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

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

— John 3:17
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.

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 holy 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.

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.

RENEW MY CHURCH

This Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the lower hall of the school, we will hold Renew My Church Parish Conversation #2. Last week, an insert was placed in the bulletin explaining some scenarios that are under consideration by the Archdiocese. The purpose of Wednesday’s meeting is to obtain comments and answer questions regarding what the Archdiocese has planned for the parishes in Chicago.

This meeting is very important as to what role St. Barbara Parish will play in the future of the Archdiocese. As food will be served, we need to know how many people are planning to attend. If you have not signed up on the attendance sheet in Church, please call the rectory (312-842-7979) by Tuesday, March 13th, with the number of people who will be attending. If you would like to forward your comments regarding these scenarios, please email them to renew@stbarbarachicago.org

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Next Sunday, March 18th

Come join us next Sunday for the 9:30 am Mass celebrated by Fr. Jason Malave, the Cardinal’s delegate to Renew My Church. Mass will be followed by Breakfast with the Easter Bunny in the lower hall.

CAPS MEETING TUESDAY EVENING

The Beat 913/915 CAPS meeting will take place in our school lower hall this Tuesday evening from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

BULLETIN DEADLINES

Due to the Easter holiday, bulletins need to be submitted earlier than normal. Therefore, any articles for the next two bulletins need to be submitted by the following dates:

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Thank you for your cooperation.
FROM THE DESK OF THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

LAST WORDS FROM THE CROSS

“I Thirst”

Jesus is thirsty. This is normal…after He was scourged, crowned with thorns, after three hours of carrying the cross, falling, and being beaten by soldiers…yes, Jesus is thirsty. This is the first time He has asked for something for Himself...a drop of water.

But I think that Jesus is asking for something else. He doesn’t need the water. Jesus is the one who could change water into wine. He offered the Samaritan woman water and He promised that, after she drinks the water, she will never be thirsty. Finally, He invited all who are thirsty to come to Him and drink.

What Jesus was thirsty for is love. On the cross, He was completely alone. I think He is not thirsty for love for Himself, but for love among us. He is dying and sees a huge crowd without love — a crowd of lies, hatred, envy, ambition. Crowds of people thinking of themselves, devoured by selfishness.

The sad part is that two thousand years have passed and still there are tears and injustice — people suffering because of people. And you can hear Jesus crying out, “I thirst”.

There is one more thing Jesus was thirsting for: the people’s souls. Jesus sees how people have wandered farther and farther from God. The world fascinates people more and more, and they lose sight — they forget what is most important. Material things become people’s gods. They think they must have it all. They think that the more they have, the happier they will be. They have more, but they are more unhappy and more lonely.

“What profit is there for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul.” (Mark 8:36)

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.

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

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.
Activities This Week

Tues., Mar. 13 - Evening Mass; 6:00 pm
- CAPS mtg. in lower hall; 6:00 pm
- Lent with Soup and Spiritual Book Mtg.; 6:45 pm

Wed., Mar. 14 - School Mass in Church; 8:30 am
- Renew My Church Mtg.; 6:30 pm

Fri., Mar. 16 - Morning Mass in Chapel; 8:30 am
- Lenten evening Mass followed by Stations of the Cross; 6:00 pm

Sun., Mar. 18 - 4th Grade Family Mass w/Fr. Jason Malave; 9:30 am
- Ladies’ Guild Easter Bunny Breakfast follows 9:30 am Mass

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.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS

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, Cardinal Cupich’s delegate to Renew My Church.

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.

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 6:30 pm. This year, for your dancing enjoyment, we will again present the StingRays. Tickets are on sale in back of church, or from Phil Whitehouse or Tony Skokal.

A big THANK YOU to the sellers and buyers of our St. Patrick’s Lotto tickets.

Caregiver Wanted: Spanish-speaking caregiver wanted for 83 year old lady living in Northbrook with slight dementia. Position includes room, food and a salary. Prefer person over 50 years old. If interested, please contact Fabiola at (847) 674-1347.

