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

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples — Luke 2:30-31

They dwelt in a town called Nazareth

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Dec. 31 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.

St. Barbara Parish

Epiphany Packets

Next Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. Special Epiphany Kits to bless the doorways of your homes are available in back of the church. Each kit contains gold, frankincense and myrrh plus a small piece of chalk to mark the doorway. The kits sell for $3.00 each.

ST. BARBARA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The St. Barbara Knights of Columbus Council #16739 is collecting used coats for their Port Ministry project. Anyone having used coats in decent condition may bring them to the rectory by Tuesday, January 2nd.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS

We are once again selling St. Patrick’s Day Lotto tickets. Prizes will be given every day during the month of March. Your ticket number must match the winning evening Illinois Lottery Pick 3 game number. Daily winners will receive $100. Saturdays’ winners will be awarded $250 and the grand prize of $500 will be awarded on St. Patrick’s Day. Tickets are just $10.00 each and can be purchased after Mass from the ushers or from any Holy Name Member.

The Holy Name wishes everyone a peaceful and joyous New Year.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is said before all 6:00 pm Tuesday evening Masses, after the 11:30 am Sunday Mass, and after all First Friday Masses during the Holy Hour. If you attend 11:30 am Mass and decide not to stay for the chaplet, please exit church quietly. Thank you.

Weekday Masses

Monday through Thursday—CHAPEL
Friday, Saturday and Sunday Masses—CHURCH

Feast of Mary, Mother of God
A Holy Day of Obligation

Holy Day Mass Schedule:

New Year’s Eve
Sunday, Dec. 31; 5:00 pm
New Year’s Day
Monday, Jan. 1; 9:00 am

ALTAR & ROSARY SODALITY

Next Sunday is the first Altar & Rosary meeting of the new year. If you are interested in praying the rosary, sharing a delicious lunch and playing a few games of bingo, please join us. The meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. in the Senior Mobile. Everyone is invited to attend.

Please remember to pick up your 2018 St. Barbara Parish/Bingo calendar on the table in back of church.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

MICHAEL SEMMLER
Please keep the Semmler Family in your prayers.
Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As we come closer to the end of this year and the beginning of the new year, we face the reality that new trials and/or difficulties await us. But, each of us is a member of a family, whether by blood or by faith. For this reason, I would like to invite you to strive this upcoming year to imitate the Holy Family. I would like to encourage you to try to establish relationships with your family members and spiritual friends—relationships centered on God and founded on faith, trust, and loving service. In this way, when we find ourselves experiencing difficulties, helplessness and anxiety, we might be able to turn to our friends and family for support. We might be able to see in them the face of God who loves us.

It is not easy, my brothers and sisters, to establish relationships based on sincere love, trust, and service, but it is possible. With God, everything is possible. Do not become discouraged if it takes time to imitate the Holy Family in building relationships based on trust, faith, forgiveness, and loving service. This is to be expected. All relationships take time to mature and develop. As you do seek to build these relationships, however, do take time to meditate on the example of the Holy Family.

Invite the Holy Family into your life. Strive to think about Jesus, Mary and Joseph as members of your own family—as family who care about you and desire to help you along your path to God.

Fr. Andrzej, the parish staff and I wish you a blessed and peaceful New Year. May the newborn Baby Jesus bring you hope for the coming year and help fulfill all your dreams.

Fr. Arthur
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We wish everyone a healthy and prosperous New Year.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION
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Activities This Week
Sun., Dec. 31 - Anticipated New Year’s Mass; 5:00 pm
Mon., Jan 1 - Solemnity of Mary Mass; 9:00 am
Tues., Jan. 2 - St. Barbara Seniors Mtg.; 11:30 am
- Healing Mass; 6:00 pm
Fri., Jan. 5 - First Friday School Mass; 8:30 am
First Friday evening Mass followed by Exposition and Benediction; 6:00 pm
Sun., Jan. 7 - 7th Grade Family Mass; 9:30 am
- Altar and Rosary Mtg.; 1:00 pm

