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

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit. — 1 Corinthians 12:4
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.

OFFERTORY GIFT BEARERS

If a Mass is being said for a special intention and you would like to take up the gifts at the Offertory, please let the ushers know before Mass. They are always looking for volunteers to take up the gifts.

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.

Notes from the Carnival Corner:

Can you believe our 4th Carnival will be here in 26 days? You may ask yourself, how can I help make the carnival a success this year? Well, below are a few ways you can help make it a success.

- If you haven’t turned in your raffle tickets or split-the-pot tickets, please take the time to turn them in. This will help us reach our goal of $10,000. If you would like more tickets, stop by the rectory; they will be happy to give you more. Remember, there is still one more early bird raffle on June 1st.

- We are still looking for Sponsors for our carnival to help defray several expenses we endure over the carnival weekend. Thank you to all who have sponsored our carnival—whether monetary or with a gift card/gift certificate.

- Well-wishers, you can remember those loved ones who have passed; this also helps us defray our expenses.

- We are looking for new prizes that we can use as raffle prizes. These can be dropped off at the rectory during business hours.

- Lastly, our Angel Wish Lists are available in the back of the church. These are items we will need for the carnival. If you would like to donate but can’t get to the store to purchase these items, we have a Carnival Donation Box where you can donate and we will purchase the items on your behalf.

Mega Passes are now available at the rectory for the presale cost of $50.00; they will be $60.00 at the carnival. This pass is good for all 4 days, and I have been told there is a new ride making its appearance at our carnival, along with the return of the Tilt-a-Whirl and the other awesome rides.

I know we can always count on St. Barbara Parishioners to make this year’s Carnival a Success.

The Carnival Committee

Are you a registered parishioner? If not, please consider registering. Please stop by the parish office Monday - Wednesday or Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. or speak with Fr. Arthur or Fr. Andrzej after Mass. Please note that the rectory office is closed on Thursday.
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we celebrate the feast of Pentecost. We remember the day when the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles and they started to proclaim the good news about Jesus’ resurrection and were proclaiming this with big power.

Can you imagine that the apostles had no internet, no newspaper, no airplanes, no cars but, in a very, very short time they built a very strong church. They built a church which still exists until today. And, according to the words of Jesus, nobody has the power to destroy the church.

Very often we forget that God works through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. We have to remember every day to ask the Holy Spirit to enter into our lives to give us strength and wisdom. Somebody said that the Holy Spirit is a little “forgotten God”. Very often we cry for help to God, Jesus, Mary and other saints, but we don’t realize that the Holy Spirit is a very powerful God.

I remember one year I prepared students from 8th grade from our school for Confirmation. I said to them, “if you really take this preparation seriously, pray every day to the Holy Spirit to come and change your life”. After a month of preparation, I interviewed every student and asked different questions. I remember one girl came to the interview and said, “Father, I really prayed every day to the Holy Spirit. And I really feel that my life has already changed. I feel more mature, I am able to manage my emotions and I feel very peaceful.”

This is what the Holy Spirit gives us. He comes from Jesus and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us and He says “peace be with you”. Very often we don’t feel the wind of the Holy Spirit because we are too busy. We have no time; we have a lot of activities. Very often we say, “maybe another day”.

As a priest serving you in St. Barbara Parish, I know that all of us are busy, but I would like to ask you again. Not so long ago, we started the devotion to the Divine Mercy. Maybe it will be possible to stay in the church after the 11:30 am Mass and spend 7 minutes with Divine Mercy and with Jesus, who will breathe on you and will say, “take the Holy Spirit and let peace be with you”.

As well as praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, we now have the Divine Mercy Squad, who pray every day for the intentions placed in the Divine Mercy basket. The people in church pray for the Divine Mercy intentions for one month, then the intentions are taken from the basket and given to members of the Squad to pray for these intentions for one month, after which the intentions are burned and we focus on the new intentions in the basket. Therefore, any intentions that have been placed in the basket are prayed for. If you have a special intention, please remember to write out a card and place it in the basket.

