



# SAINT BARBARA CATHOLIC CHURCH

May 24, 2020

*The Seventh Sunday of Easter  
The Ascension of the Lord*

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## SCHEDULE OF MASSES:

SATURDAY - 4:30 pm. - SUNDAY - 8:00 am, 10:30 am  
HOLYDAY VIGIL - 7:00 pm - HOLYDAY - 9:00 am and 7:00 pm  
WEEKDAY - Monday, Tuesday, Friday 9:00 am - Wednesday, 8:20 am  
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - SATURDAY - 3:30 pm

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

*Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday  
8:30 am - 4:30 pm*

**BINGO:** Wednesdays at 6:30 pm (PLC)

### BAPTISM

Mandatory Baptism Preparation Sessions are held *By Appointment*. Baptisms are held the fourth Sunday of the month.

### REGISTRATION

New families should register by phone or by coming to the Rectory. Every wage earner should make a real effort to support the parish with Christian generosity.

### RCIA (*Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*)

The RCIA is the ancient and currently renewed process for initiating adults into the Catholic Church. It is for those desiring full membership through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. We invite newcomers who are seeking membership to join us! Call the church office for information.

### MARRIAGE

Arrange six months in advance.

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For visits to shut-ins or the homebound, call:  
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### St. Barbara Parish Mission Statement

We, the Christian Community of Saint Barbara Parish are united in our solid Catholic Faith and tradition. We strive to live out our Baptismal Call through service to our members and God's people.

Through support and education, we shall nurture spiritual growth, at all ages, while promoting a strong foundation for our values and beliefs.

Joyfully, we go forth, through the working of the Holy Spirit, to carry out the Mission of Jesus Christ.

**MAY 24, 2020****THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD  
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER****Collection: (5/12/2020 – 5/18/2020)**

Mail-In \$ 6,115.00

Online \$ 1,090.00

Total \$ 7,205.00

**Monday - 5/25**

Intention - Rev. George Franko (Rev. Brian Cline)

**Tuesday - 5/26 - St. Philip Neri**

Intention - Sarah Cotton (family and friends)

**Wednesday - 5/27 - St. Augustine of Canterbury**

Intention - Floyd Draime (wife, Barbara)

**Thursday - 5/28**

No Mass

**Friday - 5/29**

Intention - LIVING Rev. Brian Cline in honor of his Ordination (Ann Weaver)

**Saturday - 5/30**

Intention 4:30 - People of Our Parish

**Sunday - 5/31**

Intention 8:00 - LIVING Duayne &amp; Cheryl Anderson in honor of their Anniversary

Intention 10:30 - Rev. William Loveless (Rev. Brian Cline)

**Sanctuary Candle:**

This week, the sanctuary candle is lit in memory of Antoinette Unklesbay with love from Dan & Susie.

**Recorded Masses:**

Don't forget, Fr. Cline is recording daily and weekend Masses and they are uploaded to our website each day. Please join us for daily worship at [www.saintbarbaraparish.com](http://www.saintbarbaraparish.com).

**Mass Intentions:**

Weekday Mass Intentions are available. If you would like to schedule a Mass for a loved one, please call the rectory office at (330) 833-6898 and speak with Jennifer.

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Dear Friends,

I am writing two letters on a Sunday. This “doubleheader” is prompted by two realities (related realities). (1) My emotions and (2) My responsibilities. Since the middle of March when COVID-19 closed us down, I have been feeling at times—helpless, confused and frustrated. These feelings and others rushed on me when I wrote my first letter back in March now #2. It is important and essential for our safety and protection as we begin to worship together again and reopen our beautiful church to celebrate the great gift of the Eucharist as a parish community.

We are guided in this resumption of Mass by Directives of the Catholic Bishops of Ohio, the laws of the State of Ohio, the CDC, and by the Directives of the Diocese of Youngstown as provided by Fr. Michael Balash, the Director of the Worship Office. I attempted to organize lots of information for you carefully and clearly. It is not perfect. I am not perfect. I am struggling along with you in all this. I am trying to navigate as the Captain of this ship, your ship, and our ship through these troubled waters over the next few months.

But I kept thinking to myself—something is missing. I am missing something. I recently read an article from the newspaper where I grew up, The Vindicator. I seldom read the letters to the editor, but one caught my eye it was titled: Letter of Faith. It was written by Dr. Abdu, and it became the ticket out of my “funk”. It was a “Godsend”. This beautiful letter saved the day for me. So I am sharing just part of this letter with you on this Memorial Day weekend. Dr. Abdu reminded me what “the essence of all religion” is. We all: “Pray for a new dawn and a better tomorrow.” We all face an unknown future together as I say, “I don’t know.” That’s the beginning, the starting point! Thank you, Dr. Abdu for reminding me of this.

People wonder when will this end, or, in fact, whether there is an end.

The oracles of Delphi give vague predictions, and the sorcerers read the tea leaves, as the fortune tellers look at their crystal balls, give us false hopes and constantly change their predictions.

