Faith, hope, and love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.
— 1 Corinthians 13:13
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.

ST. BARBARA KC’S SANDWICH MINISTRY
As you know, the St. Barbara Knights of Columbus have been meeting monthly to prepare sandwiches to serve the poor at the Port Ministries in the Back of the Yards neighborhood.

At our meeting last Saturday, we had the most successful sandwich ministry ever — making over 450 sandwiches. We had volunteers from the St. Mary of Perpetual Help KC’s and the St. Pius Council. Also, Fr. Francis Li stopped by to help us make sandwiches.

The Council would also like to say a great big “thank you” for all the coats and clothes the parish and parishioners donated. We received 76 coats and over 300 pounds of children’s clothing. It took 3 cars to get everything to the Port Ministry. Once again, a great big “THANK YOU”.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL BEGINS
You have probably 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.

Activities This Week
Sat.-Sun., Feb. 2-3: Blessing of Throats at all Masses
Tues., Feb. 5 - St. Barbara Seniors Mtg.; 11:30 am
- Healing Mass; 6:00 pm
Wed., Feb. 6 - St. Vincent de Paul Mtg.; 6:30 pm
Fri., Feb. 8 - Holy Name Mtg.; 7:00 pm
Sun., Feb. 10 - Fifth Grade Family Mass

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Thursday
January 24, 2019
Dear People of St. Barbara,

Very often when we listen to people we know or we have to listen to them because, for example, they are our bosses, after some time we say to ourselves, what new can they say to us? And we listen to them for a couple of minutes and then our brains start wandering.

The same is similar in the church. When we come to church regularly and we listen to the gospels and readings, very often we say “Oh we know this” or “Oh we heard this” and, again, our brains begin wandering. We start to think about what we will have for dinner, should we call our friends or not, and about a thousand different things. We forget that sometimes a simple word can touch our hearts and can change our lives.

Not long ago, I was talking with my friend and we started to talk about Holy Mass. She said to me, “You know, Father, I’ve been going to church for many, many years and, not long ago, I realized that I don’t feel anything during the Mass. I just come here, sing, stand up, sit down, kneel down and then I go home. Finally, I realized that I must do something and I decided to listen to every word I hear during the Mass – every prayer, every reading. At the beginning, it was very difficult – I couldn’t focus. But after a couple of months of hard work, I started to experience Mass differently. I stop, hear and listen to the people. I started to really enjoy participating in the liturgy and I discovered how rich and powerful it is.”

I think that, if you want to live Mass, you have to really work very hard to listen and remember that, during this hour, it is important to listen to every prayer and every word which God speaks to us.

The reason I am telling you this is today’s gospel. Jesus was speaking in the synagogue and all spoke highly of Him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from His mouth. But most of the people were saying or thinking, “Isn’t this the Son of Joseph? We know Him. What new can He tell us? This is Jesus, the son of the carpenter.” The gospel says that the people were filled with fury to the point that they led Him to the brow of the hill and wanted to hurl Him down headlong.

Once again, we listen to somebody that we listen to very often and we say, what new can he tell us? Believe me, sometimes your child can tell you words which can change your life.

The same is with the gospel and the readings in the Mass. We have to remember that, through these words, God talks to us. Are we listening or are we furious that we hear the same words over and over.

And, at the end, my personal witness. I’ve been a priest for 27 years. I am preaching a lot. Most of the gospels and readings I can quote or I know them by heart. But every time I discover something new – every time different words, different parts of the gospels, touch my heart and I share this with my people.

Fr. Andrzej

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**Report as of December 31, 2018**

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* The total amount pledged has been reduced by $5,000 due to the cancellation of a pledge.

