

December 22, 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 23, 2019 - December 27, 2019)

Monday: 8am - 2pm

Tuesday: CLOSED

Wednesday: CLOSED

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

408 W&S "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Preparation Hymn

787 W&S "Blessed One"

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Communion Hymn

393 W&S "Come, Emmanuel"

Recessional Hymn

770 W&S "Soon and Very Soon"

Social Concerns & Outreach

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



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Fourth Sunday of Advent

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



MASS INTENTIONS

December 21, 2019 to December 29, 2019



~ **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

~ **Monday, December 23** ~

12:10PM - Jean Manderson by Linda, Leonard & Family

~ **Tuesday, December 24** ~

4:00PM - Special Intentions

10:00PM - Special Intentions

~ **Wednesday, December 25** ~

8:00AM - Special Intentions

10:30AM - Special Intentions

~ **Thursday, December 26** ~

NO MASSES TODAY

~ **Friday, December 27** ~

7:00AM - Angela Stella by Sam & Karen Aritz & Family

~ **Saturday, December 28** ~

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

~ **Sunday, December 29** ~

8:00AM - (St. Cecilia) Charles Cupani by Donald & Tammee
Robbins

10:30AM - (St. Anthony) Joseph A. Pellegrini by Lucille, Billy &
Patti Loyack



Altar Servers

December 24 4:00 PM - Zack Houston

10:00 PM - Tim Kuzma

December 25 8:00 AM - Lindsey Skronski

10:30 AM - Adam Wisniewski

December 28 4:00 PM - Olivia & Matt Walter

December 29 8:00 AM - Zack Houston & Eliana Parra

10:30 AM - Adam Wisniewski

Lectors

December 24 4:00 PM - L. Blandina & C. Trzcinski

10:00 PM - MJ Anzalone & Tim Kuzma

December 25 8:00 AM - R. Yanora & R. Pasavage

10:30 AM - F. Nocito & C. Naples

December 28 4:00 PM - C. Trzcinski & Mary Smith

December 29 8:00 AM - Rocco Yanora

10:30 AM - D. Bruno & J. Wisniewski

Eucharistic Ministers

December 24 4:00 PM - B. Pazdziorko, J. DeAngelo &
N. Janoski

10:00 PM - Cortegerone & J. VanLeuven

December 25 8:00 AM - D. Keeler & D. Robbins

10:30 AM - P. Naples & F. Galushka

December 28 4:00 PM - Marisa & Brad Walter

& MJ Anzalone

December 29 8:00 AM - D. Keeler & D. Robbins

10:30 AM - Mary Beth & Carmen Bolin

& Lucille Trotta

SYMPATHY

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

In Our Prayers



Sanctuary Light

December 22 - December 28, 2019
In Memory of: **Deceased Members of the DiMaria, Piazza & Fasciana Families**
By: Jacqueline Fasciana

Stories for All Seasons

Fourth Sunday in Advent: Jesus - Emmanuel: God with Us

Theme: In Jesus, God comes to pitch his tent among us.

On a *National Geographic* "Explorer" TV program recently, the story of Sir Ernest Henry Shackleton (1873-1922) was told. Shackleton was a British explorer who commanded a south polar expedition in 1907-1909, during which Mt. Erebus on Antarctica was climbed, the south magnetic pole was located, and the plateau was crossed to within 100 miles of the South Pole.

In 1915, Shackleton led . . . an expedition to Antarctica which nearly ended in tragedy. His ship got caught in ice and eventually was crushed. The crew had to flee, taking with them what provisions they could carry. They drifted 180 miles on an ice floe to Elephant Island where there was an old supply hut. From there, Shackleton and a few of his men sailed 800 miles in a small boat on wild seas to South Georgia Island. After a near tragic landing (the rudder broke apart just as they reached a rocky shore), they made a nearly impossible crossing of the rugged mountain range to a whaling village on the opposite shore.


Meanwhile, the men he left behind at Elephant Island had exhausted their supplies and had nearly given up hope that the "boss" - that's what they called Shackleton - would make it back to save them. But he did, and one can only imagine the excitement of those beleaguered men the day they sighted Shackleton's rescue ship making its way through the stormy Antarctic Ocean to Elephant Island. The "boss" had arrived, just as he said he would.

Application: Are we faithfully living in expectation of our Lord's coming?

January 2020 Calendar

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

Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule



Christmas Eve	4:00 PM	St. Anthony's
	10:00 PM	St. Anthony's (Carols beginning at 9:30PM)
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

For Your Information:

Please be advised that there will NOT be any Masses on Thursday, December 26th.

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 & Wednesday, January 1st

In case of an emergency, please leave a message on Father Finn's line.

There will be **Choir Practice** on Monday, December 23rd at 6:00pm in St. Anthony's Church. New members are always welcome.

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

WEEKLY OFFERING:

Third Sunday of Advent 2019: \$4,256.46
Third Sunday of Advent 2018: \$4,466.10

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

The first religious education class of 2020 for Elementary grades (1st through 6th) will be held on January 5th from 9:00AM to 10:15AM.

The first 2020 class for 7th & 8th grade (Confirmation candidates) 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.

WITH SINCERE GRATITUDE

Thank you to Marilyn A. Gubbiotti and Frank Gubbiotti, of **Gubbiotti Funeral Home** for providing St. Barbara Parish with our 2020 Calendars. Your kindness and generosity is most appreciated.

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.

Christmas Wafers (Oplatki) are still available. The cost is \$3.00 per envelope containing four wafers. You may purchase them at the rectory during office hours. They will also be available at Masses this weekend.



An Evening With Dan Schutte at St. Joseph Marelo

On Friday, February 28, 2020, St. Joseph Marelo and St. John the Evangelist Parishes are excited to announce a performance by renowned composer Dan Schutte, writer of such beloved and cherished hymns as "Here I Am, Lord," "City of God," and the popular "Mass of Christ the Savior." Tickets for the concert are \$10 and can be purchased either in person at St. Joseph Marelo Parish Office, by phone at 670-654-6902, or through e-mail at office@sjmparish.org. Ticket orders of 8 or more must be placed by February 7 so they can be mailed. Ticket orders of 7 or less can be picked up at the Parish Office or at the doors the day of the event. Dan will also present a workshop retreat from 9am to Noon on Saturday, February 29 at St. Joseph Marelo Parish. The workshop also costs \$10. To register, contact the Parish Office with the number and names of those attending. Registration closes February 14.

SOCIAL CONCERNS NEWS

The Social Concerns Committees has received the following donations: In loving memory of Louella Perfetto, Eleanor Musto, Barbara Serbin, Marcella Fountain, Edward M. Grabowski and Gary A. Loucks, Sr. These donations are greatly appreciated and help us with all of our projects for our home bound parishioners and our parishioners who are in nursing facilities. Thank you for your generosity.

Once again, Merry Christmas and a very healthy New Year.