The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.
— Luke 4:18a
Renew My Church: Bridgeport/Canaryville/Chinatown "BCC" Grouping Update
January 19, 2018

The Renew My Church BCC grouping includes All Saints- St. Anthony Parish, Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Bridgeport Catholic Academy, St. Barbara Parish and School, St. Gabriel Parish and School, St. Jerome Croatian Parish and School, Santa Lucia-Santa Maria Incoronata Parish and School, St. Mary of Perpetual Help Parish, and St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church and School.

Discernment Process
In November 2018, Cardinal Cupich requested additional time for further discussion and consultation regarding the parishes of All Saints-St. Anthony, St. Barbara, St. Mary of Perpetual Help and St. Therese Chinese and the Archdiocesan Center for Chinese Apostolate. Since then, further discernment and dialogue ensued concerning the best, sustainable structures for the future of the four parish communities.

Decision
Over the course of the past several weeks, Cardinal Cupich, Bishop Robert Casey, and the Archdiocese's Presbyteral Council met to discuss the additional input gathered during the extended period of discernment. Based upon those discussions and prayerful consideration, a final decision was made regarding the parish structures.

- St. Therese Chinese and St. Barbara unite to form one new parish, effective July 1, 2019. Both churches remain open as active worship sites of the new parish. St. Therese Chinese School is the parish school. Fr. Francis Li will be the pastor of the new parish and will work with Fr. Marat to ensure an effective and smooth transition to the new parish model. The archdiocese will continue to work with the community to explore potential expansion of the Archdiocesan Center for Chinese Apostolate.

- All Saints- St. Anthony and St. Mary of Perpetual Help unite to form one new parish, effective July 1, 2019. St. Mary of Perpetual Help continues as the active worship site of the new parish. All Saints- St. Anthony Church will close no later than June 30, 2020. Fr. Thomas Aschenbrener will be the pastor of the new parish and will work with Fr. McQuinn to ensure an effective and smooth transition to the new parish model, including accompanying the Hispanic community of All Saints – St. Anthony into the new parish.

- Furthermore, Cardinal Cupich, archdiocesan leadership, and the Office of Catholic Schools together affirm the decision announced in November: St. Therese Chinese School will assume responsibility of St. Barbara School, retaining campuses at both the existing St. Therese Chinese school building and the existing St. Barbara school building, under the St. Therese Chinese School leadership and name. The academic program will include expanded early childhood (PreK) at the St. Barbara campus with PreK- 8 at both sites pending enrollment. School leadership structure will consist of one principal with two administrators - one at each site. The school will be led by the current St. Therese Chinese School principal. The current St. Barbara principal will serve as an administrator at St. Barbara campus and will remain involved in leadership decisions. St. Barbara faculty and staff will be given priority status in filling positions at the expanded St. Therese Chinese School.

Next Steps
Over the next few months, the archdiocese will work with the excellent pastoral leadership of the faith communities of each parish to ensure an orderly and smooth transition to the new structures. All parishes of the grouping will embark upon the next phase of the renewal process to become a stronger, more sustainable presence for the future capable of reaching more people in their work of making disciples of Jesus Christ.
FROM THE DESK OF THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear People of St. Barbara,

Every one of us has his own movie that he or she can watch over and over. Some people know the movie so well that they quote almost the whole dialogue from it. Sometimes people say, “Father, if I don’t have to go to work, I would sit down and watch this movie.” Very many people like music — they like a special song. They can listen to that song all the time. These days it is easier to listen to the song. You can wear headphones or earbuds and no one even knows that you are listening to music.

I remember when I was in the seminary, I fell in love with a CD of Pink Floyd. But I could only listen to it at night. So I spent many sleepless nights listening to this CD over and over.

Why am I saying this? This pertains to the first reading. This reading tells us about Jewish people who came back from exile after hundreds of years and they didn’t have any idea what to do — how to organize their life, what rules to follow. So the priest Ezra found the answer. He gathered all the people of Israel and read them God’s law. He knew that God gives the best answer and, when you build something on God’s word, it will be solid.

But what is amazing is that the first reading says that Ezra gathered all men, women and children old enough to understand and they were staying from daybreak until midday and were listening to God’s words. The question comes to mind: “What about me? How long am I able to talk with God – to listen to His words.” I can be on the phone for hours talking about nothing. I have spent hours before the computer reading about nothing. How much time am I able to give to God?