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Annual Catholic Appeal
December 20, 2017 Report
Donor Count 87
2017 Goal $8,222.76
Amount Pledged $22,408.00
Amount Paid $21,323.00
Balance Due $1,085.00

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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Through the “Invest in Kids Act”, Illinois children from low-income households who want to attend St. Barbara School will have access to new scholarships. The scholarships offered through this program could cover up to 100 percent of tuition and eligible fees for the next school year. Applications open January 22, 2018. Contact the school for more information at (312) 326-6243.

ST. BARBARA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday, December 19th, the elementary school presented their annual Christmas Assembly for parents, grandparents and visitors. The students had a fun time preparing for this event, which was well received by all those attending. We hope you all had a very Merry Christmas! Great work kids!
Saturday, December 30 - Vigil of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
5:00 p.m. + Dave and Geri Kaput (Family)
+ Helen Goetz (Adrian and Karen Goetz & Family)
+ Al Glos (Ed Glos)
In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony for Favors Granted (Guadalupe Cervantes)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

Sunday, December 31 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
6:00 a.m. All Parishioners, Living and Deceased
Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
+ Dorothy Hintz (Terri Rolek)
9:30 a.m. + Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)
+ Stanley Hanson (Ed & B. Glabicki)
+ Nick Paolino (Mary Paolino)
11:30 a.m. + 1st Ann.: Rose Mary Lodding (Husband, Howard)
+ Joseph Piorecki (Ted Piorecki)
Health Blessings: Eugene Goga (V. Pienta)
Birth. Blessings: Hermenia Bitos (Na Inday and Jun)

Sunday, December 31 - Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
5:00 p.m. All Parishioners

Monday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
9:00 a.m. All Parishioners
+ Birthday Rem.: Lenore Malone (Family)

Tuesday, January 2 - Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
6:00 p.m. + Florence Brown (Ed & B. Glabicki)
In Thanksgiving for Spec. Intention (Saludo and Oboab Families)
+ Ann Pacanowski (Husband Edward and Daughter Gail)

Wednesday, January 3 - Christmas Weekday
8:30 a.m. + Edward and Rose Ciz

Thursday, January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
8:30 a.m. + Agnes Kuberska (Family)

Friday, January 5 - St. John Neumann
8:30 a.m. + Robert Baker
6:00 a.m. + Lottie Chwalisz (Ed & B. Glabicki)

Saturday, January 6 - Christmas Weekday
8:30 a.m. + All Souls’ Day Remembrance

Saturday, January 6 - Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord
5:00 p.m. + John J. Goetz (Adrian and Karen Goetz & Family)
+ Sharon Stachnik (Mom, Midge)
Divine Mercy for All (J. Lukwinski)

Weekly Collection - December 23rd - 24th

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6TH
5:00 p.m.
Altar Servers: TBA
Eucharistic Ministers: R. Carden, J. Lukwinski
Lectors: L. Saletta, G. Dumelle

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH
6:00 a.m.
Altar Server: G. Vanderford
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Guest, J. Balasa
Lector: J. Bertucci
9:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: TBA
Eucharistic Ministers: P. Rodriguez, J. Rodriguez
Lectors: 7th Grade Family Mass
11:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: TBA
Eucharistic Ministers: A. Skokal, B. Pienta
Lectors: Edward Raya, Jr., Eljay Raya

Sunday, January 7 - The Epiphany of the Lord
6:00 a.m. + John Kutyba (Bill and Barbara Webb)
9:30 a.m. 7th Grade Family Mass
+ Mary Domagala (Mike Domagala)
11:30 a.m. + Stanley Piorecki (Ted Piorecki)
+ Ted Lech (Ed & B. Glabicki)
+ Paul and Sophie Jachim (Dan and Anita Isacson & 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 or telephone change. Please pray for those homebound, hospitalized and in need of continued prayers…
