

May 2, 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.
Christine Katsock	Director of Music/Choir
Robert Borzell	Property Manager

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Office Hours

(Week of May 3, 2021 - May 7, 2021)

Monday: 8am - 3pm	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.



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Fifth Sunday of Easter

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



MASS INTENTIONS

May 1, 2021 to May 9, 2021



~ 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

~ Monday, May 3 ~

12:10PM - Timothy Delaney by Josephine Hatrak

~ Tuesday, May 4 ~

8:00AM - Angie Oprendick by Loretta

~ Wednesday, May 5 ~

7:00AM - Richard Bitto by David Schultz

~ Thursday, May 6 ~

8:00AM - Michael Ferris by Family

~ Friday, May 7 ~

8:00AM - William Antos by Wife, Geri & Family

~ Saturday, May 8 ~

4:00PM - All Mothers Living & Deceased

~ Sunday, May 9 ~

10:30AM - Anthony & Irene Yurkon by William & Elaine Yurkon



Liturgy Schedule

Lectors

May 8 4:00 PM - Mary Jo Anzalone

Rocco Yanora

May 9 10:30 AM - Frank Nocito
Charlotte Naples

Eucharistic Ministers

May 8 4:00 PM - Gary VanScoy

May 9 10:30 AM - Paul Naples

WELCOME

Beginning this week we will welcome Christine Katsock as our new Music Director. Christine has a Masters of Arts in Musicology from Marywood University and has played locally at Saints Peter and Paul Church in Plains and Saint Maria Goretti Church in Laflin. She had played for us a couple of times when Ann Manganiello was away. We welcome Christine to our parish family and hope that we will have many years together as we praise God in song!

Since Ann left for Saint Nicholas Church, we have been fortunate enough to have the very talented Nancy Brown to provide us with music and song. We are most grateful to her for giving us the time needed to get Christine started. Thank you, Nancy, and hope to hear from you again.



Sanctuary Light

May 2, 2021 - May 8, 2021

In Memory of: **John & Patricia Zack**

By: The Balkan Family

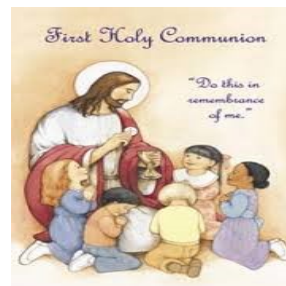
Scheduling Mass Intentions

We schedule Masses & 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:

4th Sunday of Easter 2021: \$3,437.16

4th Sunday of Easter 2020: \$1,923.79



Congratulations to the children of our parish who received First Holy Communion this weekend. We ask God to bless them with ever increasing faith & hope that they strengthen their knowledge of His love and forgiveness. Please pray for them!

Edie Appel
Gia Rose Galante
Jackson Guarneri
Evan Janoski
Nicholas Pisano

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 decided 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 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

Confirmation - Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 7PM.

Reconciliation for the Confirmation Class with Father Finn will be on Monday, May 10st, 2021 at 6PM in the classrooms in the Parish Center.

Attendance is Mandatory

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

No Food Collection

Notice! We are no longer accepting food items at the Church. Please do not leave anything going forward. Thank you all for your generosity.

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 & 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.

We have collected 258 pairs of shoes so far. We appreciate the generosity of the parishioners. Also, please place shoes in a plastic bag - no shoe boxes please!

Thank you for your support!

Stories for All Seasons

Fifth Sunday of Easter: Vine and the Branches

Theme: We remain alive spiritually by remaining in Jesus, who is our life.

A missionary in Africa lived in his central mission which had a small electric plant to supply current for his church and small rectory. Some natives from an outlying mission came to visit the padre. They noticed the electric light hanging from the ceiling of his living room. They watched wide-eyed as he turned the little switch and the light went on.

One of the visitors asked if he could have one of those bulbs. The priest, thinking he wanted it for a sort of trinket or bauble, gave him a burned-out bulb. On his next visit to the outlying mission the priest stopped at the hut of the man who had asked for the bulb. Imagine the priest's surprise when he saw the bulb hanging from an ordinary string. He had to explain that one had to have electricity and a wire to bring the current to the bulb.

Application: How do we understand the statement that without Jesus we can do nothing?