

April 4, 2021



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 8:00 a.m.

Confessions

Confessions are heard each weekday after Mass in the Church.

Parish Staff

Fr. Michael E. Finn	Pastor
Rev. Mr. Walter Janoski	Deacon
Rev. Mr. William Dervinis	Deacon Emeritus
Maureen Capitano	Secretary
Sylvia Appel	Secretary
Loretta Semenza	Director of Religious Ed.
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Robert Borzell	Property Manager

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Office Hours

(Week of April 5, 2021 - April 9, 2021)

Monday: 8am - 4pm	Tuesday: 8am - 2pm
Wednesday: 8am - 4pm	Thursday: 8am - 2pm
Friday: 8am - 2pm	

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.

Music

Until further notice, according to the Covid19 guidelines, the congregation is asked not to sing at Mass because everyone must wear a mask. Also, for your protection, no one is allowed in the choir loft except the organist and cantor. Thank you for your cooperation.

Keep a song in your heart!

Social Concerns & Outreach

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



April 4, 2021 Easter Sunday



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



MASS INTENTIONS April 3, 2021 to April 11, 2021



~ Saturday, April 3 ~

8:00PM - All Parishioners Living & Deceased

~ Sunday, April 4 ~

10:30AM - All Parishioners Living & Deceased

~ Monday, April 5 ~

12:10PM - McLane & Finn Families by Family

~ Tuesday, April 6 ~

8:00AM - Albert Kachinsky by John Chairge

~ Wednesday, April 7 ~

7:00AM - Ray Polk by Wife

~ Thursday, April 8 ~

8:00AM - Dorothy Louise Brek by Geri Antos

~ Friday, April 9 ~

8:00AM - Bob Christian by Daughter

~ Saturday, April 10 ~

4:00PM - All Parishioners Living & Deceased

~ Sunday, April 11 ~

10:30AM - Michael & Josephine Zaboski by Children & Families



REMEMBER The dispensation from attending Mass is still in effect and will be for some time. This dispensation means that there is no obligation to attend Mass each week. For the duration of the pandemic, Bishop Bambera has said that safety of parishioners is of the utmost importance during this time. If you feel uncomfortable in any way, please do not feel it is necessary to come to Mass. It is still completely acceptable to participate in Mass virtually, either through the Masses, our Facebook page: Parish of St. Barbara, or through televised Masses on EWTN or CTV.

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.

Liturgy Schedule

L e c t o r s

April 10 4:00 PM - Tina Sabatini
Cookie Trzcinski

April 11 10:30 AM - Jeanie Wisniewski
Frank Nocito

Eucharistic Ministers

April 10 4:00 PM - Joyce DeAngelo
April 11 10:30 AM - Jamie Shimko

NOTICE

FOR THE FORSEEABLE FUTURE:

1. Daily Masses will continue the normal schedule: Monday at 12:10 PM, Wednesday at 7:00AM, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 8:00AM.
2. Father will be available for Confession after every weekday Mass.
3. No one will be allowed in the Church without a mask.
4. Please follow the signs on the pews which will keep everyone at least six feet away from anyone else. Families may sit together in designated areas.
5. Communion and bulletins will be distributed after Mass as you leave the Church. If you choose not to receive Communion in the hand, you must move to the end of the line and wait until everyone else has received.
6. Weekend Masses will continue on Saturday at 4:00PM and Sunday at 10:30AM in St. Anthony's Church (no Masses at St. Cecilia's).
7. This schedule will continue until changed by the bishop of the diocese.

Scheduling Mass Intentions

We schedule Masses and Sanctuary Candles for 6 (six) months at a time. Beginning Monday, May 3rd, we will be scheduling for the months of July through December, 2021. Intentions are scheduled on a first-come first-served basis. **Please remember that we can only allow 1 weekend (Saturday or Sunday) Mass and 2 weekday Masses per year per family.** Thank you for your cooperation.

WEEKLY OFFERING:

Palm Sunday 2021: \$5,279.69
Palm Sunday 2020: \$1,629.00

WE NEED MORE MINISTERS FOR THE PARISH

I would like to thank all those who have been able to minister during this pandemic so those who were able to come to Mass had a good experience. We hope that we will be able to return to normal soon. Of course it will be weeks before anything major will happen, but I believe that we need to be ready so when it happens we are ready. So I am asking you to consider one of our liturgical ministries. We need servers, both young and older to serve Mass. We need more Readers to proclaim the Word and Extra-Ordinary Ministers to assist with Holy Communion – at Mass or bringing the Eucharist to shut ins. Please think about this for a couple weeks, and we will have a list with instructions toward the end of April. Thank you all for the wonderful Masses celebrated in our parish.

BULLETIN ADS

We currently have Ad space on the back of our weekly bulletin. If you or someone you know is interested in advertising please call the rectory office to make the necessary arrangements. The cost for the ad's are: \$300 per year for a small black & white block, \$350 per year for a large black & white block, \$500 per year for a small color block and \$550 per year for a large color block.

ATTENTION!

Please remember that the pews in the church are taped according to the rules of the CDC. No one has any right to touch them.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

The next Religious education class for Elementary grades (1st through 6th) will be held Sunday, April 11th and Sunday April 18th from 9:00AM to 10:15AM.

Parents of this year's Communion class are asked to attend with their children on April 11th to discuss the May 1st First Communion celebration.

The next class for Confirmation candidates (7th and 8th grade) will be held Sunday, April 11th and Sunday April 25th from 6:00PM to 7:30PM .

For your convenience, the class schedule is on the Parish website, www.stbarbaraexeter.com, under Faith Formation.

Girl Scout Shoe Drive

Ellie Parra's Girl Scout Troop 30262 is collecting new or used shoes in good condition for Funds4Women. This program is a way for female-led groups in the United States to support women all over the world to become micro-entrepreneurs. Gently worn, used, and new shoes are utilized to stimulate economic growth and provide women a chance to rise above poverty with a hand up, not a hand out. The shoes get shipped to developing nations worldwide to women small business owners, who sell the shoes so they could help themselves out of poverty by earning a living. This collection is a socially responsible way to dispose of unwanted shoes in support of a good cause and is sustainable for the planet. Please give your unwanted shoes a new lease on life!

Collection boxes will be available in the church vestibules beginning April 5. Simply place shoes in a plastic bag and drop them in the collection boxes. Please consider donating slippers, flip-flops, sandals, sneakers, shoes or boots or any other footwear that is in new or reusable condition to this worthwhile cause. Thank you for your support!

Stories for All Seasons

Easter Sunday:

Theme: Resurrection.

A woman and her husband had an amusing experience. Their priest had asked her husband, Sam, to do some rewiring in the confessionals. The only way to reach the wiring was to enter the attic above the altar and crawl over the ceiling by balancing on the rafters. Concerned for her husband's safety, Christine waited in a pew. Unbeknownst to Christine, some other parishioners were congregating in the vestibule. They paid little attention to her, probably assuming she was praying. Worried about her husband, she looked up toward the ceiling and yelled, "Sam, Sam - are you up there? Did you make it okay?" There was quite an outburst from the vestibule when Sam's hearty voice echoed down, "Yes, I made it up here just fine!"

Application: With Jesus we'll rise and make it up there just fine, too.