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

Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? — 1 John 5:5
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.

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.

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.

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. Thank you.

ALTAR & ROSARY MEETING TODAY AT 1:00 PM

Due to the first Sunday of the month being Easter Sunday, the Altar & Rosary Sodality will meet today, April 8th, at 1:00 pm. Join us for the conclusion of the Divine Mercy Novena at 11:30 am, followed by Mass. The meeting will begin at 1:00 pm. We will pray the rosary, have a light lunch and play a few games of bingo. Everyone is invited to join us.

My Easter Offering

If you are a registered parishioner, you would have received in the mail my Easter Letter along with the special Easter Offering envelope. If you did not receive this mailing or were out of town for the holiday, there are extra My Easter Offering envelopes in the back of the Church. If you are not registered as a parishioner and would like to do so, please see Fr. Arthur or Fr. Andrzej.

Please consider remembering St. Barbara Parish in your will.
FROM THE DESK OF THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear People of St. Barbara,

Today, I would like to share something about Sr. Faustina and The Divine Mercy. In the year 2000, Pope St. John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina and, at the same Mass, he established the Second Sunday of Easter as The Divine Mercy Sunday. I was talking with someone last Sunday and that person told me that, when we prayed The Divine Mercy Chaplet, it took from that person the joy of Easter.

I was thinking and I said to myself, “it was Good Friday when the soldier opened the side of Jesus with the lance and, from the side of Jesus flowed the water and blood and this was the moment that the Church was born”. This was the moment when God opened the immeasurable fount of mercy. This is the hope for us as human beings: that God gives us an ocean of mercy and asks us to enter into it. His mercy and love is endless.

I was thinking, why do we have this picture of “Jesus, I Trust in You”? Why do we say The Chaplet of Divine Mercy? Why did we begin The Novena to The Divine Mercy? And, finally, why do we have The Divine Mercy Sunday? Everything is not because the Pope or some smart priest decided this. We have all of this because Jesus appeared to Sr. Faustina and said to do this.

In 1931, Jesus appeared to Faustina in a vision and He tells her to produce a painting according to the image that she sees. So this painting, which we see in our church, looks like it looks because Jesus clearly commanded Faustina that this should be done.

The same was with The Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Jesus Himself came to Faustina and told her exactly the words of this prayer. He asked her to teach all the sisters in the convent this prayer and promise to spread the Chaplet to the whole world. Jesus Himself came to Faustina and said, “I want the Second Sunday of Easter to be The Divine Mercy Sunday. And before this Sunday, you will have a unique novena when every day you will pray for a different intention.” So everything is not human imagination. It came straight from Jesus.

Faustina was a simple girl, hardly able to read and write but, inspired by Jesus, she wrote a huge book (700 pages) which was called The Diary of Divine Mercy in My Soul. Faustina died in 1938 and, in the year 2000 she was canonized. It took the church so many years to prove everything that she wrote. So, I have no doubt that everything we do with The Divine Mercy devotion is absolutely true.

In our parish, we have two groups of people dedicated to The Divine Mercy. One prays every Sunday in church and, also, on some weekdays. It has been two years now that they have been praying. The second group are five young families with children. They promised to pray The Chaplet of Divine Mercy every day – and they do. They pray every day for the intentions that our parishioners put in the basket. The Sunday group prays for the intentions left in the basket. After one month, the five families take those intentions home and prays for them for the second month. We realize that there are a lot of people in our parish who need prayer. I am asking you to continue to leave intentions in the basket. I know it takes time — but God will answer our prayers. The most important thing is to continue to pray. And, believe me, it was not my idea or anyone else’s. It just happened because we trust in Jesus.

So I encourage you to start to pray The Divine Mercy Chaplet. It is a very powerful way to have a relationship with Jesus. This is the source of our hope and our joy because The Divine Mercy removes all sadness from your souls.

Fr. Andrzej

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**TAE KWON DO TOURNAMENT**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 14TH**

St. Barbara School is hosting a Tae Kwon Do Tournament in the school gym on Saturday, April 14th, from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Please enter the gym from the triple doors on Quinn Street.

**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.

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS**

The winners in our St. Patrick’s Lotto are:

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Thank you to everyone who supported our raffle by buying tickets and also to those who helped sell our tickets.

