The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced.

— Isaiah 50:7
HOLY NAME SOCIETY
At our meeting on Friday, September 7, 2018, the following “100 Club” winners were announced:

1st prize: Tony Skokal
2nd prize: George Sr.
3rd prize: AEMJL
4th prize: George Sr.
5th prize: Chris Krupa

Please remember that the Men’s Choir will sing at the 9:30 am Mass next Sunday. Rehearsal will begin at 9:00 am before the Mass.

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.

Activities This Week
Sat., Sept. 15 - St. Barbara Tootsie Roll Drive after 5:00 pm Mass
Sun., Sept. 16 - St. Barbara Tootsie Roll Drive after all Masses
Tues., Sept. 18 - St. Barbara Seniors’ Mtg.; 11:30 am - Archbishop Quigley KC’s Quad/Council Mtg.; 7:00 pm
Thurs., Sept. 20 - BSK Mtg.; 6:30 pm
Sun., Sept. 23 - Holy Name Men’s Choir sings at 9:30 am Mass

ST. BARBARA ALL-YEAR HIGH SCHOOL REUNION
St. Barbara High School will present its all-year reunion on Saturday, October 6, 2018. The evening will begin at 6:00 pm with dinner, followed by a DJ playing all styles of music for your dancing pleasure. There will be a 50/50 raffle and possibly other raffles or games.

The ticket cost of $50 will cover dinner, desserts, coffee and drinks. Tickets are available at the rectory. Payment may be made in cash or by a check made out to Lynn Liskiewicz.

Tickets can also be purchased online via PayPal or Venmo. Email address to use for PayPal or Venmo is Lynn Liskiewicz (lynn.lisk@att.net). Tickets can also be purchased by mail (attn.: Lynn Liskiewicz, 3226 S. Wells Street, Chicago, IL 60616).

When purchasing tickets by mail or email, please include your full name (including your maiden name), year of graduation and email address.

HOLY COMMUNION
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.

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 Gospel — at least the first part of the Gospel — there is a beautiful picture. Jesus and his disciples are travelling through the villages of Caesarea-Philippi and they are very happy because Jesus is with them. To be with Jesus for them is like winning the lottery, because Jesus is very powerful. He is able to feed hungry people; He can cure all diseases; He can drive out demons. When people met Jesus, they wanted to follow Him, and many of them became good persons.

Isn’t it beautiful? But in one moment, Jesus is trying to tell them that life is not only a road covered with roses, but that life also has its faults. And He said that, one day, He must suffer greatly – be rejected by everyone and be killed, but He would rise up after three days. The disciples couldn’t understand this. Peter said to Jesus, “It will never, ever happen to you.”

But really, it was not Peter saying this because Jesus said to Peter, “Get behind me Satan because you are thinking not like God does but as human beings do.” This is our life. There is a time when we are young, strong and pretty. But the time comes, which is normal because it is life, that we become not so young, nor so strong, and not so pretty. The cross is part of our life. We have two choices, I think: 1) to try to remove the cross from our life, or 2) to accept it.

I am thinking about many saints. Most of them suffered during their life. They suffered physically, emotionally, and because of the members of their communities. St. Faustina, for example, the herald of Divine Mercy. She was treated as a crazy person. They laughed at her, but she was very joyful and very happy because she accepted the cross and Jesus.

What about Padre Pio? For many, many years he suffered because of the stigmata he had, but he never, ever showed his sufferings. Why? Because he accepted the cross and Jesus.

Please believe me – it really works. When you experience the cross in your body, your life, your spirit, your mind – if you feel any pain, try to say, “Jesus I offer this suffering for the conversion of sinners and for the poor souls in Purgatory.” The pain will not always go away, but it will become nothing compared with the life of Jesus. And the words of Jesus become true in your life. My cross is light and my burden is not heavy.

Fr. Andrzej

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.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

WALTER KOSTECKA, JR.
AND HIS SISTER
MADELINE “MIDGE” STACHNIK
(Brother and Sister of the late Geri Kaput)

Please keep the Kostecka, Stachnik and Kaput families in your prayers.

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.

ST. BARBARA WINDOW REMEMBERANCE ALTAR & LITURGICAL REMEMBERANCE

The St. Barbara Stained Glass Window illumination (donation-$100) and the Altar/Liturgical Remembrance (donation-$50) are special ways of remembering someone prayerfully. These remembrances can be for someone celebrating a birthday, a couple celebrating their anniversary, someone sick in need of prayers, for the repose of the soul of a loved one who has died, etc. These donations help with the upkeep of the church and help to cover the expense of various altar/liturgical supplies for the week: hosts, wine, candle oil, etc. To give a remembrance, stop in the rectory or call the church office: (312) 842-7979.

Please consider remembering St. Barbara Parish in your will.
**St. Gabriel Parish Presents a Concert of Celtic Harp and Flute**

Direct from “Milwaukee Irish Fest”, **Emerald Wind**, Emily Scordato-flute and Mary Kathleen Scordato-harp will perform a concert on Sunday, September 23rd, 2018 at 2:00pm in St. Gabriel’s church hall (4500 S. Wallace). A free will offering will be taken at the door. Please join us for an afternoon concert of beautiful harp and flute music presented by Emerald Wind. This lovely duo will delight you with the sounds of Ireland and the classic melodies of the harp and flute.

