The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.

— James 3:18
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.

THE ST. VINCENT DePAUL FALL CLOTHING DRIVE IS BACK!

When: Saturday, October 13, 2018 9:00 am to 5:30 pm and Sunday, October 14, 2018 9:00 am to 1:30 pm

Where: The St. Barbara Church Parking Lot

Bring you boxed, bagged and bundled clothing to the van in the parking lot. Remember to bag your shoes separately.

PLEASE: NO BABY FURNITURE!

GOD BLESS YOU AND THANK YOU

CHOIR NEWS

SING! SING! SING!

ST. BARBARA CHOIR STARTS ITS NEW SEASON REHEARSALS ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH AT 7:00 P.M.

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS. ENTER THROUGH THE SIDE DOOR BETWEEN CHURCH AND RECTORY.

THE CHOIR SINGS AT THE 11:30 A.M. MASSES FROM OCTOBER THROUGH JUNE AND ON ALL HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO OBSERVE A REHEARSAL FIRST, JUST STOP BY BETWEEN 7 P.M. AND 8:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY.

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.

Please consider remembering St. Barbara Parish in your will.

Activities This Week

Sun., Sept. 23 - Holy Name Men’s Choir sings at 9:30 am Mass
Mon., Sept. 24 - Ladies’ Guild Mtg.; 7:00 pm
Thurs., Sept. 27 - “Dine-Out” Night
Sat., Sept. 29 - 7th and 8th Grade Car Wash; 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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,

In today’s readings, there are some words which very strongly affect my heart. There is one sentence from the Letter of St. James. St James says, “Where jealousy and self-ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice.” And we have many examples of this from our lives, but let us think again about what happened to Jesus.

He was a very simple, humble man. The only thing He gave to the people was love and mercy. He wanted nothing else but that people would love God and their neighbors as themselves. Many people followed Him and His teachings. Millions of people follow Him until today because this is a very simple and attractive message. So again, what happened to Jesus?

We see what happened in the first reading, in the Book of Wisdom. This is the prophesy about Jesus which was written 200 years before Jesus came. It talks about the Just One – which is Jesus. The wicked wanted to destroy Jesus because Jesus was against their doings. He was against their transgressions of the law. Simply, these wicked people were teachers of Israel – Scribes, and Pharisees. They were jealous and very selfish, so they did everything possible to put Christ to death. They accused Jesus falsely; they tortured Him; even after His death, they spread the false news that His disciples stole His body from the grave.

For the first time in my life, when I think of this, I see how awful it was. But when I look at our lives today, many people experience the same actions. They experience false accusations, and even death, like the thousands of Christians who are persecuted all over the world.

Look at the disciples. What happened today? Jesus is telling about His death and resurrection, but they didn’t understand. Why didn’t they understand? Because they were busy discussing among themselves who was the greatest. So again, we refer to the words of St. James, “where jealousy and self-ambition exists there is disorder”. Selfishness and jealousy sooner or later turn against us, so we should try with all our strength to reduce this feeling and become a people of humble service and love.

Fr, Andrzej

Weekly Collection - September 15th - 16th

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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.

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 today, 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. Let us support these talented young ladies.

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.
“CHURCHES BY BUS” TOUR VISITS ST. BARBARA

On Saturday, September 15th, more than 200 people (in 5 buses) visited St. Barbara Church as part of the 23rd annual “Churches by Bus” tour organized by the Chicago Architecture Center. Each busload stopped by 6 selected houses of worship in the Bridgeport neighborhood, guided by volunteer docents who offered architectural and historical background on design, art, and history.

The stop at St. Barbara stood out. The visitors received additional stories and insights from parish historians Walter Podrazik and Grace Dumelle. They set up a table display of historical artifacts and they also answered questions about the building, the statues and stained glass, the school, and the continued support by new generations of parishioners.

Visitors were impressed by the bright and welcoming beauty of St. Barbara, though several asked how the building stayed up without any columns or visible support beams? (Answer: Smart engineering, and prayer.)

Visitors also lingered at the Lower Hall, which the Center set up as its refreshment stop for all of the groups. Before they headed back to their buses for the next stop, a number of visitors returned to the church for a parting look and prayer. It was a good opportunity for evangelization and outreach.

