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

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
—1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

2017 Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 24th: Regular Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve: Sunday, December 24th
4:00 p.m. Family Mass
11:30 p.m. Christmas Carols by the Choir
Midnight Mass

Christmas Day: Monday, December 25th
6:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
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.

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FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK:

Dear Parishioners,

John the Baptist considered Jesus greater than himself. Jesus was before him as God, but Jesus also came after St. John the Baptist as Man. Jesus came after John the Baptist as the awaited Redeemer and Lord.

We believe that Jesus is our Redeemer and Lord. When he was born, however, Jesus was to the rulers of Jerusalem someone insignificant and unknown. And insignificant and unknown was how Jesus came to the earth. Yet, in His adulthood, Jesus became known.

But the world did not accept Jesus as the Messiah. Instead, the world crucified Him. How would you answer the question if someone asked you: Who is Jesus? What kind of response would you give?

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Today is Gaudete Sunday—the third Sunday of Advent when we rejoice because Christmas is near. On this day, let us contemplate how God is always near to us in prayer and through our faithfulness in the ordinary circumstances of our lives.

I would like to share with you some pictures that I have taken at the various functions being held in the Bridgeport community. I hope you enjoy them.

Fr. Arthur

I was invited to the St. Mary of Perpetual Help Seniors’ Christmas Party at Mabenka Restaurant. The ladies enjoyed this party, especially the opportunity to interact with Fr. Bart Juncer, Associate Pastor of St. Mary’s, and to enjoy the entertainment of Nino Folino.

Our parish was invited by Alderman Patrick Thompson to participate in the lighting of the Christmas tree in the Richard J. Daley Library Plaza. I was delighted to attend the festivities with Alderman Thompson, Commissioner John P. Daley, 9th District Commander Randy Darlin, Santa Claus, live reindeer and a performance by Those Little People. Alderman Thompson asked me to bless the tree and say a prayer for the Bridgeport community.
Santa Breakfast

Thank you to everyone who attended the annual Santa Breakfast! It was great to see so many students enjoy a tasty breakfast, and win awesome prizes. They were delighted to see Santa and ask him to fulfill their Christmas gift lists. As you can see, not only the children took advantage of requesting something from Santa!

A very, very special thank you to the Young family for organizing this special event for the last 14 years! You created many wonderful holiday memories for the St. Barbara community!
Santa Shop

Last week, we held our annual Santa Shop! Students were busy buying presents for their loved ones! Students also played fun games and had a chance to win prizes. Thank you 8th grade for helping organize this fun event!

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.
Saturday, December 16 - Vigil of the Third Sunday in Advent
5:00 p.m. + Ann.: Theresa Benard (Dee Dee)
  + Ann Rusnak (Spalla Family)
  + Ignatius S. Goetz (Adrian and Karen Goetz & Family)
  + Ann.: John Jaskowski (Brost Families)
  + Magdalen Cavanaugh “Gram-Gram” (Brost Families)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

Sunday, December 17 - Third Sunday of Advent
6:00 a.m. + Deceased Members of the Rolek, Schiffer and Truschke Families (Rolek Family)
  + Donald Rolek (Len Ostrewski)
Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. + Dorothy Lech (Ed and B. Glabicki)
  + Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)
  + Stanley Piorecki (Ted Piorecki)
  + Charles Google (Family)
Health Blessings: Russell Pienta & Family (Virginia Pienta)

Monday, December 18 - Late Advent Weekday
8:30 p.m. Health Blessings: Judy Lukwinski (V. Pienta)

Tuesday, December 19 - Late Advent Weekday
6:00 p.m. + Frances Beyer (Ed & B. Glabicki)
  + Magdalena & Paul Jendrzczka (June)
  + Birth. Rem.: Matt Pzynarski (Solverson Family)
11:30 a.m. All Parishioners, Living and Deceased
  + Matthew Rekar (Family)
  + Catherine Piorecki (Ted Piorecki)
  + Edward Krawczykowski (Tony Pappadapoli)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente & Fam.)

Wednesday, December 20 - Late Advent Weekday
8:30 a.m. + Anne Parulski (Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Nawracaj)

Thursday, December 21 - St. Peter Canisius
8:30 a.m. + Rita M. Lucas

Friday, December 22 - Late Advent Weekday
8:30 a.m. + Stanley Slotarski (Family)

Saturday, December 23 - Late Advent Weekday
8:30 a.m. Fathers’ Day Remembrance

Saturday, December 23 - Vigil of the Fourth Sunday in Advent
5:00 p.m. All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
  + Rose Mary Lodding (Family)
  + Matthew Rekar (Family)
  + Catherine Piorecki (Ted Piorecki)
  + Edward Krawczykowski (Tony Pappadapoli)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

Sunday, December 24 - Fourth Sunday of Advent in Advent
6:00 a.m. Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
8:30 a.m. + Dorothy Wheeler (Ed & B. Glabekici)
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  + Nick Paolini (Mary Paolini)
11:30 a.m. Health Blessings: Bette Pienta (V. Pienta)
  Health Blessings: Diane Ramos (V. Pienta)
4:00 p.m. Christmas Family Mass
12:00 a.m. (Midnight Mass) All Parishioners

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23RD
5:00 p.m.
Altar Servers:  L. Kwiatkowski, D. Kwiatkowski, J. Kwiatkowski, J. P. Kwiatkowski
Eucharistic Ministers: R. Carden, J. Lukwinski
Lectors:  G. Dumelle, P. Saletta

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH
6:00 a.m.
Altar Server:  G. Vanderford
Eucharistic Ministers:  S. Guest, J. Balasa
Lector:  J. Bertucci

9:30 a.m.
Altar Servers:  J. Castaneda, L. Castaneda, E. Castaneda, M. Arteaga, P. Young
Eucharistic Ministers:  F. Cabrera, J. Lukwinski
Lectors:  Sr. K. McNulty, M. Worth

11:30 a.m.
Altar Servers:  A. Calderon, L. Calderon, N. Calderon
Eucharistic Ministers:  A. Alonzo, H. Alonzo
Lectors:  Eljay Raya, Edward Raya, Jr.

4:00 p.m.
Lectors:  Family Vigil Mass; H. Alonzo

MIDNIGHT MASS
Altar Servers:  N. Perez, I. Echevarria, A. Torres, M. Gonzalez, A. Gonzalez, C. Kelly
Lectors:  E. Pollock, P. Saletta

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH
6:00 a.m.
Altar Server:  G. Vanderford

9:30 a.m.
Altar Servers:  D. Prieto, V. Mack, J. Gonzalez, Ellie Cabrera, Emma Cabrera, R. Cabrera, G. Salinas
Lectors:  R. Villareal

11:30 a.m.
Altar Servers:  N. Bunda, M. Rodriguez A. Rodriguez, A. Alonzo, V. Sandoval, G. Parcon
Lectors:  B. Pienta, G. Dumelle

LITURGICAL MINISTERS
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**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-Wednesday, Friday: 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; 1:30-4:00 p.m. The office is closed on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

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

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