

May 9, 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

### 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

### Contact Information

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Parish Website:	www.stbarbaraexeter.com

### Office Hours

(Week of May 10, 2021 - May 14, 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.



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## Sixth Sunday of Easter

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



### MASS INTENTIONS

May 8, 2021 to May 16, 2021



~ **Saturday, May 8** ~

**4:00PM** - All Mothers Living & Deceased

~ **Sunday, May 9** ~

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

~ **Monday, May 10** ~

12:10PM - Anne Marie Yeager by Exeter High School Class of 1961

~ **Tuesday, May 11** ~

8:00AM - Special Intentions for George, Tom, Angela & Russell

~ **Wednesday, May 12** ~

5:30PM - Michael Kepich by Wife, Frances

~ **Thursday, May 13** ~

11:00AM - All Parishioners Living & Deceased

~ **Friday, May 14** ~

8:00AM - Lucy Monte by Robert & Debbie Saracino

~ **Saturday, May 15** ~

**4:00PM** - Charles Cheskiewicz by Sons

~ **Sunday, May 16** ~

**10:30AM** - All Mothers Living & Deceased



### Liturgy Schedule

#### Lectors

May 15 4:00 PM - Linda Blandina  
Kristen Richards

May 16 10:30 AM - Ray Pasavage  
Danielle Bruno

#### Eucharistic Ministers

May 15 4:00 PM - Brad Walter

May 16 10:30 AM - Carmen Bolin

### Pro Life Donation

Because of the Covid 19 pandemic the Pro Life Center in Wilkes-Barre will not have their annual carnation sale this year. During the month of May, we will accept donations for the Pro Life Center. If you would like to make a donation to the Pro Life Center you can place it in a plain envelope and mark Pro Life Center on it and place it in our collection basket.

### ASCENSION THURSDAY

**Thursday, May 13th is Ascension Thursday:  
The Ascension of the Lord.**

Masses will be celebrated on:  
Wednesday, May 12th at 5:30 p.m. &  
Thursday, May 13th at 11:00 a.m.  
in St. Anthony's Church.



### Sanctuary Light

May 9, 2021 - May 15, 2021

In Memory of: **Deceased Members of  
the Ragantesi Family**

By: Family

The flowers on the altar this weekend  
have been donated in memory of  
**Louise Castellani** by Daughters;  
Gloria, Sharon and Lisa



### WEEKLY OFFERING:

5th Sunday of Easter 2021: \$5,485.00  
5th Sunday of Easter 2020: \$7,461.07

### Memorial Day Clean Up



In anticipation of Memorial Day, Monday, May 31st, we have begun to clean up our cemeteries. For the safety of our employees, visitors & lawn maintenance equipment, the following are strictly prohibited and will be removed and discarded: decorative stone, shepherd's hooks, free standing crosses, religious and garden statuary, toys, stuffed animals, candy, letters, sports items, solar lights, etc. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. For more information on cemetery

Rules & Regulations, visit the diocesan website at  
[www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org).

\*\* No work of any kind is to be performed in either of the cemeteries unless it is approved by our caretaker. This would include all monument companies. Please call the parish office with any questions.

## 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 10th, 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](http://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 collected over 258 pairs of shoes so far. The generosity of our parishioners is appreciated. Also, please place shoes in a plastic bag - no shoe boxes please!

Thank you for your support!

**\*\*The weekend of May 22 & 23 will be the final weekend to make a donation.**

## Stories for All Seasons

### **Sixth Sunday of Easter: New Commandment of Love**

*Theme: All Scripture is summed up in Jesus' commandment of love.*

A young woman walked into a fabric shop and asked the proprietor if she had any kind of noisy, rustling material in white. The proprietor searched the inventory and finally found two bolts of fabric that fit the description. As she was cutting the fabric to the customer's specifications, the proprietor's curiosity got the best of her and she asked why the woman wanted such an unusual and noisy cloth. The young woman replied, "You see, I'm making a wedding gown, and my fiancé is blind. When I walk down the aisle, I want him to know when I've arrived at the altar, so he won't be embarrassed."

**Application: Love, which finds all kinds of ways to express itself, is willing to sacrifice for the beloved. What time limits do we place on our sacrifice for family members?**