Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21
2017

ST. BARBARA PARISH
2859 South Throop Street
Chicago, Illinois 60608

“I will ask the Father, and He will give you... the Spirit of truth.”

— John 14:16-17
May, The Month of Mary
Because May is the month of Mary, all weekday Masses will be held in church 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.

LADIES’ GUILD MEETING MONDAY, MAY 22ND
The Ladies’ Guild will hold their final meeting of the school year on Monday evening at 6:45 pm in the school hall. During this meeting, there will be a tribute to the Blessed Mother and the installation of the new officers for the 2017-18 school year. There will be a Pot Luck Dinner and the end of the year raffle.

Please join us for this final meeting of the year.

Activities This Week
Mon., May 22 - Ladies’ Guild Mtg.; 6:45 pm
Tues., May 23 - KC Open House; 7:00 pm
Wed., May 24 - 8th Grade Awards Night; 6:30 pm - KC Movie Knight; 7:00 pm
Thurs., May 25 - “Dine-Out” Night @ Mangia Fresca; 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

UAHERS NEEDED!
If you would like to become an usher, please see Head Usher Ed Glos for more details.

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.

Please send any Carnival Correspondence to:
Attn: Wendy Kaput
c/o Brandon Holland 5th Grade
Dear People of St. Barbara,

Today’s gospel is very beautiful because Jesus tells us that He never will leave us lonely. He says, “I will not leave you orphans”. He promised that He will be with us always and He will send the Holy Spirit, who will teach us the truth and who is the fullness of love. But, still we sometimes feel lonely. Even though we know many people and we have families, we feel emptiness around us. Someone said that “loneliness is one of the greatest evils of our age”.

How true this is! I read the book entitled St. Charbel, Messages from Heaven. I must say that he lived in the 19th century. But something that he wrote shocked me, because this hermit wrote something which is a prophesy of our times. St. Charbel says,

“People build the highest buildings, but their morality is falling down lower and lower. People talk more, but they pray less and less. People create more connections, but those connections don’t lead to each other. People have different ways of communication, but they are not closer to each other. People have big, comfortable beds, but their families are smaller and smaller; they are broken and tired. People know how to always be in a hurry, but they don’t know how to wait. They are running around to have a good living, but they forgot about life eternal.”

This was written around 1856 by St. Charbel. We have to remember that we are never able to see or listen to God if we have no quiet time. Someone said that “we can learn more during one hour of silence than through a whole year of reading books”. And this is the only way to meet God and never be lonely.

And again, another thought from St. Charbel. “If you want to admire what is outside, close your eyes and look inside. God will give you the ability to see the light. If you want to hear, close your ears and listen to your inner voice, which is the voice of God.”

Fr. Andrzej
Mother’s Day Mass Remembrance
Mother - Grandmother - Godmother - Aunt - Sister
Mother’s Day remembrance envelopes are still 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. The deadline for Mother’s Day intentions is Wednesday, May 24th.

Spring Clean-Up
On Saturday, May 6th, Spring Clean-Up Day was held here at St. Barbara. Mr. Allan Parcon and his crew of volunteers did a tremendous job sprucing up our parish property and getting rid of the last signs of winter. It took a lot of elbow grease and hard work. Many thanks for a job well done!

Fr. Arthur, Fr. Andrzej, Mrs. Nolazco, Mr. Groark and the Parish Staff

CHOPIN SOCIETY OF CHICAGO PRESENTS “KUPALA NIGHT”
A Celebration of Ukrainian, Lithuanian, Belarussian, and Polish Music
The Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra will perform Sunday, June 11th, at 5:00 pm in our church. “Kupala Night”, celebrating Slavic culture and the summer solstice, will also feature the St. Barbara Holy Name Society Choir and composer/pianist Jaroslaw Golembiowski. Philip Simmons conducts the LCO in a diverse program of classical and folk music including works by Lysenko, Ciurlionis, Moniuszko, and Ogiński.

9TH DISTRICT CAPS MEETINGS
The 9th District CAPS meetings will be held in the school lower hall on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. These meetings will take place at St. Barbara for the rest of the 2017 year.

LOST AND FOUND
The following items have been found in church: a set of keys, a pair of sunglasses, and a bracelet. If you believe you are the owner of any of these items, please call the rectory (312) 842-7979.
Parents in need of service hours: Volunteer kitchen and floor help for Thursday night Bingo is needed. If interested, please contact Jim Bertucci after Sunday 6:00 a.m. Mass, at Bingo on Thursday evenings, or call (312) 835-5411.

Please consider remembering St. Barbara Parish in your will.

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School Happenings
(School Website: www.stbarbaraschool.org)

8th Grade Receive Their Class Ribbons

Earlier this month, the Class of 2017 received their Class Ribbons during Mass - which brings them one step closer to graduation! The Mass was celebrated by Father Arthur and was attended by students, family and friends.

St. Barbara School and Parish are very proud of our 8th grade class as they prepare for graduation. They represent the very best St. Barbara has to offer!

Barb-a-thon 2017

The school’s annual Barb-a-thon was held last Thursday! This year's theme was “Unleash Your Bulldog”. The activity was sponsored by the Ladies Guild to help raise money for our school. Students raised over $10,000!

After weeks of diligently collecting donations, students enjoyed a special hot dog lunch before walking to the top of “Bridgeport Hill” for pictures and then heading downhill to McGuane Park for an afternoon of fun and games. Thank you to the Ladies Guild and parent volunteers for making sure our students had a great time!
Electronic giving through 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.

**Weekly Collection - May 13 - 14**

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**Liturgical Ministers**

**SATURDAY, MAY 27TH**

**5:00 p.m.**
Altar Servers: A. Lemke, X. Lopez, M. Lemke, M. Castells
Eucharistic Ministers: A. Skokal, R. Carden
Lectors: C. Hailer, D. Hailer
Greeters: L. Echevarria

**SUNDAY, MAY 28TH**

**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: N. Perez, A. Gonzalez, M. Gonzalez, J. Gonzalez
Eucharistic Ministers: F. Cabrera, J. Lukwinski
Lectors: Sr. K. McNulty, H. Diaz DeLeon
Greeter: C. Whitehouse

**11:30 a.m.**
Altar Servers: K. Zotamba, L. Calderon, N. Calderon, A. Calderon
Eucharistic Ministers: B. Pienta, D. Ramos
Lectors: E. Pollock, H. Alonzo
Greeter: D. Becatti
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...