Not by bread alone does one live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the Lord — Deuteronomy 8:3b

Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.
— Mark 13:33
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.

FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is Friday, December 8th. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are at 6:00 am, 8:30 am and 7:00 pm. All Masses will be held in Church.

FEAST OF ST. BARBARA

This weekend, we celebrate the feast of our patron saint, St. Barbara. In honor of her feast day, we are in the midst of a three day novena which began on Saturday, December 2nd and will culminate on Monday, December 4th. Masses on Saturday and Sunday will follow our usual schedule. On Monday, there will be two Masses: 8:30 am with the school children and a 7:00 pm evening Mass followed by the litany.

The 9:30 am Sunday Mass will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Alberto Rojas, Auxiliary Bishop of Vicariate III.

Following the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday and all Masses on Sunday, there will be hospitality. Please stay after Mass and visit with your fellow parishioners.

Please consider remembering St. Barbara Parish in your will.

ST. BARBARA’S ANNUAL TOY DRIVE

Our annual toy drive begins today, Sunday, December 3rd through Sunday, December 10th. Catholic Charities needs help in collecting toys for some needy boys and girls who might not get a present for Christmas.

Some ideas: puzzles, books, dolls, trucks and games. Unwrapped toys can be placed in the bins in the rear of the church.

Thank you for helping a child have a Merry Christmas!
FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today is the First Sunday of Advent. As the world is immersed in the Christmas-before-Christmas chaos of buying presents and going to parties, we celebrate a time of silence, preparation, repentance, contemplation, and awaiting Christmas with hope-filled joy.

For Catholics, Advent is a special time when we have the opportunity not only to contemplate the mystery of the Incarnation, but also to prepare ourselves for Christ’s second coming.

Advent is a time to reflect in the silence of our hearts upon the fact that we, too, will one day stand before God and to give an account of our lives.

We do not know when this day or moment will come. Yet, the Church urges us to be ready. This Advent, then, is a time for us to examine our consciences in the light of God’s incarnate love and to ask ourselves this question: “Am I ready for the Last Judgment?”

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Today, at the 9:30 am Mass, we are honored to have the Most Reverend Alberto Rojas, Auxiliary Bishop of Vicariate III, as our celebrant. When you see Bishop Rojas, please thank him for helping us honor our patron saint, St. Barbara.

Fr. Arthur

CHRISTMAS CHOIR FORMING

Christmas will be upon us soon! St. Barbara Choir is looking for singers who just love singing Christmas hymns and wish to join us for the 11:30 pm caroling and Christmas Midnight Mass.

There are three rehearsals scheduled for this mass, all on Wednesdays: December 6th, 13th and 20th. All rehearsals will be from 7:00 p.m. till 8:45 p.m. If you are interested in being part of this Glorious Night, please see me, Eva Mrgan, Music Director, or any of our choir members after mass. You can also call the rectory and leave a message. (312) 842-7979.

Glory to God in the Highest!
Peace to His People on Earth.

OFFERTORY GIFT BEARERS

If a Mass is being said for a special intention and you would like to take up the gifts at the Offertory, please let the ushers know. They are always looking for volunteers to take up the gifts.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR FORMING

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.
DESIGNER PURSE NIGHT BINGO
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2017

Elisa’s Choice: Calvin Klein
Isabel’s Choice: Michael Kors

Nicole’s Choice: Michael Kors
Zena’s Choice: Michael Kors

Linda’s Choice: Michael Kors
Mari’s Choice: Michael Kors

Our Ladies with Their Products and Crafts
St. Barbara School is pleased to announce the Honor Roll for the 1st Academic Quarter of the 2017-2018 school year:

**Golden A Honor Roll:**
Mairah Lopez, Zosia Czarnecki-Lichstein, Autumn Moon, Ellie Cabrera, Emma Cabrera, Noel Covarrubias, Maximus Palacios, Anthony Serrano, Alexander Gorz, Olivia Hulten and Claudia Jiménez

