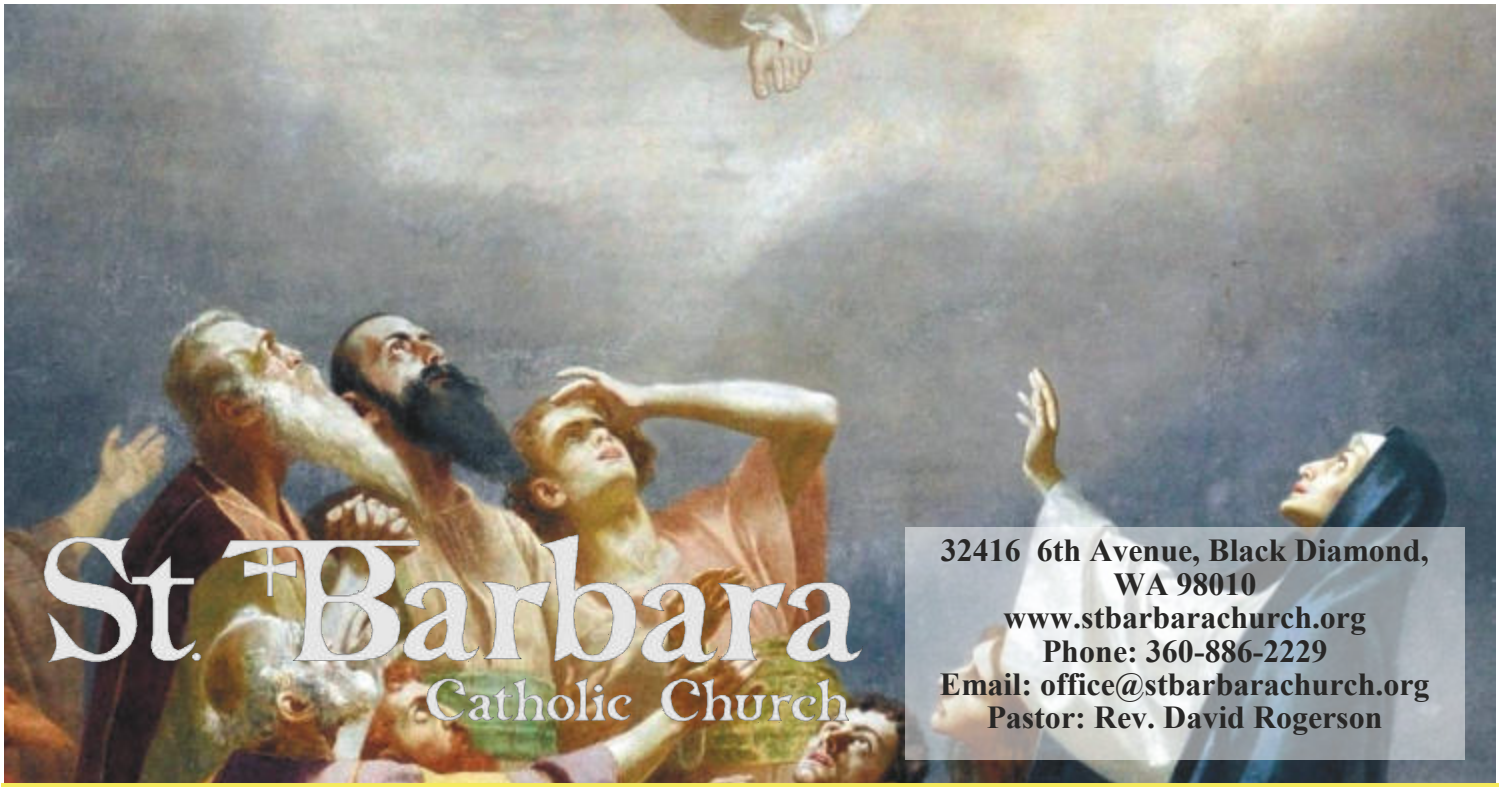

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Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

A Note from the Pastor

Vaccination against Covid 19 is highly promoted by the Center for Disease Control and the health care establishment. It has shown itself to be the most effective way of preventing the spread of the disease and ensuring personal safety. I experienced a sense of relief after becoming fully vaccinated and want to encourage as many people as possible to become vaccinated. This is not only for personnel safety, but also a way of keeping those around us safer. The longer this virus is left to infect people, the greater the chance that it will become even more serious and deadly. Although all the risks and rewards of this vaccination are not currently known (and likely never will be) the great preponderance of evidence comes down on the major benefits of becoming vaccinated. If you have not already done so, please consult with your doctor or health care provider to answer any questions or concerns you may have, access the most reputable information sources, and seriously consider becoming vaccinated. The Pope and church leadership identify this as an opportunity for charity toward one another.

