

The Promise of EASTER

“He has been raised from the dead!”

That is the proclamation that has brought us here today. You may have heard it countless times in your life. It may be that we’ve heard these words so many times that we fail to be startled by them. Yet that was the reaction of Mary Magdalene and her companion. So often in life we don’t hear things unless we can “use them” at that precise moment. We don’t deny the import of this message. It is just that it is neither *news* nor *Good News* for us.

Then, we loose a loved one, or our world seems to be more darkness than light, or the power of evil seems to hold sway. At those times, or after having seriously made the Lenten desert trek, we hear the message as if for the first time. We need it. We can “use” it. It becomes **Good News**. Be assured that this community of believers holds this message ready for you when you may need it.

St. Julie Billiard Parish Staff

Congratulations and Welcome to our new Catholic community members:

RCIA 2010 - 2011
St. Julie Billiard Catholic Church,
receiving Sacraments here:

Sacraments of Initiation
Eric Brockert Wilson Galban Olga Tapia Galban

Profession of Faith, Confirmation & First Communion
Steve Wilson Pam Anderson Wilson

Members of St. Peter in Chains Parish,
will receive Sacraments there:

Sacraments of Initiation
Marianna Robinson

Profession of Faith, Confirmation & First Communion
Scott Creager Kelly Riley Creager

*THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH***SATURDAY, APRIL 23 - Holy Saturday / Vigil of Easter**

Gn. 1: 1-2; 2 or 1: 1, 26-31a / Gn. 22: 1-18 or 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 / Ex. 14: 15-15: 1 / Is. 54: 5-14; Is. 55: 1-11 / Bar. 3: 9-15, 32-4: 4 / Ez. 36: 16-17a, 18-28 / Rom. 6: 3-11 / Mt. 28: 1-10

9:00 pm Vigil Mass [The Parish Family] / Reception Follows

SUNDAY, APRIL 24 - Easter Sunday**Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord**

Acts 10: 34a, 37-43 / Col. 3: 1-4 or 1 Cor. 5: 6b-8 / Jn. 20: 1-9 or Mt. 28: 1-10

8:30 Mass [Charles Preston]

8:30 – 11:00 Credit Union – Fenmont

11:00 Mass [The Parish Family]

1:00 Misa en Español

MONDAY, APRIL 25**Solemnity of Monday in the Octave of Easter**

Acts 2: 14, 22-33 / Mt. 28: 8-15

Parish Office Closed Today

8:00 Mass [Calvin & Evelyn Williams]

7:00 Men's Prayer Group - Fenmont

TUESDAY, APRIL 26**Solemnity of Tuesday in the Octave of Easter**

Acts 2: 36-41 / Jn. 20: 11-18

8:00 Mass [Agnes Farmer]

1:30 Staff Meeting - Parish Office Building

7:00 St. Vincent de Paul Meeting - Parish Office Building

8:00 Choir Practice - Church

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27**Solemnity of Wednesday in the Octave of Easter**

Acts 3: 1-10 / Lk. 24: 13-35

8:00 Holy Communion Service

7:15 BINGO – Fenmont

THURSDAY, APRIL 28**Solemnity of Thursday in the Octave of Easter**

Acts 3: 11-26 / Lk. 24: 35-48

8:00 Mass [Clarence Harwood]

7:30 "Welcome Session" - Parish Office Building

FRIDAY, APRIL 29**Solemnity of Friday in the Octave of Easter**

Acts 4: 1-12 / Jn. 21: 1-14

8:00 Mass [Al & Marie Frankey]

7:00 Spanish Prayer Group - Fenmont

SATURDAY, APRIL 30**Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday**

Acts 2: 42-47 / 1 Pt. 1: 3-9 / Jn. 20: 19-31

9:30 First Communion Practice - Church

11:00 – 12:00 AA Support Group - Fenmont

3:00 – 4:00 Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 Mass [Connie Milillo]

SUNDAY, MAY 1**2nd Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday**

Acts 2: 42-47 / 1 Pt. 1: 3-9 / Jn. 20: 19-31

8:30 Mass [Altar Rosary Living & Deceased Members-S]

8:30 - 11:00 Credit Union - Fenmont

9:00 - 10:45 RCIA - Dayton House

9:30 Baptisms

11:00 Mass [The Parish Family]

1:00 Misa en Español

**Question of the Week:**

Through the waters of Baptism we have new life in Christ. How are you called to live this new life today?

