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

Second Sunday of Lent
March 4, 2018

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
MOST REVEREND JOSEPH N. PERRY

Alondra Elizabeth Barraza
Valerie Anastasia Brost
Nicholas Nicholas Bunda
Aidan Theodore Calderon
Eduardo Ignatius Castaneda
Maya Dymphna Castells
Isabelle Teresa Echevarria
Natalie Francis Feiwell
Aidan Francis Gomez Jurado
Julian Francis Gonzalez
Marco John Gonzalez
Olivia Teresa Hulten
Claudia Marie Jimenez
Dario Mark Kwiatkowski Perez
Victoria Catherine Mack
Allana Joy Faith Parcon
Natalie Cecilia Perez
Andrew Michael Rodriguez
Gabriel Raphael Salinas
Victor Peter Sandoval III
LaJean Rita Scianna
Marcela Guadalupe Velazquez
Sarah Catherine Weiner
RCIA
Maggie Zita Swiedals
**HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS**

The Holy Name Spring Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, April 7th. The doors will open at 6:00 pm and dinner will be served at approximately 7:30 pm. This year, for your dancing enjoyment, we will again present the StingRays. Tickets will be on sale shortly.

Our next meeting will take place this Friday at 7:00 pm in the Senior Mobile. Hope to see all of you there.

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

Today we welcome the Most Reverend Joseph N. Perry, the Episcopal Vicar of Vicariate VI, who will confirm our 7th and 8th grade students at the 9:30 am Mass. Congratulations to our Confirmandi listed on the front of the bulletin. They will now be initiated more deeply into the life of Christ. We pray that they be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**A CELEBRATION OF FIRST RECONCILIATION**

**MARCH 7, 2018**

**BE GLAD AND CELEBRATE!**

**THE ONE WHO WAS LOST HAS BEEN FOUND!**

Congratulations to our St. Barbara students who will celebrate their sacrament of First Reconciliation this week.

**First Reconciliation Class**

- Gracie Murillo
- Antonio Padilla
- Joseph Benedict Ramoran
- Abigail Smith
- Esteban Toledo
- Eduardo Villagrana
- Jaycee Williams
- Nolyn Worth

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**A Prayer for “Renew My Church”**

**English Prayer**

*Lord Jesus, You speak to us today, as You spoke to holy men and women who have gone before us. In every age and in our own time, You call to us and say: Renew My Church.*

Pour out the gift of Your Holy Spirit upon us, and so enable us

- to hear You clearly
- to listen to each other attentively
- to imagine our future boldly
- to discern Your direction wisely
- to persevere in Your will courageously
- to stay together in charity
- to surrender our own plans readily
- to embrace the greater good
- to hand on Your gifts to future generations.

May we remain in the holy company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, and all the saints. May their example and presence inspire us with patient confidence in the work of Your grace.

We ask this of You who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

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**School Mission Statement**

**We are** …..a Catholic elementary school, a diverse community of students and staff, rooted in faith and nurtured through prayer, sacrament, and liturgy.

**We believe** …..in the uniqueness of each student, provide quality education and skills necessary to ensure success, encourage individual leadership, and promote a family spirit.

**We prepare** …..our students for the future through

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**USHERS NEEDED!**

We are in desperate need of ushers. If you are in church and see that there are only one or two ushers, please volunteer to help out.

**Caregiver Needed:** Elderly lady who lives in Clarendon Hills is in need of a caregiver able to provide care 24/7. If you know of someone interested in this situation, please call the rectory (312) 842-7979.
FROM THE DESK OF THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

LAST WORDS FROM THE CROSS

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Here He is. Hanging on the cross. The moment has come when Jesus must face death Himself. The question comes to my mind—how can God forsake God? When Jesus decided to die on the cross, He knew what it would be like. He knew that He must suffer. He was fulfilling the will of His Father.

We have to remember that He gave His life for me. Even though Jesus had no sin, He must experience how it is to die with sin. He must experience the same feelings as me, like every sinner. The burden of all the sins of humanity — all people who lived before Jesus, who lived in His time and who will live to the end of the world — for a moment overwhelmed the humanity of Jesus. He felt separated from God — separated forever. Jesus has this feeling that He will never be able to see God, to feel love and to be loved.