Fr. Andrzej
Activities This Week
Mon., May 21 - Ladies’ Guild Mtg.; 6:45 pm
Wed., May 23 - 8th Grade Awards Night; 6:30 pm
Fri., May 25 - Altar Servers and Choir end of year party; 2:45 pm
Sat.-Sun, May 26 & 27 - St. Barbara KC’s Poppy Day after all Masses

HOLY NAME NEWS
The following “100 Club” winners were chosen at our May 11th meeting: 1st prize: Krok; 2nd prize: Bismark; 3rd prize: Steigvilas; 4th prize: Cis Krok; 5th prize: Cathy. Our next choir practice will be on Wednesday, May 30th, at 7:00 pm.

SAVE THE DATE
The 5th annual Car Show will be held on Saturday, August 18th. Free viewing is open to the public from 1:00 - 8:00 pm. The parking lot and registration opens at 12:00 pm. Show car registration fee is $20.00. If you need any additional information, please call Phil Whitehouse, (312) 316-3888.

Special guests at the show will be the country group “Top Guns”.

May, The Month of Mary
Because May is the month of Mary, all weekday Masses will be held at 6:00 pm. The only exceptions will be the Friday morning school children’s Mass at 8:30 am, the Saturday morning Mass at 8:30 am, and the Memorial Day Mass (May 28th), which will be held at 9:00 am. After Mass, we will pray the Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

LADIES’ GUILD MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 21st; 6:45 pm
Please join us for the last Ladies’ Guild meeting of the 2017-2018 school year on Monday evening at 6:45 pm in the lower hall. During this meeting, we will hold the Installation of Officers for the 2018-2019 year. Dinner will be provided by the Ladies’ Guild. Please bring a dessert to share. Hope to see you there!

The following two jokes are from Joel Osteen:
A country grandmother always prayed to the Lord. One day, her neighbor heard her in the garden asking the Lord for groceries. He said to her, “there is no such person as the Lord”. The next day, groceries appeared on her step. She went outside to thank the Lord. Her neighbor said, “The Lord didn’t give you the groceries, I did”. The grandmother again thanked the Lord, saying “you not only gave me groceries, but you made the devil pay for them”.

An older lady came to church and the usher took her to a pew in the middle of the church. The lady said: “I would like to sit in the very first row”. The usher replied: “let me sit you farther back. Our pastor is very boring and will put you to sleep in a few minutes”. The lady said, “do you know who I am?” The usher said “no, I’m sorry I don’t”. The lady replied, “I’m the pastor’s mother”. The usher sat her in the first pew. Later, he went up to the lady and said, “do you know who I am?” The lady said “no”. The usher said, “thank God”.

This one is from Fr. Greg Sakowicz:
A wife ran into the living room and said to her husband, “quick, call 911”; Johnny just swallowed a quarter”. Her husband said, “no, I’ll call the priest; he can get money out of anyone”.

Thursday, May 10, 2018
Chris
$500 Coverall
2018 Barb-a-thon

On May 10th, the school held their annual Barb-a-thon! Students had a great time at the park while enjoying the perfect day! Thank you to St Barbara Ladies’ Guild and Kathy Bunda for organizing this event! A special thank you to our sponsors, St. Barbara Thursday Bingo and Pomierski Funeral Home. Your support is greatly appreciated!

St. Barbara Zoo

Our preschoolers had a great time visiting the St. Barbara Zoo! They saw many animals with their very own binoculars, and also played parachute zoo. Thank you, Ms. Short, for organizing this adventurous activity!
**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, May 19 - Vigil of Pentecost Sunday**
5:00 p.m. + Casimira Nowak (Deborah Curi)
   Health Blessings: Ed Glos (Virginia Pienta)
   Birthday Blessings: Saturnino Saludo (Family)
   90th Birthday Blessings: Stanley Rzasa (Diane & Marilyn Rzasa)
   Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente & Family)

