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

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.

— 1 John 3:1
A very important Renew My Church meeting will be held tomorrow evening (Monday, April 23rd) in the lower hall of the school at 6:00 pm. WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK. Please bring your written ideas for discussion to this meeting.

Activities This Week
Mon., Apr. 23 - Renew My Church Mtg.; 6:00 pm
Tues., Apr. 24 - St. Barbara KC’s Movie Knight; 7:00 pm
Wed., Apr. 25 - Sports Awards Night; 6:30 pm
Thurs., Apr. 26 - Athlete Appreciation Day
Fri., Apr. 27 - Ladies’ Guild Kids’ Painting Party; 6:00 pm

2018 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
We have received an email from the Archdioceses stating that the Annual Catholic Appeal gifts that were received during Commitment Weekend now been processed and will be acknowledged in the next few weeks.

Thank you for your contributions and your patience.

2018 World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

• Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
• Keep our parish priests in your prayers throughout the week.
• Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
• Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God’s call.

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.

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.
FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In 1964, Pope Paul VI instituted the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, which is known as Vocation Sunday. Today is Vocation Sunday. The word “vocation” means “call” or “calling”. In the Church, we understand this as a call from God. When people say that someone has a “vocation”, they usually mean that this person is called to be a priest or a nun.

Yet the truth is: there are many different kinds of vocations. There is the vocation to the priesthood, to religious life, to married life, to single life, or to lay consecrated life. Each vocation is a gift from God. Every vocation has a special dignity and place in God’s plan of salvation.

If you have discovered your vocation, then try to be grateful to God for this gift. If you are still not sure about your vocation, do not worry. Instead, remember that God always calls you to discover His endless love for you in each moment of your life. His Love is most important. No matter what our vocations are or might be, Jesus is constantly inviting us to be close to Him. He wants to carry us like sheep in His Loving and Gentle Arms along the way to holiness. Is there anything more wonderful than this?

On this Sunday, we are called to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life for our parish and our school.

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This past week, we installed a Steel 3-hour Fire Door, which was required to address a safety issue in our boiler room. The cost of this door was $2,700. If someone would like to help contribute to this expense, it would be greatly appreciated.

This past Saturday, Mr. & Mrs. Rodriguez held their Tae Kwon Do Tournament in our gymnasium. Congratulations to all the contestants on a wonderful tournament.

Fr. Arthur
Our Carnival is less than 2 months away, although you couldn’t tell by this crazy weather we are having. We just hope by then, Mother Nature will give us beautiful weather that week.

Please mark your calendar for June 14-17 (Father’s Day Weekend), to watch St. Barbara’s parking lot turn into a mini amusement park.

Raffle tickets are ready and available for pick up in the back of the church. Please help us save on postage and pick up your packet. If you see your neighbor’s, friend’s, or other family member’s packet there, please be kind and hand deliver them. This year we will have 3 prizes: $2500, $1500, and $500. We will have (3) early bird raffles: April 30th, May 15th and June 1st. Thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Adrian Goetz for being the first to turn in their raffle tickets!

We are also looking for donations/well wishers to help defray the cost of expenses we endure associated with the carnival.

Thank you to the following who have already donated: Sierzega Family, St. Barbara Bingo, St. Barbara Holy Name, Mabenka, Rogers Auto Group, Tripp Lite, John Ligda, Pulaski Bank, Royal Bank, El Milagro, School Belles, 11th Ward, Tony’s Auto Collision, Paintball Explosion, Stanley’s Tavern, Franco’s Restaurant, Real Packing, Haunted Trails, Shedd Aquarium, Alpha Baking, Lou Malnati’s, and GFS.

Wish List:

To help beautify our church during this Easter season, we have purchased four altar cloths at a cost of $125 each. If anyone would like to donate toward the purchase of these cloths, please see Fr. Arthur or Fr. Andrzej.

We wish to thank Eugenia Krzyzanski and the Kwiatkowski-Perez family for their donations to this purchase.

