Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you.

—Isaiah 49:15
St. Barbara Parish welcomes “Misterium”, a prayer-theatrical group based at St. Hyacinth’s Basilica, who will perform the play The Passion of Christ here at St. Barbara Church on Tuesday, March 28th, immediately following the 6:00 pm Mass. The group “Misterium” has over 70 members whose purpose is to proclaim the religious truth through word, play and music.

The Passion of Christ is a theatrical production of the story of Christ’s life, filled with compassion, service and salvation. A cast of non-professional actors performs passages taken directly from Scripture. The leader of the group, Ms. Cecylia Jablonska, would like to invite all parishioners and neighbors of St. Barbara, school parents, and students to take part one more time in reliving The Passion of Christ.

Please note: Due to a scheduling conflict by the theatrical group, the date has been changed from Saturday, March 4th to Tuesday, March 28th. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Palms to Ashes
Once again, we will be burning last year’s palms from Palm Sunday for Ash Wednesday. You may place them in the basket at the back of the church after all Masses on Sunday or bring them to the rectory before noon on Monday.

Weather permitting, palms will be burned in front of the church as part of a short prayer service with our school children participating on Monday, February 27th, at 12:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday - March 1st
Mass Schedule:
6:00 a.m.
8:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
7:00 p.m.
All Masses will be in Church. Ashes will be distributed after the Homily.

Lenten Fasting and Abstinence Regulations
Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. The following fasting and abstinence regulations are observed:

Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years of age and older.

Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 years of age. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one’s needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

The special Paschal fast and abstinence are observed on Good Friday and, where possible, on Holy Saturday. On these days, Christians prepare themselves by these disciplines in anticipation of the renewal of their baptismal commitment on Easter.

From its earliest days, the Church has urged the baptized and the catechumens to observe the threefold discipline of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer as a preparation for the celebration of Easter. Failure to observe any penitential days at all or a substantial number of such days must be considered serious.

During Lent, the Church encourages attendance at daily Mass, self-imposed times of fasting, and generosity to local, national, and worldwide programs of sharing.

LADIES’ GUILD MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH
The Ladies’ Guild will hold their monthly meeting tomorrow night, February 27th, at 6:45 pm. The discussion will be centered on the Vendor Fair, which will be held on Saturday from 2:00 - 7:00 pm.

SAVE THE DATE
The Ladies’ Guild will host a Canvas Painting Party on Saturday, March 25th at 6:00 pm in the lower hall. For more information, please contact Vanessa Godinez at 773-419-6005.
FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend in the Gospel, we hear the strong message that Jesus tells his disciples: “No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon” (Luke 16:13).

In the beginning of the 21st Century, mammon can be anything that comes between us and God and draws our hearts away from God. Some examples of this are money, pleasure, a career, sports, an addiction, different forms of sin, or even a sense of peace.

One way to identify our mammon is through prayer. During this lenten season, take a few minutes each day to connect with God – be it through meditation on scriptures, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament or participating in daily Mass.

This week, we will celebrate Ash Wednesday. I would like to encourage you to come to Mass on Ash Wednesday, begin lent with us, examine your lives from the beginning of the Lenten season and identify what form mammon takes in your life. Through daily prayers, scriptures or daily Mass, be close to God.

The theme of the Annual Catholic Appeal is to “Love your neighbor as yourself”. Through many years of participation in this campaign, we helped our archdiocese to provide different programs, including religious education, formation of priests, deacons, works of peace, justice and respect for life and helping the Catholic Relief Services.

Of course, through this campaign we support first our parish. Last year, we had a goal of $5,831.25, and we received $18,413.00. Everything over our goal ($12,581.75) was returned to us. On behalf of Cardinal Cupich, Fr. Andrzej and myself, thank you so much for your generrosity to support our parish. Thank you for understanding the Lord’s words, “Love your neighbor as yourself” and be sure that whatever money we receive from the Archdiocese was used to help cover our operating costs.

I offer my prayers and I wish that this Lent will be a special time when we discover through love Savior and we offer our love to our neighbor.

Fr. Arthur

A Prayer for “Renew My Church”
English Prayer

Lord Jesus, You speak to us today, as You spoke to holy men and women who have gone before us. In every age and in our own time, You call to us and say: Renew My Church.

