

May 17, 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

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Parish Website:

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Office Hours

(Week of May 18, 2020 - May 22, 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

#768 W&S "Sing With All the Saints in Glory"

Preparation Hymn

#697 W&S "Be Not Afraid"

Mass of Christ, the Savior

Communion Hymn

#677 W&S "We Have Been Told"

Recessional Hymn

#760 W&S "Christ, Be Our Light"

Social Concerns & Outreach

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

May 17, 2020
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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



MASS INTENTIONS
May 16, 2020 to May 24, 2020



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~ **Saturday, May 16** ~

~ **Sunday, May 17** ~

10:30AM - All Mothers Living & Deceased

~ **Monday, May 18** ~

12:10PM - Florence Saliga Emershaw, her Parents & Siblings by Son, Thomas

~ **Tuesday, May 19** ~

8:00AM - Victor Malinowski by Wife, Johanna & Family

~ **Wednesday, May 20** ~

7:00AM - Michael Blaine by Parra Family

~ **Thursday, May 21** ~

Ascension of the Lord - All Parishioners
Father will be filming Mass on the Holy Day for the Website.

~ **Friday, May 22** ~

7:00AM - Donald Cavanaugh by Sylvia Appel & Maureen Capitano

~ **Saturday, May 23** ~

4:00PM - All Mothers Living & Deceased

~ **Sunday, May 24** ~



Sanctuary Light

May 17, 2020 - May 23, 2020

In Memory of :

Deceased Members of the Ondek Family

By: Helen Parulis

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. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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. 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’s social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter & Instagram) and will be accessible on the Diocese of Scranton’s YouTube channel.

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.

St. Anthony’s Church OPEN

As stated above in #2; the church will be open every Sunday from 10AM until 2PM for private prayer. Masks MUST be worn at all times while in the church. And please remember to keep 6 feet away from any other persons that may be in the church at the same time as you. The church is then cleaned and sanitized prior to opening the next Sunday. Many thanks to Bobby & Cindy!

Scheduling Mass Intentions & Sanctuary Candles

Beginning Monday, May 11th, we will be scheduling for the months of July through December, 2020.

WE WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO SCHEDULE OVER THE PHONE AT THIS TIME. PLEASE DO NOT COME TO THE OFFICE - YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN!

Intentions are scheduled on a first-come first-served basis. *Please remember that normally we can only allow 1 weekend (Saturday or Sunday) Mass and 2 weekday Masses per year per family.*

Due to not being able to have more than one Mass on the weekend, we will NOT be scheduling any weekend Masses until this current situation has changed. Weekday Mass intentions are still being taken.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Parish Mass Videos

The Mass is being recorded every weekend at St. Barbara Parish beginning with Palm Sunday. It may viewed at: www.stbarbaraexeter.com. The current week’s Mass will be available anytime after Saturday at 4pm. Click on Liturgy/Sacraments and then select whichever Mass you would like to view.

In Our Prayers



SYMPATHY

We offer our prayers for the soul of **Marie C. Porasky** 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.

Parish Bulletins: Bulletins will be printed each week & 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 information in the bulletin as widely as possible, especially with elderly and shut-ins. For our parishioners who are familiar with a computer, our bulletin can be found every week on our website: www.stbarbaraexeter.com.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU! To the Ladies of our Christian Women’s organization. Recently they gave me a check for \$3,000. Usually that goes for “something” in the church, but because of the virus, it will go towards our bills. In my last letter to you, about the changes and our financial difficulties, the parish was so generous in your response that we were able to make up for our losses with that gift and all the envelopes that you have given during this time. Please keep us in your prayers and remember us each week, if you are able.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Recently all the priests and deacons of the diocese had a “Town Meeting” with the Bishop (via the computer) about the future of the parishes. As long as the Governor has us in the red, all things will remain as they are. With the movement from red to yellow (a number of weeks from now), we can SLOWLY begin to open the churches. I will write a detailed letter to you at that time, to explain when Masses will be celebrated, how many may attend and what is and is not allowed. We have received pages and pages of information from the Diocese & I hope to extract the necessary information for you. But until then, I pray intently for you and your families - that you are healthy and safe in the hands of God. I can’t wait to see you all again, but we need to continue to take things slowly & carefully. God bless you all!
Fr. Finn

Stories for All Seasons

Sixth Sunday of Easter: Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

Theme: We now walk in the Spirit Jesus promised us.

Dorothy Pryse was listening to a Christian radio station as she drove to the grocery store one morning. A person was talking about kindness. Then he said, “I wonder how many of you are listening to me on your car radio and thinking of how you can be kind while driving?” Dorothy began thinking about what he was saying. A few blocks away, she saw a woman waiting in her car to come out of her driveway. Traffic was heavy; Dorothy knew this woman would have a hard time getting out. She slowed down to let her out. The woman smiled and waved at her.

When she got to the grocery store she saw a parking space. As she started pulling in, another car on the opposite side also started pulling in. Dorothy backed out and found another parking spot. As they both got out of their cars, the driver of the other car said, “I can’t believe what you just did. Anyone else would have made me back out.”

Dorothy explained what she had heard on the radio about showing love. The two women began talking. Dorothy discovered the woman had just moved into the area, didn’t know anyone, and was looking for a church. “I invited her to come to our church,” Dorothy says, “and a strong friendship has blossomed from our chance meeting and a small act of kindness.”

Application: Does our Spirit-life blossom in acts of kindness? How?