

November 28, 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
Deacon Walter Janoski	Deacon
Deacon William Dervinis	Deacon Emeritus
Maureen Capitano	Secretary
Anne Maurizi	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 November 29, 2021 - December 3, 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

#430 W&S "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Preparation Hymn

#792 W&S "Christ Be Our Light"

Communion Hymn

#595 W&S "Hosea"

Recessional Hymn

#417 W&S "O Come, Divine Messiah"

Social Concerns & Outreach

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



November 28, 2021 The First Sunday of Advent

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



MASS INTENTIONS November 27, 2021 to December 5, 2021



~ Saturday, November 27 ~
4:00PM (SA) - Mae Loudon by Margaret Yankay
 ~ Sunday, November 28 ~
8:00AM (SC) - Robert J. Shemo by Raymond Smith
10:30AM (SA) - All Souls
 ~ Monday, November 29 ~
12:10 AM - Ann Pazdziorko by Daughter, Barbara
 ~ Tuesday, November 30 ~
8:00AM - Michael Blaine by Wife & Son
 ~ Wednesday, December 1 ~
7:00AM - Richard Trotta & Amy Petrucci by Family
 ~ Thursday, December 2 ~
8:00AM - Carolyn M Burns by Jack Brogan & Family
 ~ Friday, December 3 ~
8:00AM - Robert F. Remsky by Lara DeAngelo
 ~ Saturday, December 4 ~
4:00PM (SA) - All Parishioners
 ~ Sunday, December 5 ~
8:00AM (SC) - The Deceased Members of Parra & Fetch Families by Children
10:30AM (SA) - John & Regina LaNunziata by McClurg Family



WEEKLY OFFERING:

Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2021: \$4,737.05
Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2020: \$5,661.55

WITH SINCERE GRATITUDE

Thank you to Marilyn A. Gubbiotti, of **Gubbiotti Funeral Home** for providing St. Barbara Parish with our 2022 Calendars. As always, your kindness and generosity is most appreciated.

UPDATE ON THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL AT ST. BARBARA'S PARISH:

Your gifts support the following ministries made possible by the Diocesan Annual Appeal.

- ◆ Catholic Social Services and Parish Social Justice
- ◆ Grants
- Catholic Education in Schools and Parishes
- Clergy Formation, Education and Support
- Parish Life and Ministry Formation
- Catholic Media and Communication

Our Parish Goal: \$31,000.00

Total Raised to Date: 22,986.00

Percentage of Goal Pledged as of (11/22/2021) is: 74%

Liturgy Schedule

Lectors

**Dec. 4: 4:00 PM - Mary Smith
Kristen Richards**
**Dec. 5: 8:00 AM - Ray Pasavage
10:30 AM - Jeannie Wisniewski
Frank Nocito**

Eucharistic Ministers

Dec. 4: 4:00 PM - Marissa Walter
**Dec. 5: 8:00 AM - Don Robbins
10:30 AM - Brad Walter**



Sanctuary Light

November 28 through December 4, 2021
In Memory of: George Gercak
By Family

In Our Prayers



SYMPATHY

We offer our prayers for the soul of **Mary Kempko** who passed away. Our sympathy to her family members and to all who grieve her loss. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord. May she rest in peace. May the angels lead her to paradise.

SOCIAL CONCERNS NEWS

At the recent meeting of the Social Concerns Committee, it was decided to do the Giving Trees again for the needy children of our school district and area. The trees are up and the tags are available. Please take a tag from the tree and purchase the requested item. Please do not wrap the item, but place it in the bag it came in & return it in the provided boxes at the entrances to both Churches. The last days for returning the items will be December 11th and 12th.

Because of the pandemic, we did not have the Giving Trees last year. You have been very generous in the past and we hope you will be as generous as possible this year.

Holy Name Society News

The new officers will be formally installed during the annual HNS Deceased Members Mass, 10:30 am on Sunday, January 9th, 2022. Dues for 2021 & 2022 are being collected, dues are \$5 per year. A HNS members Christmas Party is scheduled for Thursday December 16th, 2021 at the Parish Center, cost \$10 per member. Please call the Rectory 570-654-2103 to make a reservation. At the November 18th meeting we elected three Trustees; James Liberski, Joseph Cortegerone, Edward Poluske. Congratulations to our new trustees. Membership in the Men's Holy Name Society is open to practicing Catholics age 18 and above.

**Meeting Calendar
November & December 2021**

Finance Council	11/23	7:00 PM	Rectory
Parish Pastoral Council	12/7	7:00 PM	Rectory
Men's Holy Name	12/16	7:00 PM Christmas Party	Parish Center
Social Concerns	Dec.	No Meeting	Parish Center
Christian Women	Dec.	No Meeting	Parish Center

**NO ROOM AT THE INN:
Forty Fort Presbyterian Church,
1224 Wyoming Avenue, Forty Fort**

Over five hundred Nativity sets from the personal collection of Lynn Prociak will be on display at the Forty Fort Presbyterian Church, 1224 Wyoming Avenue, Forty Fort, on Saturdays December 4 and 11 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and on Sundays December 5 and 12 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. The Nativity sets tell the story of the birth of Christ through the lenses of diverse cultures and peoples from around the world. A Christmas Shop and cookie sale will be available, and retired nativity sets will be on sale. Admission is free. Donations will be accepted for the Kirby Family House in Wilkes-Barre, which provides shelter and social services for families struggling with homelessness. For more information, please call 570-542-4182 or visit www.facebook.com/NoRoomNEPA.

An Advent Christmas Concert

St. Mary's Church of the Immaculate Conception,
Our Lady of Fatima Parish
134 South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre

Please plan to join us on Sunday, December 5th, at 3PM, in as the Catholic Choral Society of Scranton presents "An Advent Christmas Concert". Admission is free, free-will offering.

*Director Ann Manganiello
Accompanist Kimberly Gnall
Percussion Monica Spishock*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education:

Elementary grades (1st through 6th)

Sundays, December 5th, December 12th and December 19th
from 9:00AM -10:15AM.

7th & 8th grade (Confirmation candidates)

Sundays, December 5th and December 19th
from 6:00 to 7:30PM.

NO CLASSES THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28th

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

Catholic Choral Society Schedules Advent-Christmas Concert

Following a 73 year choral history of music for the Advent season, the Catholic Choral Society will present an Advent – Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 5th at 3 PM at St Mary's Church of the Immaculate Conception at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 134 S. Washington St., Wilkes-Barre, PA.

The chorus will be presenting sacred Advent and Christmas music as well other Christmas selections. The concert is open to the public free of charge, however, a free will offering will be available.

The pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Parish is Reverend Joseph Verespy.

Brenda Grunza is president of the Catholic Choral Society while Dr. Thomas Rittenhouse is president emeritus. Ann Manganiello is music director of the group while Kimberly Gnall is accompanist.

Board members assisting co-presidents Brenda Grunza, Nicholson, and Dr. Tom Rittenhouse, Clarks Summit include: Lois Ostrowski, Vice-President; Pittston; Nancy Flannery, librarian, Kingston; Sheila O'Brien, Dunmore; Barbara Barrett, Dunmore; Kate Conaboy, Archbald and Rich Gibbons, Hunlock Creek. For further information please call 570-575-1040 , see www.catholicchoralsociety.org, and like us on Facebook.

Stories for All Seasons

First Sunday in Advent: Being on Guard

Theme: Jesus warns us to watch.

A Sunday school teacher went to a bookstore to get a book on "the rapture," a term for the end of times used much by Pentecostals. His students wanted to know more about the subject. But he couldn't remember the title. After hearing the teacher's explanation of the book, the clerk said, "Oh, you must mean, *Eighty-Eight Reasons Why the Rapture Will Definitely Come in 1992.*"

"That sounds like it," the teacher said.

"That also came in a 1993 edition," the clerk said. "We sent back our unsold copies last spring."

The teacher smile, fully understanding the lack of market value in a book predicting the world's end some years after the vaunted date.

Application: "False prophets will come, deceiving many...." Are we critical judges of a good and false prophet?