ST. BARBARA PARISH

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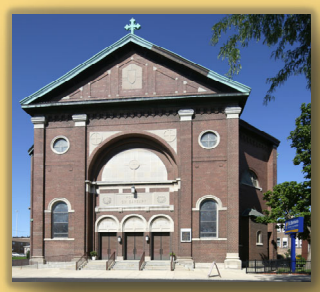

Mary, The Holy Mother of God

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Mary kept all these things,
reflecting on them in her heart.

– Luke 2:19

Finance Committee Corner

As you may have noticed from our weekly bulletin, our Sunday collections have been much lower than our budgeted needs. St. Barbara Leadership is dedicated to the fiduciary stewardship of all donated funds for the betterment of the parish and its community. During this Christmas season, please follow the example of the Three Kings who traveled far, giving generously to the infant Jesus, and give generously to your parish. Also please realize that Christmas falls on a Sunday. Your Christmas gift, in addition to your Sunday offering, is greatly needed and appreciated.

"It is in giving that we receive." Francis of Assisi

St. Barbara Finance Committee

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

In observance of the New Year, the rectory will be closed on Monday, January 2nd.

Please pick up your 2017 St. Barbara Parish/Bingo calendar on the table in back of church.

Weekday Masses

Monday through Thursday—**CHAPEL**
Friday, Saturday and Sunday Masses—**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.

My Christmas Offering
Please remember to make your Special Gift to your Parish

If you were out of town for Christmas and did not have the opportunity to remember St. Barbara with your special Christmas Offering, you can still do so by placing your donation in the regular Sunday collection. Extra *My Christmas Offering* envelopes are available in the back of the Church.

ALTAR & ROSARY SODALITY

Due to the New Year holiday, our first Altar & Rosary meeting of the new year will take place next Sunday, January 8th. If you are interested in praying the rosary, sharing a delicious lunch and playing a few games of bingo, please join us. The meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. in the Senior Mobile. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Rosary Sodality wishes everyone a healthy, prosperous and Happy New Year.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS

We are once again selling St. Patrick's Day Lotto tickets. Prizes will be given every day during the month of March. Your ticket number must match the winning evening Illinois Lottery Pick 3 game number. Daily winners will receive $100. Saturdays' winners will be awarded $250 and the grand prize of $500 will be awarded on St. Patrick's Day. Tickets are just $10.00 each and can be purchased after Mass from the ushers or from any Holy Name Member.

Save The Date

Installation of Officers will be held at the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, February 5th.

FROM THE DESK OF THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners of St. Barbara,

Today is the first day of the New Year. Maybe we can ask ourselves why, on the first of January, does the Church celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God? On this day, the Church wants to focus on the fact that we are a big family – a family of people who believe in the same God, the same God the Son, the same God the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Mother of God. It is beautiful that Mary is the Mother of Jesus Christ but, also, she became the mother of every one of us.

Life brings us different stories about mothers and their children. There are very many good, loving mothers but, unfortunately, sometimes the mothers betray their own children. Mary is the mother who never will leave us alone. It doesn't matter what happens in our lives. We belong to a family where Jesus is our friend and our brother. The brother who loved us so much that He gave His life to save us. And He will be with us always, no matter what happens.

And, finally, the Holy Spirit teaches us how to call God "Abba", Father. Actually, "Abba" means daddy. Can you imagine that every one of us can call God "daddy". It doesn't matter what happened in our families; we have to remember all year and every year that we have a very strong family in heaven. As a matter of fact, we have a mother, a father and a brother who are with us all the time.

And one more thing. Usually during New Year's or New Year's Eve, we wish each other different things: we wish good health, we wish good work, a good boss, a lot of money. The most beautiful wishes are those we hear in today's first reading from the Book of Numbers. God Himself tells what to wish for. God says to bless the Israelites with these words, "The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let His face shine upon you and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace." When you carefully read these words again and again, you will realize that you don't need anything more.

These are my wishes to you for this year. May the Lord bless you, keep you, shine upon you, be gracious, kind and give you peace.

Fr. Andrzej

A Mass of Healing will be said this Tuesday, January 3rd, at 6:00 p.m. in Church. This Mass is for the intention of all who need health blessings. Be sure to join us for this special Mass which takes place the first Tuesday of every month.

