

December 12, 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 13, 2021 - December 17, 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 12, 2021

Entrance Hymn

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

Preparation Hymn

#414 W&S "O Lord of Light"

Communion Hymn

#421 W&S "Emmanuel"

Recessional Hymn

#424 W&S "People, Look East"

Social Concerns & Outreach

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



December 12, 2021 The Third Sunday of Advent

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



MASS INTENTIONS December 11, 2021 to December 19, 2021



~ 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 Gomola

10:30AM (SA) - All Parishioners
~ Monday, December 13 ~

12:10 AM - Bob Christian by Children
~ Tuesday, December 14 ~

8:00AM - Louis J. Mischianti
by Tom & Marie Salvaggio

~ Wednesday, December 15 ~

7:00AM - Robert Ceccoli by Tony Glaso
~ Thursday, December 16 ~

8:00AM - Argenia Dominici by Reno & Anita Bartoli
~ Friday, December 17 ~

8:00AM - Antonietta Bottatro by Andrew & Janet Marko
~ Saturday, December 18 ~

4:00PM (SA) - All Parishioners
~ Sunday, December 19 ~

8:00AM (SC) - Frank, Josephine & Angelo LaNunziata
By Family

10:30AM (SA) - Carmella Pisano by Daughter, Charlotte
& Family



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Wednesday, December 22th, Father Finn and Father Joseph Sibilano will hear confessions from 10:30 AM - Noon in St. Anthony's Church. This might be an ideal time for some of our older parishioners.

Pittston Deanery Advent Penance Service. Saint John the Evangelist Parish, 35 William Street in Pittston

On Monday, Dec. 20 at 7:00 p.m., Saint John the Evangelist Parish, 35 William Street in Pittston, will host the Pittston Deanery Advent Penance Service. **We are requiring that masks be worn when receiving the Sacrament.** We are grateful to be able to host this service again & thank everyone in advance for their cooperation.



Sanctuary Light

December 12 through December 18, 2021
In Memory of: Merle & Florence Pace
and Robert Kepich
By Family

Liturgy Schedule

Lectors

Dec. 18: 4:00 PM - Tina Sabatini
Mary Jo Anzalone

Dec. 19: 8:00 AM - Ray Pasavage
Dec. 19: 10:30 AM - Jeanie Wisniewski
Danielle Bruno

Eucharistic Ministers

Dec. 18: 4:00 PM - Florence Galushka

Dec. 19: 8:00 AM - Gary VanScoy
Dec. 19: 10:30 AM - Paul Naples

Social Concerns News

A grateful thank you to all who bought clothes and toys for our Giving Trees. Today is the last day for the Giving Trees. Items will be delivered this week just in time for Christmas. All of the clothes are extra special & everyone was very generous. Instead of buying just one item for each tag, some of you bought several items of the size suggested. Thank You! Thank you to the Eucharistic Ministers and the volunteers who delivered the 80 poinsettias to the Nursing Homes and our homebound parishioners. Along with the poinsettia, everyone received a calendar and the 5 Minutes with the Word books. Because of your generous donations, the committee was able to give the homebound parishioners a \$20 gift card to Gerrity's, in addition to the poinsettia & the calendars & the books. Several monetary gifts were also given to: St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen, Meals On Wheels and other persons the committee deemed necessary to receive a gift.



SYMPATHY

We offer our prayers for the soul of **Gilbert Dominick and Roger Myers** who passed away. Our sympathy to their family members and to all who grieve their loss. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord. May they rest in peace. May the angels lead them to paradise.

In Our Prayers

Christmas Wafers (Oplatki) are available. You may purchase them at the rectory during office hours or in the vestibule of the church. There are 4 wafers per envelope & the cost is \$3.00 per envelope.



**Meeting Calendar
December 2021**

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

UPDATE ON THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

ST. BARBARA'S PARISH:

Our Parish Goal: \$31,000.00

Total Raised to Date: \$23,957

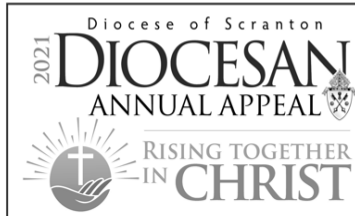
Percentage of Goal Pledged as of (12/12/2021) is: 80%

Help Our Parish Reach its Goal!

Gifts to the 2021 Diocesan Annual Appeal change lives every day. As Christmas draws near, please support the diocesan ministries that help our children and families as well as the poor, lonely and vulnerable.



GIFTS OF ANY AMOUNT ARE APPRECIATED



**Donate now at:
annualappeal.org**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Classes:

Elementary grades (1st through 6th)

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

7th & 8th grade (Confirmation candidates)

Sunday, 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.

Diocese Adds Name to List of Credibly Accused

Following the release of the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report in August 2018, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera made a promise that he would be open and transparent in the way that the Diocese of Scranton handles occurrences of child sexual abuse. That commitment remains true. In August 2018, the Diocese published on its website a list of all clergy, staff and volunteers who had been credibly accused of child sexual abuse. Since that time, additional names have been added to the online list as necessary, with public notification. The Diocese was recently notified by the Franciscan Friars, Holy Name Province, that the name of a friar who had previously been stationed in ministry within the Diocese was being included on its listing against whom credible sexual abuse/misconduct claims have been made. As a result of this information, the Diocese of Scranton has also decided to add the following name to its original list of credibly accused individuals:

MEMBERS OF RELIGIOUS ORDERS

Hennessy, Placid (OFM)

If you are aware of additional allegations of wrongdoing or any information that should be included on this list, please contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at (570) 862-7551 or Father Gerald W. Shantillo, Vicar General, at (570) 207-2269. If you have suffered abuse by clergy or anyone working on behalf of the Diocese, you are encouraged to immediately contact law enforcement and/or Mary Beth Pacuska.

WEEKLY OFFERING:

Second Sunday of Advent 2021: \$3,747.00

Second Sunday of Advent 2020: \$5,679.09

Stories for All Seasons

Third Sunday in Advent: John Preaches Justice

Theme: John calls his generation to prepare for the Messiah's coming.

Dr. Carl Menninger, psychiatrist, wrote a book called *Whatever Became of Sin?* He tells this story: One sunny day in September 1972, a street preacher appeared on a busy corner in downtown Chicago. As office workers hurried by on their way to lunch, the street preacher would suddenly raise his right arm, point a bony finger at an office worker, and shout, "Guilty!" "The effect on the pedestrians was almost eerie," said Dr. Menninger. They would glance at the preacher, look away, glance back, and then hurry on.

Application: Would we feel guilty if this preacher pointed at us? For what?