

December 15, 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 16, 2019 - December 20, 2019)

Monday: 8am - 2pm

Tuesday: 8am - 4pm

Wednesday: 8am - 4pm

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

#402 W&S "Come, O Long-Awaited Savior"

Preparation Hymn

#404 W&S "Emmanuel"

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Communion Hymn

#408 W&S "O come, O come, Emmanuel"

Recessional Hymn

#410 W&S "Proclaim the Joyful Message"

Social Concerns & Outreach

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



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Third Sunday of Advent

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



MASS INTENTIONS

December 14, 2019 to December 22, 2019



~ **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

~ **Monday, December 16** ~

12:10PM - Joseph T. Pellegrini by Colleen & Jerry Matthey

~ **Tuesday, December 17** ~

8:00AM - Henry Zelinski by Wife, Irene & Family

~ **Wednesday, December 18** ~

7:00AM - Julius Parini by Sons, John & Richard, Wife, Irene & Connie

~ **Thursday, December 19** ~

8:00AM - William Loyack, Sr. by Lucille, Billy & Patti Loyack

~ **Friday, December 20** ~

7:00AM - Bruno Migliosi by Wife & Children

~ **Saturday, December 21** ~

4:00PM - (St. Anthony) Angelo & Mary Ann Anzalone by Mary Jo

~ **Sunday, December 22** ~

8:00AM - (St. Cecilia) Regina T. Lepore by Mary Ann & Anne Thomashunis

10:30AM - (St. Anthony) All Parishioners



Altar Servers

December 21 4:00 PM - Barbara Zelinski & Ellie Parra

December 22 8:00 AM - Lindsey Skronski
10:30 AM - Adam Wisnewski

Lectors

December 21 4:00 PM - Mary Jo Anzalone & Mary Smith

December 22 8:00 AM - Ray Pasavage
10:30 AM - Danielle Bruno & Jeanie Wisnewski

Eucharistic Ministers

December 21 4:00 PM - Linda Blandina, Marge Paoloni & Jan VanLeuven

December 22 8:00 AM - Gary VanScoy & Dave Dolhon
10:30 AM - Joyce DeAngelo, Lucille Trotta & Jamie Shimko



Sanctuary Light

December 15 - December 21, 2019
In Memory of: **James L. Manganiello**
By: Antoinette Manganiello & Family

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.



SYMPATHY

We offer our prayers for the soul of **David Pepe** who recently passed away. Our sympathy to his family members and to all who grieve his loss. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. May he rest in peace. May the angels lead him to paradise.

In Our Prayers



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

Stories for All Seasons

Third Sunday in Advent: John the Baptist's Act of Faith in Jesus

Theme: *Our faith grows strong under duress.*

In her book *Return to Love*, Marianne Williamson points out that a friend said to her, "Marianne, I'm so depressed by world hunger!" Marianne replied: "Do you give five dollars a week to one of the organizations that feed the hungry?" She goes on to say she asks this question because she has noticed how people who participate in solving problems don't seem to be as depressed as those standing on the sidelines doing nothing.

Application: Have we recently gone out of our way to help someone?

December 2019/January 2020 Calendar

Holy Name Party	12/19	7:00PM	Parish Center
Parish Council	1/7	7:00PM	Rectory
Parish Planning Meeting	1/9 <small>Snow Date 1/16</small>	7:00PM	Parish Center
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.

2020 Parish Planning Meeting: On Thursday, January 9th at 7PM in the Parish Center, the next meeting to discuss the 2020 Parish Fundraising Events will be held. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!



SOCIAL CONCERNS NEWS

UNBELIEVABLE! That is the only word to describe all the beautiful clothes, outfits, coats, toys, books, dolls, games, remote vehicles, Legos, and many other toys, etc. that you, our parishioners, donated for our Giving Trees. Huge shopping bags and huge trash bags were used to hold the gifts for each of the 10 families & 26 children. Pictures will be posted on St. Barbara's web site.

The Social Concerns Committee thanks you on behalf of all the families and children for your generous response to this project. God will surely bless you for your generosity.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy, Healthy New Year!

Office Holiday Schedule

The Rectory office will be closed on the following days in observance of Christmas & New Year's Day: Tuesday, December 24th, Wednesday, December 25th, Tuesday, December 31st and Wednesday, January 1st, 2019. In case of emergency, please leave a message on Father Finn's line.

WEEKLY OFFERING:

Second Sunday of Advent 2019: \$5,636.90
Second Sunday of Advent 2018: \$4728.16

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious education for Elementary grades (1st through 6th) will be held this Sunday, December 15th from 9:00AM to 10:15AM. This 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 this Sunday, December 15th from 6:00PM to 7:30PM. Their first class for 2020 will be held on January 5th from 6:00PM to 7:30PM.

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

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

- Monday, December 16th at 7:00 PM in St. John the Evangelist Church, William St., Pittston. There are usually about 10 priests available for confession and it is open to the community.
- Friday, December 20th, Fr. Finn and Fr. Joseph Sibilano will hear confessions from 10:30 AM - Noon in St. Anthony's Church. This might be an ideal time for some of our older parishioners.

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.

JMJ Catholic Radio

Having begun Advent, JMJ Catholic Radio, Wilkes-Barre/Scranton at 98.9FM & 750AM, Hazelton at 1490AM & 100.1FM and Dushore at 91.7FM, invites you to listen to our special Advent and Christmas programming. Each day you can tune into "Catholic Answers" daily from 6:00PM to 8:00PM and weekends at 6:00PM to 7:00PM. In addition to this apologetic outreach, Father Leo McKernan & Father David Cramer explore the Sunday Readings on Tuesdays at 3:00PM, Thursdays at 6:00PM and Saturdays at 9:00PM.

**UPDATE ON THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN
APPEAL AT
ST. BARBARA'S PARISH:**

Your gifts support the following ministries made possible by the Diocesan Annual Appeal.

- Catholic Social Services and Parish Social Justice Grants
- Catholic Education in Schools and Parishes
- Clergy Formation, Education and Support
- Parish Life and Ministry Formation
- Catholic Media and Communication

Our Parish Goal: \$33,000.00
Total Raised to Date: \$28,285.00
Percentage of Goal Pledged as of
(12/10/2019) is: 86%