The LORD secures justice and the rights of all the oppressed.

— Psalm 103:6
HOLY COMMUNION
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ST. BARBARA LADIES’ GUILD MEETING
MONDAY EVENING
The St. Barbara Ladies’ Guild will meet on Monday evening, March 25th, at 7:00 pm for their monthly meeting. The main topic of discussion will be the Easter Bunny Breakfast, which will be held on Sunday, April 7th, following the 9:30 am Mass.

Pre-sale tickets can be ordered at the rectory. Pre-sale tickets are $7.00 for adults and $5.00 for children 5-13. Last date to order and pay for pre-sale tickets is Friday, March 29, 2019. Tickets can also be purchased at the door. At-the-door tickets will be: adults - $10.00; children 5-13 - $7.00.

Please see the flyer enclosed in the bulletin.

CARNIVAL 2019
Hard to believe that our 5th St Barbara Carnival is only 82 days away. Planning is underway as this article is being typed. The entertainment is all booked; raffle tickets will be going out in the next few weeks. We promise to make it bigger and better but, to do that, we will need the help of our fellow parishioners to volunteer a few hours to help that weekend. Those who are unable to help, feel free to continue to pray for a successful carnival.

We will be holding our 1st meeting on Tuesday, April 2, 2019, at 7 pm in the Parish Center; feel free to stop by and give us your ideas.

Continue to spread the word to your family and friends to mark their calendars for Father’s Day weekend, June 13th-June 16th. We will be having our annual outdoor Polka Mass on Sunday, June 16th for the 11:30 am mass.

Wendy Kaput & Denise Holland

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.)

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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.

Activities This Week
Sun., Mar. 24 - Men’s Choir sings at Mass; 9:30 am
Mon., Mar. 25 - Ladies’ Guild Mtg.; 7:00 pm
Tues., Mar. 26 - St. Therese Meet and Greet in the Lower Hall; 6:30 pm
Wed., Mar. 27 - Finance Council Mtg.; 6:30 pm
Fri., Mar. 29 - Morning Students’ Mass; 8:30 am
   - Evening Mass followed by Stations of the Cross; 6:00 pm

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.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:
JO ANN PIEMONTE
Please keep the Piemonte and Mustari families in your prayers.

Please see the flyer enclosed in the bulletin.
FROM THE DESK OF THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear People of St. Barbara,

**Look to the cross for patience** because we see and experience every day how destructive the word “NOW” can be. Impatience brings anger to our community. Just look at the people driving their cars. It is not good to be two seconds late; when the traffic light turns green, you can hear the horn behind you and, if the weather is hot and the windows are down, do not be surprised if someone will call you by a strange name. God is the One who is patient and He is the One who teaches me to be patient. If I am willing to learn, God Himself will bend down and hear my cry. Sometimes we feel like we are walking in the desert on moving sand. The example of our patience will bring others to God and our lives will gain a new value – like a song of praise.

Psalm 40: 1-5

**Looking to the cross for patience** helps us to understand the things that are just happening in our lives. There is an appointed time for everything. We cannot change the seasons or plant flowers in our garden in the winter. The time will come when we get sick, when our children will get married, and when somebody will start to call you grandma or grandpa. Patience teaches us to take whatever will come; patience teaches us to enjoy small things in life, to be glad and to do well in life; to enjoy even simple food, drink, and fruits of our work as gifts from God. With the gift of patience, it really does not matter if I am eating caviar or mashed potatoes, because God has taught me to enjoy either one.

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-15

**Looking to the cross for patience** protects us against envy and temptation to take short cuts in order to get profits. Trust in God and patience will make us feel secure and allow us to look in the mirror with a peaceful conscience. Our patience and trust will reflect on our lives, and people can learn that it is worthy to take time to learn from God. Our integrity might bring others to God, and there is nothing more beautiful than to show others the true Source of Love and Life.

Psalm 37: 1-7

**Look to the cross for patience**, because when we are in a hurry, we can’t see and think clearly. When we are in a hurry, it seems that God does not care, rejects us, is no longer merciful; and very often we see difficulties as punishment from God. It is important to be patient, to sit alone in silence when burden comes. Then we will be able to see very clearly that He suffers along with us; He has no joy in our afflictions and misery, and He wants us to realize that He is unable to reject those He loves.

Lamentations 2: 25-33

**Look to the cross for patience**, because patience is important to survive in our lives. It takes patience to produce food for our bodies, so we can be strong and healthy. Patience is the only remedy for our troubled souls, hearts and emotions. With patience, we learn how not to complain. When we complain, we waste our time. It changes nothing but makes us angry and depressed. We need to support one another so we can persevere and be called by One who is compassionate and merciful.

