

September 26, 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 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
Anne Maurizi	Secretary
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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Parish Website:	www.stbarbaraexeter.com

Office Hours

(Week of Sept. 27, 2021 - Oct. 1, 2021)

Monday: 9am - 3pm

Wednesday: 9am - 3pm

Tuesday: 9am - 3pm

Thursday: 9am - 3pm

Friday: 9am - 3pm

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.

Weekend Music

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Entrance Hymn

#772 W&S "Glory and Praise to our God"

Preparation Hymn

#771 W&S "How Great Thou Art"

Communion Hymn

#588 W&S "One Bread, One Body"

Recessional Hymn

#783 W&S "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Social Concerns & Outreach

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



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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Times

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



MASS INTENTIONS

September 25, 2021 to October 3, 2021



~ **Saturday, Sept. 25** ~

4:00PM (SA) - All Parishioners

~ **Sunday, Sept. 26** ~

8:00AM (SC) - Norma C. Ondek by Robin & Dave

10:30AM (SA) - Hortense Oschal

by St. Barbara Religious Ed. Staff

~ **Monday, Sept. 27** ~

12:10 AM - Daniel & Ann Marie Cerulli by Family

~ **Tuesday, Sept. 28** ~

8:00AM - Donata Chiampi by Daughter Josephine

~ **Wednesday, Sept. 29** ~

7:00AM - Sara Rome by Frank & Ann Marie Parente

~ **Thursday, Sept. 30** ~

8:00AM - Blanche Semezza by Family

~ **Friday, Oct. 1** ~

8:00AM - Freda Barber by William Rohland

~ **Saturday, Oct. 2** ~

4:00PM (SA) - James Maffei by Family

~ **Sunday, Oct. 3** ~

8:00AM (SC) - John Gillis by Donna & Chet Hine

10:30AM (SA) - All Parishioners



Liturgy Schedule

Lectors

Oct. 2: 4:00 PM - Jeanie Wisnewski
Barbara Russo

Oct. 3: 8:00 AM - Ray Pasavage
10:30 AM - Kristen Richards
Tina Sabatini

Eucharistic Ministers

Oct. 3: 4:00 PM - Marissa Walter

Oct. 3: 8:00 AM - Don Robbins
10:30 AM - Brad Walter

WEEKLY OFFERING:

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2021: \$3,848.00
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2020: \$3,431.79

Blessing of the Animals



In honor of St. Francis Assisi, we will bless your pets and animals at 1:00pm, **Sunday, October 3rd**, in the area of the pavilion. Please keep your pets on a leash or in a cage.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Most Reverend José H. Gomez, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, has invited the bishops of the United States to take up an emergency special collection on behalf of those devastated in Haiti by an earthquake and Tropical Storm Grace. Archbishop Gomez stated that the emergency collection is greatly needed to help victims of the earthquake and Tropical Storm Grace to rebuild their lives and also help support reconstruction needs of parishes, rectories, schools and other Church properties destroyed or severely damaged in Haiti.

This collection will occur in the Diocese of Scranton this weekend, September 25th and 26th. This emergency collection will be used both to support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Relief Services and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses through the USCCB's Emergency Disaster Fund. Parishes are asked to transmit the funds collected to the Finance Office of the Diocese of Scranton as soon as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation with this effort and may we continue to hold in prayer all those affected by this natural disaster.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

†Joseph C. Bambera

Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.

Bishop of Scranton

Oktoberfest

Sunday, September 26, 2021

11:30am to 5:30pm Biergarten (pavilion)

Erie Street in Exeter.

Food Tickets will be sold at the festival. Cost is \$20 for \$20 worth of food items.

The Menu items will include homemade German foods such as Bratwurst, Spaetzle (butter Noodles), Schnitzel, Frikadellen (specially made meat patties), German pretzels, French Fries, Hot Dogs. The Menu items will be sold as a platter and we will have picnic tables setup for your dining pleasure. Takeout will be available for those wanting to enjoy the German fare at home.

