The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced.

— Isaiah 50:7a
### Activities This Week

**Sun., Apr. 14** - Palm Sunday: regular Masses; Procession around the church at 11:30 am Mass  
   - Baby bottle project ends

**Mon., Apr. 15** - Easter Reconciliation Service; 6:00 pm

**Tues., Apr. 16** - St. Barbara Seniors Mtg.; 11:30 am  
   - Archbishop Quigley KC’s Mtg.; 7:00 pm

**Thurs., Apr. 18** - Morning Prayer; 8:30 am  
   - Liturgy of the Lord’s Supper; 7:00 pm  
   - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight

**Fri., Apr. 19** - Morning Prayer; 8:30 am  
   - Stations of the Cross; 3:00 pm  
   - Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion; 7:00 pm

**Sat., Apr. 20** - Morning Prayer; 8:30 am  
   - Blessing of Easter Baskets; 12:00 noon  
   - Confessions; 12:30 - 1:30 pm  
   - Easter Vigil Mass; 8:00 pm

**Sun., Apr. 21** - Easter Sunday Masses at 6:00, 8:30, and 11:30 am

### Easter Flower Offering

Each year our church is beautifully decorated with lilies and other spring flowers for Easter Sunday due to the generosity of you who contribute to the collection. Extra Easter Flower Collection envelopes are in back of the church.

### 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.*

### Good Friday Holy Land Special Collection

Christians around the world are united in a special way during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Our hearts, minds and prayers are also especially aware of the Holy Land. Our parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called on to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives.

As a pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect the Holy Places. When you donate on Good Friday, you are supporting Christians in the Holy Land. Please be as generous as your abundance allows.

### Holy Thursday Washing of Feet a sign of extreme humility

“This week we will be observing Holy Week, which will culminate in Easter, commemorating the resurrection of Jesus. On Holy Thursday we will witness the priest washing the feet of his 12 “apostles”. This act of Jesus was a revolutionary one which would have been scorned by those in power. By Jesus washing the feet of his apostles, he has demonstrated the most extreme form of humility and love for man, and this love resulted in the ultimate sacrifice of His life for us on the cross.”


**If you and your family would like to have your feet washed on Holy Thursday, please see Fr. Arthur , Fr. Andrzej or sign up on the sheet on the ushers’ table.**

### Blessing of Easter Baskets

**Holy Saturday, April 20th, 12:00 noon**

You are invited to bring to church your baskets containing a sampling of Easter foods which will be enjoyed at your Sunday Easter Dinner to be blessed on Holy Saturday. Though this has been a Polish tradition, many families have adopted this custom. The basket traditionally was lined with a white linen or lace napkin. Baskets can be filled with colored hardboiled eggs symbolizing the new life of the Resurrection; a sugar or butter lamb representing Christ, the Lamb of God; bread or a tall decorative cake called Babka; along with ham, sausage, salt and pepper.

### 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.
FROM THE DESK OF THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear People of St. Barbara,

Looking to the cross for hope, we hear Jesus saying that the time we have here is just an episode in our lives. Our true home is in heaven. Jesus is the only one who is able to take us there. Our faithfulness to His words is our assurance of being with Him forever. Jesus is our way, truth and life; we go to the Father through Him. He reminds us not to be troubled because, through all His sufferings, death, resurrection and ascension into heaven, He has taken each of us in His heart and now He is waiting for us in the house of our Heavenly Father.

John 14: 1-7

Looking to the cross for hope, we experience every day our mortality. Our earthly dwelling is fragile and, very often, we see that everything around us is temporary. Inside of us, there is a yearning for a heavenly dwelling. God helps us to sense the reality of heaven by the gift of the Holy Spirit. This is why Jesus said that it is good for us when He went to Heaven so He can send us the gift of the Holy Spirit from there. We feel that we are away from home while being here. It is the same feeling when you plan to go to see someone you love. It might be next week, but your heart, thoughts and soul are already there. When we go visiting, we like to look good and bring something good. In the same way, we are trying to live good lives so, when we meet our Father, we will please Him.

