integral work of Catholic Charities throughout Northeast Ohio, providing help and creating hope for the most vulnerable of our neighbors. **Thanks again for your part in transforming nearly 400,000 lives in 2024!** Save the date- please join us February 15-16 for the 2025 In-Pew Appeal.

Dear Friends of Birthright,

Thank you so much for your very generous donations for Christmas! The families we serve here at Birthright are so very blessed to have the people like you to help support them. Through your generosity our all-volunteer, pro-life pregnancy center is able to serve mothers facing a challenging pregnancy, and many struggling, poor families in our county and region. Our range of services include a free pregnancy test, friendship and emotional support, referrals to medical and social services, formula, diapers, clothing for babies and young children and layette (baby shower in a bag) packages for newborns.

From your parish, this Christmas, we have received 981 diapers, 26 packages of wipes, 25 bottles of shampoo, 51 sleepers, 180 towels/washcloths, 40 blankets, 13 outfits, 60 socks/underwear and much more!

Birthright has had over 2200 visits from clients in 2024. We have given 2900 bundles of clothing for children, 170 "Baby shower in a bag", 75,000 diapers, and over 2,200 cans of formula and baby food combined. You, along with our staff of 25 volunteers, made this possible!

Thank you for your assistance in our mission. You are truly a beacon of hope in the pro-life movement, and, in particular, for us. God bless you!

With gratitude and blessings,

Lisa Nelson, Co-Director and Molly Moracz, Co-director

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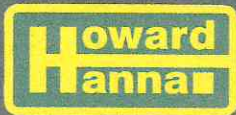
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