We are wondering if it was necessary, if Jesus had to suffer so much. Maybe God can spare some of this suffering. The mystery of salvation cannot be faked. Jesus had to really suffer to give us real salvation.

Jesus teaches us something very important. There are moments in our lives when we feel like it is too much. We have had enough … we don’t have strength. Illness, problems with children, husbands who are becoming harder to deal with, wives who are unhappy, loss of work, parents who are dying … we have a right to cry: “God, why have you forsaken me?” We have the right to complain to God. He will listen. Complaining to man about God is wrong. Jesus on the cross cries out the words which are the psalm of prayers (Psalm 22). The cross is horrible — it is full of pain and tears. This is the time when you feel lonely. But, we have to remember that, after three days, we will experience the resurrection.

Fr. Andrzej

LENTEN PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Weekday Morning Mass:
Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday — 8:30 am in the Chapel; Friday and Saturday — 8:30 a.m. in the Church

Weekday Evening Mass:
Tuesday in the Chapel and Friday in Church; both at 6:00 p.m. Please note that there will be both a morning and evening Mass on Fridays in Lent.

Stations of the Cross:
Fridays at 6:30 p.m. in Church
Stations will follow the evening Mass.

Lenten Sharing: Soup and Spiritual Book
Lent is here. We invite you to our Lenten simple supper of soup and bread shared with others interested in deepening their relationship with God through the reading of a spiritual book chosen by Fr. Andrzej. The sessions will be held on Tuesdays after the 6:00 pm Mass.

If you decide to participate in these spiritual book sessions, please sign up on the sheet on the ushers’ table so that we may know how many booklets to prepare and also how big the pot of soup should be.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one’s needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

The special Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

A Mass of Healing will be said this Tuesday, March 6th, at 6:00 p.m. in Church. This Mass is for the intention of all who need health blessings. Be sure to join us for this special Mass which takes place the first Tuesday of every month.

Weekday Masses
Monday through Thursday—CHAPEL
Friday, Saturday and Sunday Masses—CHURCH
**Activities This Week**

Sun., Mar. 4 - 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation; 9:30 am  
- Altar & Rosary Mtg.; 1:00 pm  
Tues., Mar. 6 - St. Barbara Seniors Mtg.; 11:30 am  
- Healing Mass; 6:00 pm  
- Lent with Soup and Spiritual Book Mtg.; 6:45 pm  
Wed., Mar. 7 - First Reconciliation: Grade 2; 6:30 p.m.  
Fri., Mar. 9 - School Morning Mass; 8:30 am  
- Lenten Evening Mass followed by Stations of the Cross; 6:00 pm  
- Holy Name Mtg.; 7:00 pm  
Sat., Mar. 10 - Port Ministry Sandwich-Making Project; 9:00 am  
- Teen Night; 6:00 pm

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**End of Year Statement for Church Contributions**

If you would like to receive your year-end statement of church contributions, please contact the rectory during business hours: 312-842-7979.

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**Baby Bottle Project**

The Baby Bottle Project is in progress. The Confirmation Candidates will collect the bottles the weekend of Palm Sunday (March 24-25). If you did not get a baby bottle, extras are available in back of church.

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**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.

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**SAVE THE DATE**

The Ladies’ Guild Easter Bunny Breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 18th, following the 9:30 am Mass. The Mass that day will be celebrated by Rev. Jason Malave, the

The Holy Name Annual Spring Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, April 7th, following the 5:00 pm Mass. Music will again be provided by The StingRays.

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**HOLY COMMUNION**

If you find it difficult to walk to the front of the Church to receive Holy Communion, please notify one of the ushers before Mass that you would like a priest to bring Communion to you.

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**Mary**

$500 Coverall
St. Barbara Honors Commander Paul Bauer

Students remembered Commander Paul Bauer, who lost his life protecting the people of the city of Chicago. The school joins countless others in prayer for Commander Bauer, his family and friends, as well as the entire law enforcement community who work to maintain peace in our world. In honor of his selfless service, St. Barbara students tied blue ribbons throughout the school campus. Students also signed a poster that will be displayed in the 18th District Police station. May he Rest in Peace.