2 Corinthians 5: 1-10

Looking to the cross for hope, we receive the gifts of endurance and encouragement so we can live in harmony and with one accord glorify God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. Everything we have in the Bible, every Word of God, has been written or has been spoken in order to keep our faith and strengthen our hope. There are three cardinal virtues: faith, hope and love. Hope is in the middle to keep our faith and love together so we have strength to welcome one another. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we can share with others abundant hope, peace and joy because we can feel the lack of these gifts in many places in the world.

Romans 15: 5-13

Looking to the cross for hope, we realize that with us and for us is God, who did not spare His Only Son. If He is for us, He who governs all the universe, who can be against us? Such a beautiful feeling, a moment which raises our hopes. All God’s love is for me in the time of distress, persecution, and weakness; there is no power on this planet that is able to take His love away – is able to separate us from the love of God.

Romans 8: 31-19

Looking to the cross for hope, today on Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion, we need to remember that Jesus died but rose from the dead. He shows us the way we will go one day. We will fall asleep and we will rise one day to live with the Lord. We are looking for Resurrection Sunday to renew our hope. Every morning when we wake up is the moment of the resurrection to a new day, a new life. Every morning God gives us an opportunity to do something good, to enjoy His presence, to see Jesus in the faces of people we see. Every morning is the moment of resurrection in order to console one another with assurance that there is something besides this valley of tears; there is an eternal home with our loving God where we belong.

I wish you a blessed Easter. May the Resurrection of Jesus remind you that life can be more beautiful every day. Everything is possible to those who live in the presence of God.

May faith, hope and love dwell in your homes.

Fr. Andrzej
**HOLY NAME NEWS**

The Holy Name Society would like to thank all those who purchased the April lottery tickets. Of the 1,000 tickets available, 661 were sold and 339 were unsold.

The winners during the first week of April are as follows:

- April 1st: #796 Mike Lucas
- April 2nd: #210 Cheri Groark
- April 3rd: #574 Unsold
- April 4th: #197 Gerry Lakomiak
- April 5th: #435 Unsold
- April 6th: #923 Unsold
- April 7th: #315 Dorothy Alyinovich

Congratulations to those who have won so far. Remember, you still have a chance to win. Tickets will be drawn until April 30th.

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**My Easter Offering**

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**Baby Bottle Project**

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

The bottles were due this weekend. If you have forgotten to bring in your bottles with any spare change or bills which you have placed inside, you may still bring them in next week. The Women’s Center will collect the baby bottles during the week after Easter.

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**Liturgies of Holy Week, the TRIDUUM**

Holy Week is the culmination of the liturgical year. During these holy days, the liturgy will lead us, with Jesus, to the depths and to the heights.

It begins with a harsh juxtaposition, as we carry palms in remembrance of Christ’s triumphant entry into Jerusalem and then listen to the Passion according to Matthew, as the King is handed over for crucifixion. Then, on Holy Thursday, we remember the night Jesus was handed over: the night he gave himself for us and to us, to live in our midst forever in the sacrament of his Body and Blood.

On Good Friday, we touch with our hands the mystery of the Lord’s cross, the instrument of torture that has become the tree of life. Then, at the great Easter Vigil, the lighting of the paschal candle speaks to us of the triumph of light over darkness, of life over death. The resurrection of the Lord becomes a living reality in our midst as the catechumens for whom the Church has prayed throughout Lent are plunged into the mystery of Christ’s death and share in the glory of his resurrection. These are indeed holy days, the culmination of the Church’s liturgy, and an invitation to participate in the very life of Christ.

Come, let us worship. Join us for any or all of these very special Liturgies of Holy Week, the Triduum.

