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7th Sunday of Easter

“I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them.”

John 17:26

With pleasure we greet and welcome Stephanie Mele to our Parish Staff.

May God’s presence always be with you as you take up the work in His vineyard.
Welcome Stephanie

In recent weeks many people have asked: “Who will replace Judy?” I am a firm believer that people are irreplaceable. No one can ever be just like them, or do things just like they did. We can’t expect any person to simply pick up where another left off. Nevertheless, the work of our parish will continue.

I am pleased to welcome Stephanie Mele to our parish staff. Stephanie will serve as our Parish Secretary. She brings a wealth of skill and experience to this work. We are truly blessed to have her assist in making possible the work of Saint Barbara Parish. Many people know Stephanie from her service at our Parish Festival, Fish Fry Dinners, and many other parish events and activities. I look forward to coming to know her better in the weeks ahead, and ask that you join with me in offering prayers for her success.

Mass With Adults

Last week, I spoke of the adaptations that are sometimes made when celebrating Masses with Children. Those actions invite us to consider how the flexible components of the Mass properly respect the realities of any particular assembly. That is: “How do we fully engage people in worship?”

The Directory for Masses with Children acknowledges that: “children (often find) their experiences with adults (to be) boring.” This same charge is often leveled at many experiences of Sunday Mass. Naturally, those of us who are responsible for planning worship bristle at this allegation. However, we’ve all experienced Masses where the music is uninspired, the preaching is disengaged from the realities of daily life, and in general, it seems like people are just going through the motions. More than once I’ve visited a church and afterwards asked the question: “Why would anyone return?”

Worship is always about God. We gather on Sunday, especially, to give thanks and praise to God our Father, for all that he has done for us through Christ Jesus, our Lord. However, God invites us to worship him in order that our lives may be transformed. And therefore, it strikes me that our obligation is to do all that is necessary to permit the power of worship to both transform and inspire.

That’s a tall order to fill. It requires both an elevation of expectations as well as a higher level of commitment. Many people don’t expect much from their experience of Mass. At a minimum, they expect to fulfill their obligation. But, such individuals represent a shrinking demographic. More and more people are looking for an experience of worship that does more than just cover the basics.

This presents a real challenge and an invitation. We know that liturgy has the capacity to change lives, to transform both hearts and minds. We know that more and more individuals are looking for church communities that take seriously this work. Often we grumble about the challenges that are faced at this time in our Church’s history. However, ours is the choice, we can complain about the problems or we can implement solutions.

Vocation

Graduation invites a consideration: “Who do I wish to become?” This question is often concealed behind other immediate concerns. However, the real question is simply a matter of the life that I wish to embrace: “Who is God calling me to be?” As a community of believers we are invited to consider this same question.

It is possible to ignore the question and simply do each day what we’ve always done. This option, unfortunately has a very clear destination. For the Church, it can only lead to a reality of declining presence, declining participation, and ultimately extinction. I really don’t believe that this is the path that the Lord desires us to travel.

The alternative demands from us intentional decisions and actions. It requires that we consider the destination desired by the Lord: “Where does he wish us to go?” “Who does he desire us to become?” Once we name these realities it’s a lot easier to identify the behaviors and actions, the practices and programs that are likely to help us reach our destination.

Office Hours

Effective June 3rd is a slight change to our Office Hours.

The new hours are:
Monday through Thursday, 9 am to 5 pm,
and Friday, 9 am to 1 pm.

Diaconate Ordination

With joy and thanksgiving to God, the Diocese of Greensburg announces that Bishop Malesic has called Mr. Mark Dunmire to ordination to the Diaconate. The ordination will be celebrated on Saturday, June 22, 2019 at 10:00am in Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. Please remember Mark in your prayers during the coming weeks.

For Mark, this ordination represents a transitional moment. He now begins the final stage of his preparation for ordination to the Presbyterate. Please join with me in praying that God call men and women from our community to serve his Church as priests, deacons, or consecrated religious. And let us pray that those who are called will answer.
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CAMP VIRTUE
(Current Grades 5-7)
JULY 8-12, 2019
www.stbarbara.org

Camp Virtue is a day camp that allows middle school youth to enter more fully into the life of the Catholic faith with an understanding of living out the virtues. Camp includes dynamic talks, praise and worship, small group discussion, icebreakers, games and much more until lunch time. After lunch, we depart via school bus for daily adventures.

