We are a welcoming Roman Catholic Parish that cherishes the Polish heritage of our founders and celebrates the diversity of all who enter, thus striving to give glory to God through worship and service to the community.

St. Barbara Church
1505 Denison Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44109-2890

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 12, 2020

LITURGY SCHEDULE / ROZKLAD MSZY SW.

Saturday, Sobota, July 11
4:30 p.m. † Helen & † Bill Malinowski
int. John & Angela Malinowski

Sunday, Niedziela, July 12
9:00 a.m. † Fr. Eugene Linowski
11:00 a.m. † Frank & † Jozefa Maszalek &
† Ks. Marian Marszalek & † Christine Bellar
int. Family

Monday, Poniedziałek, July 13
7:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Barbara Church

Tuesday, Wtorek, July 14
7:30 a.m. † Richard Cielec int. Lauri Eckman & Family

Wednesday, Środa, July 15
7:30 a.m. † Tony Horak int. Fr. Hilinski

Thursday, Czwartek, July 16
7:30 a.m. † Louis Andreasik

Friday, Piątek, July 17
7:30 a.m. † Stanley Andreasik

Saturday, Sobota, July 18
4:30 p.m. † Emil & † Joseph Cielec
int. Lauri Eckman & Family

Sunday, Niedziela, July 19
9:00 a.m. † Presider’s intention
11:00 a.m. † Jan & † Bronisława Rubis
int. Kowalewski Family

THE MYSTERY OF GROWTH
WHERE NONE SEEMED TO BE!

It is amazing how nature seems to be able to restore an area devastated by a forest fire or even by something more drastic like a volcanic explosion. Where a ground was covered by embers and burnt rock, after a number of years a vast array of plants and small trees are growing. In five years you would not even know what had happened previously. So the prophet Isaiah using nature as a guide, speaks of the cycle of water and snow fertilizing the earth causing grain to grow and man to harvest it to make it into bread. It is interesting that when Jesus makes use of this parable from the Old Testament a word in the English translation is missing. Jesus does not use the word “seed” in his parable. He speaks in a very general way of “what was sown”. You might presume “seed”, but Jesus is using this as something more than a description of agriculture and farming.

Jesus is speaking of what God is sowing in hearts and minds to live and love according to his commandments. Or he is making it into a parable of what we sow with our lives and actions—hopely we are sowing seeds of hope and love and faith in those around us. But sometimes we all have that moment of temptation and we wonder -- am I actually accomplishing anything at all? Sometimes what we have to endure and suffer through seems so useless. Yet St. Paul in today’s reading from Romans compares such suffering to ‘labor pains’ a reference to what a woman endures before giving birth. Those labor pains are not for nothing. They presume something wonderful is coming about from them in a new life. So the Christian continues to share his or her life and realizes that it will bring forth something if we allow our lives to be a rich soil. We will be amazed at the productivity level that could be as high as a hundred fold but no less than thirty -- which any farmer could tell you is a great return on your sowing!

--- Fr. Hilinski
Fr. Eugene Raymond Linowski died on Monday, April 13 at the age of nearly 90. Fr. Linowski was ordained as a Franciscan priest from our parish on June 1, 1957. He went on to serve as a missionary in the Philippines for four years. When he returned he joined the Byzantine rite. He was a bi-ritual priest of the Roman rite and of the Byzantine rite. He retired from active ministry in 2003. He was a priest for almost 63 years. On June 1, 2013 Fr. Linowski returned to St. Barbara to celebrate his 56th anniversary of ordination. He used the old Latin low Mass at the high altar at which he celebrated his first Mass in 1957.

May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

FEST@Home

The FEST, the Annual Catholic Family Festival usually held on the grounds of the Center for Pastoral Life in Wickliffe this year will be celebrated entirely online or “virtual”. It will be held on August 9, 2020 starting at 3:00 p.m. The FEST website will be your MAIN Stage to listen to the music while you can go ‘visit’ kids activities, listen to inspiring speakers, and learn about ways to strengthen your faith and family at the same time! Mass will be outdoors, attendance will be limited due to social distancing but it will be streamed live, available to all. And, of course, there will be fireworks! It’s a day of hope and inspiration. All the details can be found at: www.theFEST.us.

HOLY CROSS CEMETERY – Pre-Planning Seminar

The Catholic Cemeteries Association will hold a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on Wednesday, July 29, at 6:30 p.m. Learn about your Catholic burial options, including options for cremated remains. Attendees will receive a personal reference guide and special discount coupon. We kindly ask that you RSVP to this event, so we can make arrangements for proper social distancing. Attendees are encouraged to wear a face covering, but are not required. Holy Cross Cemetery – 14609 Brookpark Rd., Brook Park, RSVP 216/641-7575 ext. 3

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

Collection for July 4-5 - $2,176
Maintenance Fund - $895

Thank you! Dziękuję bardzo!

Social Concerns Project: Back to School Gift Cards for Kids

School will be different this year for the children at Metro Catholic School with masks and social distancing but many kids will still be in need of the basics. All through the rest of the month of July we will be collecting donations of Walmart Gift Cards ($20 each) to help selected students at Metro Catholic School prepare for the new school year. Parishioners can buy and donate a $20 Walmart gift card or they can make a cash donation. Any cash collected will be used to purchase additional $20 gift cards. The gift cards will be presented to the staff at Metro Catholic School who will then distribute the gift cards to those children in most need. Purchased Walmart Gift Cards and or cash contributions should be placed in an envelope marked “Gift Cards for Metro Catholic School Children” and placed in the collection basket. Thank you for your generosity and your support.

We are continuing the following safeguards during the COVID-19 Pandemic

FACE MASKS are 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 Świętjej należy nosić maskę na twarz. Tylko na chwilę można usunąć przyjac komunię. Jeśli ty lub twoj gość nie ma maski, możemy ja dla was zapewnić.

CONFESSIONS

Fr. Hilinski will use the priest’s sacristy to hear confessions on Saturdays, from 3:45-4:00 p.m. 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.