Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday

April 23, 2017

“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”
— John 20:29b
HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS
On Saturday, April 8th, the Golden Oldies Dance with the StingRays playing a wide-range of oldies made for an enjoyable evening.

The Split-the-Pot drawing, with the winner receiving $405.00, was won by Arlene Whitehouse.

Our thanks go out to the Whitehouses, Tony Skokal, the Frankowski Brothers, and all our volunteers: Bea, Ed, Dolores and Margaret.

The winners of last month’s “100 Club” raffle are 1st prize: Henry P. Diaz DeLeon; 2nd prize: Christine Vanderford; 3rd prize: Cis Krok; 4th prize: Ed Glabicki; and 5th prize: 5B.

Due to the events we have sponsored this year, we were able to do the following:

* Purchase chairs for the parish: $700.00
* Pay the remaining cost of the new children’s choir books: $613.00
* Make a donation to the Parish: $2,000.00

If you would like to become a member of the Holy Name Society, see Phil Whitehouse, Tony Skokal or any member about how to join us.

Our goal: helping the school and parish.

Our next meeting will be on Friday, May 12th, at 7:00 pm.

Thanks to all.

President, Phil Whitehouse
1-312-316-3888 or 1-312-567-1321

Important Note: Due to work commitments, the Mother’s Day Breakfast has been cancelled.

LADIES’ GUILD MEETING
MONDAY AT 6:45 pm
The Ladies’ Guild will meet on Monday, April 24th at 6:45 pm in the Lower Hall. The meeting will be hosted by the 6th Grade and Kindergarten Moms. Dinner will be provided.

Our April “Dine-Out Night” will be this Thursday, April 27th. The restaurants will be Triple Crown Express, 3034 S Halsted (31st and Halsted), OR Chinese Kitchen Sushi and Grill, 420 W 31 St (31st and Canal). The offer is open all day until closing. Just mention St. Barbara School when ordering.

The members of the Ladies’ Guild would like to thank everyone who came out for the Bunny Breakfast! This is one of the many fundraisers the Ladies’ Guild hosts to raise money for St. Barbara. Thank you to Jackie Hulten for chairing this event and all the volunteers who made this a success.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL NEWS
Spring Cleaning ………DONE!
Got the clothing bundled and boxed; shoes are paired up and bagged……READY!

The St. Vincent de Paul trailer will be waiting for them.

WHERE:
In the St. Barbara Parking Lot, next to the Church (2859 S. Throop Street)

WHEN:
Saturday, May 13, 2017
8:30 am to 5:30 pm
and
Sunday, May 14, 2017
8:30 am to 2:00 pm

Have a great day; Happy Mother’s Day
and “Thank You!”

GOD BLESS

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.

For Rent: Four room apartment on Archer Avenue, close to Throop Street. For more information, please call the rectory (312) 842-7979.
FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK:

Second Sunday of Easter, Feast of Divine Mercy

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

On the first day of the week, Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to the Apostles. And the first thing that Jesus did was to impart upon them the Holy Spirit. Similarly to that of the first act of creation which began the existence of the world through the Word of God, now Jesus makes an act of new creation while infusing His Spirit upon the Apostles and the Church.

On the Second Sunday of Easter, also known as Divine Mercy Sunday, we remember in a special way that Jesus, the Son of God, gives us new life by showing us His Infinite Mercy. When our lives seem to be endangered and full of problems, when we are helpless and do not know what to do, when we suffer and are confused, Jesus invites us to trust in His Merciful Love. He invites us to seek His forgiveness for, when we are forgiven, it is then that we experience God’s mercy and receive the gift of His peace.

I would like to invite each one of you to take some time to show gratitude to Jesus for His wonderful mercy. I also would like to invite you to return to your families, your friends and coworkers and share Jesus’ mercy by being merciful to each other.

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, we connect with many countries and different languages in the whole world as we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Thank you to all of you who have participated in praying this chaplet over the past year after the 11:30 am Mass. I would like to invite you to stay in church and continue praying this chaplet over the next year.

Sr. Faustina received the vision of Jesus and He taught her how to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. He invited her to teach the Divine Mercy Chaplet to the whole world and encourage all of us to pray for mercy.

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Last year, our parish finished the huge project of replacing the roof on our church. We also repainted the portions of the church that were damaged by the leaking roof. On Holy Thursday, we had many visitors who “just love the architectural beauty of our church”. We are very grateful that Brandt Oosterbaan repainted the walls that needed to be fixed.

