

Saint Barbara Catholic Church

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL - 4:00 pm at St. Joseph
4:00 pm at Holy Family/Brewster

SUNDAY - 8:00 am at St. Mary
8:30 am at Holy Family/Navarre
11:00 am at St. Barbara
11:00 am at Holy Family/Navarre

HOLY DAY: See Bulletin

WEEKDAY - Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. 9:00 am
Thurs., 9:00 am at Holy Family/Navarre
(**Adoration** 9:30 am thru 8:30 pm)

RECONCILIATION - SATURDAY 3:00 pm at St. Joseph
Other Locations Upon Request

LIVESTREAMING: For those who are homebound or unable to attend Mass, our 11:00 am Mass is now being livestreamed.

Pastor: Very Rev. Canon Matthew 'Maciej' Mankowski, D.Min.
Deacon Brook Benedict
Diocesan Pastoral Associate.....Pattie Condello
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Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 pm

Church Office: Phone: 330-833-6898

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Email: office@saintbarbaraparish.com

SAINT BARBARA FOOD PANTRY Distribution is on Saturday, from 9 -10 am
Jan. 21, Feb. 18, March 18.

Prayer Circle: Sue Ziegelhofer - 330-832-1992

Infant Baptism - Baptisms are scheduled on an individual basis and may be celebrated during Mass, or privately. Baptism Preparation for parents is required. 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.

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 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Welcome!

Are you interested in parish membership at St. Barbara?
If so please call the parish office at 330-833-6898 to register or drop a note in the offering basket with your name and phone number and we will give you a call.

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This week's
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**Thank
You!**

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Masses For The Week**Monday - 12/19**

9:00 a.m. - Saint Mary - Gene Hammer (Daughter, Cheryl)
AND Alice Valentine (Son, Brad)

Tuesday - 12/20

9:00 a.m. - Saint Barbara - Frank and Angela Mastrianni
(Mark and May Sweany) AND Mary Lee Maloney (Evelyn Fichter)

Wednesday - 12/21 - Saint Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor

9:00 a.m. - Saint Mary - Virginia Roth (Roth Family)
AND Virginia Schmidt (Jim and Julie)
AND Rosemary and Edward Piaskoski

Thursday - 12/22

9:00 a.m. - Holy Family/Navarre

Friday - 12/23 - Saint John of Kanty, Priest

9:00 a.m. - Saint Joseph - Nate Fatigati, AND Bob Stenger
AND George & Dorothy Lega AND Louise Caracillo

Saturday - 12/24

4:00 p.m. - Mass at St. Barbara - Living & Deceased Loved Ones
Mass at Saint Joseph - Charles Scharver
Mass at St. Mary - Theresa Rohr (Husband, Larry)

12:00 a.m. - Midnight Mass at Saint Barbara

Thomas Fichter (Evelyn and Family)

Sunday - 12/25 - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

8:00 a.m. - Mass at St. Mary - Kurtzman/Pendolino Families
AND Douglas Schmidt (Bill and Marilyn Austin)
11:00 a.m. - Mass at Saint Joseph - Maria Luisa Valle

Sanctuary Candle – is prayerfully lit for Barry Cox from Terry and Karen Cox.

Flowers on the Altar – The flowers on the altar are in memory of Barry Cox from Terry and Karen Cox.

**January - 90 PLUS BIRTHDAYS
SAINT BARBARA'S**

Barbara Draime - January 10 - 94 yrs.,
Bonnie Annen - January 16 - 90 yrs.

Kathleen Jones would like to thank everyone who sent Birthday cards to her on the occasion of her 93rd birthday. She appreciated all of them and they were very uplifting to her.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Information is located in the churches about the Christmas Schedule. Please pick up a copy or two and use for your reference. This is a handy tool to use for the holidays.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR/SANCTUARY CANDLE

Saint Barbara: The altar flowers and sanctuary candle schedules for 2023 are now on the table in the Narthex at the west entrance. Flowers are \$40.00 and the sanctuary candle is \$10.00.

Vocations: "When Joseph awoke he did as the angel of the Lord directed him." Are you prayerfully vigilant about discovering your vocation in Christ? Might He be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

December 11, 2022

Weekly Budget	\$ 12,621.00
Needy	\$ 550.00
Reg. Collection	\$ 7,615.00
Mail-in	\$ 2,917.00
On Line	\$ 2,485.00
Total	\$ 13,017.00
	\$ 396.00

Attendance: 1012 - 4:00 - 275; 8:00 - 377; 11:00 - 360

St. Joseph \$10,100.00 Saint Mary \$15,191.00
Saint Barbara World Mission (Three in One Collection) \$2,154.00

Lectors: 4:00 p.m. - 12/24/22 - M. Kring, S. Studer
Midnight Mass - K. Mitchell, MJ Malich
Sacristans: 4:00 p.m. - 12/24/22 - M. Kring
Midnight Mass - P. Martin

IN MEMORIAM: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Carl Burger and Carolyn Slicker of our parish. Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and may they rest in peace.

HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Monday, December 19th at 12:00 noon is the deadline for the Christmas bulletin and Monday, December 26th at 12:00 noon is the deadline for the New Year's bulletin.

SAINT RAPHAEL AND SAINT DYMPHNA SHRINE: Please consider St. Raphael and Saint Dymphna Shrine Gift Shops for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Many beautiful items are available.