If there is anyone whom you would like to especially remember at this Mass, please submit their name to the rectory at (312) 842-7979.

First Friday Masses
January 6th

* 8:30 a.m. Mass (in Church)
* 6:00 p.m. Mass (in Church)
* 6:45 p.m. Exposition & Benediction

ST. BARBARA SENIORS

Are you 55+ ? Do you enjoy socializing with your neighbors? Interested in playing Bingo? If so, come to the next St. Barbara Senior Citizens Meeting to be held this Tuesday, January 3, at 11:30 a.m. Try it — you might like it!

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Even though the official Year of Mercy ended on November 20th and Pope Francis has closed the Holy Door at the Basilica in the Vatican, the Divine Mercy Chaplet will still be said before all 6:00 pm Tuesday evening Masses, after the 11:30 am Sunday Mass, and after all First Friday Masses during the Holy Hour. If you attend 11:30 am Mass and decide not to stay for the chaplet, please exit church quietly. Thank you.

Please consider remembering
St. Barbara Parish in your will.

This Week at Our Church

Tues., Jan. 3 - St. Barb's Seniors Mtg.; 11:30 am
Wed., Jan. 4 - Finance Council Mtg.; 6:30 pm
- St. Vincent de Paul Mtg.; 6:30 pm
Fri., Jan. 6 - First Friday Masses: 8:30 am and 6:00 pm
- Holy Name Mtg.; 7:00 pm
Sun., Jan. 8 - 7th Grade Family Mass
Altar & Rosary Mtg.; 1:00 pm

2017 Carnival News

As you pick up your Parish 2017 Calendars, please notice the Carnival dates on the bottom. Hard to believe that in 6 months our Parish Carnival will be here. Watch the bulletin for our first meeting to be held in January, 2017.

We wish everyone a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Wendy Kaput & Denise Holland, Chairpersons

Thursday
December 22nd

Designer Purse Winners at Christmas Bingo

Rosa
$500 Coverall

Darlene and Sonny
Pugz Raffle - $2,202 Split

Epiphany Packets

The Feast of the Epiphany will be celebrated next Sunday, January 8th. Special Epiphany Kits to bless the doorways of your homes are available in back of the church. Each kit contains gold, frankincense and myrrh plus a small piece of chalk to mark the doorway. The suggested donation is $2.00 for each kit.

STAR GAZERS

20+C+M+B+17

Around a thousand years ago a stonemason in Autun, France, was working on decorations for the city's new cathedral. One of his carvings shows a charming scene. The three kings, all wearing crowns and sharing one cozy bed, are being awakened by an angel pointing to a star. The angel's finger is gently touching the hand of one of the kings on top of the patterened coverlet. This king's eyes have popped open in surprise, while the other two slumber on. The stonemason artistically combined two biblical stories into one. The star reminds us of the one that led the kings to Bethlehem, while the visiting angel refers to the warning they received in a dream not to return to Herod after visiting the Christ Child. For centuries tradition has held that the names of the kings were Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, but nobody really knows for sure. Other traditions call them wise men from the East who studied the stars. They were the first non-Jews to recognize and worship the Son of God and give him kingly gifts. In the Middle Ages, houses were blessed on Epiphany, reflecting how the magi found Christ "on entering the house." Try reviving this ancient tradition today. It can work for any family or household group. One person incenses the house while another sprinkles holy water, and a third writes in chalk over every outside doorway " 20 + C + M + B + 17" (or whatever the year may be), which stands for "The three Holy Kings, Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar, in the year of Our Lord 2017." The letters C, M, and B also stand for *Christus mansionem benedicat,* "May Christ bless this home." Blessing the doorways symbolizes the family's commitment to welcome everyone as Christ into their home throughout the year.

Mercy Home - Sunday Mass
WGN- TV Channel 9 - Chicago

Sunday Mass: 9:30 AM

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we begin a new year, I would like to take this opportunity to share with you several important events that the St. Barbara family has experienced this past year with our parish, school and community.

