Once I was dead,
but now I am alive
forever and ever.
— Revelation 1:18a
Activities This Week

Mon., Apr. 29 - Ladies’ Guild Mtg., 7:00 pm
Tues., Apr. 30 - RMC “Unity” Mtg.; 6:30 pm
Wed., May 1 - St. Vincent de Paul Mtg.; 6:30 pm
Fri., May 3 - First Friday Students’ Mass; 8:30 am;
First Friday evening Mass followed by
Exposition and Adoration; 6:00 pm
Sat., May 4 - Concert by Roman Salyutov; 6:00 pm
Sun., May 5 - First Holy Communion at 9:30 am
Mass
- Altar & Rosary Ladies’ Mtg.; 1:00 pm

ST. VINCENT de PAUL NEWS

Spring is finally here! Our closets are clean; now it’s time to box and bag these clothes and have them ready — for our Spring Clothing Drive!

When: Saturday, May 11th: 9:00 am - 5:30 pm
and
Sunday, May 12th: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

The St. Vincent de Paul trailer will be in the north parking lot, next to the church.

Small appliances which are in working condition are welcome.

Shoes should be bundled separately.

PLEASE: NO BABY FURNITURE

Thank you and God Bless!

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.

LADIES’ GUILD MEETING
Monday, April 29th; 7:00 pm

The Ladies’ Guild will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, April 29th, at 7:00 pm.

HOLY NAME NEWS

Our next meeting will be on Friday, May 10th at 7:00 pm.

The Lottery numbers and winners to date are as follows:

April 1st: #796 Mike Lucas $100
April 2nd #210 Cheri Groark $100
April 3rd: #574 Not Sold $100
April 4th: #197 Jerry Lakomiak $100
April 5th: #435 Not Sold $100
April 6th: #923 Not Sold $250
April 7th: #315 Dorothy Alyinovich $100
April 8th #384 Rich DeLaurentis $100
April 9th: #498 VFW Rangrs $100
April 10th: #228 Wendy Kaput $100
April 11th: #366 Not Sold $100
April 12th: #262 Judy Lukwinski $100
April 13th: #058 Dolores Becatti $250
April 14th: #520 Not Sold $100
April 15th: #532 Muck David Galvan $100
April 16th: #338 Joe Valdez $100
April 17th: #166 Phil & Cathy Whitehouse $100
April 18th: #166 Phil & Cathy Whitehouse $100
April 19th: #744 Not Sold $250
April 20th: #759 Not Sold $500
April 21st: #382 Not Sold $100
April 22nd: #058 Dolores Becatti $100
April 23rd: #626 Pat Laurencell $100
April 24th: #817 Not Sold $100

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.

Baby Bottle Project

If you have forgotten to bring in your bottles with any spare change or bills which you have placed inside, you may bring them to the rectory. Even if your bottle is empty, please return it. There are 44 bottles which have not been returned. The Women’s Center spends hundreds of dollars each year buying replacement bottles. They will be collecting the bottles in the near future.
FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

My Brothers and Sisters,

Many of us experience in our lives different forms of chaos. Our home life can be chaotic. Work can be chaotic. Relationships can be chaotic. The world, our society, the economy, and politics can be chaotic. Sometimes we feel like we are surrounded by chaos, especially when we hear about the terrorism prevalent in the world today.

Perhaps, my brothers and sisters, this is the reason why Jesus gave us the gift of Divine Mercy Sunday.

Today is not only the Second Sunday of Easter, it is also Divine Mercy Sunday. On this Sunday, we remember in a particular way that Jesus’ mercy is our rescue from the chaos. When our lives are chaotic, when we are helpless and do not know what to do, when we suffer and are confused, Jesus invites us to ask for His Merciful Love. He invites us to seek His forgiveness. For when we are forgiven, when we experience God’s mercy, we also experience peace. We draw closer to Jesus and the Holy Spirit, who wants to create in us new hearts that will not be disturbed by chaos—hearts that will find peace and security in God’s merciful Love.

We, too, have experienced Jesus’ love and mercy in the sacrament of Reconciliation. We have experienced the healing peace that comes from being forgiven. And I hope, my brothers and sisters, that God’s mercy and love, that the gift of the Holy Spirit, is for you a source of happiness and blessedness. If we love Jesus, and we believe in Him, then, after all, we will acknowledge Him and love Him, even though we have not seen Him.

On this Sunday of Divine Mercy, I would like to invite each of you to take some time to be grateful to Jesus for His mercy. I would also like to invite you to return to your families, your friends and coworkers and share Jesus’ mercy by being merciful to them.