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**Thursday Night Bingo**

Thursday Night Bingo is always looking for volunteers. If you would like to help us, we have openings for sellers and kitchen help. Please give Jim Bertucci a call (312) 835-5411. This is a great way to help support our parish.
School Happenings
(School Website: www.stbarbaraschool.org)

DE LA SALLE ANNOUNCES HONOR ROLL
De La Salle Institute has announced the honor roll for the third quarter. The following students have achieved honor roll status:

- Gabriela Aguilar
- Samantha Brost
- Natalie Feiwell
- Jessica Groark
- Leonardo Jimenez-Tovar
- Bohan Ren
- Alanna Saucedo
- Raina Villareal
- Kelly Zotamba

Congratulations to these fine students on their achievement. You are shining examples of the excellent education obtained at St. Barbara School.

MOTHER McAULEY ANNOUNCES HONOR ROLL
Mother McAuley has announced the third quarter honor roll and we are proud to announce that the following student has achieved honor roll status:

- Mia Perez

Congratulations, Mia, on your wonderful achievement. You make St. Barbara proud!

Parents still in need of service hours: Volunteer kitchen and floor help for Thursday night Bingo is needed. If interested, please contact Jim Bertucci after Sunday 6:00 a.m. Mass, at Bingo on Thursday evenings, or call (312) 835-5411.
Saturday, April 13 - Vigil of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
5:00 p.m. + Ofelia Martinez (Marta Herrera)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

Sunday, April 14 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
6:00 a.m. All Parishioners, Living and Deceased
+ Catherine Zombek (Ray Smolinski)
Blessings: Fr. W. Artur Marat (Spalla Family)
Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. + Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)
+ JoAnn Piemonte (ONIAC Women’s Alliance)
Birth. Blessings: Richard Piper (Geri Urbanczyk)
11:30 a.m. + 4th Ann.: Nick Koclanis (M. Korso)
+ David Maeshiba (Larry Haptas)
+ Russell Lech (Ed & B. Glabicki)
+ Ed and Estelle Barton (Ed & B. Glabicki)
Birth. Blessings: Marissa Saludo (Tita Inday)

Monday, April 15 - Monday of Holy Week
8:30 a.m. + Sister Evelyn Konkol

Tuesday, April 16 - Tuesday of Holy Week
6:00 p.m. + Robert Baker

Wednesday, April 17 - Wednesday of Holy Week
8:30 a.m. + 4th Ann.: Francis Cardinal George

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8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord’s Supper

Friday, April 19 - Friday of the Passion of the Lord
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
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Saturday, April 20 - Holy Saturday
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Saturday, April 20 - Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
8:00 p.m. All Pastors, Priests, Nuns and Parishioners,
Living and Deceased

Sunday, April 21 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
6:00 a.m. All Pastors, Priests, Nuns and Parishioners,
Living and Deceased
9:30 a.m. All Pastors, Priests, Nuns and Parishioners,
Living and Deceased
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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 18TH
7:00 p.m.
Altar Servers: Anyone who comes will serve
Eucharistic Ministers: TBA
Lectors: H. Diaz DeLeon, L. Saletta

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH
7:00 p.m.
Altar Servers: Anyone who comes will serve
Eucharistic Ministers: TBA
Lectors: E. Pollock, H. Diaz DeLeon

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH
8:00 p.m.
Altar Servers: L. Thomas, A. Torres, N. Garland,
Q. Do, M. Lemke, A. Gorz
Eucharistic Ministers: J. Lukwinski, R. Carden
Lectors: L. Saletta, G. Dumelle, P. Saletta, W. Podrazik

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST
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, E. Davis, K. Ruiz,
K. Guzman, C. Kelly, D. Prieto
Eucharistic Ministers: P. Rodriguez, J. Rodriguez
Lectors: M. Worth, B. Curry

11:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: A. Gomez, N. Bunda, A. Moon,
L. Calderon, A. Alonzo, G. Parcon
Eucharistic Ministers: H. Alonzo, A. Alonzo
Lectors: Edward Raya, Eljay Raya

Weekly Collection - April 6th - 7th
Due to early submission of the bulletin,
figures will be posted next week.

Report as of March 15, 2019

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Mass Schedule

SUNDAY LITURGIES
Saturday: 6:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.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 3:30-4:30 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...
