The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them their food in due season.

— Psalm 145:15
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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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.

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July 19, 2018 Report

Donor Count: 83
2018 Goal: $10,622.61
Amount Pledged: $21,892.00
Amount Paid: $14,597.00
Balance Due: $7,295.00

Because our goal has been reached, any additional funds will be returned to our parish for our use. Thank you for your support of St. Barbara Parish.

SUMMER MASSES

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.

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,

Today’s reading speaks about food and eating. We like good food and we always say, “If you want to have people for a meeting, first tell them there will be food, and they will come”. Isn’t this true?

In the first reading and the gospel we see a lot of hungry people. In the first reading, Elisha fed 100 people, but he had a problem because the servant who was supposed to help was saying it was impossible to feed 100 people with twenty loaves of bread. But Elisha insisted. “Give it to the people to eat for, thus says the Lord, ‘they shall eat and there shall be some left over.’” And, miraculously, it happened. Why Elisha was able to feed people was because he absolutely trusted God’s words. We should learn to trust God from Elisha.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus is feeding 5,000 people with two fish and five loaves of bread. Can you imagine 5,000 hungry people here in St. Barbara’s parking lot and you have two fish and five loaves of bread? And, probably, you will need water because they are thirsty. It is very interesting what the disciples of Jesus were saying. Philip said, “Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?” Where would you go from our parking lot – to Connie’s Pizza or Bridgeport Bakery – to buy food for 5,000? Impossible.

Then Philip said, “it will cost 200 days’ wages and probably it will be too little”. And Andrew came with a new idea. He said, “Lord, there is a little boy with five loaves of bread and two fish. But it is too little anyway.” And now, the biggest – the greatest – miracle had happened. A little boy took five loaves of bread and two fish, gave it to Jesus and, now I am guessing, the little boy probably said, “Lord, I believe that you can feed these people.” It was a miracle what Jesus did but, as I said before, the greatest miracle was the trust of the little boy.

Sometimes we have a little and very often we say we can do nothing; we calculate like Philip and Andrew but, truly, the most important is to trust in God’s power.

Fr. Andrzej

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Isn’t it a little early to think about Thanksgiving? Not if you’re part of the St. Barbara Knights of Columbus.

The members of the St. Barbara KC’s are looking for veterans who are in need of a Thanksgiving dinner. The KC’s will supply a complete dinner to any vet in need of one. The dinner will be delivered to your home the Saturday before Thanksgiving (November 17th). All that’s needed is the name of the veteran, the address, the phone number, the branch of service in which they served and the number of people in the family.

Names will be accepted from now until the end of August. To sign up for the dinner, please call Tex McAleer (773-567-6247) or contact the rectory (312-842-7979).

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

IMA WHITEHOUSE
(Mother of Cliff and Phil)

DEBRA FERN
(Mother of Christina)
and

PATRICIA GALASINSKI
(Sister of Sharon Guest)

Please keep the Whitehouse, Fern, and Guest families in your prayers.

There will be a memorial Mass for Debra Fern in our Church on Saturday, August 4th, at 11:00 a.m.

First Friday Masses
August 3rd

* 8:30 a.m. Mass (in the Chapel)
* 6:00 p.m. Mass (in the Chapel)
* 6:45 p.m. Exposition
* 7:30 p.m. Benediction

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.

Please consider remembering St. Barbara Parish in your will.
RECENT CORRESPONDENCE

This past Tuesday, the Parish received a Mass card from Ms. Emily Shierk of San Antonio, Texas. The Mass will be said for the staff and parishioners of St. Barbara on Sunday, July 29th, at St. Helena Catholic Church in San Antonio. A copy of Ms. Shierk’s letter to Fr. Arthur follows.

Thank you, Ms. Shierk, for this great tribute to the parishioners of St. Barbara Parish.

Dear Fr. Arthur,

While visiting Chicago earlier this month, my son and I attended 6:00 am Mass at St. Barbara Parish on July 15th.

The physical beauty of your church is inspiring. The artwork, stained glass, statuary, and the woodwork are beautiful and all so well maintained. The physical beauty of the parish was matched by the warm welcome we were given. The Mass Captain was so friendly and invited us to bring up the gifts. He and his wife visited with us after Mass, as did the visiting priest.

