

December 29, 2019

**Our Worship Sites**  
**Saint Anthony of Padua**  
**Saint Cecilia**



THE DIOCESE OF SCRANTON PENNSYLVANIA

**Parish of St. Barbara**

**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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**Office Hours**

*(Week of December 30, 2019 - January 3, 2020)*

**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**

**December 29, 2019**

**Entrance Hymn**

#433 W&S "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

**Preparation Hymn**

#418 W&S "Oh come, Little Children"

**Mass of Redemption by Janco Page 17**

**Communion Hymn**

#422 W&S "What Child Is This"

**Recessional Hymn**

#419 W&S "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

**Social Concerns & Outreach**

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



# December 29, 2019 Feast of the Holy Family

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



## MASS INTENTIONS December 28, 2019 to January 5, 2020



~ **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

~ **Monday, December 30** ~

12:10PM - Marcella Ripa Fountain by Raymond A. Ripa, Jr.

~ **Tuesday, December 31** ~

5:30 PM - (St. Cecilia) Deceased Members of the Luke Family by Dorothy Luke & Family

~ **Wednesday, January 1** ~

10:00AM - Edmund Charney by St. Barbara's Counting Team

~ **Thursday, January 2** ~

8:00AM - Jennie Manini by Son, Wayne

~ **Friday, January 3** ~

7:00AM - Joseph S. Marranca by Sam & Flossie Giamber

~ **Saturday, January 4** ~

**4:00PM** - (St. Anthony) Deceased Members of Gilley & Snyder Families by Beverly & Family

~ **Sunday, January 5** ~

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

**10:30AM** - (St. Anthony) Deceased Members of St. Barbara Holy Name Society



## Altar Servers

December 31 5:30 PM - Zack Houston  
January 1 10:00 AM - Tim Kuzma  
January 4 4:00 PM - Tim Kuzma  
January 5 8:00 AM - Lynzie Skoronski  
10:30 AM - Adam Wisnewski

## Lectors

December 31 5:30 PM - Ray Pasavage  
January 1 10:00 AM - Tim Kuzma & Linda Blandina  
January 4 4:00 PM - Tina Sabatini & C. Trzcinski  
January 5 8:00 AM - Rocco Yanora  
10:30 AM - Charlotte Naples & F. Nocito

## Eucharistic Ministers

December 31 5:30 PM - D. Robbins & D. Keeler  
January 1 10:00 AM - J. Cortegerone & J. DeAngelo  
January 4 4:00 PM - Ann Luke, Norma Janoski & Barbara Pazdziorko  
January 5 8:00 AM - Garry VanScoy & Dave Dolhon  
10:30 AM - Paul Naples, Joyce DeAngelo & Jaime Shimko

## Sanctuary Light

December 29, 2019 - January 4, 2020  
In Memory of: Michael Kepich  
By: Wife, Frances



## WEEKLY OFFERING:

Fourth Sunday of Advent 2019: \$5,096.88  
Fourth Sunday of Advent 2018: \$6,445.50

## New Year's Mass Schedule

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



## In Our Prayers

## SYMPATHY

We offer our prayers for the soul of **John Rygiel** 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.



## Stories for All Seasons

### Feast of the Holy Family: Flight Into Egypt

Theme: Families must turn to the Holy Family in their desert experiences.

One family gathered to celebrate the holiday without much thought to its significance. Little Charlotte, gulping her milk, heaved a white-mustached sigh. Then she pointed her fork toward her grandfather like a microphone and asked, "Grandpa, why is today called Christmas?" The child's question came like a peal of thunder. "Out of the blue it fell crashing into the dining room just as though, indeed, the roof might be collapsing." Did the little girl have any idea what she was asking? After what seemed like an eternity her grandfather said, "Perhaps your mother could give you a better answer than I could." It had been a trying day for Rita, her mother. It was the first time she was able to sit with her father in many years. She answered her daughter: "Today is called Christmas, Charlotte, because it is the birthday of Jesus Christ." She then gave a brief explanation. Grandpa looked in disbelief at his daughter. . . . She spoke almost as though she had just discovered the origins of Christmas herself, as if that very moment such knowledge had been revealed to her.

**Application: To make Christmas come alive, it would be good for each family member, gathered around the table, to express what Christmas means to him or her.**

**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

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**THANK YOU:** Father Finn wishes to thank so many of you for your well wishes, cards, gifts and greetings for the holidays. I do so appreciate your thoughtfulness and wish all of you the best for our New Year. May God grant us all a “healthy” year of peace and joy.

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**Office Holiday Schedule**

The Rectory office will be **closed** on the following days in observance of New Year’s Day:

- Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> & Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>
- In case of an emergency, please leave a message on Father Finn’s line.

**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!

**Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass**

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2020 to a Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 14. The event includes: a 2:30PM Mass at St. Peter’s Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made through your parish office before March 16.

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

**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](http://www.stbarbaraexeter.com) under Faith Formation.

**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](mailto: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 12PM, 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 on February 14.



Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you to learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. If your marriage is in distress, even if you are currently separated or divorced, Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information visit: [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org)

**We are working to bring Retrouvaille back to the Diocese of Scranton in 2020!** A Retrouvaille Weekend has been scheduled for May 29-31, to be held at St. Gabriel's Retreat Center in Clarks Summit. If you or any other Retrouvaille couple you know would like to assist with the nuts and bolts of restarting the ministry, help is needed. To learn more about attending the weekend, or to learn more about helping to bring this weekend to life, contact: Phil & Sue Milazzo, [philmilazzo@outlook.com](mailto:philmilazzo@outlook.com), 631-338-5413 or Jen Housel, [jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org), 570-207-2213 x 1104.