Very often people say to me before Mass, “Father, make it short.” But I am saying to myself that, if we knew what the Mass was about, we would want it to last forever. We have to learn how to listen to God, how to talk to Him. It is like living in a marriage. The first year is the most beautiful but, later, men and women have to learn how to listen to each other, how to talk to each other, how to learn to converse with each other.

The same is exactly true with God. As children, we learn “In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”. When we are older we learn the Our Father and the Hail Mary. But, if we stop at learning only these prayers, our relationship with God will die.

So it is good to have movies we like, it is good to have songs we love, it’s very good we have friends we can talk to. But remember always, there is only One best friend of ours – the friend who is always waiting for a phone call from us. This friend is God.

Fr. Andrzej

First Friday Masses
February 1, 2019
* 8:30 a.m. Mass (in Church)
* 6:00 p.m. Mass (in Church)
* 6:45 p.m. Exposition
* 7:30 p.m. Benediction

James Ehler from the Renew My Church Team, Fr. Francis Li, newly-named pastor of St. Barbara-St. Therese Church and some of his St. Therese Parishioners.

Wally Podrazik speaking with Benjamin Potts from the Archdiocese
**Activities This Week**

**Sunday, Jan. 27** - Catholic Schools Week Mass followed by School Open House; 9:30 am
- Unity Concert at St. Therese Church; 3:30 pm

**Monday, Jan. 28** - Ladies’ Guild Mtg.; 7:00 pm

**Friday, Feb. 1** - First Friday Students’ Mass; 8:30 am
- First Friday Mass followed by exposition and benediction; 6:00 pm

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**UNITY CONCERT AT ST. THERSE CHURCH**

Fr. Francis Li invites everyone to a special Unity Concert entitled “One In The Spirit” at St. Therese Church today at 3:30 pm. The concert will be held in church at 218 W. Alexander Street. A flyer containing more information about the concert is included in today’s bulletin.

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**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL BEGINS**

Many of you have received a letter from Cardinal Cupich with a commitment form and an envelope for the 2019 Appeal. The theme of this year’s appeal is “COME FOLLOW ME… and share the Word”. We have all received God’s love. By financially supporting the ministries and services funded by the ACA, we help to extend God’s love to many, many others.

We ask that you do not mail your commitment card and envelope but hold it until the campaign is presented in church. Thank you for your cooperation.

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**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.

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**LADIES’ GUILD MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 28TH**

The St. Barbara’s Ladies’ Guild will hold their monthly meeting on Monday evening at 7:00 pm. Please join the ladies at their meeting to share some refreshments and discuss the latest school news.

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**ST. BARBARA WINDOW REMEMBRANCE**

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, call the church office: (312) 842-7979.

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**ST. BARBARA WINDOW REMEMBRANCE**

Barb, Dolores, Risharda
$500 Coverall - 3-Way Split

Come try your luck at bingo...You might win the $500 coverall or even the $1,199 odd/even game. When you win, your picture will appear in this column of the bulletin. Plan to join us for our future celebrations:

Chinese New Year; February 7th
Valentine’s Night: February 14th
The administration and faculty of St. Barbara Elementary School are pleased to announce the honor roll for the 2nd academic quarter of 2018-19.

**Golden A Honor Roll:**
Nathan Eng, Autumn Moon, Ellie Cabrera, Gabrielle Godinez, Valerie Brost, Eduardo Castaneda, and Olivia Hulten

**A Honor Roll:**
Melany Dunagan, Aleksander Chavez, Jacqueline Cabral, Olivia Walczak, Angeleo Alonzo, Ryan Yan, and Noah Castells

**B Honor Roll:**
Xavien Keating, Alejandra Kwiatkowski Perez, Amormia Valenzuela-Fernandez, Carter Walker, Carys Rodriguez, Briana Monreal, Kathryn Lee, Gracie Murillo, Joseph Benedict Ramoran, Abigail Smith, Esteban Toledo, Jaycee Williams, Nolyn Worth, Evan Covarrubias, Jeffrey Eng, Kaylee Guzman, Beckett Hulten, Edward Ng, Aojia Wang, Emma Cabrera, Ruben Godinez, Maximus Palacios, Anthony Serrano, Amaya Castaneda, Caitlyn Kelly, Andrew Moon, Emilie Panczuk, Gilbert Parcon, Dirac Pichowsky, Ronald Cabrera, Maylen Dunagan, Luz Del Rosario Kwiatkowski Perez, Lucia Thomas, Aly Torres, Nicholas Bunda, Yixuan Duan, Gabriel Salinas, and Victor Sandoval III.

