Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David.
— Jeremiah 23:5a

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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.

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Activities This Week

Sat./Sun. July 21-22 - Fr. Michael Duggan to speak at all Masses
Tues., July 24 - Parish Council Mtg.; 6:30 pm
Thurs., July 26 - Christmas in July Bingo

The 2019 Mass Book will open on Wednesday, August 1st. Anyone wishing to remember a loved one (living or deceased) on the date of death, birthday, wedding anniversary, for health blessings, or any other occasion can stop by the parish office Mon.-Wed. or Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to request a Mass. If you send in Mass intentions, please include your name and phone number just in case we have a question. The offering per Mass intention is $10. Mass cards are available upon request.

The following dates are closed to all Mass requests. All Masses on these dates will be for the Parish Family.

New Year’s Day Father’s Day
Easter Sunday Thanksgiving
Mother’s Day Christmas Eve
Memorial Day Christmas Day

TO ALL ORGANIZATIONS

We are trying to revive the Parish Calendar for 2018-2019. This calendar helps us to schedule activities in the parish. In order to facilitate the publication of this calendar, please email your pertinent meeting and special function dates to either Dolores or Judy at the rectory. (Email addresses can be found on page 7 of the bulletin.) If there is a conflict with any other meetings, we will contact you to resolve the situation.

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.

WE WELCOME YOU

Seeking a parish? A spiritual family? A place to pray, deepen your faith, or serve others? If so, our hearts and doors are open to you! We thank God for sending you. Please introduce yourself to either Fr. Arthur or Fr. Andrzej after Mass.
FROM THE DESK OF THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear People of St. Barbara,

In today’s first reading, we heard the bitter words of Jeremiah about the shepherd who misled and scattered his flock. When we see the word shepherd, very often we think about pastors, bishops or even the Pope. This is right. They are the shepherds of the Church. But I think the word of Jeremiah applied to every person in authority.

What we find about shepherds in today’s reading is that “they should govern wisely and shall do what is right and just”. They are the words of the prophet Jeremiah. The responsorial psalm says that the shepherd guides in right paths. The Gospel says that shepherds have to have pity for people.

The example of the shepherd in today’s word means teachers. I think they should guide children in the right paths – show them what is right and wrong. Simply, they should teach children to be wise. The shepherds are those who govern the nations. They are supposed to always do what is right and just. Those whom they govern should trust in them. The shepherds are the parents who show children that they have pity on them, they love them and everything they do is for the good of the children and family. The shepherds are not people who set rules which are oppressive.

In the second thing spoken about in today’s reading, Jesus said to his disciples, “Come away by yourself to a deserted place and rest a while.” The two important words are by yourself. We need time for ourselves. Very often I tell people to find 5 minutes a day to be with God and with oneself. I know that, for many, it is very difficult. But, to live a healthy life, we cannot only work. We need rest. God loves us very much and He gave us the Ten Commandments. One of them says you work six days and, on the seventh day, you rest and be with God.

I would like to tell you a true story about immigrants from Poland. One gentleman came to me and we were talking about life and work. He said to me, “We came here 15 years ago with 3 little boys – 2, 4, and 8 years old. So I started to work very hard to raise the children, buy a house and everything that we needed and also things we didn’t need. I worked from early morning until late at night. I kissed the boys in the morning when they were in bed, and kissed them at night when they were in bed.

After 15 years, I woke up one day and I realized that, in my house, there are 3 young men whom I really don’t know. We now have everything, but we have no family.”

So every one of us should ask himself: “What is most important – to have televisions in every room and the bathroom, or to have children and a wife who are the closest people in the world and mean the most to us?”

Fr. Andrzej

SUMMER MISSION APPEAL THIS WEEKEND

At all Masses this weekend, we welcome Rev. Michael A. Duggan, a Maryknoll Missionary, who will conduct the annual Summer Mission Appeal.

This appeal provides much needed support for missionary efforts in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Latin America, and the Pacific Islands. An out-of-pocket collection will be taken up at all Masses. Envelopes are available in back of church. If you wish to make a donation by check, please make the check payable to St. Barbara Parish.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is said after 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.

SUMMER MASSEES

Due to the excessive heat this summer, all weekday and Saturday morning Masses will be held in the chapel, where there is air-conditioning. The only Masses being held in Church will be the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

6 Day Vigil Light Candles
$3 for one, $5 for two
Small Candles: 50¢
ST. BARBARA PARISH COUNCIL

The St. Barbara Parish Council consists of members of St. Barbara who help advise Fr. Arthur and support him in matters regarding the needs and concerns of our parish. If you think you would like to join the Parish Council or you know of someone whom you think would be a great addition, please make Fr. Arthur or Fr. Andrzej aware of your interest.

A Prayer for “Renew My Church”

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.

The following are from Joel Osteen:

A man died and went to heaven. St. Peter took him down a long corridor filled with clocks. The clocks were all ticking at different speeds. St. Peter explained that each clock belonged to a different person. When that person’s clock ticked, it meant that the person had sinned.