Report as of March 31, 2018

Campaign Goal: $275,000
Total Pledged $281,667*
Percent of Goal: 102.4%
Total Collected to Date $ 79,456
60% Returned to St. Barbara $ 49,514

* The total amount pledged has been reduced by $5,000 due to the cancellation of a pledge.

Mother’s Day Mass Remembrance
Mother - Grandmother - Godmother - Aunt - Sister

Mother’s Day is fast approaching. Remembrance envelopes are available in back of church. Please return them with the names of all mothers to be remembered. Your intentions will be remembered in special Masses offered up throughout the year. You are asked to include a donation that is suitable to your intentions. Envelopes can also be brought to the rectory office.

Vanessa & Christie
$500 Coverall—2-Way Split

Thursday, April 12, 2018
Annual Student Art Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended our annual Student Art Fair on 4/18! Our students have been working hard all year and were eager to showcase their masterpieces! A special thank you to Ms. Mezinskas for organizing this creative event! Her dedication to our students is truly appreciated!
Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 21 - Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Easter
5:00 p.m. + Geri Kaput (Virginia Pienta)
+ Casimira Nowak (Eileen & Mitch Pietraszek)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

Sunday, April 22 - Fourth Sunday of Easter
6:00 a.m. + Donald Rolek (Tony & Irene Pretnik)
+ Josephine & Theresa Errichiello (Terri Rolek)
+ Michael Semmler (Mr. & Mrs. Dave Czarnecki)
9:30 a.m. + Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)
11:30 a.m. + Joseph Piorecki (Ted Piorecki)
+ Evelyn Ozimek (Ed & B. Glabicki)
+ Joel Mangampat (Loida Raya)
Divine Mercy for All (J. Lukwinski)

Monday, April 23 - Easter Weekday
8:30 a.m. Health Blessings: Jane Kilroy (Virginia Pienta)

Tuesday, April 24 - Easter Weekday
6:00 p.m. + Alex Kuberski (Family)
+ Angela Obal (Ed & B. Glabicki)

Wednesday, April 25 - Easter Weekday
8:30 a.m. + Robert Baker

Thursday, April 26 - Easter Weekday
8:30 a.m. + Edward & Rose Ciz

Friday, April 27 - Easter Weekday
8:30 a.m. + 4th Ann.: Kevin Sierzega (Parents)
+ David Maeshiba (Judy Maz & Donna Olunv)

Saturday, April 28 - Easter Weekday
8:30 a.m. Fathers’ Day Remembrance

Saturday, April 28 - Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Easter
5:00 p.m. + Casimira Nowak (Waclaw & Kazimiera Berdysz)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

Sunday, April 29 - Fifth Sunday of Easter
6:00 a.m. + Donald “Speedy” Rolek (Rene Zerda)
+ Sophie Bonk (Bill & Barbara Webb)
+ Ted Naos (C. Krupa)
+ Fred Stronczek (Wife, Rose)
Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Family)
9:30 a.m. + Salvador (“Sal”) Solis (Dolores Becatti)
11:30 a.m. + Stanley Piorecki (Ted Piorecki)
+ Casimira Nowak (Virginia Pienta)
Divine Mercy for All (J. Lukwinski)

Weekly Collection - April 14th - April 15th

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**YTD** Actual: $140,323.81 Weekly: $ 3,550.50
Goal: $268,800.00 % of Goal: 52%
Votives & Vigil Lights: $ 203.93
March Give Central: 1st $ 1,728.00
2nd $ 330.00

Electronic giving through [GiveCentral.org](http://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, APRIL 28TH**
5:00 p.m.
Altar Servers: A. Lemke, M. Lemke, A. Gorz, V. Sandoval, G. Godinez
Eucharistic Ministers: A. Skokal, B. Rekar
Lectors: L. Saletta, P. Saletta

**SUNDAY, APRIL 29TH**
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, C. Kelly, G. Salinas, M. Gonzalez, A. Gonzalez
Eucharistic Ministers:
Lectors: K. Ricci, M. Worth
11:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: N. Bunda, A. Rodriguez, M. Rodriguez, X. Lopez, A. Torres
Eucharistic Ministers:
Lectors: B. Pienta, L. Szezepanski
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...
