I must reflect from my own personal family history and my own spirituality on the meaning of this day. Unfortunately, for some, the mention of their father might be painful or uncomfortable. But even that indicates the importance of a father! May I start with the reality that to speak of a father as Christians we should begin with a reflection on the title of father we give to God. St. Paul writes: "For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named..." (Ephesians 3:14-15) St. James writes: "...all good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change." (James 1:17) And it was the Father who so loved the world that he sent his Only Son that we might find forgiveness, love and peace.

Earthly fathers are, we might say, icons. You know when a church iconographer works on an icon it cannot be perfect; there is always some flaw built into it to remind you that the icon is imperfect and yet it takes you beyond what you see to another dimension. Of course that means there is a lot there that is beautiful and is attractive. There may well be a few saints among the fathers of our parishioners but probably most of them come with a flaw or two. And even the flaws or idiosyncrasies made them even more endearing to us.

My father did work hard for I remember that he often had part-time jobs after his postal work. He sometimes worked to put money aside for a refrigerator or stove.

He was not big about credit. When he was a child his family lost two homes by foreclosure during the Depression! Yes, I have learned to be very frugal--my priest friends are always on me for being cheap and not wanting to spend anything!

My Dad could be found in the kitchen before he left for work with a cup of coffee and his little red prayerbook that was worn out by the years of use. Faith was very important to him and he made it clear that daily prayer was part of a life of faith. He made sure each Sunday we went to Mass even when Mom, who was very anemic, would often remain behind! Education was very important to him and he took us to the library every week. Dad wanted to go to college on the GI bill after the war but he was too stubborn to accept the fact that Polish was not an acceptable second language--what does it have over French or German he would opine!! But he sure inculcated an appreciation for our heritage as Poles!

There are many memories such as the ones above, but my overwhelming remembrance is of a man who struggled to provide for his six children. Most importantly was his unbelievable devotion to his dying wife, our mother, in her last days. My title as a Catholic priest, "Father" is filled with the challenge to live up to the devotion and love and personal faith of my own father.

-- Fr. Hilinski
LITURGY SCHEDULE / ROZKLAD MSZY SW.

Saturday, Sobota, June 20
4:30 p.m. † Bob Malinki int. Mary Ann Malinki

Sunday, Niedziela, June 21
9:00 a.m. † Joseph & † Mildred Zielinski
    int. James Zielinski
11:00 a.m. † Renata Rapacz int. Kowalewski Fam

Monday, Poniedziałek, June 22
7:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Barbara Church

Tuesday, Wtorek, June 23
7:30 a.m. † Helen Hiatt int. Linda Miller

Wednesday, Środa, June 24
7:30 a.m. Presider’s intention

Thursday, Czwartek, June 25
7:30 a.m. † Steve Gobel int. Linda Miller

Friday, Piątek, June 26
7:30 a.m. † Dale Smith int. Connie Davis

Saturday, Sobota, June 27
4:30 p.m. † Beth Studzinski int. Ken & Maureen Krol

Sunday, Niedziela, June 28
9:00 a.m. † Fr. Tarsicio Parrado, S.J. int. John Fennelly
11:00 a.m. † Jan & † Bronisława Rubis
    int. Andrzej & Zofia Rubis

A PRAYER FOR DADS ON FATHER’S DAY

God our father, we give you thanks and praise for our fathers, step-fathers, grandfathers, and godfathers.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with their fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our hearts and nourish us with their love. Amen.

A FACE MASK MUST BE WORN

The FACE MASK is to be worn upon entering the church and during the celebration of the Mass only to be removed momentarily to receive communion. If you or your guest does not have a face mask one will be made available to you. Face masks are on the table near the side entrance.

NOSIC MASKE NA TWARZ

Podczas wchodzenia do kościoła i podczas Mszy Świętej należy nosić maske na twarz. Tylko na chwilę można usunąć przyjac komunie. Jeśli ty lub twoj gość nie ma maski, możemy ja dla was zapewnić.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions will resume on this Saturday, June 20 at 3:45-4:00 p.m., however, Fr. Hiliński will use the priest’s sacristy to hear confessions. The sacristy will be set up with a kneeler and a chair. Father will be turned away from you to hear your confession unless you request face to face confession.

Please use the door to the sacristy which is located in the hallway that leads to the single restroom.

FROM THE DIOCESE

The following is from, Forward with Christ, guidelines and recommendations from the Diocese to assist parishes as they welcome parishioners back to Mass

Let’s all strive for progress not perfection. There will be challenges and frustrations. You may arrive at church only to find that you cannot sit in your usual seat. You may be asked to change patterns of worship that have come to mean a great deal to your personal spirituality. All of us have to make sacrifices in order to preserve everyone’s right to life, and to stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ. The last thing that anyone wants is to cause illness or death, or to contribute to a rebound effect that would cause public worship to be suspended again. Thanks for your co-operation.

The generosity of our Parishioners & Friends has brought St. Barbara Church the following:

Collection for June14 - $3,181 (54 envelopes)
Maintenance Fund - $1,545 (20 envelopes)

Thank you! Dziękuję bardzo!