THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

March 19, 2017

While we were still sinners Christ died for us.

— Romans 5:8
Celebrating over a Century of Faith and Education

St. Barbara Parish is a Roman Catholic community celebrating a century of faith in the Bridgeport area. Our faith community welcomes all people, helping them grow spiritually through liturgy, prayer, and education, and socially through activities for all ages. Our school takes great pride in fostering these values in our children. We give witness to our faith by sharing with each other our God-given gifts and talents. We nourish and sustain our faith as a family by celebrating the sacraments and the presence of the risen Lord among us in the Eucharist.

THE PASSION OF CHRIST
TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017

Screenplay Writer and Director: Cecylia Jablonska

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, at 7:30 pm. 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 the actors having regular jobs and the travel time from the northwest suburbs, the time has been changed to 7:30 pm.

ST. JOSEPH HOSPITALITY

In honor of St. Joseph’s Day, please join us for hospitality in the Senior Mobile following the 9:30 and 11:30 am Masses. Take some time to enjoy some refreshments and get to know your fellow parishioners.

LADIES’ GUILD HOSTS EASTER BUNNY BREAKFAST

The Ladies’ Guild will hold their annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Sunday, April 2nd, following the 9:30 am Mass. Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, ham, potatoes, orange juice or apple juice, milk and coffee. The Easter Bunny will be paying us a visit, so be sure to bring your camera. Pre-sale tickets are $7.00 for adults and $5.00 for children 5-13. The deadline to order pre-sale tickets is Friday, March 24th. Ticket prices at the door are $10.00 for adults and $7.00 for children.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS

The winners of our “100 Club” raffle, chosen at our meeting on March 10th are: 1st prize: Scruffy; 2nd prize: Theresa Rolek; 3rd prize: Laura Cruz; 4th prize: Heaven Sent; and 5th prize: Tony S.

Weekday Masses
Monday – Thursday — CHAPEL
Friday, Saturday and Sunday—CHURCH

SAVE THE DATES

- The Golden Oldies Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, April 8th, following the 5:00 pm Mass. Tickets are $25.00 each and are available from the ushers in back of church, at the rectory, or from Tony Skokal or Phil Whitehouse. We welcome back our terrific band from last year, The StingRays.

- The Fourth Annual Car Show will be held on Saturday, August 19th.
Look to the cross for patience because we see and experience every day how destructive the word “NOW” can be. Impatience brings anger to our community. Just look at the people driving their cars. It is not good to be two seconds late; when the traffic light turns green, you can hear the horn behind you and, if the weather is hot and the windows are down, do not be surprised if someone will call you by a strange name. God is the One who is patient and He is the One who teaches me to be patient. If I am willing to learn, God Himself will bend down and hear my cry. Sometimes we feel like we are walking in the desert on moving sand. The example of our patience will bring others to God and our lives will gain a new value – like a song of praise.

Psalm 40: 1-5

Looking to the cross for patience helps us to understand the things that are just happening in our lives. There is an appointed time for everything. We cannot change the seasons or plant flowers in our garden in the winter. The time will come when we get sick, when our children will get married, and when somebody will start to call you grandma or grandpa. Patience teaches us to take whatever will come; patience teaches us to enjoy small things in life, to be glad and to do well in life; to enjoy even simple food, drink, and fruits of our work as gifts from God. With the gift of patience, it really does not matter if I am eating caviar or mashed potatoes, because God has taught me to enjoy either one.

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-15

Looking to the cross for patience protects us against envy and temptation to take short cuts in order to get profits. Trust in God and patience will make us feel secure and allow us to look in the mirror with a peaceful conscience. Our patience and trust will reflect on our lives, and people can learn that it is worthy to take time to learn from God. Our integrity might bring others to God, and there is nothing more beautiful than to show others the true Source of Love and Life.

Psalm 37: 1-7

Look to the cross for patience, because when we are in a hurry, we can’t see and think clearly. When we are in a hurry, it seems that God does not care, rejects us, is no longer merciful; and very often we see difficulties as punishment from God. It is important to be patient, to sit alone in silence when burden comes. Then we will be able to see very clearly that He suffers along with us; He has no joy in our afflictions and misery, and He wants us to realize that He is unable to reject those He loves.

Lamentations 2: 25-33

Look to the cross for patience, because patience is important to survive in our lives. It takes patience to produce food for our bodies, so we can be strong and healthy. Patience is the only remedy for our troubled souls, hearts and emotions. With patience, we learn how not to complain. When we complain, we waste our time. It changes nothing but makes us angry and depressed. We need to support one another so we can persevere and be called by One who is compassionate and merciful.

James 5: 7-11

Look to the cross for patience and realize that God is the only One who really knows our heart. He understands our labor and endurance. He is able to truly appreciate our work and give us strength in times of trial.