Mother/Son and Father/Daughter Dance

Thank you to all students and parents who attended the Mother/Son and Father/Daughter dance! A special thank you to the Holy Name Society for sponsoring this wonderful event.

Preschool Travels to Outer Space

This week, preschool learned the letter "S". The theme for the week was Space! During the week, students participated in many space-themed activities and learned about planets, astronauts and the galaxy. To end Space Week, our gym was transformed into Outer Space! Our preschool children wore jet packs while they explored space-themed activities.
Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 3 - Vigil of the Third Sunday of Lent
5:00 p.m. + Patricia Douglas (Sylvester Maryas)
    + Ted Novak (Family)
    + Sophie Rzasa (Diane & Marilyn Rzasa)
    + David Maeshiba (Rose Gronczek)
    + 5th Ann.: Leopoldo Roque (G. Saludo Family)
    + Birth. Rem.: Gertrude Mierzwinski
      Divine Mercy for All (C. Kiesielente Family)

Sunday, March 4 - The Third Sunday of Lent
6:00 a.m. + Ignatius & Evelyn Goetz (Bill & Barbara Webb)
    + Norbert & Donald Rolek (T. Rolek)
    Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. Confirmation Mass
11:30 a.m. + Joseph Piorecki (Ted Pioracki)
    + Blessings: Ed Sraga Family (Ed Sraga)
    + 27th Ann.: Paul Jachim (Dan and Anita Isacson & Family)
      Divine Mercy for All (J. Lukwinski)

Monday, March 5 - Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. + Victoria David (St. Barbara Senior’s Club)

Tuesday, March 6 - Lenten Weekday
6:00 p.m. + Barbara Czerniak (Ed & B. Glabicki)

Wednesday, March 7 - Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. + Mary Domagala (Mike Domagala)

Thursday, March 8 - Lenten Weekday; St. John of God
8:30 a.m. + Edward & Rose Ciz

Friday, March 9 - Lenten Weekday; St. Frances of Rome
8:30 a.m. + Victoria David (B. Rekar)
6:00 p.m. + Casimira Nowak (St. Barbara Seniors)

Saturday, March 10 - Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. Mothers’ Day Remembrance
    + John Bialek, Sr. (Margie Mezatis)

Saturday, March 10 - Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Lent
5:00 p.m. + Josephine Kavalauskas (Jan)
    + Special Intention (Parishioner)
      Divine Mercy for All (C. Kiesielente Family)

Sunday, March 11 - The Fourth Sunday of Lent
6:00 a.m. + Donald Rolek (Carol Gajney)
    + James Brady (Bill & Barbara Webb)
    + Dorothy Hinz (Terri Rolek)
    Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. + Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)
11:30 a.m. + Stanley Piorecki (Ted Piorecki)
      Divine Mercy for All (J. Lukwinski)

Weekly Collection - February 24th - 25th

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YTD: $114,016.95
Weekly: $3,332.10
Goal: $224,000.00
% of Goal: 51%

Votives & Vigil Lights: $206.55

January Give Central: 1st: $1,698.00
2nd: $450.00

Electronic giving through GiveCentral.org is the safe and secure way to make your weekly donations to St. Barbara. Donate via credit card or electronic check (ACH). Sign up by visiting St. Barbara’s home WEB page and follow the prompts.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, March 10th
5:00 p.m.
Altar Servers: G. Godinez, V. Sandoval, X. Lopez, I. Echevarria
Eucharistic Ministers: A. Skokal, R. Carden
Lectors: L. Saletta, J. Lukwinski

Sunday, March 11th
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, D. Prieto, G. Salinas, M. Gonzalez, A. Gonzalez
Eucharistic Ministers: F. Cabrera, J. Lukwinski
Lectors: Sr. K. McNulty, M. Worth
11:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: A. Rodriguez, M. Rodriguez, N. Bunda, G. Parcon
Eucharistic Ministers: H. Alonzo, A. Alonzo
Lectors: B. Pienta, R. Villareal
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...