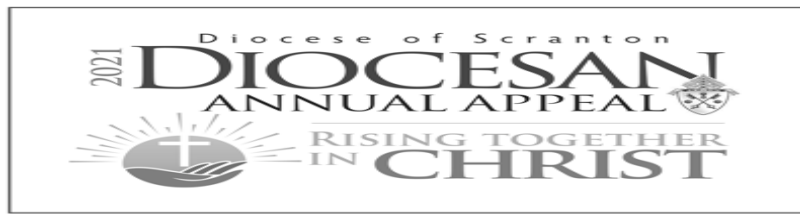
Volunteers are need for the following dates:

September 26 at 8am Oktoberfest Pavilion

September 27 at 5pm Post Cleanup: Pavilion & Kitchen

Volunteers are needed for Oktoberfest on September 26, for serving food. The food will be in serving dishes outside so there will be minimal moving around.

You can sign up for any amount of time that will be good for you. It can be as little as ½ hour to all day. We will accommodate your request. Any amount of time will be appreciated. If you can help or have questions, please contact Walter-570-362-2121.



“Thank you for sharing the Blessings that God has given you by praying for and providing a financial commitment to this year’s Diocesan Annual Appeal. There are hundreds of stories of how your gifts impact the lives of parishioners throughout our Diocese. Join with me and our parish communities Rising Together in Christ.”

Support the ministries of our Diocese through The Annual Appeal.
Gifts of any amount are appreciated. Donate: AnnualAppeal.org

Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera,
D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton

SOCIAL CONCERNS NEWS

The Social Concerns Committee is very grateful for the following donations received during the past few months:

Donations given in loving memory of:

Deacon Jim Cortegerone, Josephine Klimek, James Suponcic, Mary Casarella, Helen Mauriello, Hortense Oschal, Ronald J. Craig, Edward W. Allan, Anne Maffei, John Martin, Antoinette Manganiello, Gary Zurenda, Rose Ann Buczynski, Geraldine Pizano, Teresa Connors, John and Regina LaNunziata, Patricia Ferris and Marion Mihalko Horny. Sincere apology if any names were not mentioned.

These Donations greatly help us with our outreach ministry to our parishioners who are homebound and those that are residing in nursing facilities.

Thank you for your continued support of the Social Concerns Committee

Josephine Hatrak

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious education for Elementary grades (1st through 6th) will meet this Sunday, September 26th & next Sunday, October 3rd from 9:00AM -10:15AM. The first meeting for the 7th & 8th grade (Confirmation candidates) will be this Sunday, September 26th from 6:00 to 7:30PM and the next meeting will be October 17th. For your convenience, the class schedule is on the Parish website, www.stbarbaraexeter.com, under Faith Formation. The students will receive a calendar during their first class.

Registration forms are available at the back of the churches & on our web site. Please complete one & submit online or return it in the collection basket or to the parish office. The parents of **ALL** students (new or returning), including parents of parochial school students, **MUST** complete a form as soon as possible.

SUMMER DONATIONS

Thanks to everyone who has already given a Summer Donation. Our parishioners are still donating and the collection is still going on. We will give an accounting of the total donations in a few weeks. Thanks again for all your support.

Stories for All Seasons

26th Sunday: Jesus Rebukes Apostles for Self-Righteousness

Theme: Our status as disciples lies in doing the will of Jesus

Each day a king sat in state hearing petitions and dispensing justice. Each day a holy man, dressed in the robe of a poor beggar, approached the king, and silently offered him a piece of a very ripe fruit. Each day the king accepted the fruit, and handed it to his treasurer who stood behind the throne. Each day the beggar, again without a word, withdrew and vanished into the crowd. Year after year this ritual occurred daily.

Then one day, ten years after the beggar first appeared, something different happened. A tame monkey, having escaped from the women’s apartments in the inner palace, came bounding into the hall and leapt up onto the arms of the king’s throne. The poor beggar had just presented the king with his usual gift. But this time instead of passing it on to his treasurer as was his usual custom, the king handed it over to the monkey.

When the animal bit into it, a precious jewel dropped out and fell to the floor. The King, amazed, quickly turned to his treasurer behind him. “What has become of all the others?” he asked. But the treasurer had no answer. Over all the years he had simply thrown the unimpressive gifts through a small upper window. He hadn’t even unlocked the door. So he excused himself and ran quickly down the stairs and opened up the courtyard. There, on the floor, lay a mass of rotten fruit in various stages of decay. But amidst the garbage of many years lay a heap of precious jewels.

Application: Do we neglect God’s gifts in everyday life?