PASTOR'S CORNER

How do you take a step toward the Catholic Church or back toward the Church? This Thursday we're having an informal evening to answer questions and hear experiences of those who may never have been Catholic or of Catholics who have not been regular in the practice of their faith. It will be at 7:30 pm in the Parish Office building along side the church. Everyone's faith journey is unique. We want to make it easy for you. You can also call Fr. Mike or Sr. André at the Office number.

All of our weekly bulletins and monthly newsletter are

found on our website stjulie.net. It is a great way to keep up with what is happening here.

Easter, even more than Lent, is a time to do something new. It might be a renewed effort to bring a religious element to your home life. Take a look at a simple prayer aid for families

http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/PrayerAidHome_Easter.pdf

Or open this bulletin up on our website and the address about will be an active link.

Receptionist/Secretarial Position Available: St. Julie Billiart Parish in Hamilton, Ohio is accepting applications for a full time, 30 hours a week, receptionist/secretarial position. Duties include operation of multi-line phone system, computer data entry, and layout and editing of parish communication publications. Candidates must have excellent verbal and written communication skills, knowledge of and skill in computer applications, especially Microsoft Office products, proficient keyboarding skills, ability to relate to a variety of people and maintain confidentiality. Send resume to Betty Meiner by April 29, 2011 at St. Julie Billiart Parish, 224 Dayton Street, Hamilton, Ohio 45011 or email to emeiner@stjulie.net.

SAVE THE DATE "Fenmont Anniversary" kick-off event



We have tentatively set Friday evening, May 20th, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM for a "Fenmont Anniversary" kick-off event.

Sr. André has graciously offered to put together a team to host the event.

The evening will feature some "finger foods", refreshments, old movies of St. Mary Church, pictures of the Fenmont, opportunities to record remembrances and ...

This is the kick-off for a fund drive to raise money to repair the Fenmont Roof, tuck pointing, installation of a new uni-sex handicapped bathroom, new handicapped ramp, restroom upgrades, and other improvements.

More details to follow.

More help always welcomed.

Fr. Mike

Easter Sunday — Alleluia!



Christ is risen! Alleluia! Like Mary Magdalene, share Jesus' life with all those around you by telling someone you know about what happened at Church this weekend. In addition, tell people about the work that Catholic Relief Services is doing on our behalf throughout the world, and invite them to become a part of this work by contributing to Operation Rice Bowl. Thank you for your participation this Lenten season!

ST. JULIE BILLIART ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

There will be a **Mass offered** for the Living and Deceased Members of the Altar Rosary Society on Sunday, May 1st, at 8:30 AM. Members are invited to sit as a group in the west transept for the mass.

The **next meeting** of the ARS will be on Monday, June 6th, beginning at 7:00 PM, in the Fenmont. Refreshments will be served. All are invited to attend.

Winners of the 2011 Easter Basket raffle are as follows: Marilyn Holbrock, Virginia Clark, Mary Clare Schellenbach, Jean Weisbrod and Mary Cecere. Thank you to all who participated and supported the raffle this year.

PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL



The Parish Pastoral Council is a representative body called from the members of St. Julie Billiart Parish. Its function is to reflect on and promote the pastoral life and activity of the parish and advise the pastor on how best to provide for the pastoral needs of the parish community. The Council meets monthly September through June on the first Thursday of the month. The meetings are generally open to everyone. Non-council members can request that they be placed on the agenda to address the Council. Please call one of the members if you have a concern:

Chairman: Groth, Bill 290-4181 or wag@nrciadvisors.com
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Religious Education PREP NOTE



Education

REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2011-2012

You may download registration forms and medical release forms online at www.stjulie.net or call the parish office at 863.1040 x 15.

Your help in returning the completed forms as soon as possible is of great assistance in ordering text books and materials and helps in keeping tuition costs down. You may return completed forms in the Sunday collection or drop them off at the office or mail them to 224 Dayton Street, Hamilton, Ohio 45011. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Archbishop Schnurr wishes everyone at St. Julie Billiart Parish a blessed Easter and thanks all parishioners who have made a gift to the 2011 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Our parish has raised \$14,909 so far from 192 households (25.23%), reaching 70.58% of our parish goal of \$21,123. We ask every Catholic household to participate. Please know that every gift matters. You can pick up pledge packets from the poster display in the vestibule of church, or for more information please visit CatholicAppeal.info.

