

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.

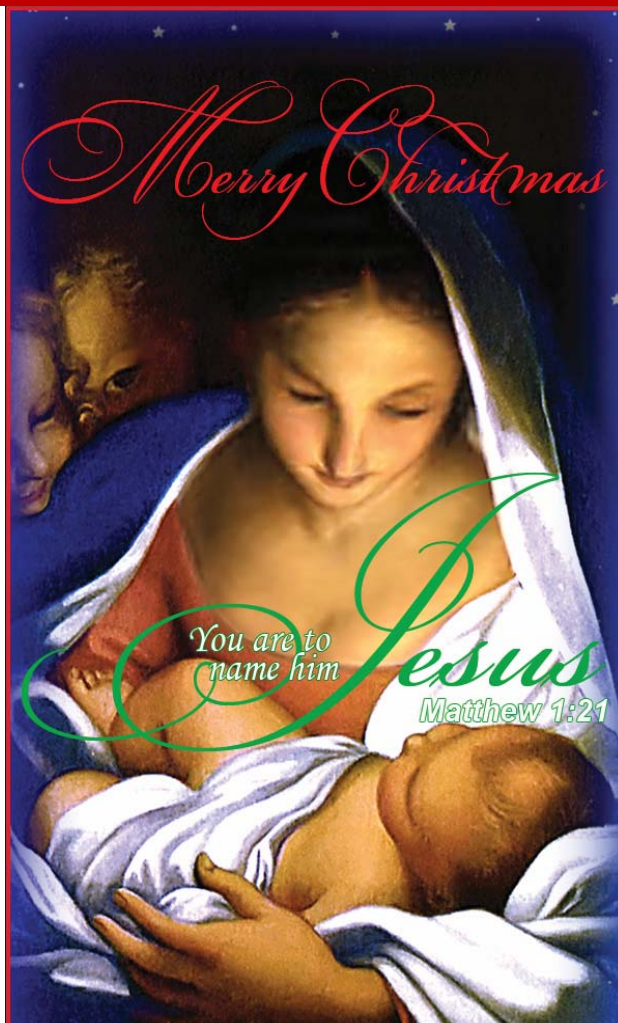
Marriage - Please call the parish office for information. Arrangements must be made at least six (6) months prior to the wedding.

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 Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

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 sponsor of the week:



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Masses For The Week



Monday - 12/26 - Saint Stephen, The First Martyr
 9:00 a.m. - No Mass

Tuesday - 12/27- Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
 9:00 a.m. - Saint Barbara - Noah Nikzad (Malich Family)

Wednesday - 12/28 - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
 9:00 a.m. - Saint Mary - Jonathan (Noah) Nikzad
 (Dave & Marg.Keller)
 AND Floyd and Alberta Oster (Joe Miller Family)
 AND Casimer Eaglowski (Daughters)
 AND Patricia Daugherty (St. Mary Greeter and Usher Ministry)

Thursday - 12/29 - Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
 9:00 a.m. - Holy Family/Navarre

Friday - 12/30 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
 9:00 a.m. - Saint Joseph - Mickey Caracillo AND Shirley Heitger
 AND Mary and Joseph Sgro AND Ron & Nancy Halter
 (61st Anniv.)

Saturday - 12/31 - Saint Sylvester I, Pope
 4:00 p.m. - Mass at Saint Joseph - In Honor of St. Dymphna

**Sunday - 1/1/2023 - SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
 THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**
 8:00 a.m. - Mass at St. Mary - For the People of
 Divine Mercy Parish)
 11:00 a.m. - Mass at St. Barbara - Joseph Check
 (Cindy & Ken Giltz)
 AND Jim Rohr (Paul and Donna Sander)

Sanctuary Candle – is prayerfully lit with Love from Earl, Mike, Michelle, and Megan Boswell.

Flowers on the Altar – The flowers on the altar are in memory of Living and Deceased of Saint Barbara, Saint Joseph, and Saint Mary Parishioners.

WELCOME: Please welcome Edgar and Amber Bryant and family and Megan Soehnlén, and Jana Seifert to our parish community! We are so pleased to have you as part of our Saint Barbara family!

St. Mary & St. Joseph: We have now opened the books up for Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Lamp Intentions for 2023. Please contact the office to get yours scheduled.

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

Barbara Draime – Jan.10 - 94 yrs., Bonnie Annen – Jan.16 –90 yrs.,
 Evelyn Fichter – Jan.22 - 90 years

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: "He gave power to become children of God." If you think you may be called to share the Father's love as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

December 18, 2022

Weekly Budget	\$ 12,621.00
Needy	\$ 456.00
Reg. Collection	\$ 3,329.00
Mail-in	\$ 4,270.00
On Line	\$ 2,905.00
Total	\$ 10,504.00
	(\$ 2,117.00)

Attendance: 968 - 4:00 - 290; 8:00 - 325; 11:00 - 353

Lectors: 11:00 a.m. - 1/1/23 - P. Martin, K. Mitchell
Sacristan: 11:00 a.m. - 1/1/23 K. Mitchell, S. Brenner

HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINES : Monday, December 26th at 12:00 noon is the deadline for the New Year's bulletin.

SAINT JOSEPH Chapter Chat: Our next discussion will be on January 5th at 7pm in the St. Joseph Parish Center. The book is "Waiting for the Moon" by Kristin Hannah. All are welcome to join us!

