

April 25, 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

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Parish Website: www.stbarbaraexeter.com

Office Hours

(Week of April 26, 2021 - April 30, 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 25, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Easter

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



MASS INTENTIONS April 24, 2021 to May 2, 2021



~ **Saturday, April 24** ~

4:00PM - All Parishioners Living & Deceased

~ **Sunday, April 25** ~

10:30AM - Roberta Petrucci by Husband & Children

~ **Monday, April 26** ~

12:10PM - Patricia Zack by Linda & Leonard Blandina

~ **Tuesday, April 27** ~

8:00AM - Philip Pizano by Children

~ **Wednesday, April 28** ~

7:00AM - John Hanlon by Hanlon Family

~ **Thursday, April 29** ~

8:00AM - Nancy Stash by Bell Family

~ **Friday, April 30** ~

8:00AM - Martha Broda by Geri Antos

~ **Saturday, May 1** ~

10:00AM - First Holy Communion

4:00PM - Carol Cotter Dente by Sister, Barbara

~ **Sunday, May 2** ~

10:30AM - All Mothers Living & Deceased



Liturgy Schedule

L e c t o r s

May 1 4:00 PM - Tina Sabatini

Kristen Richards

May 2 10:30 AM - Jeannie Wisniewski
Mary Smith

Eucharistic Ministers

May 1 4:00 PM - Don Robbins

May 2 10:30 AM - Jamie Shimko

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.



Sanctuary Light

April 25, 2021 - May 1, 2021

In Memory of: **John & Regina Maurizi**
LaNunziata

By: Family

SYMPATHY

We offer our prayers for the souls of **Rosalie Dellarte & Rose Buczynski** who recently passed away. Our sympathy to their family members and to all who grieve their loss. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.

In Our Prayers



WEEKLY OFFERING:

3rd Sunday of Easter 2021: \$2,945.72

3rd Sunday of Easter 2020: \$2,167.00

SOCIAL CONCERNS NEWS

The Social Concerns Committee is very grateful for the recent donations given in loving memory of: Nancy Stash, Mary Dervinis, Anne Marie Yeager, Helen Mauriello and deceased members of the Louis and Annette Maffei Family and the Kostelansky Family.

Your generosity made it possible for the committee to deliver 60 beautiful tulip plants to our homebound parishioners and our parishioners who are in nursing facilities for Palm Sunday. A strip of palm was also attached to the bow.

Thank you to Eucharistic Ministers who delivered the plants to their homebound parishioners and to the members of the committee who delivered the plants to the nursing homes.

WE NEED MORE MINISTERS FOR THE PARISH

I would like to thank all those who have ministered 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 for when it happens. 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 and/or bringing the Eucharist to shut ins. Please think about this for a couple weeks. 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 advertisement 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 ads 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.

Looking for a new Secretary: Maureen Capitano desires to move into a semi-retired position as secretary/bookkeeper for St. Barbara's parish so we are looking for a person to complete our office staff. We need someone who has had some experience in office work (resume required) and is ready to learn about what is involved in running our office. We seek someone who can work 4 days a week and enjoys dealing with our people. The office hours will change to 9:00am until 3:00pm. If you think you might enjoy this kind of work, we ask that you call the office or Father Finn to set up an interview (570-654-2103).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

The last Religious education class for Elementary grades (1st through 6th) will be held this Sunday, April 25th from 9:00AM to 10:15AM.

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

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Saturday, May 1st, 2021 at 10AM.

Confirmation will be celebrated on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 7PM.

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 & is sustainable for the planet. Please give your unwanted shoes a new lease on life! Collection boxes will be available in the church vestibule beginning April 5th. 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

Fourth Sunday of Easter: Good Shepherd

Theme: Jesus shepherds us.

Dr. Martin Luther King wrote: "One night...I settled into bed late...and just as I was about to doze off the telephone rang. An angry voice on the other end of the line said, 'Listen, nigger, we've taken all we want from you; before next week, you'll be sorry you ever came to Montgomery.' I hung up... and sleep would not come. It was as if all my fears coalesced into one giant terror. I got out of bed and began to walk the floor.

"Finally I went to the kitchen and made a pot of coffee. I was ready to give up. With my cup of coffee sitting untouched before me, I tried to think of a way to move out of the picture without appearing a coward. In this state of exhaustion, I decided to take my problem to God.

"With my head in my hands, I bowed over the kitchen table and prayed aloud. The words I spoke to God that midnight are still vivid in my memory. 'Lord, I am here taking a stand for what I believe is right. But now I'm afraid. The people are looking to me for leadership, and if I do not stand before them with strength and courage, they also will falter. I am at the end of my powers. I have nothing left. I can't face it alone.'

"At that moment I experienced the presence of God as I had never experienced [God] before. It seemed I heard the quiet assurance of [God's] voice saying; "stand up for righteousness, stand up for truth; and I will be at your side.' My fears evaporated and my uncertainty disappeared. I was ready to follow [God] and face anything."

Application: If necessary, the shepherd is ready to die for his sheep. To what extent are we willing to put ourselves out for others?