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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.
Last Sunday, we celebrated the beginning of Catholic Schools’ Week with a special 9:30 am Mass concelebrated by Fr. Arthur and Fr. Michael Caruso, President of St. Ignatius High School. Fr. Michael gave a wonderful homily regarding the value of a quality Catholic education. The theme of this year’s Mass was “Faith” and students preceded the priests into church by spelling out the word Faith and carrying in symbols of each letter in the word. The readings were done by students and Fr. Michael commented on how well the students read and the feeling that they put into the readings. Congratulations, students, on your good work!
CREATIVITY IN THE FIFTH GRADE

Ms. Monica Mison, our fifth grade teacher, assigned an interesting project for her students: to create their own monstrance. The students came up with several ideas, as shown below. Congratulations to the very gifted students of St. Barbara School!

ST. THERESE/ST. BARBARA PARENTS’ MEETING

On Wednesday, January 23rd, the St. Barbara parents were invited to meet with Fr. Li, the St. Therese Principal, Mrs. Oi, and several teachers and parents from St. Therese School. There was a lively discussion and parents were able to learn more about the curriculum and education obtained at St. Therese School.
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)
11:30 a.m. + Henry Pimentel (Emmanuel & Angelica King)
+ Bruno Synal, Jr. (Rose Stronczek)
+ Tessie Wysko (Ed & B. Glabicki)
45th Wed. Ann.: Wigberto & Herminia Bitos (Saludo & Oboab Families)
Health Blessings: Dolores Becatti (Virginia Pienta)

Monday, February 4 - Weekday
8:30 a.m. + The Mezydlo Family: John, Genevieve, Genevieve (Jean), Aloysius, and Eleanore

Tuesday, February 5 - St. Agatha
6:00 p.m. + Birth. Rem.: Sophie Lukwinski (Family)

Wednesday, February 6 - St. Paul Miki & Companions
8:30 a.m. + Edward & Rose Ciz

Thursday, February 7 - Weekday
8:30 a.m. + Ted and Stanley Piorecki

Friday, February 8 - Weekday
8:30 a.m. + David Maeshiba (Marilyn Rzasa)

Saturday, February 9 - Weekday
8:30 a.m. + All Parishioners, Living and Deceased

Saturday, February 9 - Vigil of The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 p.m. + Aurora “Guera” Barrera (Ruth)
+ Matthew Rekar (Wife)
Health Blessings: Denise Holland (St. Barbara Thursday Night Bingo Workers)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente & Family)

Sunday, February 10 - The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
6:00 a.m. + Julianne Selk (Irene Zima)
Health Blessings: Sr. Mary Therese Freymann (St. Barbara Thursday Night Bingo Workers)
Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. 5th Grade Family Mass
11:30 a.m. + Dorothy Wheeler (Ed & B. Glabicki)

Weekly Collection - January 26th - 27th
Sunday Envelopes (63) $1,039.50
Sunday Loose $519.00
Children's Envelopes (9) $28.00
Debt Reduction (33) $682.84
Total Collection $2,269.34

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Goal $199,000.00 $6,400.00%
43% 35%
Votives & Vigil Lights: $172.00
December Give Central: 1st $1,740.00
2nd $265.00

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH
5:00 p.m.
Altar Servers: D. Kwiatkowski, J. Kwiatkowski, L. Kwiatkowski, J. P. Kwiatkowski
Eucharistic Ministers: A. Skokal, R. Carden
Lectors: L. Saletta, V. Godinez

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH
6:00 a.m.
Altar Server: G. Vanderford
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Guest, J. Balasa
Lector: J. Bertucci
9:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: E. Cabrera, R. Cabrera, E. Davis, G. Salinas, M. Dunagan
Eucharistic Ministers: F. Cabrera, J. Lukwinski
Lectors: 5th Grade Family Mass
11:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: N. Bunda, A. Moon, A. Gorz, L. Calderon, A. Calderon
Eucharistic Ministers: H. Alonzo, A. Alonzo
Lectors: Edward Raya, Eljay Raya
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...

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Religious Ed.: Mrs. Roberta Carden

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

CONFESSIO
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 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.

Please pray for the following individuals who are in need of prayers:

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