

March 29, 2020



**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**

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| 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        |

**Contact Information**

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| Parish Website:             | www.stbarbaraexeter.com     |

**Office Hours**

*(Week of March 30, 2020 - April 3, 2020)*

**Monday: 8am - 2pm**

**Tuesday: 8am - 2pm**

**Wednesday: 8am - 2pm**

**Thursday: 8am - 2pm**

**Friday: CLOSED**

**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**

**March 29, 2020**

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.

THE DIOCESE OF SCRANTON PENNSYLVANIA

Parish of St. Barbara



# March 29, 2020 Fifth Sunday of Lent



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



## **MASS INTENTIONS** March 28, 2020 to April 5, 2020



~ **Saturday March 28** ~

~ **Sunday, March 29** ~

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

12:10PM - Theresa Simkoski by John Alexson

~ **Tuesday, March 31** ~

8:00AM - Rose Marie Crisci by Connie & Mike Anzalone

~ **Wednesday, April 1** ~

7:00AM - John Jude Bolin by Family

~ **Thursday, April 2** ~

8:00AM - Gates & Dukovich Families by Mary Stankus

~ **Friday, April 3** ~

7:00AM - Ray Polk by Wife, Terri

~ **Saturday April 4** ~

~ **Sunday, April 5** ~

**10:30AM** - (St. Cecilia) All Parishioners



### Sanctuary Light

March 29, 2020 - April 4, 2020  
In Memory of: **Michael & Teresa Finn**

## CATHOLIC TELEVISION BROADCASTING DAILY MASSES

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. And 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](http://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.

### Weekly Contributions

Despite the suspension of Masses, it is important that weekly contributions continue. This is the primary way our parish supports itself. At this time of need and with the discontinuance of all financial fund raisers, it is important that we continue to support our Parish.

### **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 any contact with the office be done by phone at this time (570) 654-2103. However, you can drop off your contribution envelopes at the office, 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. However, 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. Also, we will try to keep you updated on what is occurring in the parish and diocese as we get information. Please share the bulletins or the information in the bulletin as widely as possible, especially with the elderly and shut-ins. For our parishioners that are familiar with a computer, our bulletin can be found every week on our website [www.stbarbaraexeter.com](http://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 & abstinence.**
- **All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.**
- **All Catholics who 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.

### **PERFECT CONTRITION**

**With the increasing difficulty for individuals to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation due to the current health crisis, the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are reminded that by having perfect contrition one can receive the forgiveness of sins, without going to confession.**

**Perfect contrition** requires the following three things:

- A love of God above all else
- A sincere desire for the forgiveness from sin
- The resolution to go to confession as soon as possible when this health crisis subsides

The **Social Concerns Committee** received the following donations: In loving memory of Carmen DelPriore, Donald Zurenda, Fred Melvin, Helen Zekas, Brian Hoffman, Jr., Mary Ann Switzer, Bernie Razawich and the deceased members of the Louis and Annette Maffei Family and the deceased members of the Kostelansky Family.

These donations are greatly appreciated and will help with the Outreach Ministry to our parishioners who are home bound and our parishioners who are in nursing facilities.

Please contact the rectory if anyone has been admitted to a nursing facility or has become home bound recently.

Thank you for your continued support of the Social Concerns Committee.

### **The Catholic Choral Society**

With the Governor's State of Emergency Mandate of school & institution closings, the Bishop's dispensing of non-essential gatherings, and the cancellation of sports events, etc., the Catholic Choral Society will not be performing the Lenten Concerts this year at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, St. Aloysius Church, 143 Division St., Wilkes Barre, PA on March 22 or 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.

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**Christian Women** are reminded that the Spring Lottery returns are due in one week. Returns may be mailed to the rectory, dropped off in the mailbox on the rectory porch or mailed to Barbara Pazdziorko (address is in the letter that accompanied the tickets).

### **Local Resources**

#### ***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 & grade of students when picking up lunches

**Cancelled!** The 6<sup>th</sup> annual Diocese of Scranton Men's Conference that was to be held Saturday, April 25, 2020 at Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre is cancelled.

### **Stories for All Seasons**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent: Jesus Raises Lazarus** (John 11:1-45)

**Theme:** *Jesus came to give us the ultimate healing: eternal Life.*

A fellow walked into a doctor's office and the receptionist asked him what he had. He said, "Shingles." So she took down his name, address, medical insurance number and told him to have a seat. Fifteen minutes later a nurse's aide came out and asked him what he had. He said, "Shingles."

So she took down his height, weight, a complete medical history, and told him to wait in the examining room. A half-hour later, a nurse came in and asked him what he had. He said, "Shingles." So she gave him a blood test, a blood pressure test, an electrocardiogram, told him to take off all his clothes, and wait for the doctor.

An hour later the doctor came in and asked him what he had. He said, "Shingles." The doctor said, "Where?" He said, "Outside in the truck. Where do you want 'em?"

**Application: In what way does our belief in Jesus help us deal with death even our own death? Or does it?**