A St. Barbara school graduate was delighted to discover that our 75th Anniversary Yearbook included a photo of her with her class. The family all gathered for a close-up look.

On behalf of Fr. Andrzej and myself, I would like to thank Walter Podrazik and his beautiful wife Grace for their dedication to the parish and their outstanding work welcoming our visitors and highlighting the special features of St. Barbara Church.

Fr. Arthur
High School Information Day!

High school information day was held last week for our 7th and 8th grade students. Visiting schools included Saint Ignatius College Prep - Chicago, De La Salle Institute, Marist High School Chicago, St. Laurence High School, Nazareth Academy, Cristo Rey Jesuit H.S., Chicago, IL, Brother Rice High School - Chicago, Mount Carmel High School, St. Rita High School, Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School (formerly St. Xavier Academy), Josephinum Academy of the Sacred Heart and Our Lady of Tepeyac High School.

We also had an opportunity to catch up with several St. Barbara School alumni today. Thanks for visiting!

St. Barbara School App

Do you have space on your phone for another app? We hope so...because the St. Barbara School App is now available on the Apple Store and Google Play! Be sure to select "Allow" when asked if you would like to receive notifications from us.
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 Schipior
+ Ignatius (Jim) Goetz (Adrian & Karen
  Goetz & Family)
+ Charles Berger (Adeline Skokal)
+ Ted & Ann Glowacki (Family)
+ Thomas & Margaret Tatascione
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

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 Czerniak (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)

Monday, September 24 - Weekday
8:30 a.m. Blessings: Alan Goga (Virginia Pienta)

Tuesday, September 25 - Weekday
8:30 a.m. + Joan Bartkowski (Ed & B. Glabicki)

Wednesday, September 26 - Weekday; Sts. Cosmas
and Damian
8:30 a.m. + Mezydlo Family: John, Genevieve,
  Genevieve (Jean), Aloysius, and Eleanor

Thursday, September 27 - St. Vincent de Paul
8:30 a.m. + Daniel Nawracaj (Mr. & Mrs. Stan
  Nawracaj & Family)

Friday, September 28 - Weekday; St. Wenceslaus
8:30 a.m. + Birth. Rem.: Catherine Rudziewicz
  (Daughter)
+ Nick Paolino (Wife, Mary)

Saturday, September 29 - Sts. Michael, Gabriel,
and Raphael (Archangels)
8:30 a.m. + All Saints’ Remembrance
  Special Intention (Spalla Family)
Saturday, September 29 - Vigil of the Twenty-Sixth
Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 p.m. + Domagala Family (Mike Domagala)
+ 100th Birth. Rem.: Lillian Wojcik
  (Elizabeth Wojcik)
+ Madeline Stachnik (Dolores Becatti)

Saturday, September 29 - Vigil of the Twenty-Sixth
Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 p.m. + Vicky & Joseph Kaput (Nancy Kaput)
+ Joseph Kruk (Dziemiela Family)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)
6:00 a.m. + Eleanor Rolek (Terri Rolek)
+ Birth. Rem.: Dorothy Smolinski (Huband, Ray)
+ Patricia Galasinski (Guest Family)
+ Vicky & Joseph Kaput (Nancy Kaput)
Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. + Michael Parulski (Mr. & Mrs. Stan
  Nawracaj & Family)
+ Vicky & Joseph Kaput (Nancy Kaput)
Health Blessings: Ed Sraga (Family)
11:30 a.m. + Barbara Czerniak (Ed & B. Glabicki)
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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH
5:00 p.m.
Altar Servers:  M. Lemke, A. Lemke,
  A. Torres, A. Gorz, G. Godinez
Eucharistic Ministers:  A. Skokal, R. Carden
Lectors:  W. Podraziak, L. Saletta

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH
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, M. Gonzalez,
  C. Kelly, E. Castaneda
Eucharistic Ministers:  F. Cabrera, J. Lukwinski
Lectors:  Sr. K. McNulty, M. Worth
11:30 a.m.
Altar Servers:  V. Sandoval, N. Perez, P. Young,
  A. Calderon, L. Calderon, N. Calderon
Eucharistic Ministers:  D. Ramos, B. Pienta
Lectors:  L. Szczepanski, 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...


**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**
Mass at 8:30 a.m., followed by a short period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. 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**
Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. before the 6:00 p.m. Mass, and on Sunday at 5:30 p.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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