The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad indeed.

— Psalm 126:3
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.

Activities This Week

Sun., Oct. 28 - Ladies’ Guild Family Mass; 9:30 am
  - Heritage Mass followed by hospitality in the gym 11:30 am
Mon., Oct. 29 - Ladies’ Guild Mtg.; 7:00 pm
Wed., Oct. 31 - Ladies’ Guild Trunk or Treat in the parking lot; 1:30 pm
  - Anticipated All Saints’ Day Mass; 7:00 pm (Rosary begins at 6:30 pm)
Thurs., Nov. 1 - All Saints’ Day Masses: 6:00 and 8:30 am; 7:00 pm
Fri., Nov. 2 - First Friday Students’ Mass; 8:30 am
  - First Friday Mass followed by Exposition and Adoration
Sat., Nov. 3 - Memorial Mass; 9:00 am (no 8:30 am Mass
  - Ladies’ Guild Vendor Fair; 11:00 am-4:00 pm
Sun., Nov. 4 - Athletics’ Team Family Mass; 9:30 am
  - St. Barbara KC’s Chili Dinner; 12:30-3:00 pm

 ALL SOULS’ ENVELOPES

The Feast of All Souls is this Friday, November 2nd. All Souls’ envelopes are on the small table in the back of church. This is a way of remembering and praying for your deceased loved ones. Special All Souls’ Mass intentions will be celebrated throughout the year. These envelopes can be placed into the collection or returned to the rectory.

ST. BARBARA KC’S SPONSORS CHILI DINNER

Next Sunday, November 4, 2018, the St. Barbara Knights of Columbus will sponsor their 2nd annual Chili Dinner in the lower hall from 12:30 - 3:00 pm. For the price of $5.00, you will receive a bowl of chili with all the extras. This dinner will benefit St. Barbara Elementary School. In addition, there will be many raffle prizes.

ST. BARBARA ALTAR & ROSARY SODALITY HOLDS BAKE SALE

The St. Barbara Altar & Rosary Sodality held their annual bake sale and raffle last weekend after Mass. Thank you to Bette, Judy, B., and all the 7th and 8th graders who helped make the Kruszycki. Thank you also to those who donated cakes and baked goods and those who helped the Altar & Rosary Sodality by purchasing goodies to take home.

ST. BARBARA ALTAR & ROSARY SODALITY HOLDS BAKE SALE

LADIES’ GUILD HOLDS MASS AND MONTHLY MEETING

Today at the 9:30 am Mass, the Ladies’ Guild will hold their special Mass. On Monday, October 29th, at 7:00 pm, the Ladies’ Guild will hold their monthly meeting. The main topic of conversation will be the special hot dog lunch on Halloween, followed by the Trunk or Treat in our parking lot.
FROM THE DESK OF THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear People of St. Barbara,

When we read today’s Gospel, we can focus on three things – at least three things capture my attention. First, I ask the question, “Why did Jesus ask the blind man the question, ‘what do you want me to do for you?’” It was obvious that he was blind. What would a blind man want Jesus to do? Of course, to give him his sight back! But Jesus is like a doctor. He wants to see what is wrong with the patient. When we go to the doctor, you don’t say only “I don’t feel good”. You explain what is wrong and then the doctor can begin to help you. When you come to Jesus and you want Him to help you, you should tell Him what is the most painful – what bothers you the most. Then Jesus can cure you.

The second thing in today’s Gospel. When the crowd heard the blind man calling Jesus, many from the crowd rebuked him. Very often in the Gospel, we see people – even apostles – who don’t want other people to come to Jesus. Not long ago, we read in the Gospel that the apostle John tried to prevent one man from casting out demons in Jesus’ name only “because he didn’t belong to the apostles. Again, when the children were coming to Jesus, the apostles tried to stop them, but Jesus said, “allow them to come to me”. We as Christian Catholics cannot say that someone does not have the right to come to church. Sometimes I hear people saying, “she or he is a big sinner; how can he or she come to church?” We have to remember that Jesus came to save the sinners – to save those who repent, those who really want to change their lives.

If someone came to Jesus and didn’t want to change, it’s a different story. But if someone came with the good will to change and become a good person, Jesus opens His arms for everyone.