Pour out the gift of Your Holy Spirit upon us, and so enable us

to hear You clearly
to listen to each other attentively
to imagine our future boldly
to discern Your direction wisely
to persevere in Your holy will courageously
to stay together in charity
to surrender our own plans readily
to embrace the greater good
to hand on Your gifts to future generations.

May we remain in the holy company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, and all the saints. May their example and presence inspire us with patient confidence in the work of Your grace.

We ask this of You who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

HOLY NAME MEN’S CHOIR
TO PERFORM CONCERT

The St. Barbara Holy Name Men’s Choir will present a concert this Tuesday, February 28th, following the 6:00 pm Mass in church. The concert will consist of secular songs, including many country songs. Hospitality will follow in the school lower hall. It promises to be a GREAT CONCERT!!!
ST. BARBARA LADIES’ GUILD PRESENTS SPRING VENDOR FAIR

The Spring Vendor Fair will be held in the school gym and lower hall this Saturday, March 4th, from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm. There will be representatives from vendors featuring all types of products, including soaps, jewelry, home décor, and food items, to name a few. There will also be raffles and a concession stand. Please enter by the gym doors on Quinn Street.

PARISH WISH LIST

10 Worship Chairs

We would like to purchase 10 chairs for use in the sanctuary and the sacristy. Our intention is to order the same chairs that are in use in the chapel. The cost of these chairs is approximately $180.00 each. If anyone is interested in contributing to the cost of these chairs, please see Fr. Arthur or Fr. Andrzej. As of this date, we have received money to purchase 3 chairs.

END OF YEAR STATEMENT FOR CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

If you would like to receive your year-end statement of contributions, please contact the rectory (312-842-7979) or email jlukwinski@stbarbarachicago.org or dbecatti@stbarbarachicago.org

HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS

At our last meeting, the following “100 Club” winners were drawn: 1st prize: Tony S.; 2nd prize: B. Glabicki; 3rd prize: George Vanderford Sr.; 4th prize: Manny O.; 5th prize: George Jr.

Join us this Tuesday, February 28th, for the 6:00 pm Mass and a special concert by the St. Barbara Holy Name Men’s Choir. Hospitality will follow in the lower hall.

The St. Patrick’s Day Lotto begins this Wednesday. We have a minimal amount of tickets left to sell. You may purchase tickets from the Holy Name Men until Tuesday evening.

SAVE THE DATES

* The Golden Oldies Dance will be held on Saturday, April 8th, following the 5:00 pm Mass.
* The Fourth Annual Car Show will be held on Saturday, August 19th.

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, March 10th.
School Happenings
(School Website: www.stbarbaraschool.org)

HONOR ROLL

St. Barbara School is pleased to announce the Honor Roll for the 2nd Academic Quarter of the 2016-17 school year:

**Golden A Honor Roll:**
Samantha Brost, Noel Gaytan, Eljay Raya, Claudia Jimenez and Angelo Alonzo.

**A Honor Roll:**

**B Honor Roll:**

**Effort Award:**
Marco Gonzalez, Quinn Do, Elise Ochoa, Ava Walczak, Jeffrey Eng, Brendan Sibri, Aojia Wang, Antonio Padilla and Jaycee Williams.
Weekly Collection - Feb. 17 - 18

Sunday Envelopes (120) $1,913.00
Sunday Loose $493.80
Children's Envelopes (9) $35.00
Elementary School (52) $614.45
Total Collection $3,056.25

