March 17, 2019

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?

— Psalm 27:1
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., Mar. 17 - Happy St. Patrick’s Day!
Tues., Mar. 19 - Happy St. Joseph’s Day!
- St. Barbara Seniors Mtg.; 11:30 am
- Arch. Quigley KC's Quad/Council Mtg.; 7:00 pm
Wed., Mar. 20 - Grade 2 First Reconciliation; 6:30 pm
Thurs., Mar. 21 - BSJ Mtg.; 6:30 pm
Fri., Mar. 22 - Morning Students’ Mass; 8:30 am
Evening Mass followed by Stations of the Cross; 6:00 pm

HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS

At the Holy Name meeting last Friday, the following winning “100 Club” winners were chosen: 1st prize: Sox 23; 2nd prize: Bismark; 3rd prize: Chris Nelson; 4th prize: Monique; and 5th prize: Webb.

The Holy Name Society is once again selling lottery tickets. Prizes will be given out each day in the month of April. Your ticket number must match the winning evening Illinois Lottery Pick 3 game number. Daily winners will receive $100; Saturday winners will receive $250 and the grand prize of $500 will be awarded on Easter Sunday.

Tickets are just $10.00 each and can be purchased after Mass from the ushers, from any Holy Name Member, or at the rectory. Please remember that all tickets must be paid for by March 31st. No tickets will be sold after that date.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK’S DAY
MARCH 17TH

St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world’s most famous saints. He used the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity. He was a humble, pious and gentle man whose total devotion, love and trust in God should be an example to each of us. He feared nothing — not even death.

HAPPY ST. JOSEPH’S DAY
MARCH 19TH

St. Joseph was the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster father of Jesus. Joseph is the patron saint of the dying, as well as the Universal Church, families, fathers, expectant mothers (pregnant women), travelers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers, and working people in general.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:
EDWARD S. PACANOWSKI

Please keep the Pacanowski family in your prayers.

LENTEN PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Weekday Morning Mass:
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday: 8:30 a.m.; (Chapel)
Friday: 8:30 a.m.; (Church)

Weekday Evening Mass:
Tuesday (Chapel) and Friday (Church); both at 6:00 p.m. (Please note that there will be both a morning and evening Mass on Fridays in Lent.)

Stations of the Cross:
Fridays at 6:30 p.m. (Church)
(Stations will follow the evening Mass.)

Baby Bottle Project Begins Today

The Baby Bottle Project is to benefit The Women’s Center, counseling women in crisis pregnancies with kindness, respect, prayer, and compassion.

If you have not picked up your baby bottle, additional bottles are available in the back of church. You are asked to return the bottle back to Church on April 13 and 14 with any spare change or bills which you have placed inside.
Dear People of St. Barbara,

As we continue our journey of looking to the cross during Lent, this week we search for guidance.

**Looking to the cross for guidance**, I ask Jesus: what is really important in my life? What should I focus on the most? I hear that I need food and different goods, but how much can I eat or how much can I store in my home? I hear that I need power and wealth to gain respect and love, but can I gain real respect from those who are afraid of me…can I buy love? I hear that I can be “god” for myself, do whatever I want, go whenever I desire -- no one above me; but sooner or later, this “god” will get weak, will get sick, and finally will follow the ancestors. Does it sound bad? **It does not** when I include into my life what Jesus has taught me when he was tempted in the desert: “One does not live by bread alone. You shall worship the Lord, your God, and Him alone shall you serve. You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.”

**Luke 4:1-14**

Looking to the cross for guidance, I learn that whatever God has decided, is deciding, or will decide is right and always brings good for those who follow His law. Sometimes I don’t understand why something is happening, but I do believe that the law of the Lord is perfect, trustworthy, simple, right, clear, pure, true and just. In the light of the law, I can detect my unknown faults and haughtiness, which separates me from God and others. God sees my great value, but wants me to acknowledge my imperfections and make my life blameless.

**Psalm 19:7-14**

Looking to the cross for guidance, I see Jesus, who understands my suffering because He experienced it. When I feel helpless in front of illness, suffering and death, He tells me not to be afraid because He has the power over death and the devil. Jesus has come to the people, not the angels, and He wants to bring me close to Himself. I turn to friends in difficult times, and they say, “I know how you are feeling”. Very often they are able to help but, most of the time, they will say, “I don’t know what you are feeling”. Jesus is the only one who knows the answers because “He Himself was tested through what He suffered. He is able to help those who are being tested.”

**Hebrews 2:14-18**

Looking to the cross for guidance, I see Jesus, who reminds me not to be overconfident. There are always temptations to be on my own, to rely on my own strength. Then I got into trouble and blamed God that He is not here. I try to find comfort everywhere, but not in Him. Going shopping, having fun, eating well, it might help for a while… Then I look to the cross and discover once again that there is only One who can provide the way out so I am able to bear the trial. Jesus reminds me: are you standing secure? Remember to take care not to fall.