SAINT JOSEPH: Youth Ministry will meet on Sunday, December 18th in the church at St. Joseph from 6:30-8pm. Father Matthew will offer the sacrament of reconciliation and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, as well as a short prayer service from the youth ministry members. All teens and their FAMILIES are welcome and encouraged to attend to celebrate this final Sunday of Advent together in prayer.

Blessings & Thank You to all the St. Barbara, St. Joseph, & St. Mary families who participated in this year's Giving Tree at St. Joseph's. Your willingness to take gift tags or contribute funds to this ministry was wonderful! You all made the Christmas season a little brighter for others in need. Because of your generosity, we were able to help 25 families from our parish community, The Twelve Of Ohio, and the elderly and handicapped with WestStark Services, for a total of 155 people! Know that, according to the gospel of Luke "Give and gifts will be given to you" (6:38). I am sure the Lord will bless all of you during this holy season and all year long. May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You. I look forward to 2023 as we become Divine Mercy Parish and work together to be one. Mimi Gozdan

OBLATE SISTERS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Any young women interested in learning more about religious life, Come and See: December 27-30. For more information contact Sr. Mary Stephany at 330-759-9329, 50 Warner Road, Hubbard Ohio 44425 or email rosanova13@outlook.com

BOX OF JOY: The Stark Deanery Council of Catholic Women thanks you whole heartedly for your love and generosity in helping to make the Box of Joy ministry a huge success. With the help of our consolidated parishes, other parishes in the Stark County area, Immaculate Conception in Wooster and other community outreaches, we were able to send 274 boxes of joy to children in developing countries. This is a true example of how working together as one parish family, we can do great things. May God bless each and everyone with a blessed Advent and a Joyous and Merry Christmas. Verla Lorenz and the Stark Deanery.

MILITARY SERVICES: The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, Archbishop for the Military Services, USA, thanks those who contributed to the Triennial National Collection for the AMS. Your generosity will assist Archbishop Broglio in the mission, "Serving Those Who Serve". Thank you for supporting the men and women, and their families, from our own parish and diocese who serve and protect this great nation, and who defend the freedoms we hold dear.

Saint Barbara's collected \$1,676.00 for the Military Services.

CASE FARMS: Case Farms is now hiring!! Medical, Dental, Vision, 401K Matching, Life Insurance, HSA Education, Paid holidays/vacation and more. Transportation available for some areas! Openings for Maintenance Technicians, Refrigeration Mechanics, CDL-A Drivers, Production Workers, Management Trainees, and more! Starting pay \$14.50-\$15.50 with scheduled raises, weekly attendance bonus, and plant-wide production bonus. Apply online at: www.casefarms.com/careers, 330-791-7003 or 702 North Main Street, Navarre or 1818 Co Rd 160, Winesburg 44690

TABLES IN THE NARTHEX: If you have items that you would like to have put out on the tables or items to have put on the bulletin boards, please drop them off at the parish office and Father Matthew will look them over and have the office staff place them on the tables or bulletin boards.

Stewardship: *"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."* MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

FOOD PANTRY: The next Food Pantry distribution will be on Saturday, January 21st from 9-10 a.m.

Food Pantry Item of the Month: Bar Soap and Body Wash

A Note from Fr. Matthew



Joseph's "awkwardness"

In *Diary of a Pastor's Soul*, M. Craig Barnes reflects on the "awkward" role of Joseph in the Gospel.

In Matthew's story, Joseph works to stay in the background. He "wants to marry his Mary, pay his taxes and settle into the quiet life of a village carpenter. He is not the star of the story — doesn't want to be. He follows the instructions of the angel in the dream, becoming part of a scandal that was never his idea."

In most school and church Christmas pageants, Barnes notes, "the director of the pageant never has trouble finding a girl who wants to be Mary. In fact, it's actually rather competitive. And the cool guys vie for one of the wise men roles . . . But I'm wondering if the key to the whole story is Joseph? What if none of us are supposed to be the star of the drama? And unlike the shepherds, we can't just go back to the sheep after beholding the child on this holy night. What if the Christmas angels are trying to tell us that the life we are expecting is not what we're going to live, but this is actually for our salvation? And if we read ahead a bit in the drama, we'll discover that like Joseph we should settle into being confused and out of the loop when God is making decisions . . ."

Maybe the key to understanding Christmas, Barnes wonders, is that we, too, are as "awkward as Joseph."

"Most of us are worn out on our own plans for life. And we're ready to hear about a more interesting story than we can write for ourselves even if we don't really understand it . . . that's always been the dream of Christmas . . . the confusing dream that outlives us is really all we need."

Today's Gospel is not Luke's beloved story of Jesus' birth in a Bethlehem stable but Matthew's unsettling tale of a good man confronting a painful situation. But Joseph possesses the generosity of heart to continue to love Mary and, in Joseph's "righteousness," the Spirit of God brings about humankind's salvation. To really "get" Christmas, we have to approach Jesus' birth with the "awkwardness" of Joseph. We have to put aside the idea that we are the "stars" of our own Christmas, that Christmas somehow has to "fit" our lives and expectations. As Joseph discovers, Christmas should form us; Christmas should shape our lives; Christmas should recreate us in the love of God that dawns in the birth of his Christ.

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



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