However, the wise men and women and the scientists simply say: “I don’t know.” And by knowing that they don’t know, leave their mind open, so that by using facts and numbers they try to arrive at the truth and find the answers.

Socrates once said: “I am the wisest man alive, for I know one thing, and that is I know nothing.” Meanwhile, the corona, with its crown of thorns, moves on, and the disparate millions all round the world cry for a miracle.

The Universal God dictates that I keep a distance from other humans and wear a mask, not so much for my own protection but for protecting others from me, so that we both may live. It is the essence of all religions.

So let us all kneel at the altar of this Universal God and pray for a new dawn and a better tomorrow.”

Rashid Abdu, M.D. (Canfield)

Have a good week everyone and God bless you!

Sincerely,

Fr. Brian

Dear Friends,

As you may know, St Barbara Church re-opens for Masses, Memorial Day, May 25. All of our weekday Masses MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY will be at the regular time 9:00 AM. All Masses will be in the Church.

As Church “re-opens” and Sunday Masses resume next weekend on May 30/31, Saturday at 4:30 and Sunday at 8:00, 10:30, it is important to understand and accept some changes. I have tried to summarize these necessary changes for social distancing in Church, providing a safe environment and safe reception for Holy Communion. Here are some general principals from Fr. Balash, the Director of Worship at the Diocese of Youngstown and adapted by me for St Barbara.

Six points: (one for each foot) get it?

1. Don't come to Church if . . . . .
2. Safe Environment.
3. Social Distancing.
4. MASKS A MUST.
5. Communion Time.
6. GO IN PEACE!

#### 1. DON'T COME TO CHURCH IF . . .

The dispensation from Sunday Mass continues for all of us. This dispensation is from Bishop Murry until further notice. You do not have to come to Church. If you are sick, vulnerable, or up in years—STAY HOME for your own safety and for the congregation's sake. If you are uneasy or uncomfortable about putting yourself in a crowd of people under one roof for an hour, STAY HOME. STAY SAFE. Our Sunday and Weekday Masses will continue to be available on the parish website and on Facebook.

#### 2. SAFE ENVIRONMENT.

When you arrive at church please check in in the center of the Narthex. We will be logging everyone's attendance. We are doing this at the recommendation of the CDC. If you are diagnosed with Covid-19 please let us know, the Log will allow us to contact those who were in attendance at mass with you so we can let them know that they were exposed to the virus and that they should be self-quarantining. We will be cleaning the pews and kneelers before and after Mass. Hymnals will be removed from the Church. Pews and seating area will be disinfected. Restrooms and doors handles will be disinfected. The Cry Room will be Closed.

#### 3. SOCIAL DISTANCING.

Social distancing is essential. We are only allowed to have 50% of our latest capacity at each Mass. Our total capacity is about 500. To observe social distancing that leaves 250 or less after we observe the 6 FEET rule in a pew for families, singles and same households - 6 FEET apart every direction using every other pew.

#### 4. MASKS A MUST.

Masks are strongly encouraged for everyone coming here for Mass. Children age 3 and up. Handmade masks from the caring stitchers will be available in the Gathering Area as you enter Church if you forget yours or don't have one. Masks are essential for protecting one another from the CORONAVIRUS. When you wear a mask, you are protecting your fellow parishioners. Anyone could be sick without symptoms. We need to keep at least 6 feet distance entering and leaving Church as well as during Communion.

#### 5. COMMUNION TIME.

The priests, deacons and Ministers of Holy Communion will wash their hands with hot water and soap before Mass and will sanitize their hands before distribution of communion at the Credence table. Communion will be distributed to you at four (4) stations, three stations like we normally have across the front of the church and one in the rear of the church. The ushers will dismiss you by pew to receive Holy Communion. It is important to stay 6 FEET behind the person receiving in front of you. When you come up to receive communion, first lower your mask, then please extend your arms as far as possible with one hand over the other, saying "Amen", put the host in your mouth, walk away and replace your mask. This is the only way communion will be distributed. If you choose to receive communion on the tongue you have to go to Fr. Brian and you have to wait to be last in his line. This will take some getting use to on your part and ours.

#### 6. GO IN PEACE!

At the end of Mass, I will wait in the front of the church by the camera to end the live stream, then I will stay at the altar and sit in my chair. If you need to talk to me, keep your distance! Everyone will be asked to wait in their pews and the Ushers will dismiss you pew by pew. Please leave Church slowly and safely. Unfortunately, no gathering in groups in the Gathering Area or outside the church. Social distance (6 FEET) is the order of the day. Keep moving to your car. Church has to be cleaned for the next Mass.

WOW, glad this letter is over!!!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

P.S. NO COLLECTION will be taken with baskets and no offertory procession with the gifts. Two collection boxes will be by the entryway doors to the church on the east and west sides, one for the first collection and one for the second collection for your envelopes and donations. Thank you! I cannot express my gratitude enough to you for your abiding, generous support of the parish we love in these challenging times for all of us.


God bless us one and all, and God help us!  
Sincerely, Fr. Brian



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