YTD $108,704.04
Weekly $3,056.25
Goal $217,600.00
% of Goal 50%

Votives & Vigil Lights: $261.70

Jan. Give Central 1st $2,462.00
2nd $370.00

Saturday, Feb. 25 - Vigil of the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 p.m. All Parishioners, Living and Deceased
  + Phil Piecynski (C. Nowak and Family)
  Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)
Sunday, Feb. 26 - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
6:00 a.m. Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
  + Rose Oleszkiewicz (Bill & Barbara Webb)
  + Rose Mary Lodding (Ruth and Dave Czarnecki)
  + Dorothy Smolinski (Therese Ryndak)
9:30 a.m. + Bill Beyer (Ed and B. Glabicki)
  + Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)
  + 2nd Ann.: Stanley Piorecki (J.Lukwinski)
11:30 a.m. + Joseph Piorecki (Ted Piorecki)
  + Joanna Goga (Virginia Pienta)
Monday, Feb. 27 - Weekday
8:30 a.m. + Theresa Mato (Rick Ruppel)
Tuesday, Feb. 28 - Weekday
6:00 p.m. + Mary Domagala (Michael Domagala, Husband)
Wednesday, March 1 - Ash Wednesday
6:00 a.m. Health Blessings: Steve Ligda
  Health Blessings: Geri Kaput
8:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony (Guadalupe Cervantes)
11:30 a.m. + Birthday Rem: Albina Adomaitis (John & Susan Adomaitis)
7:00 p.m. + Jean Dimitri (Ed & B. Glabicki)
Thursday, March 2 - Thursday after Ash Wednesday
8:30 a.m. + Edward and Rose Ciz
Friday, March 3 - Friday after Ash Wednesday
8:30 a.m. + Kevin Sierzega (Parents)
6:00 p.m. In Thanksgiving to Sister Michaeline Oleszkiewicz (B. Glabicki)
6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 4 - Saturday after Ash Wednesday
8:30 a.m. Father’s Day Remembrance
Saturday, March 4 - Vigil of the First Sunday of Lent
5:00 p.m. + Patricia Douglas (Sylvester Maryas)
  + Gertrude Mierzwinski
  Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)
Sunday, March 5 - First Sunday of Lent
6:00 a.m. All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
  Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
  + Phyllis Vanderford (Bill & Barbara Webb)
  + Ted Novak (Family)
  + Norbert Rolek (Rolek Family)
9:30 a.m. + Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)
  + Chuck Burger (Phil & Cathy Whitehouse)

Liturgical Ministers

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1ST
6:00 a.m. Lectors: J. Bertucci
8:30 a.m. Lectors: School Children
11:30 a.m. Lectors: G. Dumelle
7:00 a.m. Lectors: K. Ricci, H. Diaz DeLeon

SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH
5:00 p.m.
Altar Servers: A. Lemke, M. Lemke, M. Castells, A. Gorz
Eucharistic Ministers: J. Lukwinski, R. Carden
Lectors: E. Santos, G. Dumelle
Greeter: S. Santos, J. Santos

SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH
6:00 a.m.
Altar Server: G. Vanderford
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Guest, J. Balasa
Lector: J. Bertucci
Greeter: B. Webb
9:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: J. Castaneda, E. Castaneda, L. Castaneda, J. Gonzalez, M. Arteaga
Eucharistic Ministers: P. Rodriguez, J. Rodriguez
Lectors: Sr. Kathleen McNulty, M. Worth
Greeter: M. Rolon

11:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: A. Calderon, N. Calderon, V. Sandoval, L. Calderon
Eucharistic Ministers: A. Skokal, D. Ramos
Lectors: H. Alonzo, L. Szczepanski
Greeter: M. Szczepanski

Sunday, March 5 - First Sunday of Lent
11:30 a.m. + Stanley Piorecki (Ted Piorecki)
  + Barbara Czerniak (Ed & B. Glabicki)
  + Ann Goga (Virginia Pienta)
Baptisms: Parents must be registered practicing parishioners and attend a baptismal preparation session before a baptism will be scheduled. Call the rectory office for further information.

Communion Calls: Please contact the Rectory when someone who is homebound or in the hospital wishes a visit to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The Anointing of the Sick is for anyone seriously sick and not only for those near death.

Ministry of Care: Eucharistic Ministers are available to visit, pray with, and bring Holy Communion to those who are sick and unable to attend Mass. Notify the Parish Office when this service is needed.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a program for anyone inquiring and seeking information about entering the Catholic faith.

Weddings: Weddings need to be scheduled at least six months in advance. Couples are reminded to secure the Church date before the reception hall.

Moving/New Cell #: Please contact the rectory with address change or telephone change.

Please pray for those homebound, hospitalized and in need of continued prayers...


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Mass Schedule

SUNDAY LITURGIES
Saturday................................. 5:00 p.m.
Sunday.......6:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY LITURGIES
8:30 a.m.: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday: 6:00 p.m.: Tuesday

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
6:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted

CONFESSION
Saturday 3:45-4:30 p.m.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS
Mass at 8:30 a.m., followed by a short period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Evening Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by Exposition and Adoration, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 p.m.

THE ROSARY
Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. before the 6:00 p.m. Mass, and on Sunday at 5:30 a.m. before the 6:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; 1:30-4:00 p.m.
The office is closed on Saturday and Sunday.