

May 24, 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	Director of Religious Ed.
Ann Manganiello	Director of Music/Choir
Robert Borzell	Property Manager

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Parish Website:	www.stbarbaraexeter.com

Office Hours

(Week of May 25, 2020 - May 29, 2020)

Monday: CLOSED - Memorial Day

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

738 W&S "Canticle of the Sun"

Preparation Hymn

564 W&S "One Bread, One Body"

Mass of Christ, the Savior

Communion Hymn

545 W&S "Jesus, Bread of Life"

Recessional Hymn

710 W&S "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Social Concerns & Outreach

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

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

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



MASS INTENTIONS

May 16, 2020 to May 24, 2020



- ~ **Saturday, May 23** ~
4:00PM - All Mothers Living & Deceased
- ~ **Sunday, May 24** ~
~ **Monday, May 25** ~
12:10PM - Marian & Michael Dunn by Family
- ~ **Tuesday, May 26** ~
8:00AM - Michael Blaine by Family
- ~ **Wednesday, May 27** ~
7:00AM - John Munley by Wife & Family
- ~ **Thursday, May 28** ~
8:00AM - Elizabeth Tocheny by Steve Yarina & Family
- ~ **Friday, May 29** ~
7:00AM - Ralph & Elizabeth DelPriore by Son, James & Josephine DelPriore
- ~ **Saturday, May 30** ~
~ **Sunday, May 31** ~
8:00AM - All Mothers Living & Deceased

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Sanctuary Light

May 24, 2020 - May 30, 2020
In Memory of :
Henry W. Zelinski
By: Wife & Family

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.

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.



The flowers on the altar this weekend have been donated in memory of Richard Trotta by Wife, Lucille & Family.

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 and can be found in St. Anthony’s Church in the normal places. We will also try to keep you updated on what is occurring in the parish and diocese as we get information. Please share the bulletins and the information in the bulletin as widely as possible, especially with 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.

Where Are We Now

Recently we had a “Zoom” meeting for the priests, deacons and sisters of the greater Pittston area. “Zoom” means our meeting was on the computer and there were about eighteen (18) of us able to attend. We discussed what our plans were for the upcoming “Yellow Phase” of the coronavirus reopening plan for Luzerne county. Of course, we have strong suggestions on how to begin reopening. I will be sending out a personal letter to each of you as soon as we get the word. We know that many of you will be hesitant about this entire situation but it was good to hear how the pastors plan to proceed. Whatever is decided is up to the individual pastor under the guidance of the State of Pennsylvania and the Diocese of Scranton - just pages and pages of information. Please know that when permission is given, we will begin slowly and cautiously with daily Mass for a while and then on to the Sunday liturgies. At this moment in time, only 25 people will be allowed in attendance at a Mass. But I will talk to you about that procedure later. Until then...

God bless you all! Be Safe!
Fr. Finn

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 (224 Memorial Street, Exeter PA 18643).

Stories for All Seasons

Seventh Sunday of Easter: Jesus Prays for the Apostles

Theme: Prayer must be an integral part of our life as it was for Jesus.

Dr. Henry Ironside used to tell a story about a group of dissidents who left a church to begin what they hoped would be the “perfect church.” The new congregation considered themselves to be such a spiritual blessing to God that they put a sign outside their church: “JESUS ONLY.” The church didn’t reach out to their community, however; they only ministered to themselves. One day when Dr. Ironside went by the church, he noticed that the first three letters had fallen off their sign to reveal a new message: “US ONLY.” The new message revealed the truth about that church’s ministry.

Application: Do we pray for unity - among religions, in the neighborhood, among nations?