Reach out to Elisa Esasky in the Parish Office with any questions.

Through the saving waters of Baptism we welcome the following children to St. Barbara Church.

Delaney Jane Bragovich
Daughter of John & Annie Bragovich
Vivianne Jane Chappell
Daughter of Jacob Chappell & Anastasia Landstorfer
Levi David Pechunka
Son of Ryan & Ashley Pechunka
Nathaniel Vincent Simonds
Son of Aaron & Erin Simonds

GET ON THE WAITLIST!

Seats are gone, but we’ve started a waitlist. If there is enough interest, we’ll get another bus!
June 18 | $90
Current Grades 5-12
Includes park ticket, coach bus transportation, lunch, all day drink wristband and catered dinner.

To get your name added email Elisa Esasky at eesasky@dioceseofgreensburg.org

NCYC Stock Certificates

There are 16 teens from St. Barbara Parish attending the National Catholic Youth Conference November 20-24 in Indianapolis, Ind.

This conference gathers 25,000+ from across the US for a jammed packed, faith-filled pilgrimage like no other!

Each of our teens needs your help to get to Indy. Please consider purchasing shares for $10 each. Your investment in these kids will help defray their total cost. Also, do not forget to include your prayer intentions, as our teens will include these during Masses, adoration and quiet reflection. Visit www.stbarbara.org to get started!

CHRIST HAS NO BODY BUT YOURS

KATIE BARCKEY-MASTALSKI
DOMINIC DEMARCHIS
JAKE & SARAH EDWARDS
ELISA ESASKY
CLIFF & CARLY HENDERSON
LEAH KACZMAKIEWICZ
THOMAS KOPASKO

KATHY & MAURA SHIELDS
NICK, GRACE & ROBBIE SMITH
WILL & CHRISTIE SMITH
AIDYN STROTHER-TRESSLER
MADISON & MAURA SUMAN
HANNAH TICKERHOOF
MICHAEL VAREHA

The young people/adults above will soon be departing for Manus Christi in West Virginia. This weeklong service and mission experience offered by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston gives everyone the opportunity to encounter Christ in those in need while learning about and living the concepts of personal dignity, the common good, solidarity, and subsidiarity. The teams departs June 23.
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**Children’s Liturgy of the Word:** NO Children’s Liturgy of the Word this weekend.

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**Celebrate With Joy:**

Sharing the gift we receive!

Join Msgr. Michael Begolly for an evening of reflection and training about the ministry of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

This workshop is for those who are already an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or those thinking about becoming a part of this liturgical ministry. The workshop is free and sponsored by the Diocesan Office for Worship. No reservations needed.

**Celebrate With Joy: The Ministry of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion!**

Monday, June 10, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, June 12, 7 p.m.
Thursday, June 13, 7 p.m.

Church of the Good Shepherd, Kent
St. John the Evangelist Church, Latrobe
St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Kittanning

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**Hello My name is Natalie Goldsworthy, and I am a Girl Scout Cadette working on my silver Award. For My Silver Award I am setting up Camp Read S’Mores for children in grades K-2.**

For part of my project, I am having a book drive to collect new and lightly used children’s books to be passed out at the end of camp. This will hopefully inspire the children to continue reading outside of school and grow their love for books. I hope you are able to contribute to my drive and leave any books in the box found in the parent alcove by June 18th. Thank you so much for your help with this project!

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**SUPER SENIORS** will meet at the Community Church on June 4th. Please arrive by 11:45. June is Food Pantry month. Fathers will be honored. Ventriloquist Cindy Speck will perform.

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**FamilyFest at Christ Our Shepherd Center June 9**

FamilyFest, a day of fun, food, music and worship, will be held June 9 at the Christ Our Shepherd Center. It begins at 11am with an outdoor Mass celebrated by Bishop Malesic. The day will include parish food vendors, a children’s tent, teen café, bounce house, balloon artist, face painting, a rock painting extravaganza and more. Indoor bingo is at 2pm Free parking and admission.

