Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom?
— James 2:5
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. They are always looking for volunteers to take up the gifts.

HOLY COMMUNICATION
If you find it difficult to walk to the front of the Church to receive Holy Communion, please notify one of the ushers before Mass that you would like a priest to bring Communion to you.

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.

TODAY IS GRANDPARENTS DAY!
We wish all Grandparents a special day today. Children, remember your grandparents with a card, a little gift, or maybe a BIG HUG! They will be very thankful that you thought about them.

Activities This Week
Sun., Sept. 9 - National Grandparents’ Day - Altar & Rosary Mtg.; 1:00 pm
Mon., Sept. 10 - St. Barbara KC Mtg.; 7:30 pm
Sat., Sept. 15 - St. Barbara Tootsie Roll Drive after 5:00 pm Mass
Sun., Sept. 16 - St. Barbara Tootsie Roll Drive after all Masses

Altar & Rosary Meeting
Sunday, September 9, 2018
Summer is almost over and fall is around the corner. We hope everyone enjoyed the hot summer, and are looking forward to a pleasant autumn. The monthly meetings for the Altar & Rosary Sodality resume this month. Due to the Labor Day weekend, the September meeting will be held today, September 9th. Plan to attend the 11:30 am Mass and join us in the Senior Mobile at 1:00 p.m. in prayer, lunch, and a few games of bingo. Hope to see all there! Visitors and newcomers are always welcome!

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.
FROM THE DESK OF THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear People of St. Barbara,

In today’s first reading, the prophet Isaiah shows us a beautiful picture of God. First of all, God is to save us. He has power to take all fear away and give us strength. God has power to make the blind see, to make the deaf hear, the lame leap, and the mute sing again. God has power to make the desert a beautiful garden and the thirsty grounds springs of water.

So, I ask myself, why doesn’t it happen? Why do we have a lot of sick people? Why do we have a lot of hungry people – or homeless people? Why didn’t God make the earth a beautiful garden? There are still some deserted places without life. But I really believe that we don’t need God to change the world. Very many wise people have said that on the earth, there is enough food for everyone. The problem is that people in power – very greedy people – don’t allow the weak to have access to this.

Someone also said that, if the powerful people gave only part of the money they spend on wars for medical research, we would be able to cure almost all diseases. God can always do good things, but people think that they are like God. When they try to do something good, unfortunately, a lot of people suffer. We admire the pyramids in Egypt. They are amazing, but we never think about how many slaves died carrying these big stones – how many children became orphans because their fathers died. We built the Hoover Dam and it serves for the good of many. But I saw a documentary on television about the construction and they said that many, many people died during the construction.

And something from our neighborhood. I took a sightseeing trip on the river and the lake and they were talking about the big fire and different things which occurred in our city.

The speech was very interesting. The guide said that we are very proud because, at one time, the Chicago River was flowing into the lake and polluted the water. So they decided to do a very difficult project – to change the direction of the flow of the river. And they succeeded. But, all the pollution then went in another direction and poisoned people as well.

So, the lesson is: Were we trying to take the place of God – to try to change nature? We did something good but, on the other hand, we did a lot of damage to our brothers and sisters.

We have to be very humble and remember that God is the one who has absolute power on our lives and the life of the universe.

Fr. Andrzej

DIVINE MERCY SQUAD

We need to remember that the center of our life should be Holy Mass and prayer. We want to share with you and remind you that, since 2016, the Divine Mercy Prayer Group faithfully prays after the 11:30 am Mass on Sundays.

As you can see, on the step below the picture of the Divine Mercy there is a basket; next to the basket are cards on a stand. The cards are entitled “Divine Mercy Intention”. Each of you can take a form, fill it out with your intention, and drop it in the basket. We have a group of six young families who pray for your intentions every day. Once a month, there is a special evening Mass in the chapel with these families to pray for your intentions. This group is very faithful, so please remember to put your intentions in the basket.

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.

Please consider remembering St. Barbara Parish in your will.
This Tuesday marks the 17th anniversary of the 9/11/01 terrorist attack. On this day seventeen years ago, we were awakened to the horrific news of the attack on the north tower of the World Trade Center in New York City. Several minutes later, we heard the news of the attack on the South Tower. Less than half an hour later, a plane crashed into the Pentagon. Another half hour later, hijackers crashed a plane into a field in Pennsylvania. The total 9/11 attacks killed almost 3,000 people and injured more than 6,000.

As a result of the attack, Fr. James Martin, S.J., wrote the following prayer:

“In times of pain, give me comfort. In times of despair, give me hope. In times of hatred, give me love. In times of doubt, give me trust. And, even when I feel far from you, be close to me, loving God.”

