

# Saint Barbara Catholic Church

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY** - 4:30 pm

**SUNDAY** - 8:00 am, 10:30 am

**HOLY DAY VIGIL** - 6:00 pm

**HOLY DAY** - 9 am & 12:00 Noon

**WEEKDAY** - Mon., Tues., Fri. 9:00 am  
Wed. (*School Mass*) 9:15 am

**Weekday Masses**

On weekdays when there is a funeral there will be no 9:00 am Mass

**RECONCILIATION** - SATURDAY from 3:30 - 4:20 pm

Pastor: Very Rev. Canon Matthew 'Maciej' Mankowski, D.Min.  
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**Office Hours:** Monday, - Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm  
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Fax: 330-833-5164  
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**School Office:** Phone: 330-833-9510

**Infant Baptism** - Baptisms are scheduled on an individual basis and may be celebrated during Mass, or privately. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

**Marriage** - Please call the parish office for information. Arrangements must be made at least six (6) months prior to the wedding.

**Reconciliation** - The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered Saturday from 3:30 to 4:20 pm.

**Sick Calls** - If your loved one is in the hospital, Nursing Home or homebound and you would like a visit from our pastor, please call the Parish Office.

**Adult Baptisms, Confirmation, or Adults Considering Becoming Catholic** - Please call the Parish Office. Persons or families, new to the parish may register also by calling the Parish Office.

**Vocations** - Please contact the parish office about a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life.

**Funerals** - Please contact the parish office before scheduling with the funeral director or the announcement is published in the newspaper.

**Bulletin News Deadline** - Tuesday at noon in writing.



## The 2nd Sunday of Advent

## Welcome!

Are you interested in parish membership at St. Barbara?  
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A black and white photograph of the Heitger family, including Jeff, Gail, and Tommy Heitger, and Pamela Gail LL. They are all smiling and looking at the camera.

**Thank You!**

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**Masses For The Week**

**Monday - 12/6 - Saint Nicholas, Bishop**  
9:00 a.m. - Morsheiser & Draime Families (Family)

**Tuesday - 12/7 - Saint Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor**  
9:00 a.m. - David Bressler (John Kent)  
6:00 p.m. - Mary and Bob Kring (53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)

**Wednesday - 12/8 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin**  
9:15 a.m. - Irvin Boney (Family)

**Thursday - 12/9 - Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin**  
No Mass

**Friday - 12/10**  
9:00 a.m. - Sue Heiser (May and Mark Sweany)

**Saturday - 12/11 - Saint Damasus I, Pope**  
4:30 p.m. - Irvin Boney (Family)

**Sunday - 12/12 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
8:00 a.m. - Elaine and Robert Boak (Tim and Cindy Smith)  
10:30 a.m. - Special Intention for Blessings Received (Joe and Carol Vilhosky)

**The Sanctuary Candle** – is prayerfully lit in memory of Joe Schiller from Laura Freidly.

**Flowers on the Altar** – The flowers on the altar are in memory of Berdellia Maurer from daughter, Agnes Kennedy.

**Parish Council Meeting**

There will be a regular parish council meeting on December 6, 2021 at 7 PM in the community room. Please bring any information you have gathered from last meeting.

**200 CLUB TICKETS:** We still have tickets left to sell. They make wonderful gifts. All proceeds will benefit Saint Barbara School. Please call the rectory office at 330-833-6898 if questions.

**200 CLUB WINNERS**

The 200 Club Winners for November 30, 2021 are:

Paulette Martin (Ticket #193) - \$100.00 and

John Hammer (Ticket #2) - \$100.00

Congratulations! Your ticket will be put back in for more chances to win!

**Mass Intentions** The Mass intention book is open through May 31, 2022. If you would like to schedule a Mass for a loved one, please call the rectory at (330) 833-6898 to get it scheduled.