Sacred Heart Church (Fairfield) will offer a six week series entitled "Catholics Returning Home" beginning April 28th, at 7:00 PM in the church undercroft. The sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the church. If you know someone who has left the church, please invite them to join us. For more information, call Marianne Fleckenstein at 858.4213.



The Outreach Committee sponsored another "Helping Hands Day of Service" on Saturday, April 9th. We were able to get in some window cleaning before the rain started.

Bob Schutte and Cleo Ketay pictured.

STEWARDSHIP OF THE PARISH FAMILY

Treasure:



July 2010-June 2011 Weekly Collection Review

Collection Week of April 17, 2011

Adult Envelopes Received	301
Regular Collection Goal:	11,000.00
Regular Collection Received:	13,346.45
Over Goal:	2,346.45
YTD Regular Collection Goal	466,800.00
YTD Regular Collection Received:	<u>456,927.34</u>
YTD Over/Under Goal:	\$ (9,872.66)

Make-a-Change Charity for April is the St. John Bosco Boy's Home in Mandeville, Jamaica, owned and operated by the Sisters of Mercy. They are a Catholic order of Nuns committed to working with the poor, sick and uneducated. Bosco is home to approximately 150 boys ages 3-16. Bosco doubles as a school and farm as well as a home for the boys. While they offer grades K-5 to the boys, it is the general mission to teach the boys to read and write before they leave. Thank you for your support of this project.

Soul Food

Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who attended the "Soul Food" sessions this year. The sessions were well attended and the food was delicious! Thanks to all who donated the soup, sandwiches and desserts! Happy Easter!

The Easter Challenge

*You believe because you can see...
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.
-John 20-29*

Every year it happens
Earth shakes her sleepy head,
Still a bit wintered and dull,
And feels new life stirring

Every year cocoons give up their treasures,
Fresh shoots push through brown leaves,
Seemingly dead branches shine with green,
And singing birds find their way home

Every year we hear the stories
empty tombs, surprised griever's,
runners with news and revelation,
unexpected encounters,
conversations on the road,
tales of nets filling with fish,
and breakfast on a seashore

And every year
the dull and dead in us
meets our Easter challenge;

to be open to the unexpected,
to believe beyond our security,
to welcome God in every form,
and trust in own greening

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Next Week "Offering of Letters" Bread for the World

The Outreach Commission will be hosting a Bread For the World "Offering of Letters" next weekend after the masses. **The 2011 Offering of Letters** campaign will continue to push Congress and the administration toward U.S. foreign assistance that is more effective in reducing global poverty. Each year, Bread members write to their members of Congress, advocating for policies that help end hunger in the U.S. and around the world.

Members of Congress are currently debating budget bills and deficit reduction proposals that will have major consequences for hungry and poor people. As Christians, we are called to be advocates and to speak on behalf of others. Asking if all have been served, if all have received what they need. In a world of abundance, all *should* have access to what they need.

After masses, we will have materials available so that you can write to your representatives. Please check out <http://www.bread.org/> for more information and to sign up for e-mail updates.

Christ
the Lord
is risen
today

alleluia

Ministers of Praise Annual May Tea

The annual Tea will be held on Wednesday, May 18th, from 12:30 to 3:00 PM, in St. Stephen Hall of the Fenmont Center. The picture below is from the 2009 Tea.

If you would like to join the Ministers of Praise it is very easy. Just call Sr. André and she will sign you up. No dues, no fees, just a promise to pray every day for the intentions of the church along with your regular prayers.



Marriage Celebration ~ October 24, 2010

Honorees at the 11:00 mass celebrating their 1st, 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, or 50th anniversary. Mass was followed by a reception in the Fenmont where a light lunch was served.



**Rosary Rally
October 16, 2010**

Members of the Altar Rosary Society joined with the Rally at the Butler County Courthouse and 5,000+ other rallies around the world to pray for peace.



*Events at
St. Julie
Billiard
Parish*

**Annual Blessing of
Pets ~ October 3, 2010**

There were 12 dogs, 4 cats and 25 people who attended on a chilly October afternoon.



Confirmation Retreat ~ November 6, 2010



Trivia Night ~ October 23, 2010

"The Mixed Nuts" were 2009 winners. They tried to make it two in a row, but were foiled by "We The People." Get your team together (8 on a table) and plan to outfox both of them at the next Trivia Night.

**Confirmation Choir
February 28, 2011**

Do you like to sing? Contact Janet Poulin our Music Director at the parish office 863.1040 or see Janet after a Mass on the weekend.