**Effort Award:**
Sofia Master, Eduardo Villagrana, Noel Covarrubias, Ava Walczak, and Sophia Ruff

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**School Mission Statement**

*We are* ….. a Catholic elementary school, a diverse community of students and staff, rooted in faith and nurtured through prayer, sacrament, and liturgy.

*We believe* ….. in the uniqueness of each student, provide quality education and skills necessary to ensure success, encourage individual leadership, and promote a family spirit.

*We prepare* ….. our students for the future through global awareness, involvement in the local community, and service to St. Barbara parish.

*We aspire* ….. to have our students remain faith-filled followers of Jesus Christ.
Saturday, January 26 - Vigil of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 p.m. + 1st Ann.: Victoria David (Steve Kaput)
  Health Blessings: Rose Kisielowski
  (Virginia Pienta)
  Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente & Family)

Sunday, January 27 - The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
6:00 a.m. + 1st Ann.: Victoria David (Steve Kaput)
  + Julianne Selk (St. Barbara Thursday Night Bingo Workers)
  Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. Catholic Schools’ Week Mass
  + 1st Ann.: Victoria David (Steve Kaput)
  + Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)
  Health Blessings: Ed Sraga (Family)
11:30 a.m. + 1st Ann.: Victoria David (Steve Kaput)
  + Stephen Pyznerski (Rose Stronczek)
  + Laura Bocian (Ed & B. Glabicki)
  + Ed Helma (Ed & B. Glabicki)
  Health Blessings: Maryeve Lerner (Virginia Pienta)
  Health Blessings: Ed Glabicki (St. Barbara Thursday Night Bingo Workers)

Monday, January 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas
8:30 a.m. + Robert Baker

Tuesday, January 29 - Weekday
6:00 p.m. + John Kutyba (Victoria Skala)

Wednesday, January 30 - Weekday
8:30 a.m. + Rita M. Lukas

Thursday, January 31 - St. John Bosco
8:30 a.m. + Mary Wyzynski (Charlene Reimer)

Friday, February 1 - Weekday, First Friday
8:30 a.m. + David Maeshiba (Marilyn Rzasa)
  6:00 p.m. + Gladys Kaminski (Ed & B. Glabicki)
  + Lucille Helma (Ed & B. Glabicki)

Saturday, February 2 - The Presentation of The Lord
8:30 a.m. + Father’s Day Remembrance

Saturday, February 2 - Vigil of The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 p.m. + 100th Birth. Rem.: Andrew Trojanowski
  (Family)
  + Sophie Rzasa (Diane and Marilyn Rzasa)
  + Jesus Herrera, Sr. (Maria Herrera)
  + Jesus Herrera, Jr. (Maria Herrera)
  Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente & Family)

Sunday, February 3 - The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
6:00 a.m. + Julianne Selk (Henry Diaz DeLeon)
  Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. + Nancy Marren (Salinas Family)

Weekly Collection - January 19th - 20th

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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND**
5:00 p.m.
- Altar Servers: G. Godinez, M. Lemke, Q. Do, A. Gorz, L. Thomas
- Eucharistic Ministers: J. Lukwinski, R. Carden
- Lectors: J. Bertucci

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD**
6:00 a.m.
- Altar Server: G. Vanderford
- Eucharistic Ministers: S. Guest, J. Balasa
- Lector: J. Bertucci

9:30 a.m.
- Eucharistic Ministers: P. Rodriguez, J. Rodriguez
- Lectors: M. Worth, B. Curry

11:30 a.m.
- Altar Servers: A. Alonzo, A. Torres, A. Gomez, A. Moon, G. Parcon
- Eucharistic Ministers: A. Skokal, H. Alonzo
- Lectors: E. Pollock, L. Szczepanski

Sunday, February 3 - The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:30 a.m. + Henry Pimentel (Emmanuel & Angelica King)
  + Bruno Synal, Jr. (Rose Stronczek)
  + Tessie Wysko (Ed & B. Glabicki)
  + Alice Tobinski (Ed & B. Glabicki)
  45th Wed. Ann.: Wigberto & Hermenia Bitos (Saludo & Oboab Families)
  Health Blessings: Dolores Becatti (Virginia Pienta)
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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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
6:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted

CONFESSION
Saturday 3:45-4:30 p.m.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS
Mass at 8:30 a.m., followed by a short period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Evening 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
Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. before the 6:00 p.m. Mass, and on Sunday at 5:30 a.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.

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