**A Honor Roll:**
Ava Walczak, Angeleo Alonzo, Noah Castells, Ethan Wang and Victoria Mack

**B Honor Roll:**

**Effort Award:**
Marco Castañeda, Yssa Villagrana, Gracie Murillo, Jaycee Williams, Miley Diaz, Diana Prieto, Martin Arteaga, Natalie Perez
**Saturday, December 2 - Vigil of the First Sunday in Advent**
5:00 p.m. + Laverne Schipiour (Family)  
+ Joy Swulius (Family)
+ 1st Ann.: Evelyn Jirik (St. Barbara Thursday Night Bingo)  
+ Evelyn T. Goetz (Adrian and Karen Goetz & Family)
+ Bernice Domagala (Casimira Nowak Fam.)  
+ Frances Heckman (Casimira Nowak Fam.)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisyelente Family)

**Sunday, December 3 - First Sunday of Advent**
6:00 a.m. All Parishioners, Living & Deceased  
+ Smith Santos (Bill & Barbara Webb)
+ Barbara Rolek (Rolek Family)
Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)  
9:30 a.m. + Anton Glabicki (Ed & B. Glabicki)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisyelente Family)
11:30 a.m. + Bernice & Eugene Korso (M. Korso)  
+ Catherine Piorecki (Ted Piorecki)
+ Ed Paluch, Jr. (Irene Zima)
+ Casimir Pienta (Virginia Pienta)
+ Arthur Piemonte (Wife)
Health Blessings: Michael Provenzale (JoAnn Piemonte)

**Monday, December 4 - St. Barbara**
8:30 p.m. Blessings: Hubert Sawaściuk & Family
7:00 p.m. + Kevin Sierzega (Parents)

**Tuesday, December 5 - Advent Weekday**
6:00 p.m. + Birthday Rem.: Joseph S. Lotta, Sr. (John & Susan Adomaitis)
+ Lillian Brongiel (Ed & B. Glabicki)

**Wednesday, December 6 - St. Nicholas**
8:30 a.m. Health Blessings: Ed Glos (Barbara Rekar)

**Thursday, December 7 - St. Ambrose**
8:30 a.m. + Mary Domagala (Michael Domagala)

**Friday, December 8 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
6:00 a.m. Blessings: Jim Bertucci
8:30 a.m. + Anna Domagala (Son, Michael)  
+ Frances Stary (Nephew, Michael)
7:00 p.m. + Lillian Helma (Ed & B. Glabicki)

**Saturday, December 9 - Advent Weekday**
8:30 a.m. Mothers’ Day Remembrance

**Saturday, December 9 - Vigil of the First Sunday in Advent**
5:00 p.m. + Sophie Rzasas (Kauer Family)  
+ Matthew Rekar (Wife)  
+ Dave & Geri Kaput (Holy Name Society)
+ Frances Heckman (C. Kisyelente & Fam.)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisyelente Family)

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**Weekly Collection - Nov. 25th - 26th**

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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH**
6:00 a.m. Lector: J. Bertucci
8:30 a.m. Lector: School Children
7:00 p.m. Lectors: K. Ricci, L. Saletta

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH**
5:00 p.m.  
Altar Servers: Q. Do, L. Kwiatkowski, D. Kwiatkowski, J. Kwiatkowski, J. P. Kwiatkowski
Eucharistic Ministers: A. Skokal, R. Carden
Lectors: L. Saletta, G. Dumelle

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH**
6:00 a.m.  
Altar Server: G. Vanderford
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Guest, J. Balasa
Lector: J. Bertucci
9:30 a.m.  
Altar Servers: V. Mack, M. Gonzalez, A. Gonzalez, P. Young, M. Arteaga, N. Perez
Eucharistic Ministers: F. Cabrera, J. Lukwinski
Lectors: Family Mass (Kindergarten, 1st Grade)
11:30 a.m.  
Altar Servers: A. Rodriguez, M. Rodriguez, N. Bunda, V. Sandoval
Eucharistic Ministers: B. Pienta, D. Ramos
Lectors: Edward Raya, Jr., Eljay Raya

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**Sunday, December 10 - First Sunday of Advent**
6:00 a.m. + Edward & Eleanor Rolek (Rolek Family)  
+ Deceased Members of Spalla and Demma Family (Family)
+ Donald Rolek (Steve Oleszkiewicz)  
Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. All Parishioners, Living & Deceased Kindergarten and 1st Grade Family Mass  
+ John Kutyba (Victoria Skala)
+ Alice Gerlach (Ed & B. Glabicki)
11:30 a.m. + Joseph Piorecki (Ted Piorecki)  
+ Paul Mustari (Family)  
Health Blessings: Mr. & Mrs. Terrence Lerner (Virginia 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...
