I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

— John 6:51
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.

HOLY NAME NEWS

Please remember that “100 Club” tickets are on sale for $1.00 each every Sunday in back of church.

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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Wednesday is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is the day that the Blessed Virgin Mary was assumed body and soul into Heaven.

The Assumption is a Holy Day of Obligation, meaning that all Catholics are obliged to attend Mass. There will be an anticipated Mass on Tuesday, August 14th at 6:00 pm. Wednesday Masses will be at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm in Church.

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Activities This Week

Tues., Aug. 14 - Anticipated Mass for The Assumption; 6:00 pm
Wed., Aug. 15 - Feast of the Assumption; Masses at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm
Sat., Aug. 18 - St. Barbara KC’s Port Ministry Sandwich-making Project; 9:00 am
- St. Barbara Holy Name 5th Annual Car Show; 1:00 - 8:00 pm

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FROM THE DESK OF THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners of St. Barbara,

When I was young and strong, one year I decided during Lent to live only on bread and water. You know that when you make that decision, people start inviting you to parties with a lot of food. But, I said to myself, I can do this once in my life. I had one slice of bread in the morning with a glass of water, two slices for lunch with a glass of water and one slice in the evening. In between, I had some fruit. The first couple of days were difficult but, later, it was no problem. I had enough strength to live a normal life.

The story of the prophet Elijah teaches us that we really don’t need a lot in our journey to heaven. Very often we have too much food and too many things which slow us down and make this journey almost impossible. Elijah, after eating two pieces of bread and drinking two jugs of water, was able to walk forty days and forty nights.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus is talking again about bread, but it is a very special bread. The bread is the body of Christ. For all my priestly life, I am asking Jesus how it is possible that a small piece of bread becomes the body of Christ. And I still don’t understand and don’t know – but I believe. And I can feel the power of Jesus in the Eucharist. Jesus said today, “Whoever eats this bread will live forever.” And we can eat a lot of beautiful food – very expensive and very tasty – in fancy restaurants, but this food doesn’t give us eternal life.

So when I hear people saying, “I don’t come to church because I can meet God everywhere – at the mountains, deep in the woods, in the ocean, sailing on the lake – I would say it is very true. You can meet God there, but you cannot receive the bread which gives you eternal life.

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).

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.

MASSE TIME CHANGE

Due to the Car Show on Saturday, August 18th, the regular 5:00 pm Mass will be changed to 4:00 pm. The time change will be only for the Mass on August 18th. Please note: there will be no 5:00 pm Mass on August 18th.

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.

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.
The Feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Velika Gospa) will be celebrated on Wednesday, August 15, 2018, at St. Jerome Croatian Church.

The festivities begin at 10:00 am with a religious procession that starts on the corner of 28th and Princeton. The procession winds its way through the Bridgeport/Armour Square community and includes business and civic leaders, visiting clergy, church and religious organizations, several marching bands, colorful floats, and the devotees of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The main focus of the procession is the exquisitely painted image of “Our Lady of Sinj” that is carried by young men of the parish. The procession ends back at the church where a High Mass is celebrated at noon. Additional Masses are celebrated at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, and 7:00 pm.

Following the procession, a festival will take place on the parish grounds at 28th and Princeton. Live Croatian music will fill the air as guests dine on traditional Croatian dishes like barbecued lamb and pig. Croatian pastries like “povitica” (nut roll) and “fritule” (fried dough) will satisfy guests before they slip into a Croatian “kolo” circle dance or slide up to the bar for a few drinks with the lively young Croatians and their stories of summers spent vacationing along the Adriatic coast of their beloved Croatia. Games and entertainment will be provided for our youngest guests, and bingo is available for all.

For further information, please call 312-842-1872, email us at VelikaGospa@gmail.com, or visit our website: www.stjeromecroatian.org.

In preparation for the Feast, St. Jerome Church will be holding a bake sale on Monday, August 13th, from 5:30 – 9:00 pm. The sale will take place in the school hall, located at 2801 South Princeton. Some of the specialties available will be “povitica” and apple strudel, as well as many other homemade goodies: pound cakes, cakes and cookies.

Please join us to honor our blessed mother.
We are only a few weeks away from the first day of school for the 2018-2019 school year! We still have many projects going on in both the school building and surrounding campus area and we cannot wait to welcome you back. Please keep in mind some important dates as we near the first day:

**Back to School Dates:**

- The first day of school for grades 1-8 is Wednesday, August 22, with an 11:30 dismissal. We then invite families to attend the Back to School Picnic sponsored by the Ladies Guild beginning at 11:30 on the school grounds. All students and families are invited to attend in grades PK-8. There will be food and fun for all!
- Thursday, August 23, is the first day of Kindergarten with an 11:30 dismissal for grades K-8.
- Friday, August 24, is our first full day of school for Kindergarten-Grade 8. Preschool Orientation will also take place in two sessions this day. You should have received an invitation in the mail in regard to this orientation session. These were mailed out last week so, if you have not received yours, you will be receiving it shortly.
- Monday, August 27, is the first day for preschool.

**Extended Day:**

- Extended Day paperwork is available for download on our website under the ‘About’ tab. You may fill out the paperwork and bring it to school on either Wednesday, August 22, or Thursday, August 23, from 7:30-8:00 am both days in the Lower Hall or on Thursday, August 23, from 2:30-3:00 pm. Please also have your check or cash ready for the registration fee.
- Extended day begins on Friday, August 24, as this is our first full day of school.

**Tuition Contracts/Smart Tuition:**

- Please remember that the first tuition payment is due on either August 1 or 15 depending on your due date. School fees are included in Smart Tuition. Registration fees must be paid directly to the School Office. School fees were due by July 15; please ensure these are paid before the first day of school. Tuition Contracts need to be filled in and dropped at the Rectory immediately if you have not already done so. Contact the Rectory at 312-842-7979 with any inquiries about Contracts and/or Smart Tuition!

**Teachers:**

- Please make sure to check out our ‘Teacher Page’ on the school website. All of our teachers are posted with photos and credentials! We welcome our new faculty and also our returning faculty for the 2018-2019 school year!

Have a good rest of the summer!

Mrs. Nolazco
**Weekly Collection - August 4th - 5th**

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- Actual: $18,057.60
- Goal: $38,400.00
- % of Goal: 47%

**Weekly**
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- % of Goal: 39%

**Votives & Vigil Lights:** $167.10

**June Give Central:**
- 1st: $1,868.00
- 2nd: $355.00

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.

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+ Michael & Irene Dyjak (Bill & Barbara Webb)

+ Edward Rolek (T. Rolek)

+ Patricia Galasinski (Guest Family)

+ Lottie Krupa (Daughter)

**7:00 a.m. + Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)**

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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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