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

The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.”
— Matthew 22:37

Oct. 29 2017
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.

ALTAR SERVER COMMISSIONING
Today at 9:30 am

New altar servers will be commissioned at the 9:30 am Mass today. The service and dedication of altar servers are important parts of our parish life. It is an extreme privilege to kneel so close to the altar as our loving Savior, Jesus Christ, becomes truly present, body, blood, soul and divinity, just as He was at the Last Supper and Calvary. Servers are chosen from those who display a desire for a more intimate union with Our Lord and God, Jesus Christ. We congratulate those who have chosen to become altar servers.

MEMORIAL MASS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

This Saturday, November 4th at 9:00 am, we will celebrate a Memorial Mass for all those who have died during this past year. If you have buried a loved one from St. Barbara, you should have received an invitation to this special mass. In order to provide for hospitality, we would appreciate your response to this invitation. More details can be found in the invitation. If you did not receive an invitation and would like to attend, please call the rectory (312-842-7979. There will be no 8:30 am Mass on this Saturday.

Activities This Week

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<td>- Altar Server Commissioning at 9:30 am Mass</td>
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<td>Mon., Oct. 30</td>
<td>Ladies’ Guild Mtg.; 7:00 pm</td>
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<td>Tues., Oct. 31</td>
<td>All Saints’ Anticipated Mass; 7:00 pm</td>
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<td>All Saints’ Day; Masses at 6:00 and 8:30 am and 7:00 pm</td>
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<td>Fri., Nov. 3</td>
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<td>- First Friday Evening Mass followed by Adoration and Exposition; 6:00 pm</td>
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<td>Sat., Nov. 4</td>
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<td>- Ladies’ Guild Vendor Fair; 11:00 am</td>
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<td>Sun., Nov. 5</td>
<td>Volleyball Teams’ Family Mass; 9:30 am</td>
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<td>- Altar &amp; Rosary Mtg.; 1:00 pm</td>
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MEMORIAL MASS DECEASED, 2016–2017

October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017

Leonard R. Blake
Irene A. Bonk
Faith Franks
Rose Furmanek
Evelyn M. Jirik
Geraldine Kaput
Rose Mary Lodding
Dolores Mason
Jerry Orcasitas
Evelyn Pyznarski
Leon Reyes-Martinez, Sr.
Donald Rolek
Dorothy Smolinski

ALL SOULS’ ENVELOPES

The Feast of All Souls is Thursday, November 2nd. All Souls’ envelopes are on the table in the back of church. This is a way of remembering and praying for your deceased loved ones. Special All Souls’ Mass intentions will be celebrated throughout the year. These envelopes can be placed into the collection or returned to the rectory.
FROM THE DESK OF THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear People of St. Barbara,

This week, we will have two very important celebrations in the church – the feast of All Saints and the commemoration of All Souls. In today’s world, people have lost the meaning of these celebrations and they mix the solemnity of All Saints with different, not very Catholic, celebrations. In some countries, we celebrate the feast day as the day when we remember the day of our baptism – the day when our parents brought us to the church and gave us a Christian name. For example, my parents named me after St. Andrew the Apostle. They gave me this name not only because they liked it, but they chose St. Andrew to protect me and be with me all my life. Because of this, Catholic Christians should choose Christian names for their children. All Saints is the feast when everybody has his or her names day. Because of this, we say in the Creed: “we believe in the communion of saints”.

The second celebration this week will be All Souls’ Day. We remember all who have died – our parents, relatives, friends, and people who were close to our hearts. We believe, we know, and we feel that some already live in heaven and some in purgatory, but they still love us and they need our prayers. This is also the communion of the saints.

This is a sign of our love on which in today’s Gospel Jesus tells us, “Love God and love your neighbors”. Very often it seems that true love doesn’t exist. It is very sad that, on the earth, at every moment, the commandment of love of our neighbor is killed by selfishness, hatred or division. In this way, the dignity of God’s creation is broken. But, truly, there is a lot of love around the world. Love is like an ember in the logs. You don’t see the fire but, when you blow gently, soon you will see the flames. Love is the thing you have to build.

One of the steps to learn how to love is to not think badly of your neighbors. St. Thomas of Aquinas was very often attacked that his opinion of people was “too good”. He answer to this attack was, “Maybe, but I think only bad about myself. I see myself as the only ungodly human being in the world. I prefer that others cheat me than I cheat myself by thinking badly about my neighbors.” To build love in ourselves is the desire of goodness for others and we should be sad if somebody is unhappy or has bad luck. To love others is to show mercy to those who are sinners and be compassionate, because a sinner is a very poor soul. Jesus Christ was an example because he prayed and died for sinners. It means – for me.

John Vianney said, “We have to love God and our neighbor. For this we don’t need either riches or knowledge because every one of us has a heart and, for love of God and our neighbors, a loving heart is enough.”

Fr. Andrzej

HERITAGE MASS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12th
11:30 AM

We will celebrate our fifth annual multi-lingual Heritage Mass on Sunday, November 12th at the 11:30 am Mass. After Mass, we will assemble in the Auditorium for hospitality.