* We celebrated the Year of Mercy and instituted the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. We will continue to say this Chaplet after the 11:30 am Mass for the next year.
* Bishop Blase Cupich became a Cardinal. Our parish continues to pray for him.
* After more than 40 years Mrs. Hurckes retired. After a transformation year, we were very pleased to announce that our school has a new Principal, Mrs. Nicole Nolazco, and a new Vice-Principal, Mrs. Juliann Jurisic. With joyful hearts, Fr. Andrzej and I are happy to support our new Principal and the school because Catholic education is very important.
* This year, at the advice of our Parish Council, Finance Council and the Facilities Committee, we made a decision to replace our roof. From the bottom of my heart, I would like to say thank you for your help and support of this project.
* During this past month, we have been repainting the church where water damage had occurred from our leaking roof.
* Last week, our sacristy and the stairwell leading to the bell tower have been patched and painted.
* Of course, this year thanks to the dedication of loyal parishioners who spearheaded these campaigns, we celebrated our 2nd annual parish carnival and our 3rd annual car show with great success.

Fr. Andrzej and I would like to say thank you to everyone who does so much for our parish and to those who have invited us to your homes for confessions and communions or have requested sick call or last rites visits.

Let us all look forward to the future for success – for our country, our parish and our school. Please pray for Father Andrzej and myself and we offer our prayers for you and your family. Happy New Year!

Fr.Arthur

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Dec. 31 - Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
5:00 p.m. + Josephine Kavalauskas (Family)
+ Bruno Nardi (Dee Dee)
+ Joseph Piorecki (Ted Piorecki)
+ David Kaput (Family)
+ John Novak (C. Nowak & Family)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Nowak & Family)

Sunday, Jan. 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
6:00 a.m. All Parishioners, Living and Deceased
9:30 a.m. + Birth. Rem.: Lenore Malone (Family)
11:30 a.m. + Florence Brown (Ed and B. Glabicki)
+ Lottie Chwalisz (Ed and B. Glabicki)
Health Blessings: Ed Sraga and Family

Monday, Jan. 2 - Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
8:30 a.m. + Ann Pacanowski (Husband and Daughter)

Tuesday, Jan. 3 - Christmas Weekday
6:00 p.m. + Ted Lech (Ed and B. Glabicki)

Wednesday, Jan. 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
8:30 a.m. + Agnes Kuberska (Family)

Thursday, Jan. 5 - St. John Neumann
8:30 a.m. + The Mezdylo Family: John, Genevieve, Genevieve (Jean), Aloysius and Eleanore

Friday, Jan. 6 - Christmas Weekday
8:30 a.m. + Mary Fishburn
6:00 p.m. Health Blessings: Ed and B. Glabicki

Saturday, Jan. 7 - Christmas Weekday
8:30 a.m. + Father's Day Remembrance

Saturday, Jan. 7 - Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord
5:00 p.m. + Mary Domagala (Husband, Mike)
+ Paul and Sophie Jachim (Dan & Anita Isacson)
+ Evelyn Jirik (Casey Nowak and Family)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Nowak & Family)

Sunday, Jan. 8 - The Epiphany of the Lord
6:00 a.m. Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. All Parishioners, Living and Deceased
7th Grade Family Mass
11:30 a.m. + Joseph Piorecki (Ted Piorecki)
+ Jean Dimitri (Ed and B. Glabicki)

We wish to update our Sick List. Some of the names have been on the list for several years. If you wish to keep a family member or friend on the Prayer List, please let us know by the end of the year or the name will be removed. Also, if you wish to add someone's name please contact the rectory (312-842-7979). Thank you.

Due to the early publication of the bulletin, the collection totals for December 24th and 25th will be available in next week's bulletin.

Archdiocese of Chicago Annual Catholic Appeal

December 19, 2016 Report

Donor Count	**113**
2016 Goal	**$ 5,831.25**
Amount Pledged	**$20,613.00**
Amount Paid	**$18,413.00**
Balance Due	**$ 2,200.00**

Because payments have exceeded our goal, all additional funds are returned to our parish for our use. Thank you for your support of St.