Fr. Arthur

May, The Month of Mary

Because May is the month of Mary, all weekday Masses will be held at 6:00 p.m. in Church. After Mass, we will pray the Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The only exceptions will be the Friday morning school children’s Mass at 8:30 a.m. and the Saturday morning Mass at 8:30 a.m.

FIRST EUCHARIST MASS

Next Sunday at the 9:30 am Mass, our third grade students will receive their First Holy Communion. If you see these students, please congratulate them on this very important day in their lives.

Altar & Rosary May Crowning

Next Sunday, May 5, after the 11:30 am Mass

The Altar & Rosary Sodality will celebrate Our Blessed Mother with a May Crowning in church before our May meeting on Sunday, May 5th. Following the 11:30 a.m. Mass, Benediction will be offered, along with praying of the Rosary and crowning of Our Lady. Join us for prayer and devotion, followed by a delicious meal and the usual playing of Bingo and our Raffle game. All are welcome to stay and pray!!

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We have received word from the Annual Catholic Appeal Processing Center that our transmittal bag has been received and it should be completely processed by April 30, 2019.

They have stated that all gifts received will be acknowledged within the next few weeks. This includes gifts of cash, checks and credit cards.

The Processing Center wishes to thank you for your patience and cooperation.

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.
Roman Salyutov concert, Saturday, May 4th, at 6:00 pm in Church (flyers are available on the table in back of church).

First Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, May 5th.

St. Barbara 8th Grade Graduation will be held on Sunday, June 2nd, at the 9:30 am Mass.

St. Barbara Kindergarten Graduation will be held on Wednesday, June 5th, at 6:30 pm.

Our 5th annual Carnival will be held June 13th-16th. Please plan to come out, have some fun and help support our parish.

Fr. Arthur’s Farewell Party will be held on Sunday, June 30th, following the 11:30 am Mass. More information will be forthcoming.

The Holy Name Society’s 6th Annual Car Show will be held on Saturday, August 17th, from 1:00 - 7:00 pm.

The Holy Name Society will also be holding a Car Show on Saturday, August 31st, to benefit the veterans. This car show will be held at the Bridgeport VFW Post, 3202 S. May Street.

Mother’s Day Mass Remembrance
Mother - Grandmother - Godmother - Aunt - Sister

Mother’s Day is fast approaching. Remembrance envelopes are available in back of church. Please return them with the names of all mothers to be remembered. Your intentions will be remembered in special Masses offered up throughout the year. You are asked to include a donation that is suitable to your intentions. Envelopes can also be brought to the rectory office.

My Easter Offering

If you are a registered parishioner, you would have received in the mail my Easter Letter along with the special Easter Offering envelope. If you did not receive this mailing or were out of town for the holiday, there are extra My Easter Offering envelopes in the back of the Church. If you are not registered as a parishioner and would like to do so, please see Fr. Arthur or Fr. Andrzej.
ST. BARBARA - ST. THERESE

On Saturday, April 13th, Fr. Francis Li organized a joint retreat for the people of St. Barbara and St. Therese parishes. The retreat was led by Cathy Walz, the Renew My Church team’s Director of Accompaniment. This was a very interesting retreat — quite different from those previously attended. Normally, when you think of a retreat, you think of sitting in place and listening to a speaker during the entire time. Cathy made this an interactive retreat by giving participants questions and having them move from group to group to get other people’s opinions on their answers. There were several opportunities to become acquainted with those people you did not previously know.

Thank you for a great retreat, Cathy!

Cathy Walz

The group gathering together to finish a project.
**Weekly Collection - April 20th - 21st**

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| YTD Actual                                       | $116,519.34           | $3,478.00   |
| Goal                                            | $269,400.00           | $6,400.00   |
| % of Goal                                       | 43%                   | 54%         |

Votives & Vigil Lights: $612.69
March Give Central: 1st $1,630.00 2nd $235.00

Electronic giving through [GiveCentral.org](http://GiveCentral.org) is the safe and secure way to make your weekly donations to St. Barbara. Donate via credit card or electronic check (ACH). Sign up by visiting St. Barbara’s home WEB page and follow the prompts.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**SATURDAY, MAY 4TH**

5:00 p.m.
- Altar Servers: D. Kwiatkowski, J. Kwiatkowski, L. Kwiatkowski, J. P. Kwiatkowski
- Eucharistic Ministers: TBA
- Lectors: G. Dumelle, W. Podrazik

**SUNDAY, MAY 5TH**

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

9:30 a.m.
- Altar Servers: K. Ruiz, E. Cabrera, R. Cabrera, Q. Do, E. Davis
- Eucharistic Ministers: TBA
- Lectors: First Communion

11:30 a.m.
- Altar Servers: A. Gomez, N. Bunda, A. Moon, L. Calderon, G. Parcon
- Eucharistic Ministers: TBA
- Lectors: E. Raya, 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...