Youth Ministry: Youth Ministry will NOT meet on Dec 25th or Jan 1. We will return with our big Christmas PARTY on Jan 9th in the youth room at St. Joseph's from 6:30-8pm. Please bring a \$5 WRAPPED gift for an exchange. We will have food, fun, games, and our gift exchange. You don't want to miss this event, a kick off for our second semester! All teens in grades 7 through 12 are welcome and ENCOURAGED to attend!

GAME NIGHT FOR BOYS AGES 10 TO 17!!! Join us at St. Joseph's School from 6:30-8:30 PM on Wednesday, January 18 for an evening of card games, board games, and snacks! Sponsored by the Columbian Squires, a Catholic Youth organization designed to forge young men in their faith, service, and fellowship - always having fun in the process! For more information, call or text Mike Szillat (330) 268-9879.

SAINT BARBARA 200 CLUB WINNERS

The 200 Club Winners for December 15, 2022 are:
 Tom and LaDonna Kraus (Ticket #44) - \$1,000.00 and
 Cynthia Balyeat (Ticket #188) - \$100.00
 Congratulations: Your ticket will be put back in for more chances to win

Saint Barbara, Saint Joseph, and Saint Mary: All councils will now meet together on the following dates and at any time as called by Father Matthew:

- Combine parish councils** on Monday January 9, 2023 at 7 PM at Saint Barbara campus.
- Monday March 6, 2023 at 7 PM at Saint Mary campus.
- Monday May 1, 2023 at 7PM at Saint Joseph campus.
- Combine Finance councils** on Monday January 16, 2023 at 7 PM at Saint Barbara campus.
- Monday April 3, 2023 at 7 PM at Saint Mary campus.
- Monday June 19 2023 at 7 PM at St Barbara campus.
- Combine Liturgy councils** on Monday January 23, 2023 at 7 PM at Saint Barbara campus.
- No councils will meet during July and August.**

SAINT BARBARA BINGO: We will not have Bingo on Wednesday, December 28th at Saint Barbara. See you in 2023.

All men of the parish are invited to the **HNS Men's group** dinner at the Nut House, January 9th, 2023. Social hour 5-6 with dinner served at 6 pm. Cost for 10 oz strip steak meal is \$15.00 or you can order from the menu. Call Eric for reservations at 330-933-3322.

St. Barbara Giving Tree Thank You: Thank you to the entire parish family for the overwhelming support of the 2022 Angel Giving Tree. We were able to support 10 local families totaling 37 people. We provided over 200 gifts of toys, new clothes, gift cards, food gift certificates, and toiletries! The families greatly appreciated our loving support and many tears were shed for the incredible generosity of our parish - both by the families and the members of the Angel Giving Tree Committee. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the following people whose invaluable assistance is appreciated more than they know: all the ushers who kindly carried the gifts from under the trees, Mary Kring for her office skills, Mackenzie Brenner, Camden Brenner, Bob Kring, Tess Simonetti, Joan Parr, Jane Wyman, Tim Bush, Cathy Saunders, Terry Cox, Bonnie Pratt, Connie Tissot, and Father Matthew for his continued support of this valuable ministry. Hopefully no one was overlooked. It is truly a community effort. Until next year, may God continue to keep you in His care.

~ Karen Cox, Stacie Brenner, and Kim Mitchell

Monthly Rosary: The Evangelization Committee will be praying the Rosary at 10:30 am before Mass on Sunday, January 15th .

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.

SAINT BARBARA FOOD PANTRY: The next Food Pantry distribution will be on Saturday, January 21, 2023 from 9-10 a.m.

Food Pantry Item: Bar Soap and Body Wash

Stewardship: *"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us..." John 1:14*

God made us to be in relationship with Him. He loves each of us individually. Through sin, our relationship with God was broken. He gave us Jesus to restore our relationship. Being a disciple of Jesus we are given the model to obtain eternal life in Heaven. Christmas isn't about the material gifts we receive, it's about the love that God, Our Father, gave us by giving us His Son, Jesus - the best gift we could ever receive.

A Note from Fr. Matthew

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

Luke 2: 1-20



Christmas at the stable

Look inside the stable: There you'll see the spouse holding her beloved's hand as he slips into eternity. She whispers a prayer, grateful for their fifty-five years together — time that now seems like a brief moment. Christ sits with them this night.

Tonight, come to the stable where a tired, exhausted mom, raising her daughter alone, rocks her little girl to sleep. It's been a hard year, filled with a lot of sacrifice, a lot of pain — and a lot of love. But she made their small apartment a home where both mother and daughter — each in her own way — took care of each other. A simple dinner, a new doll, a handmade scarf, a small tree — and Christ is born.

This night, they're huddled together in what's left of their home, destroyed by God only knows how many shellings since the war began in February. The remnant of a candle lights the room; a small icon of the Virgin and Child sits in the center of their table. Their Christmas dinner is the contents of tins they have managed to save and bags of food given out at a food station. They survived the horrors — the best Christmas gift they could ask for. A glimmer of God's peace, if only a moment, illuminates their stable in Ukraine.

Tonight, make your way to the stable — the place where God's love and compassion becomes human. The stable where Christ is born is often where we least expect to find it. And sometimes, if we look hard enough, we'll discover the stable in our own Bethlehem.

On this most holy night, God enters human history in a stable in a village the world doesn't notice. In a humble stable, the love of God becomes human; from that stable, the light of that love illuminates every stable where God's compassion and forgiveness and justice dwells. May this day be the beginning of Christmas in every season in our stables; may God be born again and again within our homes and hearths.

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



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