Please join us for this joyous occasion, and bring a friend.

HOLY NAME NEWS

Thank you to everyone who came to our play, “Bible Bingo” on Saturday evening. Also, thank you to the volunteers who came to help set up the hall, organize and sell the refreshments and food, and clean up.

At the end of the play, Vicki Quade, the author and presenter, took up a collection for the Sisters of St. Joseph. The collection amounted to $184, which will be sent to the nuns at Bartlett.
ST. BARBARA PARISH COUNCIL
The St. Barbara Parish Council consists of members of St. Barbara who help advise Fr. Arthur and support him in matters regarding the needs and concerns of our parish. If you think you would like to join the Parish Council or you know of someone whom you think would be a great addition, please make Fr. Arthur or Fr. Andrzej aware of your interest.

ST. BARBARA CHOIR
STARTED ITS NEW SEASON REHEARSALS!!!!!!
WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS.
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO OBSERVE A REHEARSAL FIRST, JUST STOP BY BETWEEN 7 P.M. AND 8:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY.
ENTER THROUGH THE SIDE DOOR BETWEEN THE CHURCH AND RECTORY
THE CHOIR SINGS AT THE 11:30 A.M. MASSES AND ON ALL HOLY DAYS.

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER MASSES
On Monday, we will have our last 6:00 pm October Mass. Tuesday is the last day of the month; however, Wednesday is the feast of All Saints, a holy day of obligation. There will be an anticipated holy day Mass on Tuesday at 7:00 pm. There will be no 6:00 pm Mass on Tuesday. All Saints’ Day Masses on Wednesday will be at 6:00am, 8:30 am and 7:00 pm. Also, due to the Memorial Mass on Saturday, November 4th, at 9:00 am, there will be no 8:30 am Mass on Saturday, November 4th.

DESIGNER PURSE NIGHT BINGO
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2017
Our annual Designer Purse Bingo takes place in the lower hall of the school on Saturday, November 25th. Games begin at 6:30 pm and doors open at 4:00 pm. Bingo winners receive their choice of designer purses on display. Purses are original designer purses purchased from Carson’s. (They are not knock-offs.) Advance admittance price is $25; tickets purchased at the door are $30.

SCHOOL WISH LIST
St. Barbara School will be purchasing items for our STEM Science Program for grades 5-8. We will be purchasing new lab equipment as well as textbook curriculum resources. If you would like to donate to this program or obtain more information about this program, please contact the school principal, Mrs. Nolazco, at (312) 326-6243 or by email at nnolazco@stbarbarachicago.org

The school would like to thank an anonymous donor for a generous donation of $500 to purchase new Balance Scales for the lab.

Please consider remembering St. Barbara Parish in your will.

ST. BARBARA PARISH COUNCIL
Red Ribbon Week!

This past week, St. Barbara School celebrated Red Ribbon Week, a national campaign that promotes saying no to drugs! This year's motto is, "Your future is key, so stay drug free." Students decorated their class doors to reflect on this motto.

Students also wrote about their special gifts and talents and why they are important to them. Our younger students drew pictures to show off as their special gift. On Wednesday, many students also wore orange to promote Unity Day - a day to come together to work against bullying. They also received a certificate, thanking them for their participation!
**Weekly Collection - Oct. 21 - 22**

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| Votives & Vigil Lights:                  | $215.50  |

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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31TH**

7:00 p.m. K. Ricci, Lector

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST**

6:00 a.m. J. Bertucci, Lector
8:30 a.m. School Children, Lectors
7:00 p.m. P. Saletta, G. Dumelle, Lectors

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH**

5:00 p.m.
Altar Servers: Q. Do, I. Echevarria, A. Gorz, X. Lopez
Eucharistic Ministers: R. Carden, J. Lukwinski
Lectors: C. Hailer, D. Hailer

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH**

6:00 a.m.
Altar Server: G. Vanderford
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Guest, J. Balasa
Lector: J. Bertucci

9:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: E. Cabrera, Emma Cabrera, R. Cabrera, C. Kelly
Eucharistic Ministers: F. Cabrera, J. Lukwinski
Lectors: School - Volleyball Team

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3 - Weekday; St. Martin dePorres**

8:30 a.m. Health Blessings: Ed Glos (Spalla Family)
6:00 p.m. + Marie Brauchle (Ed & B. Glabicki)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 - St. Charles Borromeo**

9:00 a.m. Memorial Mass

**Sunday, November 5 - Thirty-First Sunday in O. T.**

6:00 a.m. All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
+ Jim & Evelyn Goetz (Mr. & Mrs. Bill Webb)
+ Collette Gumbash (Terri Rolek)

Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)

9:30 a.m. Volleyball Teams’ Family Mass
Health Blessings: Ed Glos (Susan Novak)

11:30 a.m. + Bernice & Eugene Korso (M. Korso)
+ Stanley Piorecki (Ted Piorecki)
Health Blessings: Florence Goga (V. Pienta)
Health Blessings: Dolores Pienta (V. 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...