**Patriotic Rosary**

Come join us at St. Barbara's on Saturday, December 11th at 12noon for our monthly Patriotic Rosary as we honor Our Dear Blessed Mother's two feast days this month; Dec.8th the feast of the Immaculate Conception and Dec.12th the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. December 8th is also the Patronal Feast of the United States of America. Come pray with us for our nation. I wish you a happy and HOLY ADVENT. Any Questions call Verla at 330-833-1125

**PRAYERS FOR SICK FAMILY MEMBERS:** If you have sick family members you would like to have prayed for during the Prayers of the Faithful at weekend Masses, call the **Rectory office at 330-833-6898** and they will be prayed for. **The sick person or family member of the sick must call.**

**November 27-28, 2021**

<b>Weekly Budget</b>	\$ 12,621.00
<b>Needy</b>	\$ 799.80
<b>Reg. Collection</b>	\$ 8,379.20
<b>Mail-in</b>	\$ 3,636.00
<b>On Line</b>	\$ 2,666.00
<b>Total</b>	\$ 14,681.20
	\$ 2,060.20
<b>Mass Attendance 400 - 4:30 - 125; 8:00 - 116; 10:30 - 159</b>	

<b>Lectors - Saturday/Sunday</b>	<b>Sacristans - Saturday/Sunday</b>
4:30 p.m. - 12/11/21 - S. Hall	4:30 p.m. - 12/11/21 - S. Ziegelhofer
8:00 a.m. - 12/12/21 - V. Lorenz	8:00 a.m. - 12/12/21 - J. Wyman
10:30 a.m. - 12/12/21 - PSR/School	10:30 a.m. - 12/12/21 - B. Fath

**Advent Candle:** 3rd Sunday of Advent – December 11-12, 2021  
4:30 Mass: Scott and Amy Wallace, and Colton  
8:00 Mass: Jeff and Cheryl Seifert, Elizabeth and Joann  
10:30 Mass: Scott and Martha Boedy, Taya, Tyrone, and Gloria

PLEASE RETURN YOUR **COMMITMENT CARDS** IN THE OFFERTORY BASKET OR IN THE WOODEN BOXES INSIDE THE CHURCH AT THE DOORS. THEY MAY ALSO BE RETURNED TO THE RECTORY OR PLACED IN THE MAIL BOX.  
**AS OF THIS DATE 178 CARDS HAVE BEEN RETURNED.**

**Christmas Giving Tree 2021:** Please remember that the Angels are due back no later than **NEXT WEEKEND, December 12<sup>th</sup>** following the 10:30 am Mass. Please remember to follow the instructions on your angel. Some say **DO NOT WRAP**, while others ask for the activation slip to be included. Otherwise wrap the gift and attach the angel to the outside of the gift. Thanks for making Christmas brighter for those in need! Any questions or need assistance with shopping? Call Karen Cox @ 330-830-9620.

**Vocations:** Are you called to be "A herald's voice in the desert" preparing the way of the Lord in the hearts of His people? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact Father Scott Kopp at:(330) 744-8451 or email: [skopp@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:skopp@youngstowndiocese.org).

**Monthly Rosary:** The Evangelization Committee will be praying the Rosary one half hour before Mass one Sunday per month.  
December 18 - 4:00 pm — January 16, 2022 - 7:30 am  
February 20, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

**Christmas 50/50 Drawing:** The intended amount for this drawing was \$10.00 per entry but this information did not get included on the envelope. If you wish to have more than one entry, you may do so at \$10.00. If you have already sent in a lesser amount, your name will still be entered in the drawing; and if you sent in more than \$10.00 your name will be entered more than one time. **Also, Christmas Morning Mass will be at 10:00 am and not 9:00.** The drawing will take place after Mass. Sorry for the errors.



### The Bobcat Corner BREAKFAST WITH SANTA:

Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-11:00 am. at Saint Barbara Parish Life Center. Breakfast buffet with Drink: 12 and Over-\$10.00, Children 3-11-\$6.00, 2 and Under FREE. Call for Reservations: 330-833-9510.

**Rite Aid Fundraising:** Fill Prescriptions and shop to Support Saint Barbara School. Call the school at 330-833-9510 for more information.

