

March 22, 2020



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 Ed.	Director of Religious
Ann Manganiello	Director of Music/Choir
Robert Borzell	Property Manager

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Parish Website:	www.stbarbaraexeter.com

Office Hours

(Week of March 23, 2020 - March 27, 2020)

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

W&S ""

Preparation Hymn

W&S ""

Mass of Christ, the Savior #287 Agnus Dei

Communion Hymn

W&S ""

Recessional Hymn

W&S ""

Social Concerns & Outreach

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



March 22, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Lent

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



MASS INTENTIONS March 21, 2020 to March 29, 2020



~ **Saturday March 21** ~

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

~ **Sunday, March 22** ~

8:00AM - (St. Cecilia) Justina A. Charney by Amy, J.V. & Carolyn Gonglefski

10:30AM - (St. Anthony) Frances E. Fountain by Catherine Lynch

~ **Monday, March 23** ~

12:10PM - Frank Pazdziorko by Daughters, Carol & Barbara

~ **Tuesday, March 24** ~

8:00AM - Mildred Vasil by Mike & Peggy Kunec

~ **Wednesday, March 25** ~

7:00AM - Samuel Gelso by Chris Latona

~ **Thursday, March 26** ~

8:00AM - Angelone Sarah Parulis by Paul & Nicole Naples & Anthony & Gianna

~ **Friday, March 27** ~

7:00AM - Betty Borosky by Jurosky & Lukesh Families

~ **Saturday March 28** ~

~ **Sunday, March 29** ~

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



Sanctuary Light

March 15, 2020 - March 21, 2020
In Memory of: **Luigi, Marianna & Eugene Cataluffi**
By: Irene Zelinski

SYMPATHY

We offer our prayers for the souls of **John Rygiel and Anna Mae Tamalenu** who recently passed away. Our sympathy to their family members & 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



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

Our Parish Goal: \$33,000.00
Total Raised to Date: \$31,946.00
Percentage of Goal Pledged as of (3/17/2020) is: 97%

NOTICE!

FOR THE FORSEEABLE FUTURE:

1. There will be no public worship or prayer services
2. Church will be open for private prayer
3. No assembly of people will be permitted
4. Please keep at least six or more feet away from anyone else who may be in the Church
5. The priest is available for emergencies only
6. This schedule will continue until changed by the bishop of the diocese.

ALL EVENTS have been **CANCELLED** until further notice. This will include all Masses, the Lenten Food Sale, ALL meetings, the Seder Dinner, confessions, Road to Resurrection, Vespers, Grief Support, Stations of the Cross, Religious Education Classes, etc.

Parish Office: We ask that all contact with the office be done by phone at this time (570)654-2103. However, if you wish to drop off your contribution envelopes we will be here during regular hours, you can put them in our mail box at the rectory or you can send them through the mail.

First Communion and Confirmation dates are no longer valid. By order of Bishop Bambera, once the ban has been lifted we will reset the dates.

MASSES

The usual daily Masses and the weekend Mass for the Parishioners, that were scheduled, will be said privately by Father Finn. He is not permitted to have anyone in attendance. The Saturday and Sunday Masses that were to be said will be rescheduled. Also, the Wednesday and Friday 12:10PM Masses schedule during Lent will be rescheduled for a later date. We will be contacting you if you scheduled one of these Masses.

Parish Bulletins: bulletins will be printed each week and can be found in the normal places in St. Anthony's Church. We will try to keep you updated on what is occurring in the parish and diocese as we get the information. Please share the bulletins or the information in the bulletin as widely as possible, especially with the elderly & shut-ins. For our parishioners that are familiar with a computer, our bulletin can be found every week on our website www.stbarbaraexeter.com.

Thank you for your cooperation in all these matters!

Ash Wednesday, February 26 marked the beginning of Lent. The following fast and abstinence regulations are observed:

- **Good Friday, April 10, is a day of fast and abstinence.**
- **All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.**
- **All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday** are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and on all Fridays during Lent.

All Catholics over 18 years of age to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal and two smaller meals unless dispensed or excused.

Do You Want to Know More About the Annulment Process?

In the Diocese of Scranton, the annulment process is now more “user friendly” than you might expect, and there is no longer a processing fee. Please contact your pastor or the Diocesan Tribunal Office (570-207-2246) to begin a conversation. It is possible to get clear answers to these questions and to renew your connection with the Church.

WEEKLY OFFERING:

First Sunday of Lent 2020: \$4,760.00
First Sunday of Lent 2019: \$4,291.54

Second Sunday of Lent 2020: \$4,274.30
Second Sunday of Lent 2019: \$4,971.17

Third Sunday of Lent 2020: \$4,350.26
Third Sunday of Lent 2019: \$4,267.52

The Catholic Choral Society

With the Governor’s State of Emergency Mandate of school and institution closings, the Bishop’s dispensing of non-essential gatherings, and the cancellation of sports events, etc., I want to let you know that we will not be performing our Lenten Concerts this year at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, St. Aloysius Church, 143 Division St., Wilkes Barre, PA on March 22 and at Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, St. Mary’s Church, 1090 Carmalt St., Dickson City on March 29. Both have been cancelled as of today. Thank you for your kind attention and cooperation.