James 5: 7-11

**Look to the cross for patience** and realize that God is the only One who really knows our heart. He understands our labor and endurance. He is able to truly appreciate our work and give us strength in time of trial.

Revelation 2: 1-3

Fr. Andrzej
THE ST. BARBARA KC’S NEWS

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PEACE on EARTH!

Pray for the safety of the men and women of our UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES protecting and serving the world over. May our world one day be at peace.

USHERS NEEDED!

We are in desperate need of ushers. If you are in church and see that there are only one or two ushers, please volunteer to help out.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS

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.

YOUNG ADULT WOMEN’S FAITH FORMATION GROUP

The Young Adult Women’s Faith Formation Group is hosting a three-part Lenten Bible Study on March 13, March 27, and April 10. Each session is from 7pm - 8:30pm in the school building behind St. Mary’s of Perpetual Help. Come for faith-filled conversation, fellowship, and snacks. This is open to all young adult women (ages 25-45) from any parish in the Bridgeport area.

Baby Bottle Project Continues

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.

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School Happenings
(School Website: www.stbarbaraschool.org)

St. Barbara School Art Show is Coming!

St. Barbara School extends an invitation to the entire community to our Annual Art Show on Wednesday, April 10, 2019, from 6:00-7:30 pm. The show will take place in our school gym. Visitors may enter through the gym doors at 2830 S. Quinn St.

All students in Preschool through 8th grades will have work displayed. This year our theme is “Celebrating Our Diversity and Unity”.

We hope that everyone will come out to see our beautiful student artwork.

Dear Students of St. Barbara,

Thank you, every one of you, for the great cards and thoughts for my birthday. Some were very spiritual and others were very funny. I appreciate that you took the time to compose your own messages and I especially liked the pictures that you drew for me. There were so many cards, it took me a whole day to read them all! Like most people, I really enjoy my birthday. This is a bittersweet time for me because it was my last birthday here at St. Barbara. I will miss all of you but, when I come back to visit, I will stop in to see you.

Once again, thank you for remembering my birthday and for being the great students that you are!

Fr. Arthur
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)
+ Ed Lenicky (George Tadin)
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)
+ 40 Day Ann.: Melvin Alonzo (Family)

Monday, March 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord
8:30 a.m. + Stanley Piorecki

Tuesday, March 26 - Lenten Week
6:00 p.m. + Ted Piorecki

Wednesday, March 27 - Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. + JoAnn Piemonte (Barbara Rekar)

Thursday, March 28 - Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. Health Blessings: Denise Kaput (St. Barbara Thursday Night Bingo)

Friday, March 29 - Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. + David Maeshiba (Marilyn Rzasa)
6:00 p.m. Health Blessings: Ed Glabicki (St. Barbara Thursday Night Bingo)
Stations of The Cross

Saturday, March 30 - Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. All Parishioners, Living & Deceased

Saturday, March 30 - Vigil of The Fourth Sunday of Lent
5:00 p.m. + JoAnn Piemonte (ONIAC Women’s Alliance)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente & Family)

Sunday, March 31 - The Fourth Sunday of Lent
6:00 a.m. + Julianne Selk (Anthony & Jodie Ryndak)
+ Dorothy Smolinski (Ray Smolinski)
Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. + Ann.: Joshua Abrahams-Rodriguez (Dee-Dee)
11:30 a.m. + Chester Tobinski (Ed & B. Glabicki)
Health Blessings: Delia Vazquez (Sue Napierkowski)

Weekday Masses
Monday through Thursday & Saturday—CHAPEL
Friday and Sunday Masses—CHURCH

Mercy Home - Sunday Mass
WGN- TV Channel 9 - Chicago
Sunday Mass: 9:30 AM

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Weekly Collection - March 16th - 17th

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH**
5:00 p.m.
Altar Servers: D. Kwiatkowski, J. Kwiatkowski, L. Kwiatkowski, J.P. Kwiatkowski
Eucharistic Ministers: A. Skokal, R. Carden
Lectors: G. Dumelle, P. Saletta

**SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST**
6:00 a.m.
Altar Server: G. Vanderford
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Guest, J. Balasa
Lector: J. Bertucci
9:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: A. Gorz, D. Prieto, G. Salinas, E. Davis, M. Dunagan
Eucharistic Ministers: F. Cabrera, J. Lukwinski
Lectors: E. Cabrera, Sr. K. McNulty
11:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: A. Calderon, L. Calderon, N. Bunda, G. Parcon, A. Moon
Eucharistic Ministers: D. Ramos, B. Pienta
Lectors: E. Raya, Jr., E. 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.

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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 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.