And the last point from today’s Gospel. The blind man, Bartimaeus, teaches us that everything has its beginning in prayer. He said a beautiful prayer, “Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me”. Everything in our life should begin in prayer and end with prayer and prayer should be in between. “Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me” is a very short prayer. It takes 5 seconds to say this prayer, and we can say this prayer hundreds of times during the day. To say this prayer, we don’t need to go to church, we don’t need a kneeler – only we need to open our heart and say, “Jesus, Son of David” have pity on me.

Fr. Andrzej

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

THANK YOU!!!

Fr. Andrzej, Tom Groark and I would like to thank the Holy Name Society for their generous contribution of $4,700 to completely cover the cost of a new John Deere Lawn Tractor with Snowblower Attachment for use around our grounds. Our old lawn mower and snow blower have been through many years of wear and tear. Servicing them after so many years was unfeasible. Thank you to the men for all their hard work, support and dedication to St. Barbara.

We are in the process of renovating our choir area in church. The picture above shows the new flooring, which will now match the sanctuary floor. If anyone is interested in contributing to the fund to pay for this renovation, please see Fr. Arthur or Fr. Andrzej. You can also send a donation through the rectory.

First Friday Masses
November 2, 2018

* 8:30 a.m. Mass (in Church)
* 6:00 p.m. Mass (in Church)
* 6:45 p.m. Exposition
* 7:30 p.m. Benediction
MEMORIAL MASS
DECEASED
October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018

REV. ANTHONY ADDUCCI
JOHN PAUL BURACAS
VICTORIA DAVID
DANIEL GONDEK
WALTER KOSTECKA, JR.
DAVID MAESHBIA
HELEN McCORMICK
MAGDALEN MINCHUK
ROSE MARY MULHEARN
FRANK MUSZYNSKI, JR.
KEVIN MYRON, SR.
CASIMIRA NOWAK
DANIEL PAKULA
THEODORE “TED” PIORECKI
THERESA POWERS
THERESE “TERRI” ROLEK
MADELINE “MIDGE” STACHNIK
IMA WHITEHOUSE

Weekly Collection - October 20th - 21st

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YTD Actual: $50,096.09
YTD Goal: $108,800.00

% of Goal: 46%

Votives & Vigil Lights: $217.50

September Give Central: 1st $2,030.00
2nd $300.00

ST. BARB’S HOLY NAME
MEN’S CHOIR SINGS AT MASS

This past Sunday, the St. Barbara Men’s Choir sang at the 9:30 am Mass. We are a choir made up of male parishioners from St. Barbara and we range in age from 11 to 87! On Sunday, we had three different sets of father/son combinations singing. This past Sunday’s Gospel was about being servant leaders and this group exemplifies Christ’s call. A majority of our members volunteer with or lead multiple charitable organizations within the Parish. We exist for fellowship and to raise our voices to the Glory of God. We welcome men of ALL ages and vocal abilities to join us. We rehearse once a month on Wednesdays in the church from 7 pm until 8:30 pm and we usually sing at one Mass per month. We also hold a Mardi Gras Concert on Fat Tuesday each year where we perform a variety of secular songs. Our next rehearsal is Wednesday, November 7th. We hope to see you there and, remember, when you sing you pray twice!

Ken Ricci

Thursday
October 18, 2018

Arlene and Chris
$500 Coverall
2018-2019 Student Council

We are pleased to introduce the 2018-2019 Student Council!

President: Valerie Brost  
Vice-President: Lucia Thomas  
Treasurer: Gabriella Godinez  
Secretary: Gabriel Salinas  
Student Rep: Marcela Velasquez

Congratulations and best of luck representing the student body!

Unity and Diversity Mass

Last week, we celebrated our first Unity and Diversity Mass. The symbol of our Earth was carried in during the entrance procession and placed in front of the altar. We are very proud of the diversity found in our student body and are honored to be a united St. Barbara School! A Unity and Diversity Mass will be held once a month for the remainder of the school year.

Teacher Wish lists on Amazon.com

While St. Barbara School commits significant funds to keep our classrooms current, there are always items for which our budget simply does not allow. In an effort to continue to grow by providing additional resources in the classroom, we have created teacher wish lists!

All of the items on the wish lists can be purchased on Amazon. Visit the Teacher Page at st.barbaraschool.org and click on a classroom wish list. If you find an item you would like to supply the school...
Please consider remembering St. Barbara Parish in your will.