Liturgical Ministers

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7TH
5:00 p.m.
Altar Servers: I. Echevarria, X. Lopez, A. Gorz, A. Torres
Eucharistic Ministers: TBA
Lectors: C. Hailer, D. Hailer
Greeter: TBA

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH
6:00 a.m.
Altar Server: G. Vanderford
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Guest, J. Balasa
Lector: J. Bertucci
Greeter: B. Webb
9:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: E. Castaneda, L. Castaneda, M. Gonzalez, A. Gonzalez
Eucharistic Ministers: TBA
Lectors: Family Mass - Grade 7
Greeter: TBA
11:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: M. Rodriguez, A. Rodriguez, K. Zotamba, G. Parcon
Eucharistic Ministers: TBA
Lectors: K. Ricci, L. Szczepanski
Greeter: TBA

Pastor: Fr. Wojciech Artur Marat
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School Principal: Mrs. Nicole Nolazco
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Parish Secretaries: Ms. Dolores Becatti
Ms. Carol Spalla
Religious Education: Mrs. Roberta Carden

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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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-Friday: 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; 1:30-4:00 p.m.
The office is closed on Saturday and Sunday.

Please pray for those homebound, hospitalized and in need of continued prayers…

Rev. Anthony Adducci, Mary Aguirre, Kimberly Babe, Judith Beaudry, Christine Bertucci, Joseph 'Joey' Bertucci, Lonnie & Theresa Bertucci-Falls, Jennifer Bond, Irene Bonk, Fr. Michael Bowler, Jeff Bowman, Mary Camarda, Anthony Capone Sr., Adele Castro, Laverne Connolly, Joe Cruz, Patti Cuchetto, Victoria David, Paul DeGrazia, Baby Derek, Jacqueline Dybas, Jerry Felske, Natalia Francone, Bill Frank, Sr. Mary Therese Freymann, Darlene Frost, Harold Frost, Rose Furmanek, Paul Gadomski, Ray Gadomski, Lily Ann Galloway, John Gasca, Cheryl Lynn Gilhooly, Bernadette & Ed Glabicki, Koen Guest, Jose P. Gutierrez, Jasmine Hansen, Eugene Harms, Kellar Harris, Lynette Heidemann, Mary Holliday, Gwen Holub, Morris Humphrey, Baby Nyla Hunt, Michaeline Hunter, Ted Hunter, Suzanne Ivester, Chester Jendryczka, Dr. Joe, Geri Kaput, John Kaput, Dorothy Kawalerski, Rose Kisielowski, Stanley Kiwala, Janice Kutansky, Craig Labudda, Kathy LaSorella, Steve Ligda, Josephine Loncke, Lenny Loretto, Richard Lyznicki, Ronald M., Nancy Mallory, John Mangan, Kayle Marth, Paul Martinez, Bill Marczuk, Zena Masi, Maria Mawgwi, Elizabeth McClaughry, Lil' Joe Michalak, Cindy Moore, Dr. Mike, Frank Muszynski, Cydney Muti, Stephanie Nicks, Joy Noworyta, Casimira (Carrie) Nowak, Francesco Ochoa, Sr., Theresa Oleszkiewicz, Allison Pakula, Eva Castillion Parcon, Josie Petkus, Michael Petruck, Dolores Pienta, Mitchell Pienta, Virginia Pienta, Ted Piorecki, Ray Polakowski, Robert Potter, Theresa Powers, Evelyn Pyznarski, Josephine Richardson, Jose Rodriguez, Jose C. Rodriguez, Sandra Rios, Dolly Roti, Therese Ryndak, Dorothy Rzasa, Dave S., Diane S., Father Ron S., Tony S., Maria Saludo, Baby Scarlet, Kennedy Shepski, Laverne Scianna, Adeline Skokal, Raymond & Dorothy Smolinski, Sharon Solverson, Jeff, Spaargaren, Jr., Diane Spata, Madeline Stachnik, Baby Stefanski, Lauren Stronczek, Rose Stronczek, Robert Synal, Baby Zachary Synal, Robert Szczytko, Emily Rose Thomas, Baby Matthew Topa, Norbert Trojanowski, Bill Ufferman, Dolores Ufferman, George Vanderford Sr., George Vanderford Jr., Juan Vargas, Ava Walczak, Barbara Webb, Bill Webb, Sylvia Wiertel, Madison Young, Eugene & John Zabek, John Ziemba, Irene Zima