

St. Julie Billiart Catholic Church



Merry Christmas

From the Desk of Father George

Greetings Parishioners and friends of St. Julie's,

On this fourth and final Sunday of Advent 2019, we have only 3 days until the Feast of the Nativity. We will have spent 24 days preparing ourselves to meet the newborn king - Jesus - The Lord and Savior of us all. On Christmas Day we will celebrate in many and varied ways. Family traditions and customs are the wrap and ribbon of 'How' we gather. But will we remember the reason of our efforts? Will the gift of Christ the Savior be the joy of our day as well as the hope of our days ahead?

Today's Gospel unfolds the details of Christ's birth as Joseph takes Mary into his home as his wife. I have often thought of the abounding grace which enabled both Joseph and Mary to trust so fully. Each of us is called to live in grace as well... to trust in the abundance of God's love. Instead of allowing the challenge to de-rail us, use it as an opportunity to name and express God's love.

God is ever close to us. The days ahead are *holy days* in which we should remember the reason of our celebrating. While gifts, greetings and foods are our most common expressions of Christmas, the true gift is within. Jesus' love for us in all stages of life and all stages of health is unending. Offer that gift to your family and friends. The truth of the message: "Jesus is the Reason for the Season" is best proclaimed by thought, word and deed. Make this Christmas His Feast of Love.

My wish for each of you is an abundance of grace which can be named through a person, event or prayer. Remember to pray for the men and women who serve in the armed forces, police, and fire and EMS departments. May God continue to protect them from all harm. May your families find the warmth and joy of Christ which flows from hearts of peace and forgiveness. And finally, may we continue to proclaim the gospel with hearts and hands open to the love of Christ in all seasons and times. On behalf of our entire parish staff, may the peace of this Holy Season bring you comfort, peace and joy.

Fr. George

Planning Ahead...

The Parish offices will be closed December 24th thru December 27th so that our staff may enjoy some well-deserved rest and relaxation.

Parish News and Updates

- Thank you to everyone for your generous support of The Giving Tree. Your prompt and early deliveries helped to make the season bright for many.
- Masses for Christmas are:
 - ◊ Saturday - December 24th at 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
 - ◊ Sunday - December 25th at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Dec. 21 - Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Sandy Ciocca (Carol Romano)
Dec. 22 - Sunday	9:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiard Parishioners
	10:30 a.m.	Cassidy Family (Jim Cassidy)
Dec. 23 - Monday	8:30 a.m.	Poor Souls
Dec. 24 - Tuesday	5:00 p.m.	Special Intention
	10:00 p.m.	Special Intention
Dec. 25 - Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Special Intention
	10:30 a.m.	Special Intention
	~ No Mass Thursday and Friday ~	
Dec. 28 - Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Frank Jr. & Jim Valenta (Agnes Valenta)
Dec. 29 - Sunday	9:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiard Parishioners
	10:30 a.m.	Snyder & Walters Fam. (Suzanne Snyder)

PASTOR: Rev. George A. Vrabel
Deacons: Rev. Mr. John Rivera
 Rev. Dr. Ken DeLuca, Retired
PSR Principal: Kelly Reed
Music Director: Danny O'Brien

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Masses at Church

Saturday.....5:00 p.m.
 Sunday.....9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses at the Chapel

Monday-Friday.....8:30 a.m.
 (Excluding Thursdays)

Holydays.....Consult the Bulletin

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays.....4:00 - 4:30 p.m.
 in the Church Library

PSR - PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Grades K - 8: 9 - 10:15 a.m. Sundays
 Children's Liturgy of the Word:
 During 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
 (except first Sunday of Month)

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Grades 9 - 12: 11:45 a.m. Sundays

RCIA & RCIC (Rite 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.

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 CENTER • 440-327-1978**

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 BUILDING**

5545 Opal Drive • 44039

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Religious Education

PSR - Parish School of Religion, Pre K - 8th grades (Sundays, 9:00 a.m.)

FLY - Faithfully Leading Youth - St. Julie's High School Youth Ministry
Grades 9 - 12 (Sundays, 11:45 a.m.)

~ Christmas Mass Schedule ~

Christmas Eve

- Tuesday - December 24: 5:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

- Wednesday - December 25: 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

New Years Eve

- Tuesday - December 31: 5:00 p.m.

New Years Day

- Wednesday - January 1: 9:00 a.m.



Father George's gift to all parishioners this Christmas is a copy of Mathew Kelly's new book, *Rediscover the Saints*. It is not another book about the saints. It won't help anyone win holy trivia night. What it will do, is help you understand that the saints are alive and well and that they are more than ready to help you become the best version of yourself.

Rediscover the Saints might sit on your desk or countertop for weeks. Hopefully you'll eventually leaf through it and then you'll be hooked. Happy reading.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

After many years of leading our children in the Liturgy of the Word, Rhoda Pikul is retiring from that ministry. The children at 10:30 Mass will miss her very much. We are now looking for someone, a group of people, or a family to lead Children's Liturgy of the Word. We have hand-out

material to use, or you can make it your own and do it your way. If you are interested or just want to find out more info call the office, 327-1978.

