“And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

— Matthew 28:20
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. Beginning Thursday, June 1st, we will return to our original schedule at Masses at 8:30 am every day except for the Tuesday evening Mass at 6:00 pm.

Safety Blessing for Two-Wheeled Vehicles
On Saturday, June 3rd, Pastor Artur Marat will give a short prayer and blessing of all motorcycles and bicycles after the 8:30 am Mass. Service will start at approximately 9:00 am. So, come ride your motorcycle/bicycle to our parking lot and join us as we begin our summer fun with our 2-wheeled vehicles.

ST. BARBARA BLOOD DRIVE
SUNDAY, JUNE 11th
9:00 am—1:00 pm
St. Barbara’s Parish Council will be sponsoring a blood drive on Sunday, June 11th, from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. To schedule an appointment to donate blood, please call (312) 842-7979 or sign-up after Mass the weekend of June 3-4. Appointments are preferred; walk-ins are welcome! Please remember to eat a good meal and drink plenty of fluids before donating. Also, bring a photo ID to the blood drive. Your donation can help save 3 lives!

Activities This Week
Mon., May 29 - Memorial Day Mass; 9:00 am
Tues., May 30 - Carnival Mtg.; 7:00 pm
Wed., May 31 - Finance Council Mtg.; 6:30 pm
Fri., June 2 - First Friday School Mass Outside (weather permitting); 8:30 am
Sun., June 4—8th Grade Graduation; 9:30 am

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.

PEACE on EARTH!
Pray for the safety of the men and women of our UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES protecting and serving the world over. May our world one day be at peace.
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord and we see, in the first reading, disciples who are staring at the sky where just seconds ago Jesus was lifted up and a cloud took him from their sight. It must be something amazing – something that made them speechless – something that was fascinating. It took two angels to make them come back to reality.

It reminds me of a movie which is a very pretty movie but, at the end, the movie is over and we have to come back to reality. The disciples had experienced beautiful times in their lives. For three years, they were with Jesus. They saw him changing water into wine, they saw him curing sick people, feeding the hungry, raising the dead and, now, it is like with the movie. They see written, “The End”. But for the disciples of Jesus, the movie will never end.

In the gospel Jesus said, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” And this is our homework that Jesus gave us. Be His witnesses to the end of the world.

We should do everything possible to bring people to Jesus. Every one of us do this in a different way, but we should have one target – build the church. We do this by prayer, charity work, example, sufferings and everyday works. It is good to look up to heaven and have a good time with Jesus only, but we have to remember that it is time to serve our brothers and sisters.

If reminds me of one story about a monk who lived in the monastery. His duty was to distribute food for the poor once a day. But, all his life, he was praying and begging Jesus that he might see him – have this divine vision of Jesus. And one day when he was praying, the dream came true. Jesus Himself appeared to the poor monk but, unfortunately, it was the time when poor people came for their daily food. The monk said, “Please, not now. I have a vision of Jesus!” But Jesus said to him, “you have two choices – you can go and do your duties, feeding the poor and I will wait for you. Or, you can stay here but the vision will be over.”

The same is true in our life. We have to pray, we have to meditate, but also remember that we have to serve.

As you may have read in The Chicago Catholic, I will be on sabbatical from June 1st to September 1st. I will think about you while I am gone and I look forward to being back here soon.

Fr. Andrzej
The Carnival is only two weeks away! There will be an important Carnival meeting on Tuesday, May 30th, at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. Please attend this important meeting.

- Mega Passes are available for $50.00; remember — after June 13th, they will increase to $60.00. Passes are available at the rectory during business hours.

- We are looking for Volunteers; please sign up on the sheets in back of church if you are available.

- Carnival Wish Lists are available in the back of church this week.

- We are still looking for monetary and gift donations. Maybe your work place would consider donating, or you would like to donate in memory of a loved one. Any size donation would be greatly appreciated, and help defray the cost of this big event.

- Lastly, if you can, please put a lawn sign in your yard/window advertising the carnival. They will also be available in church after masses next week; please take one and help advertise.

Please send any Carnival Correspondence to:

Attn: Wendy Kaput
c/o Brandon Holland 5th Grade

Please consider remembering St. Barbara Parish in your will.

HOLY NAME NEWS

The Holy Name Society held their monthly meeting on Friday, May 12, 2017. The winners of the “100 Club” raffle are: 1st prize: George Vanderford, Sr.; 2nd prize: George Vanderford, Sr.; 3rd prize: Cliff Whitehouse; 4th prize: Ed Glabicki; and 5th prize: Nicole Diaz DeLeon.

SAVE THE DATE

The 4th annual Car Show will be held on Saturday, August 19th. Free viewing is open to the public from 1:00 - 8:00 pm. The parking lot and registration opens at 12:00 pm. The show car entrance fee is $20.00. If you need any additional information, please call Phil Whitehouse, (312) 316-3888.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

May 20, 2017 Report

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Because payments have exceeded our goal, all additional funds are returned to our parish for our use. Thank you for your support of St. Barbara Parish.

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Nancy and Orlise
$500 Coverall Split

Randy
U-Pik-Em - $2,202
SCHOOL MAY CROWNING

Last week, our First Communicants and our Eighth grade class helped celebrate May Crowning. Jessica Groark and Matthew Dyjak were chosen to crown the Blessed Virgin Mary. Ava Walczak had the honor of being the crown bearer. Catholics all over the world celebrate this annual tradition during the month of May to honor Mary, the Mother of God, and Queen of Heaven and Earth.

PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN READING NIGHT

Yesterday evening, we held our annual Preschool and Kindergarten Reading Night! Many children were dressed in their comfy pajamas to hear Ms. Wargo and Ms. Short read “The Perfect Square”. They also participated in Art, Reading and Yoga centers. Parents had an opportunity to meet other parents and enjoy refreshments and snacks. Thank you to our Room Moms, Parent Ambassadors and to the Student Council for helping make this evening a success!
**Weekly Collection - May 20 - 21**

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**YTD**
Actual: $153,642.38
Goal: $308,000.00
% of Goal: 50%

**Weekly**
Actual: $3,410.38
Goal: $6,400.00
% of Goal: 53%

**Votives & Vigil Lights:**

- $287.50

**April Give Central:**
1st: $2,410.00
2nd: $255.00

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**Liturgical Ministers**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD**
5:00 p.m.
- Altar Servers: I. Echevarria, N. Gayton, A. Gorz, A. Torres
- Eucharistic Ministers: J. Lukwinski, R. Carden
- Lectors: G. Dumelle, E. Santos
- Greeters: S. Guest, J. Balasa

**SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH**
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, C. Kelly
- Eucharistic Ministers: P. Rodriguez, J. Rodriguez
- Lectors: 8th Grade Graduation
- Greeter: C. Whitehouse

11:30 a.m.
- Altar Servers: V. Sandoval, A. Calderon, N. Calderon, L. Calderon
- Eucharistic Ministers: A. Skokal, B. Pienta
- Lectors: K. Ricci, L. Szczepanski
- Greeter: M. Szczepanski

**SUNDAY, JUNE 4 - Pentecost Sunday**
9:30 a.m.
- 8th Grade Graduation
- 100th Birth. Rem.: Walter Kostecka, Sr (Family)

11:30 a.m.
- All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
- Rita M. Lucas (Family)
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.
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