Revelation 2: 1-3

Fr. Andrzej
Sun., Mar. 19 - St. Joseph Hospitality after 9:30 and 11:30 am Masses

Tues., Mar. 21 - St. Barbara Seniors Mtg.; 11:30 am

Wed., Mar. 22 - Parish Council Mtg.; 6:30 pm
- KC Movie Night: “The Face of Mercy”; 7:00 pm

Sat., Mar. 25 - KC Open House; 10:00 am
- Ladies’ Guild “Cocktails and Canvas” Party; 6:00 pm

Sat. & Sun., Mar. 25-26; Blest Art of Bethlehem in Church after all Masses.

LADIES’ GUILD HOSTS
“COCKTAILS AND CANVAS” PARTY

The Ladies’ Guild will be hosting a fundraiser entitled “Cocktails and Canvas” on Saturday, March 25th at 6:00 pm. The event will take place in the school lower hall. Nancy Caruso will lead the group in creating a take-home masterpiece. This is a BYOB event. For more information, please contact Vanessa Godinez at 773-419-6005.

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.

LENTEN PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Weekday Morning Mass:
Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday; 8:30 am (Chapel);
Friday and Saturday; 8:30 a.m. (Church)

Weekday Evening Mass:
Tuesday and Friday (Church); both at 6:00 p.m. (Please note that there will be both a morning and evening Mass on Fridays in Lent.) Recitation of the rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said at 5:30 pm.

Stations of the Cross:
Fridays at 6:30 p.m. (Church)
(Stations will follow the evening Mass.)

PARISH WISH LIST

10 Worship Chairs; Cost: $1,800.00

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 5 chairs.

New Hymn Books for the Elementary School:
Cost: $2,125

We are still collecting money for the “Rise Up and Sing” children’s choir books. We wish to purchase 200 copies of the new edition of the choir book, of which 150 copies will be kept in church and 50 in school. To date, $500 has been received.

If you are interested in helping in either project, please see Fr. Arthur or Fr. Andrzej.

Antoinette - $500 Coverall Winner
Two weeks in a row!
School Happenings
(School Website: www.stbarbaraschool.org)

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

FRANCISCO OCHOA

Mr. Ochoa was the father of our Marketing Director, Francisco Ochoa. He was buried on Tuesday, March 14th, from Providence of God Church.

Please keep the Ochoa family in your prayers.

ALUMNI OF THE MONTH

Robert Pickert, Jr, Class of 2013

Bobby graduated from St. Barbara School in 2013 and is currently a senior at Mount Carmel High School. As a straight “A” student, he has been given the award of “Man of The Month” twice, has placed in 1st place in English, Spanish and Algebra 2 Trigonometry, and has been awarded High Honors with Distinction for three years in a row. He is currently a member of the National Honors Society, Student Council, and SADD Club and will be attending Dominican University this upcoming fall. He is employed at Tria Sorelle and @Fab Freddies and has worked there for three years now. He has also found a new passion for travel, having visited Italy and Greece last summer. He will be travelling to Spain, Switzerland and France this spring.

Bobby is also a published author! He has written a cookbook titled “The Adolescent Chef” which will be available for purchase next month. In the book, he shares his favorite dishes and introduces us to his culinary expertise. For more information about “The Adolescent Chef” find Bobby on The Adolescent Chef.

We are all very excited to see what the future holds for Bobby!

Rookie & Junior Basketball Teams Show Their Bulldog Pride!

On 2/26/17, the St. Barbara Rookie & Junior Basketball teams had playoff games. Although the Rookie team did not advance, they played with heart and determination. The Junior team won their game for a chance to continue on to the next round. We are proud of our athletes for always showing their BULLDOG pride!

NEXT DINE-OUT NIGHT: THURSDAY, MARCH 30TH

The next Dine-Out Night to benefit our school will be Thursday, March 30th. The featured restaurant this month is Tacos Erendira, 3207 S. Halsted Street. The school will get a rebate on all orders placed between 12 noon and 9:00 pm. The offer is good on dine –in orders, carryout and delivery. Just be sure to mention St. Barbara when ordering your food.
**Weekly Collection - March 12-13**

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Electronic giving through [GiveCentral.org](http://GiveCentral.org) is the safe and secure way to make your weekly donations to St. Barbara. Donate via credit card or electronic check (ACH). Sign up by visiting St. Barbara’s home WEB page and follow the prompts.

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**Liturgical Ministers**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH**

5:00 p.m.
- Altar Servers: A. Lemke, M. Lemke, M. Castells, X. Lopez
- Eucharistic Ministers: A. Skokal, B. Rekar
- Lectors: C. Hailer, D. Hailer
- Greeter: P. Saletta

**SUNDAY, MARCH 26TH**

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, R. Cabrera
- Eucharistic Ministers: F. Cabrera, J. Lukwinski
- Lectors: M. Worth, H. Diaz DeLeon
- Greeter: C. Whitehouse

11:30 a.m.
- Altar Servers: G. Salinas, A. Alonzo, G. Parcon, A. Torres
- Eucharistic Ministers: H. Alonzo, D. Ramos
- Lectors: B. Pienta, L. Szczepanski
- Greeter: M. Szczepanski

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Please consider remembering St. Barbara Parish in your will.
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.

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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
Tuesday at 5:30 a.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.

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