Those of you who attend the 11:30 am Mass may remember Emily and Mary Kathleen. Eva has invited them to play at Mass several times. Help us to support these talented young ladies.

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**ST. BARBARA SENIORS**

Are you 55+? Do you enjoy socializing with your neighbors? Interested in playing Bingo? If so, come to the next St. Barbara Senior Citizens Meeting to be held this Tuesday, September 18th, at 11:30 a.m. Try it — you might like it!

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**Online Electronic Giving is available at St. Barbara**

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 follow the prompts.

**BENEFITS OF USING GIVE CENTRAL**

If you are going to be away, please don’t forget about the availability of using Give Central for St. Barbara to keep up with your envelopes. Some benefits about using Give Central:

1. You can use a credit card or auto withdraw from a bank account;
2. You can set up recurring events so you don’t have to worry about bringing an envelope to Mass;
3. If you are out of town attending Mass at a different Church, your St. Barbara donation will continue on schedule.
4. You can manage your account from any smart phone or computer.

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**Lucky Lady $500 Coverall**

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Welcome Superintendent Jim Rigg!

On Tuesday, we welcomed principals from throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago! The Curriculum Advisory Committee and the Archdiocesan Principals Association met to discuss methods on how to promote educational growth throughout the diocese. We also welcomed Dr. Jim Rigg, the superintendent of Catholic schools. He met students and saw first-hand all the great things happening at St. Barbara!

School is off to a great start!

Last week, students began attending “specials” which included gym, Spanish, music, art, library, computers and lab. To end the week, our students dressed up in their Sunday best for picture day. We have great things in store this year! Stay tuned.
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. Kisielente 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)
+ Stanley & Catherine Pyznarski (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)

Monday, September 17 - Weekday; St Robert Bellarmine
8:30 a.m. + Vernon Sandacz (John & Susan Adomaitis)

Tuesday, September 18 - Weekday
8:30 a.m. + Florence Jandrisitz (Ed & B Glabicki)

Wednesday, September 19 - Weekday; St. Januarius
8:30 a.m. + Stanley Slotarski

Thursday, September 20 - Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-Sang
8:30 a.m. + Edward & Rose Ciz

Friday, September 21 - Weekday; St. Matthew
8:30 a.m. + John Kutyba (Victoria Skala)

Saturday, September 22 - Weekday
8:30 a.m. Mother’s Day Remembrance

Saturday, September 22 - Vigil of the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 p.m. + Geri Kaput (Mr. & Mrs. Bill Webb)
+ Vicky & Joseph Kaput (Nancy Kaput)
+ Laverne & Sylvester Schipioir
+ Ignatius (Jim) Goetz (Adrian & Karen Goetz & Fam.)
+ Charles Berger (Adeline Skokal)
+ Ted & Ann Glowacki (Family)
  Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Fam.)

Sunday, September 23 - The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
6:00 a.m. + Donald Rolek (Tess Bednarski)
  + Joseph & Mary Dyjak (Bill & Barbara Webb)
+ Barbara Cerniak (Terri Rolek)
+ Novak & Vitkovich Families (Family)
+ Michael Semmler (Wife, Rose)
+ Vicky & Joseph Kaput (Nancy Kaput)
  Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. + Ima Whitehouse (Barbara Hudren))
  + Vicky & Joseph Kaput (Nancy Kaput)
  + Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)
  Divine Mercy for All Religious (Parishioner)
11:30 a.m. + David Maeshiba (Felice Allen)
  + RoseMary Lodding (Family)
  + Lucille Helma (Ed & B. Glabicki)
+ Vicky & Joseph Kaput (Nancy Kaput)
  Blessings: Mr. & Mrs. Peter Goga (Virginia Pienta)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND
5:00 p.m.
Altar Servers:  L. Kwiatkowski, D. Kwiatkowski, J. Kwiatkowski, J. P. Kwiatkowski
Eucharistic Ministers:  A. Skokal, J. Lukwinski
Lectors:  L. Saletta

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD
6:00 a.m.
Altar Server:  G. Vanderford
Eucharistic Ministers:  S. Guest, J. Balasa
Lector:  J. Bertucci
9:30 a.m.
Altar Servers:  P Young, C. Kelly, J. Gonzalez, M. Arteaga, G. Salinas
Eucharistic Ministers:  P. Rodriguez, J. Rodriguez
Lectors:  B. Curry, B. Hudren
11:30 a.m.
Altar Servers:  A. Alonzo, G. Parcon, A. Torres, A. Rodriguez, M. Rodrigues
Eucharistic Ministers:  H. Alonzo, A. Alonzo
Lectors:  B. Pienta, H. Alonzo

Relevant Radio - Mass & Rosary
950 AM WNTD - Chicago
Sunday Mass:  9:00 AM
Daily Mass:  7:30 PM  Mon. - Sat.
Rosary:  7:00 PM  Sun. - Sat.
Chaplet:  3:00 PM  Mon. - Fri

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