One clock was going very slowly. St. Peter said that the clock belonged to Billy Graham. Another clock barely crept along. St. Peter explained that the clock belonged to Mother Theresa.

The man said, “Can I see my clock?” St. Peter said, “Of course. We keep your clock in the office and use it as a fan.”

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A boy of about six years old was standing in the church lobby looking at the names of men and women with American flags next to their names. He asked the pastor what this meant. The pastor explained that it was a memorial to all the men and women from the parish who had died in the service. The boy looked at the pastor and said, “Was it at the 8:30 am or the 11:00 am service?”

Ministry of Care

If you or anyone you know enters a hospital, please call the rectory. Hospitals are under greater restrictions regarding notifying parishes. Also, if anyone you know is homebound, even temporarily, and would like to receive Holy Communion or a visit from a priest, please call the parish office, (312) 842-7979.

Dreaming Big about the Archdiocese of Chicago

Welcome to Fabulous ST. BARBARA BINGO

Thursday
July 12, 2018

Sonny
$500 Coverall

Sandy
6 Months Free Bingo
Total Value: $1,536
Chinatown Summer Fair
We had a great time at the Chinatown Summer Fair! We spoke to many new parents while Ms. Mezinskas face & hand painted on their children. Thank you to Ms. “M” for brightening up their day, and a very special thank you to Ms. Barbara Hudren for sponsoring our participation at the event!

XPRESS TAX APPEALS is a proud sponsor of St. Barbara School and is committed to helping us become a better place to learn! Xpress Tax Appeals offers a simple, modern approach to relieving some of your tax burden by promising both an honest assessment of your property and a solution for lowering over-assessment. Xpress Tax Appeals is proud to donate $50 to St. Barbara School for every eligible appeal applied for from this site.

Go to pages.xpresstaxappeals.com/StBarbara for additional information.
Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 21 - Vigil of the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 p.m. + 15th Ann.: Julie R. Kalitch (Stanley Rzasa and Kauer Family)
+ John Brodinski (Adeline Skokal)
+ Mildred “Millie” McDermott (Wiseman Family)
+ Jimmy Annerino (Family)
Divine Mercy for All (C.Kisielente & Family)

Sunday, July 22 - The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
6:00 a.m. + Donald “Speedy” Rolek (George Morales & Linda Butkiewicz)
+ Terri Rolek (Rose Stronczek)
Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Family)
Health Blessings: Patricia Galasinski (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. + Theresa Powers (Son, Dan)
11:30 a.m. + Pearl Bartkowsi (Ed & B. Glabicki)
+ Patricia Olund (Rose Stronczek)
Blessings: Bette Pienta (Virginia Pienta)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielowski Family)

Monday, July 23 - Weekday; St. Bridget
8:30 a.m. + Joseph, Esther, Richard, & James Zalewski (Family)

Tuesday, July 24 - St. Sharbel Makhluf
6:00 p.m. + Rita M. Lukas

Wednesday, July 25 - St. James
8:30 a.m. + John Kutyba (Victoria Skala)

Thursday, July 26 - Sts. Joachim and Anne
8:30 a.m. Blessings: Hubert Savaściuk & Family

Friday, July 27 - Weekday
8:30 a.m. + Robert Baker

Saturday, July 28 - Weekday
8:30 a.m. All Parishioners, Living and Deceased

Saturday, July 28 - Vigil of the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 p.m. + Margaret Salyard (Adeline Skokal)
+ James Loughney (Chester Jendryczka)
+ Jimmy Annerino (Family)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

Sunday, July 29 - The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
6:00 a.m. + Anthony & Genevieve Drewnak (Terri Rolek)
+ Donald Rolek (Adeline Skokal)
+ Fred Stronczek (Rose, Wife)
+ Mary Ann Konow (Barbara & Bill Webb)
Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
Health Blessings: Patricia Galasinski (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. + Aleksander Lazowski (Lazowski Family)
+ Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)
11:30 a.m. Health Blessings: Ed Glabicki (Dolly Roti)
Blessings: Mr. & Mrs. Chris Pienta (Virginia Pienta)

Weekly Collection - July 14th - 15th

- Sunday Envelopes (90) $1,408.00
- Sunday Loose $655.00
- Children's Envelopes (9) $14.00
- School Support Collection (45) $582.85
- Total Collection $2,659.85

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY, JULY 28TH
5:00 p.m.
Altar Servers: G. Godinez, Q. Do, M. Lemke, A. Lemke, V. Sandoval, A. Gorz
Eucharistic Ministers: A. Skokal, J. Lukwinski
Lector: P. Saletta

SUNDAY, JULY 29TH
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, C. Kelly, G. Salinas, V. Mack, A. Gonzalez, M. Gonzalez
Eucharistic Ministers: P. Rodriguez, J. Rodriguez
Lector: H. Diaz DeLeon

11:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: I. Echevarria, N. Bunda, A. Torres, A. Rodriguez, M. Rodriguez
Eucharistic Ministers: D. Ramos, B. Pienta
Lector: L. Szczepanski
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...


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 Saturday 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.