**1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

Looking to the cross for guidance, I see the throne of grace. It tells me that, from this throne, Jesus, the Great High Priest, can send upon me His mercy and I can find grace for timely help. He asks me to be patient: He knows the best time; He knows the right time. Patience can melt the stone; patience has begun with God. He is able to sympathize with my weakness, because He was tested in every way, yet without sin.

**Hebrews 4:14-16**

Looking to the cross for guidance, I learn that Jesus is truly the Good Shepherd who knows where to go, what is the right path. He knows when to rest and what to feed my soul so that I can persist in good, and His goodness and love will pursue me all the days of my life. There were many leaders in human history who came and went. They have said beautiful words, proclaimed lofty ideas which changed nothing in the lives of the simple people like you and me. Leaders and ideas are changing, but Jesus and His love, His care, for me stay unshaken.

**Psalm 23**

“Master, to whom shall we go? You have the Words of eternal Life.” (J6, 68)

Fr. Andrzej
HOLY NAME MEN’S CONCERT

On Tuesday, March 5th, the Holy Name Men’s Choir presented a concert of secular music in the church following the 6:00 pm Mass. The concert was GREAT! It was followed by a Mardi Gras reception of hot dogs, chili and tamales with some spirits thrown in. Thanks, Holy Name Society for a very enjoyable evening.
ST. BARBARA - ST. THERESE

RENEW MY CHURCH MEETING

On Tuesday evening, March 12th, St. Barbara and St. Therese key organization members met to discuss next steps for advancing the Renew My Church transition. The total process will take approximately one year. We are almost through the first phase, which is a two month process known as “On-Boarding”. The next phase, which we are starting, is “On-Site Work” and will take approximately eight months. The end phase, which is another two-month phase, is known as “Transitioning Out”.

Paddy Knapp, RMC Project Manager, and Bette Pienta. In the background is Deacon Gerry Keenan, RMC Director of Operations.

The group responding to questions from Cathy Walz.

The RMC Team: Cathy Walz, Director of Pastoral Accompaniment, Megan Hughes, Project Manager, and Paddy Knapp.

Groups getting acquainted.

Bill Watt, Project Manager, and Wife Vesta

Dreaming Big about the
Archdiocese of Chicago
Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 16 - Vigil of The Second Sunday of Lent
5:00 p.m. + Ann Rzasa (Diane & Marilyn Rzasa)
+ Brother Conrad (Rosemary)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente & Family)

Sunday, March 17 - The Second Sunday of Lent
6:00 a.m. + Julianne Selk (Anthony & Jodie Ryndak)
Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. + Rose Furmanek (Sonny Furmanek)
11:30 a.m. + Bill Bartkowski (Ed & B. Glabicki)
+ Ralph Musial

Monday, March 18 - Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. + John Kutyba (Victoria Skalla)

Tuesday, March 19 - St. Joseph, Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary
6:00 p.m. + Sister Michaeline Oleszkiewicz (Family)

Wednesday, March 20 - Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. + Edward & Rose Ciz

Thursday, March 21 - Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. + Robert Baker

Friday, March 22 - Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. + David Maeshiba (Felice Allen)
6:00 p.m. Health Blessings: Vicky Kurtz (Family)
Stations of The Cross

Saturday, March 23 - Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. + Vetina Lotta (John & Susan Adomaitis)

Saturday, March 23 - Vigil of The Third Sunday of Lent
5:00 p.m. + James Wessels (Rosemary)
+ 78th Birthday Rem.: Geri Kaput (Children & Grandchildren)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente & Family)

Sunday, March 24 - The Third Sunday of Lent
6:00 a.m. + Julianne Selk (Phil & Cathy Whitehouse)
Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. + Walter Furmanek, Sr. (Sonny Furmanek)
+ Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)
11:30 a.m. + Bill Beyer (Ed & B. Glabicki)
+ David Maeshiba (Larry Haptas)
+ Ted Napierkowski (Family)

**Weekly Collection - March 9th - 10th**

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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD**
5:00 p.m.
Altar Servers: L. Thomas, G. Godinez, Q. Do, A. Gorz, N. Garland
Eucharistic Ministers: A. Skokal, R. Carden
Lectors: J. Lukwinski, V. Godinez,

**SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH**
6:00 a.m.
Altar Server: G. Vanderford
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Guest, J. Balasa
Lector: J. Bertucci

9:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: M. Dunagan, Emma Cabrera, Ellie Cabrera, R. Cabrera, K. Guzman
Eucharistic Ministers: P. Rodriguez, J. Rodriguez
Lectors: B. Curry, M. Worth

11:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: A. Gomez, A. Alonzo, A. Moon, G. Parcon, A. Torres
Eucharistic Ministers: D. Ramos, A. Alonzo
Lectors: B. Pienta, H. Alonzo
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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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 Saturday 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.