

December 8, 2019



THE DIOCESE OF SCRANTON PENNSYLVANIA

Parish of St. Barbara

Our Worship Sites Saint Anthony of Padua Saint Cecilia

Parish Information

Weekend Mass

Saturday

4:00 p.m. St. Anthony

Sunday

8:00 a.m. St. Cecilia

10:30 a.m. St. Anthony

Weekdays

Monday 12:10 p.m.

Tuesday 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday 7:00 a.m.

Thursday 8:00 a.m.

Friday 7:00 a.m.

Confessions

Confessions are heard each Saturday from 3:00 - 3:40 pm in the Church. Father is also available for the sacrament by appointment.

Parish Staff

Fr. Michael E. Finn	Pastor
Rev. Mr. Walter Janoski	Deacon
Rev. Mr. William Dervinis	Deacon Emeritus
Maureen Capitano	Secretary
Sylvia Appel	Secretary/Webmaster
Loretta Semenza	Director of Rel. Ed.
Ann Manganiello	Director of Music/Choir
Robert Borzell	Property Manager

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Parish Website:	www.stbarbaraexeter.com

Office Hours

(Week of December 9, 2019 - December 13, 2019)

Monday: 8am - 4pm

Tuesday: 8am - 4pm

Wednesday: 8am - 2pm

Thursday: 8am - 2pm

Friday: 8am - 2pm

Sacramental Information

Baptism: is celebrated after the 10:30 Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Arrangements must be made with the office.

Weddings: must be booked six months in advance so that we can take care of the paperwork and pre-Cana.

Anointing of the Sick: is celebrated any time it is needed. If you are having surgery or going into the hospital just stop and see Father after Sunday Mass or call the Parish Office to let him know.

Sponsor Card: will be provided for registered parishioners who attend Mass on a regular basis - ONLY.

Pastoral Appointments: Father Finn books his own appointments so call the office to connect with him. Sometimes it may take several calls.

Weekend Music

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Entrance Hymn

#403 W&S "On Jordan's Bank"

Preparation Hymn

#390 W&S "On That Holy Mountain"

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Communion Hymn

#396 W&S "Jesus, Hope of the World"

Recessional Hymn

#407 W&S "People, Look East"

Social Concerns & Outreach

Contact Josephine Hatrak at 570-693-0826 or the Parish Office at 570-654-2103.

December 8, 2019 Second Sunday of Advent

“Lord, send out Your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.”



MASS INTENTIONS December 7, 2019 to December 15, 2019



~ **Saturday, December 7** ~

4:00PM - (St. Anthony) All Parishioners

~ **Sunday, December 8** ~

8:00AM - (St. Cecilia) Rosalie Bone by Children

10:30AM - (St. Anthony) Rose Chiazza by Gaetano & Family

~ **Monday, December 9** ~

12:10PM - Antonietta Bottaro by Husband, Salvatore & Family

~ **Tuesday, December 10** ~

8:00AM - Florence DiMaria by Daughter, Jacqueline &
Family

~ **Wednesday, December 11** ~

7:00AM - John Kalinas by Deacon Walter & Norma Janoski

~ **Thursday, December 12** ~

8:00AM - Orlando, Elizabeth & Robert Ferroni by Family

~ **Friday, December 13** ~

7:00AM - Carmel Insalaco by PJ Pribula & Family

~ **Saturday, December 14** ~

4:00PM - (St. Anthony) Joseph A. Pellegrini by Joan Pellegrini,
Son, Joseph & Daughter, Judy Jordan

~ **Sunday, December 15** ~

8:00AM - (St. Cecilia) All Parishioners

10:30AM - (St. Anthony) Daniel & Madeline Ripa by Carl &
Sandra Gomola



Altar Servers

December 14 4:00 PM - Olivia & Matt Walter

December 15 8:00 AM - Zack Houston

10:30 AM - Adam Wisniewski

Lectors

December 14 4:00 PM - Linda Blandina &
Tim Kuzma

December 15 8:00 AM - Rocco Yanora

10:30 AM - Charlotte Naples &
Frank Nocito

Eucharistic Ministers

December 14 4:00 PM - Marisa & Brad Walter &
Mary Jo Anzalone

December 15 8:00 AM - Doreen Keeler &
Donald Robbins

10:30 AM - Mary Beth & Carmen Bolin &
Florence Galushka

Sanctuary Light

December 8 - December 14, 2019

In Memory of: **Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Gagliardi**

By: Lucille, Billy & Patti Loyack



Christmas Wafers (Oplatki) are here.

There are four wafers per envelope and the cost is \$3.00 per envelope. You may purchase them at the rectory during office hours. They will also be available after weekend Masses.



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

On Monday, December 9th, we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. That day is not a day of obligation this year, therefore we will follow our regular Monday Mass schedule at (12:10pm).

SYMPATHY

We offer our prayers for the souls of **Luella Perfetto & Leona Verbyla** who recently passed away. Our sympathy to their family members and to all who grieve their loss. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace. May the angels lead them to paradise.

*In Our
Prayers*



Second Collection This Weekend December 7th & 8th

There will be a second collection this weekend, December 7th & 8th for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

New Hymnals

Hymnals are placed in the pews for those seated in pews during Mass. Please **do not take** these hymnals. If there is a need to have a hymnal at home, please call the office during office hours: 570-654-2103. Thank you for your cooperation.

Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule



Christmas Eve	4:00 PM	St. Anthony's
	10:00 PM	St. Anthony's
Christmas Day	8:00 AM	St. Cecilia's
	10:30 AM	St. Anthony's
New Year's Eve	5:30 PM	St. Anthony's
New Year's Day	10:00 AM	St. Anthony's

December 2019/January 2020 Calendar

Christian Women	12/10	6:00PM	Fox Hill CC
Holy Name Party	12/19	7:00PM	Parish Center
Parish Council	1/7	7:00PM	Rectory
Christian Women	1/14	6:30PM - Rosary 7:00PM - Meeting	Parish Center
Holy Name	1/16	7:00PM	Parish Center
Social Concerns	1/21	7:00PM	Parish Center
Finance Council	1/28	7:00PM	Rectory

Holy Name Christmas Party

Members of the Holy Name Society will hold a Christmas Party on Thursday December 19th at St Anthony's Parish Center. The cost is \$5.00 per member. Please call the rectory @ (570) 654-2103 during office hours for reservations.

The Christian Women Organization will hold its annual Christmas dinner on Tuesday, December 10th at Fox Hill Country Club. Arrival is at 6:00PM. Dinner will be served at 6:30PM. Cost of the buffet dinner is \$28. Reservations, with payment, can be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the rectory. Reservations must be made by Friday, Dec. 6th. All those attending the dinner are asked to bring scarves, gloves, hats or socks for the men of St. Theresa's Haven. The same items are needed for women. These items will be given to St. Vincent DePaul's Soup Kitchen. Please do not wrap them. Both members and guests are invited.

The **Cosmopolitan Seniors** will hold their Christmas party on December 10th, 2019 at 1PM at St. Anthony's Parish hall. You must have registered to attend. If you wish to register, contact either Toni Hall or Veronica Spliethoff. This will be our last meeting in 2019. Our next meeting will be January 7th, 2020.



SOCIAL CONCERNS NEWS

This is the last weekend for the collection of clothes for our Giving Trees. Please return all items by Tuesday of this week so we can make the eleven families happy before Christmas.

Thank you for all the beautiful clothes and outfits. Twenty-nine children will be very well dressed. Thanks again!

Holy Redeemer High School

PLACEMENT / SCHOLARSHIP TEST for interested Public and Private School 8th graders on Saturday - December 14, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Call the Guidance Office to register for the test at (570) 829-2424.

WEEKLY OFFERING:

First Sunday of Advent 2019: \$4237.90

First Sunday of Advent 2018: \$4681.50

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious education for Elementary grades (1st through 6th) will be held this Sunday, December 8th from 9:00AM to 10:15AM. Their next class will be on Sunday, December 15th which will be the last class for 2019. Their first class for 2020 will be held on January 5th from 9:00AM to 10:15AM.

The 7th & 8th grade (Confirmation candidates) will also hold their last meeting for 2019 on Sunday, December 15th from 6:00PM to 7:30PM. The first class for 2020 will be held on January 5th from 6:00PM to 7:30PM.

*** The 10:30 Mass on Sunday, December 15th will be the **Children's Mass**. All Elementary & Confirmation Students & their parents are invited to a Christmas Party to be held right after Mass in the parish center.

For your convenience, the class schedule is on the Parish website www.stbarbaraexeter.com under Faith Formation.

CATHOLIC CHORAL SOCIETY ADVENT CONCERT

The Catholic Choral Society will present an Advent Concert Sunday, December 8th at 3 PM at Corpus Christi Parish, at Immaculate Conception Church, 605 Luzerne Avenue, West Pittston, PA. The chorus will be presenting sacred Advent and Christmas music as well other Christmas selections. Thursday, December 12 at 7PM is the snow date.

Holy Redeemer Bell Choir, under the direction of Ann Manganiello, will also perform.

The concert is open to the public free of charge. For further information please call 570-575-1040, or see online at www.catholicchoralsociety.org and like us on Facebook.

Advent Service of Word and Song

Three Roman Catholic parishes in northeastern Pennsylvania are continuing an annual tradition of collaborating to present two special services during the upcoming Advent season. *He Lifts Up the Lowly*, an Advent service of word and song, will be presented in locations in Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties on Sunday, December 8, 6PM at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 208 Smith Street, Dunmore, & Thursday, December 12, 7PM at Holy Family Parish Church, 574 Bennett Street, Luzerne.

Both services are free and open to the public.

The music for the services feature the combined choir of more than 50 voices from Holy Family Parish, Luzerne (Rev. Walter E. Jenkins, Pastor); Saints Anthony and Rocco Parish, Dunmore (Rev. David P. Cappelloni, Pastor); and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Dunmore (Rev. John Doris, Pastor), as well as, several soloists and an instrumental ensemble. The Directors of Music at the parishes are, respectively, Linda Houck, Joseph Moffitt, and Geri Seitzinger.

For more information about the events, please contact the parish office at Holy Family Parish, Luzerne (570-287-6600), Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Dunmore (570-346-7429), or Saints Anthony & Rocco Parish, Dunmore (570-344-1209).

MEN, SAVE THE DATE! The 6th annual Diocese of Scranton Men's Conference will be held Saturday, April 25, 2020 at Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre.