



April 5, 2020 Passion (Palm) Sunday

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



MASS INTENTIONS

April 4, 2020 to April 12, 2020



~ **Saturday April 4** ~

4:00PM - McLane & Finn Families by Family

~ **Sunday, April 5** ~

10:30AM - All Parishioners

~ **Monday, April 6** ~

12:10PM - Edward Benish by Wife, Jean

~ **Tuesday, April 7** ~

8:00AM - Mary Ann Switzer by John & Virginia Zwirek

~ **Wednesday, April 8** ~

7:00AM - Donald Cavanaugh by Diane, Keri & Tim
Kuzma

~ **Holy Thursday, April 9** ~

8:00AM - All Parishioners

~ **Good Friday, April 10** ~

~ **Holy Saturday April 11** ~

8:00PM - All Parishioners

~ **Easter Sunday, April 12** ~

10:30AM - All Parishioners



Sanctuary Light

April 5, 2020 - April 11, 2020
In Memory of: **Louella Perfetto**
By: Danny & Jean Ragantesi

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), 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 FORESEEABLE FUTURE:

1. There will be no public worship or prayer services
2. Church will only be open for private prayer on Sunday from 10AM - 2PM
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, you can drop off your contribution envelopes in the office mail box, 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.

Thank you for your cooperation in all these matters!

In Our Prayers

SYMPATHY

We offer our prayers for the soul of **Marion L. Prokop** who recently passed away. Our sympathy to her family members & 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.



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 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.

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.

Stories for All Seasons

Palm Sunday: The Passion (Matthew 27:11-54)

Theme: *By his passion and death Jesus redeems us.*

After years of wandering, Clint Dennis realized something was missing from his life. He decided to attend church. As he entered a church for the first time he noticed people putting on long robes. They were also tying ropes around their waists and wrapping headdresses around their heads. “Come, be a part of the mob,” a stranger told him.

It was Palm Sunday and the church was re-enacting the Crucifixion in costume. He would be part of the crowd that shouted, “Crucify him!” Crucify him!” Hesitantly he agreed. Then another stranger hurried up to him. “The man who is supposed to play one of the thieves on the cross didn’t show up,” he said. “Would you take his place?” Again Clint agreed and was shown to the cross where he would look on as Jesus died.

Just then, though, something about Clint’s manner caught a member’s eye. He turned to Clint and asked, “Have you ever asked Jesus to forgive your sins?” “No,” Clint replied softly, “but that’s why I came here.” There beneath the cross, they prayed, and Clint asked Jesus to come into his heart. What the church didn’t know was that Clint had been in prison for ten years. He was a real thief. Even after his release he had gone on stealing cars and trucks until he realized that something was missing from his life.

Application: Have we drawn on Jesus’ passion and death as a source of strength to forgive others - and ourselves?