Let us pray for those whose lives were lost and those whose lives have been forever changed by these attacks.
School Happenings
(School Website: www.stbarbaraschool.org)

The school year is off to a great start! We have many exciting events planned along with many new extra-curricular activities; Art Club, Mexican Folkloric Dance, Genealogy Club and so much more.
**Saturday, September 8 - Vigil of the Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time**
5:00 p.m. + Daniel Kutansky (Alanna)
+ Theresa Powers (Son, Dan)
+ Vicky and Joseph Kaput (Nancy Kaput)
+ Evelyn & Ignatius (Jim) Goetz (Adrian & Karen Goetz & Fam.)
Birthday Blessings: Frank V. Nowak (Family)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kiesielente Family)

**Sunday, September 9 - 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)
9:30 a.m. + Vicky & Joseph Kaput (Nancy Kaput)
+ Ima Whitehouse (Dave & Ruth Czarnecki)
+ Nick Paolino (Wife, Mary)
11:30 a.m. + Ann.: Vernon Sandacz (John & Susan Adomaitis)
+ David Maeshiba (Michelle Pomierski)
+ Tyjuan Lewis (Adeline Skokal)
+ Vicky & Joseph Kaput (Nancy Kaput)
+ Casimir Pienta (Virginia Pienta)
+ Daniel Gondek (Salinas Family)
Divine Mercy for All Religious (Parishioner)

**Monday, September 10 - Weekday**
8:30 a.m. + Furmanek Grandparents (Sonny Furmanek)
+ Nick Paolino (Wife, Mary)

**Tuesday, September 11 - Weekday**
6:00 p.m. + 1 Yr. Ann.: Rose Furmanek (Sonny Furmanek)
+ Nick Paolino (Wife, Mary)

**Wednesday, September 12 - Weekday; The Most Holy Name of Mary**
8:30 a.m. + Patricia Galasinski (St. Barbara Seniors Club)
+ Dolores Pazdro (Sister)

**Thursday, September 13 - St. John Chrysostom**
8:30 a.m. + Ann.: Sophie Lukwinski (Family)

**Friday, September 14 - Weekday; The Exaltation Of The Cross**
8:30 a.m. + 16th Ann.: Rev. Julius Walz (Jim Bertucci)

**Saturday, September 14 - Our Lady of Sorrows**
8:30 a.m. Father’s Day Remembrance

**Saturday, September 15 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
5:00 p.m. + Josephine Loncke (Adeline Skokal)
+ Vicky & Joseph Kaput (Nancy Kaput)
+ Matthew Rekar (Wife)
+ Delores & Ignatius Goetz (Adrian & Karen Goetz & Fam.)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kiesielente Fam.)

**Sunday, September 16 - The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
6:00 a.m. + Rita Suriano (Terri Rolek)
+ Terri Rolek (Christine Krupa)
+ Vicky & Joseph Kaput (Nancy Kaput)
+ Patricia Galasinski (Bill & Barbara Webb)
Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. + Steve & Mary Sklany (Victoria David)
+ Vicky & Joseph Kaput (Nancy Kaput)
+ Patricia Galasinski (Guest Family)
+ Stanely & Catherine Pynarski (Rose Stronczek)
+ Divine Mercy for All Religious (Parishioner)
11:30 a.m. + Alfred Helma (Ed & B. Glabicki)
+ Vicky & Joseph Kaput (Nancy Kaput)
+ Patricia Galasinski (Barbara Rekar)
+ Raul Salinas (Salinas Family)
+ Divine Mercy for All (J. Lukwinski)

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH**
**5:00 p.m.**
Altar Servers: Q. Do, A. Torres, A. Gorz, V. Sandoval, G. Godinez
Eucharistic Ministers: A. Skokal, R. Carden
Lectors: W. Podrazik, G. Dumelle

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH**
**6:00 a.m.**
Altar Server: G. Vanderford
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Guest, J. Balasa
Lector: J. Bertucci
**9:30 a.m.**
Altar Servers: E. Castaneda, M. Gonzalez, V. Mack, E. Cabrera, E. Cabrera, R. Cabrera
Eucharistic Ministers: F. Cabrera, J. Lukwinski
Lectors: H. Diaz DeLeon, P. Saletta
**11:30 a.m.**
Altar Servers: L. Kwiatkowski, D. Kwiatkowski, J. Kwiatkowski, J. P. Kwiatkowski
Eucharistic Ministers: D. Ramos, B. Pienta
Lectors: Edward Raya, Eljay Raya

**Mercy Home - Sunday Mass**
WGN- TV Channel 9 - Chicago
Sunday Mass: 9:30 AM

**Relevant Radio - Mass & Rosary**
950 AM WNTD - Chicago
Sunday Mass: 9:00 AM
Daily Mass: 8:30 PM Mon. - Sat.
Rosary: 8:00 PM Sun. - Sat.
Chaplet: 3:00 PM Mon. - Fri
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.

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