After deliberation with our Principal, Mrs. Nicole Nolazco, we are beginning a new project: painting the lower hall of the school. We invited our trustworthy friend, Mr. Oosterbaan, to complete this project. This past week, Oosterbaan & Sons has been working on the lower hall. After inspecting it, I can say: “It Looks AWESOME!”

Together with our “bingo guru”, Jim Bertucci, we are working on another project: a new sound system for the lower hall and the gym. Also, after an inspection of the school, it was determined that the parapet wall needed to be tuck-pointed. The middle wall on the Quinn Street side has been completed. The rest of the wall will be tuck-pointed at a later date.

In the next bulletin, we will share with you more details on these projects.

Fr, Arthur
Activities This Week

Mon., Apr. 24 - Ladies’ Guild Mtg.; 6:45 pm
Tues., Apr. 25 - Parish Council Mtg; following the 6:00 pm Mass
Wed., Apr. 26 - Carnival Mtg.; 7:00 pm
Sat., Apr. 29 - Tae Kwon Do Tournament; 10:00 am

Easter Communion & Confession for Shut-Ins
If you know someone who was not able to make it to church and would like to receive Communion and maybe have their Confession heard, Fr. Arthur will be visiting the sick within the next week. Please contact the rectory this week (312) 842-7979 with a request for a visit.

My Easter Offering
If you are a registered parishioner, you would have received in the mail my Easter Letter along with the special Easter Offering envelope. If you did not receive this mailing or were out of town for the holiday, there are extra My Easter Offering envelopes in the back of the Church. If you are not registered as a parishioner and would like to do so, please see Fr. Arthur.

Mother’s Day Mass Remembrance
Mother - Grandmother - Godmother - Aunt - Sister
Mother’s Day is fast approaching. Remembrance envelopes are available in back of church. Please return them with the names of all mothers to be remembered. Your intentions will be remembered in special Masses offered up throughout the year. You are asked to include a donation that is suitable to your intentions. Envelopes can also be brought to the rectory office.

Please consider remembering St. Barbara Parish in your will.

May, The Month of Mary
Because May is the month of Mary, all weekday Masses will be held at 6:00 p.m. After Mass, we will pray the Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The only exceptions will be the Friday morning school children’s Mass at 8:30 a.m. and the Saturday morning Mass at 8:30 a.m.

BOOK DRIVE TO BENEFIT LOCAL COMMUNITY
Please join Washington Federal Bank’s effort to make a difference in our local community.
Beginning April 1st to April 30th, the Bank will be hosting a book drive to support the efforts of Pilsen Community Books in promoting literacy in the community.
Pilsen Community Books is more than a bookstore. In addition to selling new and used books, they are supporting the local schools by supplying each student with books. All book donations help support their book giveaway program, Pilsen Reads! The books you donate will either be given directly to schools or sold to support this literacy program. Future goals are to provide all encompassing literacy services for Pilsen and other neighborhoods in Chicago.
Washington Federal Bank is pleased to be a part of promoting literacy in our local communities.
Please assist us in this drive by donating new or gently used children and adult books. We will gladly accept all types of books with the following exceptions: NO encyclopedias, NO coloring or activity books, NO magazines, NO school textbooks and NO food, beverage or smoke stained books.
Kindly drop off your donations at either one of our Bank locations.
Bridgeport area: 2869 S. Archer Avenue or Taylor Street area: 1410 W. Taylor St.
Monetary donations will also be accepted on our website: wafedbank.com

Apartment Needed: A 56 year old visually-impaired man is looking for a safe room or a small apartment on the first floor in the Bridgeport area. If you have any information on an apartment, please call Tom at (773) 510-2250.
ST. BARBARA HONOR ROLL

St. Barbara School is pleased to announce the Honor Roll for the 3rd Academic Quarter of the 2016-17 school year:

Golden A Honor Roll:
Angeleo Alonzo, Howard Spurlin, Donovan Chan, Gabriella Godínez, Eduardo Castañeda, Olivia Hulten, Claudia Jiménez, Allana Parcon, Noel Gaytán and Eljay Raya

A Honor Roll:
Zosia Czarnecki-Lichstein, Autumn Moon, Amaya Castañeda, Caitlyn Kelly, Andrew Moon, James Morris, Andrea Marie Natividad, Angela Marielle Natividad, Emilee Panczuk, Ryan Yan, Ronald Cabrera, Bridget Hayes, Alondra Barraza, Maya Castells, Natalie Feiwell, Victoria Mack, Samantha Brost, Luis Castañeda and Leonardo Jiménez

B Honor Roll:

Effort Award:
Antonio Padilla, Jeffrey Eng, Aojia Wang, Lucia Kirschinger, Elise Ochoa and Krystin Ruiz
Sunday Envelopes (141) $2,055.50
Sunday Loose $706.00
Children's Envelopes (14) $39.00
Fuel Collection (63) $721.50
Total Collection $3,522.00