Local Resources

The following is a list of resources available to local residents affected by the COVID-19 outbreak

Meals:

All Luzerne County Active Adult Centers are closed; however, hot lunches for seniors are still being served at noon. Seniors should call their center for updated lunch information.

Wyoming Area School District:

Starting this past Wednesday, grab-and-go lunches for students will be available in the Secondary Center Cafeteria. Please enter through the rear of the building for pickup weekdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All students are eligible. Families must provide the name and grade of students when picking up lunches.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE. . . .

Kids Of Israel

At Twenty-third Avenue Christian Church, Charles Smith finished his Sunday school lesson. It was time for questions and answers. Up shot little Tony’s hand. “According to the Bible, Mr. Smith, the children of Israel crossed the Red Sea. Right?” “Right.” “An’ the children of Israel clobbered the Philistines, right?” “That’s right, Tony.” “An’ the children of Israel built the Temple, right?” “Right, again.” “An’ the children of Israel fought the ‘gyptians, an’ the children of Israel waz always doin’ somethin’ important, right?” “All that’s right, too,” agreed Smith. “So what’s your question?” “What I wanna know is this,” demanded Tony. “What wuz all the grown-ups doin’?”

Stories for All Seasons

Fourth Sunday of Lent: The Blind Man (John 9:1-41)

Theme: *Jesus is the Light of the World.*

A man told about a trip he took with his little boy, tow and a half years old. It was the first time the father and the boy had been away by themselves - just the two of them. The first night they spent in a hotel, the father moved his bed close to the little boy’s, and when they were both tucked in, he turned out the light. After a few minutes, a little voice said: “It sure is dark, isn’t it?” “Yes,” said the father, “it’s pretty dark, but everything is all right.” there was silence for a few more minutes, and then a little hand reached over and took the father’s hand. “I’ll just hold your hand,” said the little boy, “in case you get scared.”

Application: What decisions have we recently made because Jesus is our light?

March 16, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Effective immediately, and until further notice, I have suspended the celebration of Masses open to the public and all public gatherings in all diocesan parishes, worship sites, college campuses, chapels and health care facilities in the eleven counties of the Diocese of Scranton.

Churches of the Diocese will remain open daily for individual private prayer. The timeframe for each parish is to be determined by its pastor or parish life coordinator. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass during this time remains in effect.

Scheduled sacramental celebrations such as weddings, baptisms or funerals will be permitted, but attendance will be limited to immediate family members and follow any guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation will be available, when requested individually, by the faithful in cases of serious need.

It deeply saddens me to take this temporary action, knowing the depth of your faith and your desire to celebrate the Holy Eucharist on a regular basis. In light of continued concerns surrounding COVID-19, and upon the advice of medical experts, it is clear that we, as a faith community, must do our part in order to help slow the spread of this virus.

The number of faithful souls who filled our churches this past weekend, even with the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass, was deeply consoling to me. As you always have, so many of you are turning to your faith as the surest place where we will find God's peace, consolation and hope.

Unfortunately, the presence of such great numbers of worshippers in our churches is not serving our efforts to help mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus. In an effort to prevent overwhelming our hospitals and health care facilities, national, state and local leaders have urged people to avoid large gatherings of people and keep appropriate social distancing from one another.

As your bishop, in addition to the care of souls, the safety and health of all of our faithful parishioners, friends and those we welcome through our outreach and service, is of utmost importance to me. As such, the decision that I have announced, while difficult, is the best way for us to work together to serve the common good of all, both in our parishes and in our communities.

During these challenging times, it is also crucial that we not forget who we are as Christians. May we continue to offer, in whatever way we can, care and concern for those who are most vulnerable, including the poor, our senior citizens and those who are ill. I also urge those who can do so to maintain support for your parishes during these difficult days in order to sustain the ministries and outreach services for parishioners and those most in need.

Despite the suspension of public Masses, a private Mass will be celebrated daily in the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton, and made available on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton. On weekdays, the Mass will be broadcast at 12:10 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. On weekends, the Saturday Vigil Mass will be broadcast at 4:00 p.m. and rebroadcast on Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. The Masses will also be streamed on the Diocese of Scranton's website (www.dioceseofscranton.org), made available on the Diocese of Scranton's social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram) and will be accessible on the Diocese of Scranton's YouTube channel.

Additional resources for individual parishioners to deepen their faith during Lent are also available on the Diocese of Scranton's website.

During this sacred season of Lent, we are being asked to sacrifice more than ever before – particularly with the loss of cherished religious practices, most especially the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. May we do so mindful of the selfless sacrifice of Jesus and for the sake of our brothers and sisters who are most vulnerable and in need of our help.

The Diocese of Scranton continues to monitor the rapidly evolving health situation regarding the coronavirus. We are constantly monitoring directives from national, state and local officials. This policy will be reassessed on a regular basis, in addition to the plans for Holy Week and Easter.

God bless you and keep each of you in His care. Let us continue to pray for one another.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

† *Joseph C. Bambera*

Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.

Bishop of Scranton