**In Memoriam:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of Kenneth Schott of our parish, Patricia Oliver, mother of Jennifer (Michael) Dominick, and grandmother of Shannon Courter of our parish, and Robert Egan, husband of Janie, and son-in-law of James Hamel and brother-in-law Jim Hamel of our parish. Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and may they rest in peace.

Parishioner looking for someone to sit with her husband two days a week for a couple of hours, Call rectory if available.

**Lectors:** 2022 workbooks are available in the Sacristy for pickup after Mass. Please cross your name off the list when you pick one up.

**Homebound Visitations:** 2022 booklets are available for those who take Holy Communion to the homebound. Pick up your copy in the Sacristy after Mass.

**"A voice of one crying out in the desert".** As we look to John the Baptizer in our Advent journey, we discover that we are called to join that voice, crying out in faith, words that prepare the way for the Lord, and invite others to do the same. Take some time this week to reflect on your desire to join with a few others in sharing and proclaiming your faith by joining our Winter Book Club, **Walking with God – A Journey Through the Bible**. Morning session is 10:00 am on Tuesday, and evening session at 6:00 pm on Wednesday. Sessions began November 30 and December 1. Contact Amy Davis at the office for more information.

Jesus came for all of us and knows our pain. There is Hope and Healing from abortion. For CONFIDENTIAL help, text or call Project Rachel of Northeast Ohio at 330-360-0430 or go to <https://hopeafterabortionneo.weebly.com/>.

**IF YOU RECEIVE A TEXT OR E-MAIL FROM FATHER MATTHEW REQUESTING GIFT CARDS, PLEASE KNOW THAT THIS IS A SCAM.**

**Stewardship:** *"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." (PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10)*

During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them, learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.

**CALVARY CEMETERY – MASSILLON:** Christmas of Remembrance on Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 pm (Feast Day of Saint Nicholas). Hang an Ornament on our Christmas Tree for your dearly departed loved one. Call 330-792-4721 for more information.

### A Note from Fr. Matthew



John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins . . . repentance for the forgiveness of sins . . . Luke 3: 1-6

#### Taking on Facebook

After a close friendship of hers was lost in the black hole of online conspiracy theories, she decided to take her skills as a data scientist to Facebook.

She was assigned to Facebook's Civic Integrity Team, the tech folks who monitored Facebook postings for misinformation and hate speech. A month after the 2020 election, Facebook dissolved the Civic Integrity Team, claiming that it was no longer needed.

Then came the January 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

Feeling betrayed by Facebook, she left the company.

She told her story to The Wall Street Journal and The New York Times, who agreed to protect her anonymity. She shared pages and pages of internal Facebook documents on the devastating impact Facebook's "Instagram" app was having on teenage girls, on the divisiveness and fear hate groups were peddling via Facebook, on the lies being spread on Facebook about COVID-19 — lies that were resulting in serious illness and death.

And then she went public.

Frances Haugen appeared on 60 Minutes on October 3. She came forward, she explained, because Facebook had lied to the public about resolving hate and violence in order to increase traffic on the site — and, in turn, increase profits.

"Facebook realized that if they change the algorithm to be safer, people will spend less time on the site, they'll click on fewer ads, they'll make less money." In her bombshell testimony before Congress the next day, October 4, Haugen told lawmakers that Facebook "was deliberating keeping people — including children — hooked on its services."

Facebook knows, she said, that "it's easier to inspire people to anger than it is to other emotions."

Frances Haugen's courage to go public, of course, comes at a heavy cost. She knows that Facebook will destroy her. But she told the senators:

"I believe what I did was right and necessary for the common good . . . The documents I have provided prove that Facebook has repeatedly misled us about what its own research reveals about the safety of children, its role in spreading hateful and polarizing messages, and so much more."

Frances Haugen — and brave women and men like her — are nothing less than prophets in the spirit of the great prophets of Scripture, in the spirit of John the Baptist's heralding of the Christ, in the spirit of the prophets of our own time who have given their lives for the sake of what is right and just. Each one of us is called by God to be his prophet — to be "one who proclaims" God's word of justice and reconciliation here and now, along our own Jordan River banks. God calls us to look beyond our own needs and interests to embrace what is authentically good, thereby giving voice to the good news that Jesus, God's Messiah, has come.