Blessings,

Fr Dave

Let us Pray

For the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ, especially:

The Baker Family, Debbie & Terry Lane, Hal & Carol Shakerley, Kristen McTighe, Kiersten Emmett, John Mergens, Michele Kosteckly, Margarethe Halliday, Tim Carstens, Jon Brumbach Sr., Ralph Mitchell, Mike Utley, Lee & Carol Ann Bossom, Bill Mitchell, Fred Hawkins, Kenneth Horn, Susan Horn-Nickelson, Jeannie & Steven Fraser, Donald Olson, Lynn Caley & all those listed in the St. Barbara prayer book

Please call the Parish Office to have a name added to the bulletin prayer list.

Visit our website: www.stbarbarachurch.org to join the St. Barbara Prayer Groopit, an online forum for prayer.

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When is Father Dave retiring?
Father Dave's last weekend with us will be on June 26/27.

Who will our new pastor be and when will we meet him?
Father Anthony Davis' first weekend here at St. Barbara will be on July 5/6.

How are we celebrating/thanking Father Dave for all he has done for us?
We are in the process of planning an appropriate send-off for Father Dave's well-deserved retirement. COVID restrictions continue to make that a challenge, but keep watching the bulletin and parish emails for send-off plans! There will be a basket in the entryway of the Church beginning on June 5 for those who would like to leave a card/note for Father Dave. You can also mail cards/notes to the parish office.

Dear St. Barbara Parishioners,
I have enjoyed ministering to and with the people of St. Barbara for the past 22 years, but the time has come for me to let you know of my intent to retire from the Parish Staff as of June 30, 2021. At this time in my life, I'm finding it important to consider spending more time with family and friends, while I discern what adventures God may be calling me too next.
I have so enjoyed ministering with all of you over the years. We have made great memories; we've cried together, laughed together, and been Christ to one another. It has been a wonderful journey.

Please know that Stephen and I will remain parishioners at St. Barbara, so we will see each other often. Thank you all very much for your support, prayers, and friendship.

Many Blessings,
Valerie Winston Healy
Pastoral Associate

Annual Catholic Appeal 2021

Parish Goal: $73,053

Total Pledged as of 5/9: $9,015
Percent of goal: 12%
Total pledges received: 18
Parishioner participation: 3%

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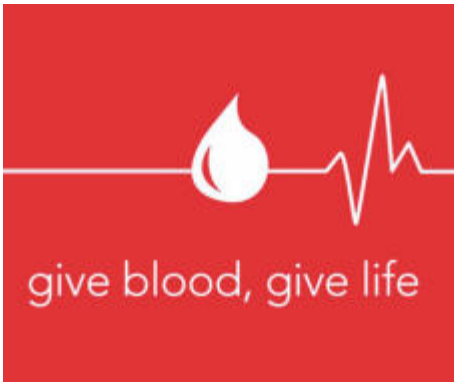
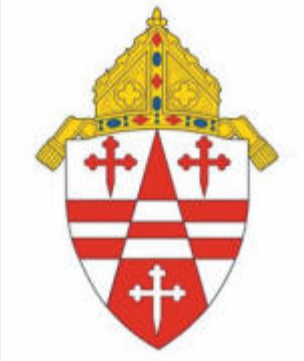


Knights of Columbus sponsored Blood Drive
St. Barbara Parish Hall
June 17, 18, 21 & 22

Sign-up to give blood at: https://www.bloodworksnw.org/donate/find-mobile-blood-drive. Under "Find a pop-up", scroll down under Washington State to "Pop-Up at St. Barbara's Catholic Church" and click on the sign-up button to schedule a donation time.

Thank you to all those who continue to support the Black Diamond Food Bank with your donations.
Please keep in mind that the Black Diamond Community Center CANNOT accept any perishable food items as they do NOT have the USDA license needed to use or distribute them.



Archbishop Etienne Creates Racial Justice & Cultural Diversity Commission

With the recent social unrest and increased divisiveness in our society, Archbishop Etienne recognized the need to create an advisory group dedicated to racial justice. "As members of the Body of Christ, we must continue to break down prevailing attitudes and expressions of racism—both in the Church and in our communities," said Archbishop Etienne. "We will confront racism and injustice directly so that healing can occur. As Catholics we are called to transform our institutions and society into one that respects the dignity and rights of all people." This external commission composed of lay Catholics and clergy will begin its work on three key initiatives: terminology, standards of behavior, and intercultural training.

More information about the work and progress of this commission can be found at: https://archseattle.org/about-the-archdiocese-of-seattle/archbishop-etienne/racial-justice/

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