I was so moved by our experience at St. Barbara. I have requested a Mass of special intention to be offered (for your parish).

May God bless you all,
Emily Shierk

PARISH IMPROVEMENTS

As you may have noticed, both the Throop Street and the Quinn Street parking lots have been paved. Also, we are in the process of tuckpointing the northeastern side of the school building. We are attempting to finish projects during the summer vacation when no students are on the property.

If anyone is interested in helping fund these projects, it would be greatly appreciated. Please see Fr. Arthur or Fr. Andrzej.
School Happenings
(School Website: www.stbarbaraschool.org)

Back to School!

- First day of school - 1st thru 8th grade
  8/22/18 @ 7:55 am (11:30 am dismissal)

- First day of school - Kindergarten
  8/23/18 @ 7:55 am (11:30 am dismissal)

- Preschool Orientation - 8/24/18
  New students - 9:15 am to 10:00 am
  Returning students - 10:30 am to 11:15 am

- First day of Preschool
  8/27/18 @ 8:15 am

SAVE THE DATE!

You are invited to a
BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC!
Games, Bouncy Houses, Food, Drinks

St. Barbara Catholic School

Wednesday, August 22nd
11:30am - 2:00pm
St. Barbara School
Parking Lot and Field
Sponsored by the
Ladies’ Guild
**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**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)
+ Birth. Rem.: Jim Goetz (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 (Wife, Rose)
+ Mary Ann Konow (Barbara & Bill Webb)
+ Patricia Galasinski (Guest Family)

Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)

9:30 a.m. + Aleksander Lazowski (Lazowski Family)
+ Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)
+ Sasha Bolte (Mr. & Mrs. Ken Ricci)

11:30 a.m. Health Blessings: Ed Glabicki (Dolly Roti)
Blessings: Mr. & Mrs. Chris Pienta (Virginia Pienta)

**Monday, July 30 - St. Peter Chrysologus**

8:30 a.m. Health Blessings: Judy Lukwinski (V. Pienta)

**Tuesday, July 31 - St. Ignatius of Loyola**

6:00 p.m. + Roger Lech (Ed & B. Glabicki)
+ Ann.: Maria Sudalio Oboab (Family)

**Wednesday, August 1 - St. Alphonsus Liguori**

8:30 a.m. + Stanley Slotarski (Family)

**Thursday, August 2 - St. Eusebius**

8:30 a.m. + Edward & Rose Ciz

**Friday, August 3 - Weekday; First Friday**

8:30 a.m. + Ted Piorecki
6:00 p.m. + Stanley Piorecki

**Saturday, August 4 - St. John Vianney**

8:30 a.m. Mother’s Day Remembrance

**Saturday, August 4 - Vigil of the Eighteenth Sunday**
**Sunday In Ordinary Time**

5:00 p.m. + Ted Piorecki (C. Kisielente & Family)
+ Deceased Members of Krygowski Family (Spalla Family)
+ Birth. Rem.: Frank J. Nowak (Family)
+ Jimmy Annerino (Family)

Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

**Sunday, August 5 - The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

6:00 a.m. + Debbie & Ed Rolek, II (T. Rolek)
+ Terri Rolek (6 am Breakfast Club)
+ Stan Leverage (Son, Gary)

Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
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9:30 a.m. + Aleksander Lazowski (Lazowski Family)
+ Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)

**Weekly Collection - July 21st - 22nd**

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**Votives & Vigil Lights:**

- $ 125.50

**June Give Central:**

- 1st $ 1,868.00
- 2nd $ 355.00

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 4TH**

5:00 p.m.
Altar Servers: L. Kwiatkowski, D. Kwiatkowski,
J. Kwiatkowski, J. P. Kwiatkowski

Eucharistic Ministers: B. Rekar, J. Lukwinski
Lector: W. Podrazik

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 5TH**

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, D. Prieto, P. Young,
M. Arteaga, G. Salinas

Eucharistic Ministers: F. Cabrera, J. Lukwinski
Lector: M. Worth

11:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: N. Bunda, A. Rodriguez, V. Sandoval,
A. Alonzo, G. Parcon

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Skokal, B. Pienta
Lector: E. Raya, Jr.

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 Thursday Night Bingo.
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...
