Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.

— James 1:21b
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.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!
St. Mary of Perpetual Help is conducting Religious Education Classes (CCD) for all students in Grades 1-8.

When: Sunday morning classes start on Sunday, September 9th, beginning at 8:45 am in the St. Mary of Perpetual Help school building until the end of the 10:30 am Mass.

How do I register: There is a new online portal for registration on the St. Mary website. Registration will also take place after the 10:30 am Mass every weekend between now and Sunday, September 2.

The registration portal can be found on the St. Mary website under the “For Families” tab. New registrants must provide or upload a copy of the child’s baptismal certificate in the portal.

For more information, please contact Father Aschenbrener in the church office (773) 927-6646 or visit the parish website: www.stmaryofperpetualhelp.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FEES

Confirmation Class: $175; First Communion Class: $175; all other classes: $125. Payments will need to be made online as part of the new registration portal. A $50 late fee will apply for registrations received after September 9. Please do not wait until the last minute! Registering early helps us make sure we are prepared for your family on the first day.

FROM THE DESK OF THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear People of St. Barbara,

Every family wants their children to be smart, wise and live according to the good rules their parents set up. It is not pleasant to be called by the principal to come to school because your children did something which was not very smart. And, I think children are very proud when their parents live a good life, are intelligent and they can tell other children how smart their father or mother is.

We as adults want to live in a nation that is smart, strong and intelligent. We want to have leaders who govern all nations with wisdom. So we created millions of rules and regulations, millions of laws which govern all aspects of our lives. And we realize that we still are not very smart, not very intelligent, and not very wise.

Today’s first reading gives us a good solution to what it means to be an intelligent nation – a nation that will be admired by the whole world. All other nations will say, “This is a great nation. It is truly a wise and intelligent people.” What is the secret? It is very simple. Moses said to the people, “Heed the statutes and decrees which the Lord, the God of your Father is giving you and observe them carefully.”

Why did I say it is easy? Because God gave very simple laws which regulate our lives – the Ten Commandments. Ten simple words which even the most simple-minded person can memorize. If people live according to the Ten Commandments, we will not need any other laws. We don’t need thousands of lawyers. Unfortunately, we think that we can create a better law and, year after year, we go down as a nation.

For example, God said, “Remember to respect the holy day. It should be a day of resting, a day with family and with God.” But, what happened? People are working, are far away from their children and, instead of going to church, they go to the modern temple – the shopping mall. God said, “You shall not kill.” It means, don’t hurt innocent people and innocent animals. What do people do? They kill animals just for killing. They kill people because they don’t like them or because they can show their power over other people. Simply, there are some people who are very powerful who have no respect for life at all.

Another example. God said, “You shall not steal.” But what happened in our society? Huge monies disappear and no one is responsible.

I don’t want to talk about all the commandments but, take a moment at home, take the Ten Commandments and you will say the same as I said. If people live the Ten Commandments, the world will not need prisons, police, or armies. I know that Utopia is not real but, I think, in many cases, we can try to keep God’s love and His law to be alive among us.

Fr. Andrzej

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

MAGDALEN MINCHUK

Please keep the Minchuk Family in your prayers.
The Running of the Rose
August 21, 2018

On Tuesday, August 21st, we held the Running of the Rose Ceremony in our parish. St. Barbara was honored to be one of eight churches in the United States to receive the Silver Rose for an evening on its way to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City.
THANK YOU THURSDAY BINGO!

St. Barbara Thursday Bingo donated $1,000 to the school to purchase air conditioning units. Thank you for always supporting our school, and for helping us provide much needed resources to our students. God bless!

Want a squeaky clean car? Join us for the
St. Barbara Catholic School CARWASH
Saturday, September 8
from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
2859 S. Throop Street
Church/School Parking Lot

7th and 8th graders will be washing cars to raise money for their class trip. Support our students!

Cars $6
Mini vans/Small SUV $8
Vans/Large SUV $10
**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, September 1 - Vigil of the Twenty-Second Sunday**

**Sunday In Ordinary Time**
5:00 p.m. + Thomas Mangan (John Mangan)
+ Vicky & Joseph Kaput (Nancy Kaput)
Birthday Blessings: Frank V. Nowak (Family)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

**Sunday, September 2 - The Twenty-Second Sunday**

**in Ordinary Time**
6:00 a.m. + Donald Rolek (Len Ostrewski)
+ Edward & Rose Orzech (Bill & Barbara Webb)
+ Patricia Galasinski (Guest Family)
+ Vicky & Joseph Kaput (Nancy Kaput)
Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. + Steve & Harriet Sklany (Victoria David)
+ Vicky & Joseph Kaput (Nancy Kaput)
+ Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)
11:30 a.m. + Estelle Barton (Ed & B. Glabicki)
+ Vicky & Joseph Kaput (Nancy Kaput)
Health Blessings: Terrance Lerner (Virginia Pienta)
Divine Mercy for All (J. Lukwinski)

**Monday, September 3 - St. Gregory the Great**
9:00 a.m. + Edward & Rose Ciz

**Tuesday, September 4 - Weekday**
6:00 p.m. + Russell Lech (Ed & B. Glabicki)

**Wednesday, September 5 - St. Teresa of Calcutta**
8:30 a.m. Blessings: Mitchell & Dennis Pienta (Virginia Pienta)

**Thursday, September 6 - Weekday**
8:30 a.m. + Robert Baker

**Friday, September 7 - Weekday (First Friday)**
8:30 a.m. + Mary Domagala (Mike Domagala)
+ Dorle Pomierski (Diane Rzasa)
6:00 p.m. + Ralph Eneberg (Ed & B. Glabicki)

**Saturday, September 8 - The Nativity of the Blessed**
8:30 a.m. + All Souls’ Remembrance

**Virgin Mary**

**Saturday, September 9 - Vigil of the Twenty-Third Sunday**

**Sunday In Ordinary Time**
5:00 p.m. + Daniel Kutansky (Alanna)
+ Theresa Powers (Son, Dan)
+ Vicky and Joseph Kaput (Nancy Kaput)
Birthday Blessings: Frank V. Nowak (Family)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

**Sunday, September 10 - The Twenty-Third Sunday**

**in Ordinary Time**
6:00 a.m. + Norbert Rolek (T. Rolek)
+ Helen McCormick (Bill and Barbara Webb)
+ Eleanor Leverence (Son, Gary)
+ Vicky & Joseph Kaput (Nancy Kaput)
Health Blessings: Theresa Oleszkiewicz (Ruth Czarnecki)
Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)

### Weekly Collection - August 25th - 26th

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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH**
5:00 p.m.
Altar Servers:  M. Lemke, A. Lemke, Q. Do,
               A. Gorz, G. Godinez
Eucharistic Ministers: J. Lukwinski, R. Carden
Lectors:  G. Dumelle, P. Saletta

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH**
6:00 a.m.
Altar Server:  G. Vanderford
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Guest, J. Balasa
Lector:  J. Bertucci
9:30 a.m.
Altar Servers:  C. Kelly, N. Perez, D. Prieto,
               G. Salinas, P. Young
Eucharistic Ministers: P. Rodriguez, J. Rodriguez
Lectors:  Sr. K. McNulty, M. Worth
11:30 a.m.
Altar Servers:  A. Torres, N. Bunda, V. Sandoval,
               A. Rodriguez, M. Rodriguez
Eucharistic Ministers: H. Alonzo, A. Alonzo
Lectors:  H. Alonzo, 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...