**Easter Flower Offering**

Each year our church is beautifully decorated with lilies and other spring flowers for Easter Sunday due to the generosity of you who contribute to the collection. Extra Easter Flower Collection envelopes are in back of the church.

**Save the Date**

**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.

**St. Barbara’s biggest fundraiser, our parish Carnival, is fast approaching. Plans are underway for a spectacular carnival this year, so please save June 14-17 for a fun time at St. Barbara.**
On April 18, we will hold our Annual Student Art Fair in the school gymnasium from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Our students have been creating art focusing on this year's theme, "Many Gifts, One Story". Come on out and show your support!
**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, April 7 - Vigil of the Second Sunday of Easter**
5:00 p.m. + Mary Domagala (Mike Domagala)
   + Casimira Nowak (Wacław & Kazimiera Berdysz)
   + Joseph Krasan (Your Family)
   Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente &Family)

**Sunday, April 8 - Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)**
6:00 a.m. + Donald “Speedy” Rolek (Steve Dkila)
   + Edward Truschke (T. Rolek)
   Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. + Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)
   Blessings: Edward Sraga (Family)
   Divine Mercy for All (J. Lukwinski)
11:30 a.m. + Stanley Piorecki (Ted Piorecki)
   + Ann Pruchniwski (Virginia Pienta)
   + Gladys Kaminski (Ed & B. Glabicki)
   + Casimira Nowak (St. Barbara Altar & Rosary Sodality)

**Monday, April 9 - The Annunciation of the Lord**
8:30 a.m. Health Blessings: Pat Ziolkowski (Virginia Pienta)

**Tuesday, April 10 - Easter Weekday**
6:00 p.m. + Deacon Andy Brongieł (Ed & B. Glabicki)

**Wednesday, April 11 - St. Stanislaus**
8:30 a.m. + Stanley Slotarski (Family)

**Thursday, April 12 - Easter Weekday**
8:30 a.m. + Birthday Rem.: Aniceto M. Saludo, Sr. (Family)
   + Al, Louis, & Josephine Campione (Family)

**Friday, April 13 - Easter Weekday; St. Martin I**
8:30 a.m. Health Blessings: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Potter (Virginia Pienta)
   + David Maeshiba (Bob & Shirley Synal)

**Saturday, April 14 - Easter Weekday**
8:30 a.m. Mother’s Day Remembrance
   Birthday Bless.: Maria Salvacion D. Saludo (Tita Inday & Jun)

**Saturday, April 14 - Vigil of the Third Sunday of Easter**
5:00 p.m. + Heriberto Guerro (St. Barbara Thursday Night Bingo)
   + Casimira Nowak (Your Family)
   Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente &Family)

**Sunday, April 15 - Third Sunday of Easter**
6:00 a.m. + Joseph & Jean Dyjak (Barbara/Bill Webb)
   + Bernice Schiffer (T. Rolek)
   + Donald Rolek (T. Rolek)
   + Fred Stronczek (Wife, Rose)
   Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)

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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 14TH**
5:00 p.m.
Altar Servers:  G. Godinez, A. Gorz, I. Echevarria, X. Lopez, Q. Do
Eucharistic Ministers:  A. Skokal, R. Carden
Lectors:  W. Podrazik, G. Dumelle

**SUNDAY, APRIL 15TH**
6:00 a.m.
Altar Server:  G. Vanderford
Eucharistic Ministers:  S. Guest, J. Balasa
Lector:  J. Bertucci

**FRIDAY, APRIL 13 - Easter Weekday**
9:30 a.m.
Altar Servers:  V. Mack, M. Arteaga, R. Cabrera, E. Cabrera, E. Cabrera
Eucharistic Ministers:  P. Rodriguez, J. Rodriguez
Lectors:  Family Mass - 5th Grade

**SUNDAY, APRIL 15TH**
9:30 a.m. 5th Grade Family Mass
11:30 a.m. + Catherine Piorecki (Ted Piorecki)
   + Russell Lech (Ed & B. Glabicki)
   + Joel Mangampat (Loida Raya)
   Health Blessings: Irene Zima (Virginia Pienta)
   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...


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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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