**Sunday, May 20 - Pentecost Sunday**
6:00 a.m. + Donald Rolek (Steve Oleszkiewicz)
   + Gene & Bernice Korso (Bill & Barbara Webb)
9:30 a.m. + Lottie Kuberska (Family)
   + Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)
11:30 a.m. + Stanley Piorecki (Ted Piorecki)
   + David Maeshiba (Greg & Betty Ramel)
   + Rose Mary Mulhearn (Barbara Hudren)
   + Birthday Rem.: Sophie Jachim (Dan & Anita Isacson & Family)
   + 58th Ann.: Aniceto M. Saludo, Sr. (Family)
   (For May 16th)

**Monday, May 21 - St. Christopher Magallanes**
6:00 p.m. + Casimira Nowak (Anita & Dan Isacson)

**Tuesday, May 22 - St. Rita of Cascia**
6:00 p.m. + Ann.: Minnie Blameuser (Sonny Furmanek)
   + John Rzasa (Diane & Marilyn Rzasa)

**Wednesday, May 23 - Weekday**
6:00 p.m. + Edward & Rose Ciz
   + Andrew Nawracaj (Mr. & Mrs. Stan Nawracaj & Family)

**Thursday, May 24 - Weekday**
6:00 p.m. + Eva Gasior (Son, Michael Gasior)

**Friday, May 25 - St. Bede the Venerable**
8:30 a.m. + David Maeshiba (Larry & Annette Noga)
   + Robert Baker
6:00 p.m. + Estelle Barton (Ed & B. Glabicki)

**Saturday, May 26 - St. Philip Neri**
8:30 a.m. Fathers’ Day Remembrance

**Saturday, May 26 - Vigil of The Most Holy Trinity**
5:00 p.m. + Casimira Nowak (Eileen & Mitch Pietraszek)
   + Mr. & Mrs. David Kaput (Mr. & Mrs. Stan Nawracaj & Family)
   90th Birthday Blessings: Stanley Rzasa (Diane & Marilyn Rzasa)
   Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente & Family)

**Sunday, May 27 - The Most Holy Trinity**
6:00 a.m. + Don “Speedy” Rolek (George Morales & Linda Butkiewicz)
   + Henry & Valeria Jedresik (Bill & Barbara Webb)
   + Michael Semmler (Mr & Mrs Ken Ricci)

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**Weekly Collection - May 12th - 13th**

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- **YTD:** $152,151.72
- **Weekly:** $3,066.97
- **Goal:** $294,400.00
- **% of Goal:** 52%
- **Votives & Vigil Lights:** $272.10
- **April Give Central:**
  - 1st: $2,125.00
  - 2nd: $465.00

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**SATURDAY, MAY 26TH**
5:00 p.m.
Altar Servers: A. Torres, A. Lemke, M. Lemke, I. Echevarria, A. Gorz
Eucharistic Ministers: A. Skokal, R. Carden
Lectors: J. Lukwinski

**SUNDAY, MAY 27TH**
6:00 a.m.
Altar Server: G. Vanderford
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Guest, J. Balasa
Lector: J. Bertucci
9:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: M. Arteaga, G. Salinas, C. Kelly, V. Mack, P. Young, N. Perez
Eucharistic Ministers: P. Rodriguez, J. Rodriguez
Lectors: K. Ricci, M. Worth
11:30 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers: D. Ramos, A. Alonzo
Lectors: B. Pienta, H. Alonzo

**Sunday, May 27 - The Most Holy Trinity**
9:30 a.m. + Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)
   + John & Catherine Kacon (Victoria David)
   + Ted Piorecki (Archbishop Quigley KC’s Council #2428)
11:30 a.m. + Deacon Andy Brongiel (Ed & B. Glabicki)
   + Joseph Krasin (Irene Zima)
   + Stanley Piorecki (Ted Piorecki)
   + Anastacio Gomez (Alicia Roman)
Blessings: Terrence Lerner Family (Virginia Pienta)
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...
