

May 16, 2021

**Our Worship Sites**  
**Saint Anthony of Padua**  
**Saint Cecilia**



THE DIOCESE OF SCRANTON PENNSYLVANIA

**Parish of St. Barbara**

**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**

Beginning on June 5th, confessions will be 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
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 17, 2021 - May 21, 2021)

**Monday: 8am - 4pm**

**Wednesday: 8am - 4pm**

**Tuesday: 8am - 2pm**

**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.



## THE LATEST ON COVID 19 AND THE CHURCH

We recently received word that Governor Wolf is allowing the state to open as of Memorial Day, 2021. Although we will still be required to wear masks and keep the necessary distances between people, at least we are getting closer to what we remember as “normal”. As for the churches, we will go back to our schedules as they were pre-pandemic. Thus, in addition to our present schedule, we will have an 8:00 am Mass on Sundays at the Church of Saint Cecilia’s once again . We will have to tape off the necessary pews when we open and see how the seating goes. We will continue to use the same ministers as we did last year. and if you wish to help us with this, call us to add your names to the Readers or Extra-Ordinary Ministers list.

Our confessionals are too small for the celebration of the sacrament so beginning on June 4th, I will take over the chapel at Saint Anthony’s and use it for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. At that time, the chapel will be closed to all from 3:00 - 3:40 pm. If you wish to light a candle, please wait until confessions end or until after the 4:00 pm Mass.

No hymnals are allowed yet and singing is still frowned upon but it is our hope that this also will soon end. We have been getting more parishioners attending each week and that is a good sign for our future. I await the day when “all come home,” & we can finally worship as a full community.

Our full opening days will be the weekend of June 5/6 2021. So mark your calendars now.

We are still not allowed the use of the hymnals or any other book in the pews, no holy water is permitted nor are we allowed to do the rite of bringing forth the gifts at the Masses. Although we are allowed the “sign of peace”, there is no touching of others outside of your personal family. A simple gesture of waving seems to be the best thing at this time. Of course, no devotionals should be done...such as rosaries and/or novenas.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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

**Practice for the Confirmation Class with Father Finn will be on Thursday, May 25th, 2021 at 7:00PM in St. Anthony’s Church.**

For your convenience, the class schedule is on the Parish website, [www.stbarbaraexeter.com](http://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. 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.**

### **Have you noticed????**



A special thank you to Bobby & Cindy Borzell. We hope you noticed as you entered the breezeway from the parking lot the beautiful garden that they created on the side of the building.

With all that they have to do, especially during this Covid time, they made this a priority for our people. Again, thank you so much!

## Stories for All Seasons

### **Seventh Sunday of Easter: Jesus Prays His Followers May Be One**

*Theme: Prayer is necessary if we are to be united with Jesus and one another.*

A cross-country bus made a scheduled stop at a depot that was located near four different restaurants. The driver announced, “Folks, we’ll be here for thirty minutes. The bus line has a strict policy never to recommend an eating place by name, so I am not permitted to tell you which restaurant of the four you have to choose from here is the best. However, I can say this. While we are here, if any of you should need me for any reason, I’ll be at Tony’s Diner directly across the street.”

**Application: Our actions tell people what our true beliefs are. Do our actions help build up the Body of Christ?**