*Have a great week and I'll see you in church. Fr. Matthew*

**PRAY FOR DOBBS v. JACKSON WOMEN'S HEALTH:** December 1, 2021-US Supreme Court Oral Arguments on whether all pre-viability prohibitions on elective abortions are unconstitutional.

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# JOY OF THE GOSPEL

## ***A Community of Communities***

*The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew. In this Exhortation I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church's journey in years to come.* (Pope Francis – The Joy of the Gospel #1)

In *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis writes: "I dream of a 'missionary option', that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for her self-preservation". (EG #27)

Pope Francis immediately follows this statement with a discussion about the role of the parish community, when he states: "In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelizers. It is a *community of communities*, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a center of constant missionary outreach. We must admit, though, that the call to review and renew our parishes has not yet sufficed to bring them nearer to people, to make them environments of living communion and participation, and to make them completely mission-oriented". (EG #28)

As such, Bishop David Bonnar, in his first Pastoral Letter – *Testify to the Light*, has stated: "It is my dream that parishes will form small groups for people to share their faith and support one another as they become disciples. These small groups can be tailored to accommodate people's schedules and be made up of men, women, married couples and single individuals. By coming together in a small venue, individuals can share their faith and encounter Jesus through the Gospel and in other ways enabling them to go forth and proclaim the Gospel. Small groups are a powerful way to accompany one another as pilgrims on the journey".



### **Parish Based Small Faith-Sharing Groups**

In forming small groups within our parishes, members of the parish community are invited to share their faith with one another as they grow in their discipleship. As members of the family of God, by coming together in the small group setting of 6 - 12 people, you have an opportunity to create long-lasting, genuine relationships with people who share your faith and want to be a part of your life. Together, you can share and live out the joy of the gospel through fellowship, prayer and worship, while growing in your Catholic faith.

## How does a Small Group work?

**Small Group:** A group of 6-12 people who gather together to socialize, pray, study, discuss, and grow in the Catholic faith.

**Meeting Location and When You Meet:** The initial meetings would meet on your parish campus, but depending on the makeup of the group, may seek to meet in another location. This is at the discretion of the group members. You may choose to meet in a home or elsewhere (i.e. a coffee shop, restaurant with a private room/area). Groups often rotate meeting at each other's homes. It is encouraged that you meet once a week or every other week to study the chosen materials, but at least once a month.

**Coordinator / Facilitator:** A Small Group Facilitator facilitates the group meetings. The facilitator commits to knowing the material in advance, being prepared to facilitate the group discussion, and arranging for opening/closing prayer. They serve to encourage participation and faith sharing and create an atmosphere of hospitality and trust among all the participants. The Small Group Facilitator is not a theologian and is not a counselor. Additional assistance can be provided by the Office of Missionary Discipleship and the Office of Religious Education.

**Program Materials:** You may choose study materials from a variety of topics available through the Diocese of Youngstown Media Library (seasonal materials are always highlighted via the Diocesan Office of Religious Education). Topics may include scripture and faith-based studies, prayer, seasons of the Church, and areas of special interest.

## Why should I consider joining a Small Group?

# JOIN A SMALL GROUP

**Unique Mission:** Small groups can help you discern and live out the unique mission God has given to you on this earth. They help you to share the joy of the gospel with others in your life.

**Community / Relationship:** Small groups build our sense of community and help us to belong to the family of God at the parish. Small groups are an opportunity to create deep and lasting relationships with people who will share times of joy in your life, as well as encourage and help you in times of difficulty.

**Faith:** Small groups help you to know, love, and serve the Lord through prayer, generosity and evangelization. They help you to build your faith and strengthen your friendship with Christ and the Catholic Church.

**Relevance:** Small groups are flexible and can select materials geared to members' interests and needs. They help you to receive God's grace in your daily life.

## The Next Step!

Please take some time to prayerfully reflect on the importance of joining a small group and then **contact your parish office** for more information about the small group opportunities at your parish.

***Missionary Disciples accompany Missionary Disciples!*** (EG #173)