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.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Wednesday, March 1st**

Annette

$500 Coverall Split — $250 each

Dolly
School Happenings
(School Website: www.stbarbaraschool.org)

**Students receive the Sacrament of Confirmation**
Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2018! We are proud of your hard work and dedication during the preparation process, and we ask the Holy Spirit to help guide you to the Father throughout your life. A special thank you to Bishop Perry for celebrating this wonderful liturgy.

**Preschool celebrates Dr. Seuss**
Last week, preschool celebrated Dr. Seuss! Each day of the week was dedicated to a different Dr. Seuss story. On the last day, students read Sleep Book and wore their favorite pajamas. They also watched the Cat in the Hat while enjoying a tasty popcorn snack!
Mass Intentions for the Week

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. Kisielente 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)
  Birthday Blessings: Jim Bertucci
9:30 a.m. + Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)
  + Carrie Nowak (Jean A. Wiencek)
11:30 a.m. + Stanley Piorecki (Ted Piorecki)
  + Victoria David (Virginia Pienta)
  Divine Mercy for All (J. Lukwinski)

Monday, March 12 - Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. Blessings: Joanne & Donald Sierzega

Tuesday, March 13 - Lenten Weekday
6:00 p.m. + Jean Lech (Ed & B. Glabicki)
  + Ann Pacanowski (Husband-Edward, Daughter-Gail)

Wednesday, March 14 - Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. + Vetina Lotta (John & Susan Adomaitis)
  + Mezydlo Family: John, Genevieve, Genevieve (Jean), Aloysius, and Eleanore

Thursday, March 15 - Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. + Birthday Rem.: Martin Becatti (Dolores)

Friday, March 16 - Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. + Robert Baker
  + Ann Rzasa (Diane Rzasa)
6:00 p.m. + Eleanor Perimus (St. Barbara Senior Club)

Saturday, March 17 - Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. All Souls’ Remembrance

Saturday, March 17 - Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Lent
5:00 p.m. + 77th Birthday Rem.: Geri Kaput (Family)
  + Casie Nowak (B. Rekar)
  + Birthday Rem.: Gertrude Mierzwinski
  Health Blessings: Bev Pirelli (St. Barbara Thursday Night Bingo)
  Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

Sunday, March 18 - The Fifth Sunday of Lent
6:00 a.m. + Donald Rolek (Diane Rzasa)
  Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. 4th Grade Family Mass
  + Richard Alvarado (Christine Krupa)
11:30 a.m. + Catherine Piorecki (Ted Piorecki)
  + David Maeshiba (Gloria Paradiso)
  + Bruno Synal, Jr. (Rose Stronczek)

Weekly Collection - March 3rd - 4th

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$117,875.66 | $3,858.71
$230,400.00 | $6,400.00
51% | 60%

Votives & Vigil Lights: $164.35

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 17TH
5:00 p.m.
Altar Servers: Q. Do, A. Gorz,
  A. Lemke, M. Lemke
Eucharistic Ministers: A. Skokal, R. Carden
Lectors: G. Dumelle, W. Podrazik

SUNDAY, MARCH 18TH
6:00 a.m.
Altar Server: G. Vanderford
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Guest, J. Balasa
Lector: J. Bertucci

9:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: N. Perez, J. Castaneda, L. Castaneda,
  E. Castaneda, P. Young
Eucharistic Ministers: F. Cabrera, J. Lukwinski
Lectors: K. Ricci, H. Diaz DeLeon

11:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: A. Calderon, L. Calderon, N. Calderon,
  N. Bunda, G. Parcon
Eucharistic Ministers: D. Ramos, B. Pienta
Lectors: E. Raya, E. Raya, Jr.

Sunday, March 18 - The Fifth Sunday of Lent (cont.)
11:30 a.m. + Mike Perez (St.Barbara Thursday Night Bingo)
  Divine Mercy for All (J. Lukwinski)
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...