YTD $133,507.68
Weekly $3,522.00

Actual $262,400.00
Goal $6,400.00
% of Goal 51% 55%

Votives & Vigil Lights: $212.90

March Give Central: 1st $2,133.00
2nd $315.00

Saturday, April 22 - Vigil of the Second Sunday of Easter
5:00 p.m. + Sophie Rzasa (Betty Kauer)
  + Joseph Piorecki (Ted Piorecki)
  + Ignatius (Iggy) J. Goetz (Karen and Adrian Goetz & Family)
  + Vincent and Catherine Stronczek (Rose Stronczek)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

Sunday, April 23 - Second Sunday of Easter also known as Divine Mercy Sunday
6:00 a.m. All Parishioners, Living and Deceased
  Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
  + Josephine and Theresa Errichiello (Terri Rolek)
  + Joy Noworyta (Aunt, Ceil Krok)
  + Dorothy Smolinski (Norma Szpek)
  + Loretta Pesha (Terri Rolek)
9:30 a.m. 40th Wed. Ann.: Phil & Cathy Whitehouse
  + Angela Obal (Ed & B. Glabicki)
  + Rosemary Medina (Benton House Seniors)
11:30 a.m. Blessings for Hubert Sawaściuk and Family
  Good Luck: Andrew Sowa & Family (Ed Sraga)
  + Ann.: Leopoldo Roque Saludo (Saludo Family)
  + Birth. Rem.: Aniceta Kangleon Galdo and Aniceto M. Saludo, Sr. (Family)

Monday, April 24 - Easter Weekday; St. Fidelis
8:30 a.m. + Alex Kubeski (Family)

Tuesday, April 25 - St. Mark
6:00 p.m. + Evelyn Ozimek (Ed & B. Glabicki)

Wednesday, April 26 - Easter Weekday
8:30 a.m. + Edward & Rose Ciz (Family)

Thursday, April 27 - Easter Weekday
8:30 a.m. + John Kutyba (Victoria Skala)

Friday, April 28 - Easter Weekday
8:30 a.m. Blessings for Joanne & Donald Sierzega
  + 1Yr. Ann.: Esmael “Smith” Santos (Family)

Saturday, April 29 - St. Catherine of Siena
8:30 a.m. All Souls’ Remembrance

Saturday, April 29 - Vigil of the Third Sunday of Easter
5:00 p.m. + Catherine Piorecki (Ted Piorecki)
  + Horacio Juarez (Luzhilda Juarez)
  + Thanksgiving for Mom & Dad (Adrian)
  + 1Yr. Ann.: Esmael “Smith” Santos (Family)
  Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

Sunday, April 30 - Third Sunday of Easter
6:00 a.m. Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. All Parishioners, Living and Deceased
  (Cont’d.)

Liturgical Ministers

SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH
5:00 p.m.
Altar Servers: A. Lemke, M. Lemke,
  V. Sandoval, A. Torres
Eucharistic Ministers: R. Carden, A. Skokal
Lectors: E. Santos, L. Saletta
Greeters: J. Santos, S. Santos

SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH
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: M. Gonzalez, A. Gonzalez,
  R. Cabrera, C. Kelly
Eucharistic Ministers: F. Cabrera, J. Lukwinski
Lectors: K. Ricci, M. Worth
Greeter: L. Echevarria
11:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: A. Rodriguez, M. Rodriguez,
  J. Murrithy, K. Zotamba
Eucharistic Ministers: H. Alonzo, A. Alonzo
Lectors: E. Pollock, E. Raya, Jr.
Greeter: M. Rolon

Sunday, April 30 - Third Sunday of Easter
9:30 a.m. + Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)
  Birthday Rem.: Thomas Spalla, Sr. (Family)
11:30 a.m. + Pedro Gomez
  + Baby Jayden Isaiah Edward Sturdivant (Geri Urbanczyk)
  Divine Mercy for All (J. Lukwinski)
**Pastor:** Fr. Wojciech Artur Marat
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**Associate Pastor:** Fr. Andrzej Beltowski
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**School Principal:** Mrs. Nicole Nolazco
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**Business Manager:** Mrs. Carol Spalla
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**Director of Music:** Ms. Eva Mrgan
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**Tuition Admin.:** Ms. Dolores Becatti
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**Parish Secretaries:** Ms. Dolores Becatti
Ms. Judy Lukwinski
Mrs. Carol Spalla

**Religious Education:** Mrs. Roberta Carden

**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.

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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.

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