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, October 27 - Vigil of the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
5:00 p.m. + 78th Birthday Rem.: Dave Kaput (Family)
+ Ann.: Claudia Jauga (Carol Spalla)
+ John & Helen Goetz (Adrian & Karen Goetz & Family)
+ Joseph Kruk (Mrs. Crisanti)
+ Health Blessings: Denise Holland (St. Barbara Thursday Night Bingo)
+ Ray Zaganski (Barbara Rekar)
+ Maria Lara (Marta Herrera)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

**Sunday, October 28 - The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
6:00 a.m. + Bruno & Phyllis Dyjak (Bill & Barbara Webb)
+ Patricia Galasinski (Guest Family)
+ Fr. Anthony Adducci (Ray Smolinski)
Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. Ladies’ Guild Family Mass
Health Blessings: Kathy Bunda (St. Barbara Holy Name Society)
11:30 a.m. Health Blessings: MaryEve Lerner (Virginia Pienta)
Health Blessings: Ed Glabicki (St. Barbara Holy Name Society)

**Monday, October 29 - Weekday**
6:00 p.m. + John Lara (Maria Herrera)
+ Henry Pimentel (Emmanuel & Angelica King)

**Tuesday, October 30 - Weekday**
6:00p.m. + The Mezydlo Family (John, Genevieve, Genevieve (Jean), Aloysius and Eleanore

**Wednesday, October 31 - Vigil of All Saints’ Day**
7:00 p.m. + Cathy Paholski (Michael Gasior)

**Thursday, November 1 - All Saints’ Day**
6:00 a.m. +
8:30 a.m. Health Blessings: Edward Draga (Family)
7:00 p.m. +

**Friday, November 2 - All Souls’ Day: First Friday**
8:30 a.m. + Ann.: Jeannie Nardi (Dee Dee)
6:00 p.m. + Maria Ciepiela (Daughter)

**Saturday, November 3 - St. Martin de Porres**
9:00 a.m. + St. Barbara Memorial Mass

**Saturday, November 3 - Vigil of the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**
5:00 p.m. + Ima Whitehouse (Rose Stronczek)
+ Joseph Kruk (Mrs. Chrisanti)
+ Casimira Nowak (Steve Oleszkiewicz)
+ Jimmy Annerino (Family)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

**Sunday, November 3 - The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**
6:00 a.m. + Donald Rolek (Len Ostrowski)
+ Charles & Gene Harper (Barbara & Bill Webb)
+ Colette Gumbash (Terri Rolek)
Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. Athletic Teams’ Family Mass
+ Joseph S. Lotta, Sr. (John & Susan Adomaitis)
+ Fedorko Family (Spalla Family)
+ Dan Gondex (Cliff & Arlene Whitehouse)
11:30 a.m. + David Maeshiba (Larry & Annette Noga)
+ Marie Brauchle (Ed & B. Glabicki)
+ Mary Ann Konow (St. Barbara Altar & Rosary Sodality)
+ 5th Ann.: Sophie Jachim (Dan & Anita Isacson)
Birthday Blessings: Evelyn Gutierrez

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**ALL SAINTS**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31ST**
7:00 p.m.: H. Diaz DeLeon, J. Lukwinski

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST**
6:00 a.m.: J. Bertucci
8:30 a.m.: School Children
7:00 p.m.: K. Ricci, B. Hudren

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD**
5:00 p.m.
Altar Servers: Q. Do, M. Lemke, N. Garland, A. Gorz
Eucharistic Ministers: J. Lukwinski, R. Carden
Lectors: G. Dumelle, P. Saletta

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH**
6:00 a.m.
Altar Server: G. Vanderford
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Guest, J. Balasa
Lector: J. Bertucci
9:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: E. Davis, M. Dunagan, Emma Cabrera, Ellie Cabrera, R. Cabrera
Eucharistic Ministers: P. Rodriguez, J. Rodriguez
Lectors: Family Mass - Athletics

**11:30 a.m.**
Altar Servers: A. Moon, A. Torres, N. Bunda, A. Calderon, Liam Calderon
Eucharistic Ministers: A. Skokal, B. Pienta
Lectors: H. Alonzo, L. Szczepanski
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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a program for anyone inquiring and seeking information about entering the Catholic faith.

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Please pray for those homebound, hospitalized and in need of continued prayers...