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As I leave my position behind the desk in the Parish Office, I extend my gratitude to my coworkers and members of this parish family. I have gained much through your kindness and generosity through the years, and I hope that I have been able to help you in some way, as well. It seems that Bill and I are more or less living life in 20-year phases—20 years in childhood and youth, 20 years in service to our country (any serviceman will tell you that yes, wives serve too, even though they don’t wear the uniform), 20 years as civilian employees, and now onto what is hopefully an extended 20 years focused on enjoying and caring for our family and community. Thank you for being a blessing to me.

— Judy
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND SERVICES

2 Sunday SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
5:30 pm Mary & Ted Stahurski by Florence & Alan Stahurski
8:00 am 63rd Wedding Anniversary of Ken & Audrey Schell
by Family
10:30 am Andrea Konopka by Paul & Stacy Edwards
6:00 pm For All Members of Our Parish Family
Celebrant: Fr. Michael Sikon
3 Monday - St. Charles Lwanga and Companions
9:00 am Rose Misko by Sister, Joanne Bruno
4 Tuesday
9:00 am Maryann Hosner by Lectio Divina Prayer Group
5 Wednesday
9:00 am - Eucharistic Adoration -
Lillian & James Mahoy by Children
6 Thursday
9:00 am Mary Bohinc by Rich & Patti
7 Friday -
9:00 am Charles Diable by Anne Henderson
WEDDING: Andrew Bevilacqua & Courtney Hurst
8 Saturday
12:00 pm Confession
Pentecost Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13
Gospel: John 20:19-23
5:30 pm Edmund Sisko by Bob, Barb & Andrea
9 Sunday
8:00 am Eugene Warzynski by Wife Barbara
10:30 am Lloyd Mullin by Ron & Shelly Fennel
6:00 pm For All Members of our Parish Family
Celebrant Msgr. James Gaston
6:00 pm For All Members of Our Parish Family
Celebrant: Fr. Michael Sikon

THIS WEEK AT ST. BARBARA’S

2 Sunday
Graduates Mass and Reception at 8:00 am
3 Monday
Backpack Food Boxes due by June 5
Please deliver to the library.
4 Tuesday
6:30 pm “The Mass” Room 106
5 Wednesday
7:00 pm Bingo Social Hall
6 Thursday
6:30 pm VBS Volunteer Meeting Room 106
7:00 pm Adult Choir Church
7:00 pm Scouts BSA T236/1236 Social Hall
8 Saturday
8:00 am CMF Crossing the Goal Room 106
9 Sunday
Donut Sunday after 8 and 10:30 am Masses
Hosted by Festival Committee

MAY 12
Weekly Income: $ 18,184.58
May 12 Mass Attendance: 5:30 - 364; 8:00 - 264;
10:30 - 646; 6:00 - 264 for a total of 1,538

DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL UPDATE
Parish Goal: $127,711 Pledges to Date: $114,756

Open your heart to HOPE

save the date

PARISH FESTIVAL
JULY 12-13 | 6 TO 11 PM
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

WATCH FOR SIGN-UP DETAILS!!!
Getting to Know Stephanie Mele

Stephanie officially joined our St. Barbara Parish Staff Team May 21. Stephanie and her husband, Michael have been members of our parish family since 2000. They have two children, Michael, 27, and Meredith, 24. Welcome aboard Stephanie. Since we are all just getting to know you, what better way to discover more than by asking a few fun questions! Thanks for playing along!

What is your favorite hobby? Baking

Where is your favorite place to dine local? Somebody Else’s Kitchen

Where is your favorite vacation spot? Hawaii

What is your favorite radio station? KISS FM

Who is your favorite Pittsburgh sports team? Don’t follow any

What is your favorite summer activity? Gardening

What is your biggest pet peeve? Rude Drivers

What motivates you? The need to make people happy

What is your favorite thing about St. Barbara? The people

What is your favorite thing about living in PT? The people