

December 5, 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

Contact Information

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 Parish Website: www.stbarbaraexeter.com

Office Hours

(Week of December 6, 2021 - December 10, 2021)

Monday: 9am - 3pm Tuesday: 9am - 3pm
 Wednesday: 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 December 5, 2021

Entrance Hymn

#420 W&S "On Jordan's Bank"

Preparation Hymn

#421 W&S "Emmanuel"

Communion Hymn

#780 W&S "Christ Be Our Light"

Recessional Hymn

#612 W&S "The King of Glory"

Social Concerns & Outreach

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



December 5, 2021 The Second Sunday of Advent

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



MASS INTENTIONS December 4, 2021 to December 12, 2021



~ 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

~ Monday, December 6 ~

12:10 AM - Edward Benish by Wife, Jean

~ Tuesday, December 7 ~

8:00AM - NO MASS

5:00PM - Charles Cheskiewicz by Marie & Family

~ Wednesday, December 8 ~

7:00AM - NO MASS

11:00AM - Rosemary A. Galli by Marie & Kevin O’Hop

7:00PM - Michael Pugliese by Kearns Family

~ Thursday, December 9 ~

8:00AM - Irene Parini by Matthew Fasciana

~ Friday, December 10 ~

8:00AM - Florence DeMaria by Daughter, Jacqueline & Family

~ Saturday, December 11 ~

4:00PM (SA) - Angelo & Mary Ann Anzalone by Mary Jo

~ Sunday, December 12 ~

8:00AM (SC) - Daniel & Madeline Ripa by Carl & Sandra Gonola

10:30AM (SA) - All Parishioners



Liturgy Schedule

Lectors

Dec. 7: 5:00 PM - Mary Jo Anzalone

Dec. 8: 11:00 AM - Sylvia Appel

Dec. 8: 7:00 PM - Kevin Kratzer
Barbara Russo

Dec. 11: 4:00 PM - Tina Sabatini
Kristen Richards

Dec. 12: 8:00 AM - Rocco Yanora
10:30 AM - Linda Blandina
Frank Nocito

Eucharistic Ministers

Dec. 7: 5:00 PM - Marge Paoloni

Dec. 8: 11:00 AM - Joe Cortegerone

Dec. 8: 7:00 PM - Dave Dolhan

Dec. 11: 4:00 PM - Lucille Trotta

Dec. 12: 8:00 AM - Josephine Hatrak
10:30 AM - Carmen Bolin

WEEKLY OFFERING:

First Sunday of Advent 2021: \$2,659.00

First Sunday of Advent 2020: \$3,470.88

UPDATE ON THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

ST. BARBARA’S PARISH:

Our Parish Goal: \$31,000.00

Total Raised to Date: \$23,696.00

Percentage of Goal Pledged as of (11/29/2021) is: 76%



Sanctuary Light

December 5 through December 11, 2021

In Memory of: Joseph T. Pellegrini

By Marion & Family

SOCIAL CONCERNS NEWS

Giving Trees

Thank you to all who have made purchases for our Giving Trees thus far. The clothes are very beautiful and were selected with love. Our students will be well dressed.

If you have not taken a tag from the trees, please do so because the last day for these items will be next weekend, December 11th and 12th. We cannot accept anything after next weekend. Please remember to include the tag with your purchases so we know what family they will go to. We do not know the names of who will get these items. There are 8 families and 23 children. Thank you again for your generosity.



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

On Wednesday, December 8th, we will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Masses for the Holy Day will be December 7th, Tuesday at 5:00PM & December 8th, Wednesday at 11:00AM and 7:00PM.

In Our Prayers

SYMPATHY

We offer our prayers for the soul of **Jack Brogan** who passed away. Our sympathy to his family members and to all who grieve his loss. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord. May he rest in peace. May the angels lead him to paradise.



**Meeting Calendar
December 2021**

Parish Pastoral Council	12/7	7:00 PM	Rectory
Men's Holy Name	12/16	6:00 PM Christmas Party	Parish Center
Finance Council	12/27	7:00 PM	Rectory
Social Concerns	Dec.	No Meeting	Parish Center
Christian Women	Dec.	No Meeting	Parish Center

Catholic Parishes from Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties Present *Light and Life to All He Brings*, an Advent Service of Word and Song

Three Roman Catholic parishes in northeastern Pennsylvania are continuing an annual tradition of collaborating to present two special services during the upcoming Advent season. *Light and Life to All He Brings*, an Advent service of word and song, will be presented in locations in Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties on Thursday, December 9 and Sunday, December 12. **Both services are free and open to the public.**

The first service will be held at 7 PM on Thursday, December 9 at Holy Family Parish Church, 574 Bennett Street, Luzerne. The second is set for Sunday, December 12 at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 208 Smith Street, Dunmore, beginning at 6 PM.

This year marks the twelfth year of this remarkable collaboration among three parishes in two counties. The music for the service features the combined choir of voices from Holy Family Parish, Luzerne (Rev. Jarrod Waugh, CSC, administrator); Saints Anthony and Rocco Parish, Dunmore (Rev. David P. Cappelloni, Pastor); and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Dunmore (Rev. John Doris, Pastor), as well as several soloists and an instrumental ensemble. The Directors of Music at the parishes are, respectively, Linda Houck, Joseph Moffitt, and Geri Seitzinger.

Light and Life to All He Brings, offers those who participate an opportunity to embrace the season of Advent and its spirit of preparation for Christmas through Scripture readings and musical selections.

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.

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

**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.

**Sacred Heart of Jesus Church,
215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont**

A Christmas Cookie Walk will be held on Saturday, Dec. 11, from 3 to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 12, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the church hall. Homemade cookies will be sold for \$8 per pound and will be available until supplies last.

Please be aware, this will not be a nut free environment.

For more information, call Tammy at 457-3855.

Stories for All Seasons

Second Sunday in Advent: Voice Crying in the Wilderness

Theme: God calls us to repentance and forgiveness

A Pearl Harbor TV story is about a veteran who now works in the memorial built over the sunken ship Arizona. He saw a man coming through the memorial thumping his chest and saying, "I am Japanese." The American vet thought he was going to have some trouble with the individual. But the Japanese man came up to the American vet, put one arm on the American vet's shoulder and said, "I'm sorry." Then he put his other arm on the American vet's other shoulder and said, "I'm so very sorry," and he embraced the American vet in a bear hug and wept. The man's wife came up from her deep bow and she was weeping. The American vet wept as did many standing nearby. They recognized the scene as a healing one for two warriors who had carried many emotions around for years.

Application: What old wounds have we recently tried to heal by reaching out to another and offering forgiveness or asking to be forgiven?