

April 19, 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 April 20, 2020 - April 24, 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

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Entrance Hymn

435 W&S "Festival Canticle"

Preparation Hymn

665 W&S "We Walk by Faith"

Mass of Christ, the Savior

Communion Hymn

525 W&S "I am the Bread of Life"

Recessional Hymn

487 W&S "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Social Concerns & Outreach

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

April 19, 2020 Second Sunday of Easter

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



M A S S I N T E N T I O N S

April 18, 2020 to April 26, 2020



- ~ **Saturday April 18** ~
~ **Sunday, April 19** ~
- 8:00AM** - All Parishioners
~ **Monday, April 20** ~
12:10PM - Deceased Members of the Parra Family by
Son, Frank & Family
- ~ **Tuesday, April 21** ~
8:00AM - Dona Mills by Mary Stankus
~ **Wednesday, April 22** ~
7:00AM - Safety of Mariann Sheehan & all the Nurses at
Eaglewood Hospital, NJ
- ~ **Thursday, April 23** ~
8:00AM - Frank DiMaria by Daughter, Jacqueline & Family
~ **Friday, April 24** ~
7:00AM - Irene & Gus Janoski by Sylvia & Maureen
~ **Saturday April 25** ~
~ **Sunday, April 26** ~
10:30AM - All Parishioners



Sanctuary Light

April 19, 2020 - April 25, 2020
In Memory of: **Michael Kepich**
By: Wife Frances

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 FORSEEABLE 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 may 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.

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 **Geraldine Pizano** 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.

PERFECT CONTRITION

With the increasing difficulty for individuals to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation due to the current health crisis, the faithful of the Scranton Diocese 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

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 scheduled during Lent will be rescheduled for a later date. We will be contacting you if you scheduled one of these Masses once the virus threat is over and Father can celebrate Mass and have all of the faithful attend again.

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.” (Psalm 46:1-3)

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 and grade of students when picking up lunches.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

In order to help our local community, the Social Concerns Committee has asked us to publish the following as an aid to those who may need assistance.

- Area Agency on Aging (Luzerne County): (570) 822-1158
Assess Income - Home Health - Home Help
- Luzerne County Assistance Office: (570) 826-2100
Financial Help - Food Stamps
- Meals On Wheels of Greater Pittston: (570) 655-0135
- VA Medical Center: (570)824-3521
Many forms of assistance for veterans.

If anyone knows of any other agencies please contact the parish office so we can add them to our list.

Stories for All Seasons

**Second Sunday of Easter: Doubting Thomas
Theme: Jesus calls us to live by faith, not by sight .**

A Chinese peasant had a horse. One day the horse ran away. His neighbor came and said, “That’s a shame that you lost that horse. It was so valuable.” The farmer said, “Well, who knows? How can you tell?”

The next day the horse came back, and brought back with it a dozen wild horses. The neighbor came over and said, “How wonderful that your horse could escape, and then come back and bring a dozen wild horses with it. Now you are indeed a rich man. That’s a gift of God.” The farmer said, “Well, how do you know? Who can tell?”

The next day, the farmer’s son broke his leg riding one of the wild horses. The neighbor came over and said, “That’s a terrible thing to have happen. That’s awful.” The farmer said, “Well, I don’t know. Who knows? How can you tell?”

The next day, the army procurement department came by to pick up the son to join the army. He wasn’t able to go because he had a broken leg. The neighbor said, “My, that’s wonderful, isn’t it?” The farmer said, “I don’t know. How can you tell?”

Application: Only when we are willing to go beyond appearances will we come to know the faith, assurance, and joy of living in the risen Lord?