Gifts for Baby Jesus

St. Julie's Respect Life group will sponsor our annual Gifts for Baby Jesus to benefit Birthright of Lorain County. Gifts are to be returned at all masses December 24 & 25.



Behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."
- Mt 1:20-21



the health of, and caregivers of: Fr. George, Toni Frameli, Larry Kolarik (brother of Linda Koch), Ruth Geierman, Ginny Umpiowicz, Dolores Rivera, Elaine Klepek, Terry Flanagan, Bill Livingston, Alma Hamilton, JoAnne Bellomo, John Murphy, Patrick Tinics, June Seman, Jerry Moran, Carol Polak, Irene Kollin, Regula Family, Sondra Jirousek, Carol Straub; for our men & women in uniform, our police, firefighters, doctors and nurses; and for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

Are you interested in traveling to the Holy Land?

In January Fr. George will be starting a 10 - 12 week series entitled:

The Holy Land: A Pilgrimage Through the Footsteps of Jesus

This video/discussion-based program is about an hour in length and will begin on Monday, January 12th at 7:30pm. Since it will be held in the Holy Family Room the class size is limited to 25. The cost is \$10 and includes a Study Guide and a seat to the virtual pilgrimage of the footsteps of Jesus as described through the geography of the land and the Sacred Scriptures. Call 327-1978 or email, stjbc@windstream.net to reserve your place in this life-changing journey!

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 ✓ **This week my prayers were for:** JJ, Jovie, Sadie, Chance, Sparky, Ada, Mae, uncle Rick; the poor that have nothing; Santa; Dad, Mom, granam, papa, Chance, Father George; Mom and Dad and grandma; all of my friends and family.
 ✓ **This is how I used my time and talent for others:** I let my friend borrow my supplize from my pencil pouch; I took the trash out; I helped somebody at school pick up their books; I helped my family decorate the tree; my sister and I played with our little brother.
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Parish Stewardship

Dec. 15: Envelopes used: 219 (out of 694 mailed) ...	\$5877
Average per Envelope	\$27
Children's	\$32
School Subsidy	\$30
Capital Improvement	\$130
Net Offertory	\$6069
Mass Attendance	514
Flowers & Decorations	\$1970
<i>Thank you for sharing your blessings.</i>	

News & Events

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Sat, Dec. 21, 5:00	Sun, Dec. 22, 9:00	10:30
L- Terry Flanagan	Dottie Heller	Sharon DeBevec
L- Peg Nolan	Ken Allen	Jim Cassidy
EM-Don Braun	Barb Arguello	JoAnne Bellomo
Greg Dubecky	Theresa Bak	David Davis
Paula Dubecky	Jim Carter	Ed Knoblauch
Ted Lapponi	Joanne Carter	Laura Knoblauch
Jim Nolan	Mary Kay Polomsky	Tom Lamoda
Suzanne Snyder*	Patrick Delaney	Mike Yarosh*
	Suzanne Snyder*	

Altar Servers

Anthony Shealy	Ashley McDowell	Juliana Cerny
		Leah Palazzo

~ Christmas Schedule ~

Tues, Dec. 24, 5:00	10:00 p.m.
L- Gloria Hearn	()
L- Kristine Krejsa	Sharon DeBevec
EM-John Burghard*	David Davis
Agnes Klimkowicz	Michelle Davis
Ted Lapponi	Nick Modock
()	Chris Snyder
John Palazzo	Suzanne Snyder*
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Don Schiffbauer	



Altar Servers

Juliana Cerny
Matthew Krejsa

Adult Servers

Bob Gazer
Gene Schwarzwaldner
Chris Snyder

Wed, Dec. 25, 9:00	10:30 a.m.
L- Barb Arguello	Mark LaLonde
L- ()	()
EM-Theresa Bak	Laura Knoblauch
Larry Rozman	()
Leslie Rozman	Suzanne Snyder
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Marcia Smith	Mike Yarosh*
Suzanne Snyder*	()



Altar Servers

Ashley McDowell

Amanda Bastian
Marie Bastian

Sat, Dec. 28, 5:00	Sun, Dec. 29, 9:00	10:30
L- Sharon DeBevec	()	Jim Cassidy
L- Renee White	Dottie Heller	Cindy Naprestek
EM-Don Braun	John Burghard*	Ed Knoblauch
Agnes Klimkowicz	Debijo Lamb	Laura Knoblauch
Eileen McBriarty	Nick Modock	Joe Kotarsky
Chris Piontkowski	Mary Kay Polomsky	Terri Lanser
Marcia Smith	Don Schiffbauer	John Palazzo
Beth Paoloni*	()	Chris Snyder
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Ashley McDowell

Tessa Johnston
Amanda Bastian
Marie Bastian