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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 19, 2020

LITURGY SCHEDULE / ROZKLAD MSZY SW.

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

Sunday, Niedziela, July 19
9:00 a.m. † Peter Bartkiewicz
11:00 a.m. † Jan & † Bronisława Rubis
           int. Kowalewski Family

Monday, Poniedziałek, July 20
7:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Barbara Church

Tuesday, Wtorek, July 21
7:30 a.m. † Doris Kregenbeck int. Linda Miller

Wednesday, Środa, July 22
7:30 a.m. Health & Blessings for Marek & Jeannie
         Pietrzycki int. Family

Thursday, Czwartek, July 23
7:30 a.m. † Charles Young int. Daughter, Linda

Friday, Piątek, July 24
7:30 a.m. Presider’s intention

Saturday, Sobota, July 25
4:30 p.m. † Virginia, † John & † Jack Freas
          int. Ken & Maureen Krol

Sunday, Niedziela, July 26
9:00 a.m. † Presider’s intention
11:00 a.m. † Zofia & † Leon Lojewski
           int. Kusmirek Family

WEEDS! WEEDS! WEEDS!

You would have to be insane to say leave the weeds to grow with the good plants or else you might damage the whole crop. And yet that is exactly what Jesus says in today’s parable. The second version later in the verses of St. Matthew seems to answer how strange that parable is by saying that, in the end, at the last judgment, everything will be worked out so that the just will get their reward and the evil will get their punishment. It seems to say there is still going to be a growing together of good and evil, good people and evil people. But is that not really the situation we live in until the final judgment of God on the human race?

The good and the bad are living and working in the very same situation, the very same world, using the very same money, resources and oxygen. Is there any good to dealing with the bad? In truth, when we have to deal with our own personal improvement, is that not done by closely examining how we are doing something and then getting rid of the flaws and the mistakes in us. Take, for example, the ball player who wants to improve his batting or pitching. The coach watches him closely and might say “that’s not the right way to hold the bat” or “watch how you pitch the ball and finger it” or “you got it wrong!”. And from that the player improves and gets better.

The friction of interaction between good and bad people is a constant factor in our growth and development. Sadly the interaction sometimes results in people yielding to the evil around them or feeling pressured into acting. Take, for example, the gang culture found among some groups. On the other hand, with the right direction and values the weeds of our culture can make the good plants grow stronger and yield a good harvest of faith and hope and love. It is a mystery that good and evil exist together in this world. Maybe that is what Jesus is trying to get at in the parable. There is the assurance that this does not mean evil will triumph over the good but rather that the Judgment of God and the destiny for all of us is the Victory of Goodness and Truth!

-- Fr. Hilinski
Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic

It was announced on Thursday morning that Pope Francis has appointed the Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. Bishop-designate Malesic takes over the governance of the Diocese of Cleveland from Bishop Nelson Perez who was named the Archbishop of Philadelphia in February 2020. Father Don Oleksiak will continue as administrator of the diocese until Bishop-designate Malesic is installed as the 12th bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland on Monday, September 14 during Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist.

Bishop Malesic is 59. He has been a priest for 33 years. He was born to Joseph A. and the late Elizabeth Schatt Malesic on August 14, 1960 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The bishop’s 102-year-old father, who remains quite active, lives near Hershey, Pennsylvania. The bishop is of German descent on his mother’s side; his father is of Slovenian descent. Bishop Malesic received the sacraments of initiation at the former St. John the Evangelist Parish -- which was a German national parish -- in Enhaut Pennsylvania. He is a 1978 graduate of Central Dauphin East High School, Harrisburg, and he attended Lebanon Valley College in Annville as a biology major for three years prior to entering the seminary in 1981.

Bishop Malesic earned a bachelor’s degree in philosophy in 1983 from the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus. He continued his theological studies there and was awarded a master of divinity degree in 1987. He was ordained to the diaconate on May 24, 1986, and to the priesthood on May 30, 1987, at St. Patrick Cathedral in Harrisburg. Bishop Malesic comes to us from Southwestern Pennsylvania where he was the fifth bishop of Greensburg Pennsylvania since 2015.

Prayer List

Please pray for our parishioners who are ill and all who are in need of our prayers:


SOCIAL CONCERNS PROJECT:

Back to School Gift Cards for Kids

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.

We received a nice note this week from Mary Lou Toler, Director of Metro Catholic School, grateful for our parishioners and their generosity and support. Included with the note was a little poem from Sr. Linda Marie Gecewicz SND who teaches at the school:

Pen and pencils, Folders and glue,
These we can buy Because of you.
Pouches, backpacks We can fill,
Thanks to your love And your good will.
Gracias, Asante, Merci beaucoup-
For the Walmart cards, May God Bless you!

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 Świętej należy nosić maske na twarz. Tylko na chwilę można usunąć przyjąć komunię. Jeśli ty lub twoi gosc nie ma maski, możemy ja dla was zapewnić.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, July 21, 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory.

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.

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

Collection for July 11-12 - $2,713 (50 envelopes)
Maintenance Fund - $825 (17 envelopes)

Thank you! Dziękuję bardzo!