

December 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
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 December 27, 2021 - December 31, 2021)

Monday: 9am - 3pm
 Wednesday: 9am - 3pm
 Tuesday: 9am - 3pm
 Thursday: 9am - 3pm
 Friday: Closed - New Years Eve

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 26, 2021

Entrance Hymn

#415 W&S "Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn"

Preparation Hymn

#448 W&S "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming"

Communion Hymn

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

Recessional Hymn

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

Social Concerns & Outreach

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



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The HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

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



MASS INTENTIONS
December 18, 2021 to December 26, 2021



- ~ 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
- ~ Monday, December 20 ~
- 12:10 AM - John, Margaret, & John, Jr. Kalinas
by Marge & Family
- ~ Tuesday, December 21 ~
- 8:00AM - Rose M. Pelleschi by Mr. & Mrs. Michael
Delconte
- ~ Wednesday, December 22 ~
- 7:00AM - Rose Chiazza by Family
- ~ Thursday, December 23 ~
- 8:00AM - Francis E. Fountain by Frank & Janine Alexis
- ~ Friday, December 24 ~
- 4:00PM (SA) - Special Intentions - Christmas Eve
- 10:00PM (SA) - Special Intentions - Christmas Eve
- ~ Saturday, December 25 ~
- 10:00AM (SA) - Special Intentions - Christmas Day
- 4:00PM (SA) - NO MASS
- ~ Sunday, December 26 ~
- 8:00AM (SC) - Joseph Pellegrini by Foglia Family
- 10:30AM (SA) - All Parishioners

Liturgy Schedule

L e c t o r s

- Dec. 24: 4:00 PM - Ray Pasavage
Linda Blandina
- Dec. 24: 10:00 PM - Mary Jo Anzalone
Sylvia Appel
- Dec. 25: 10:00 AM - Barbara Russo
Kevin Kratzer
- Dec. 26: 8:00 AM - Rocco Yanora
- Dec. 26: 10:30 AM - Jeanie Wisnewski
Linda Blandina

Eucharistic Ministers

- Dec. 24: 4:00 PM - Marge Paoloni
Marisa Walter
Brad Walter
- Dec. 24: 10:00 PM - Joe Cortegerone
Jan VanLeuven
- Dec. 25: 10:00 AM - Carmen Bolin
Joyce DeAngelo
- Dec. 26: 8:00 AM - Doreen Keeler
- Dec. 26: 10:30 AM - Mary Beth Bolin
Jamie Shimko



Sanctuary Light

December 19 through December 25, 2021
In Memory of: Jean Manderson
By Leonard and Linda
& Family



Christmas Schedule

The following schedule is to help you plan for your Christmas celebrations. Please remember that the Bishop has requested masks for all who are able.

CONFESSIONS:

- December 20 Monday 7:00 pm - St. John the Evangelist/Pittston
- December 22 Wednesday 10:30-Noon - St. Anthony Church

MASSES:

- All Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses are at St. Anthony's
- December 24 Friday: Christmas Eve 4:00 pm and 10:00 pm
- December 25 Saturday: Christmas Day 10:00 am
- December 26 Sunday: 8:00 am - St. Cecilia's
10:30 am - St. Anthony's



SYMPATHY

We offer our prayers for the souls of **Virginia Jean Zwirek and Aidan Herrera** who passed away recently. 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 churches. There are 4 wafers per envelope & the cost is \$3.00 per envelope.



**Meeting Calendar
December 2021**

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: \$25,252.00

Percentage of Goal Pledged as of (12/14/2021) is: 81.46%

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

<p>Diocese of Scranton 2021 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL</p> <p>RISING TOGETHER IN CHRIST</p>	<p><i>Donate now at:</i> annualappeal.org</p>
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Classes:

Elementary grades (1st through 6th)

This Sunday, December 19th
from 9:00AM -10:15AM.

7th & 8th grade (Confirmation candidates)

This Sunday, December 19th from 6:00 to 7:30PM.

There will be no classes December 25th, 2021 or January 1st, 2022

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

WEEKLY OFFERING:

Third Sunday of Advent 2021: \$4,879.00
Third Sunday of Advent 2020: \$6,275.23

Office Holiday Schedule

The Rectory office will be closed on the following days in observance of Christmas & New Years: Friday, December 24th & 31st. In case of an emergency, please leave a message on Father Finn's line.

FROM THE OFFICE OF BISHOP BAMBERA

The Diocese of Scranton continues to strongly recommend that all parishioners wear a mask while attending Mass, regardless of their vaccination status. While there has been great disparity between parishes in mask usage among the faithful—mask wearing remains an important mitigation tool against community spread.

SOCIAL CONCERNS NEWS

Sixteen HUGE bags of clothes and toys were delivered to our local schools on Monday. Thanks again for your generosity.

The Social Concerns Committee is very grateful for the recent donations given in loving memory of Jack Brogan, the Loucks and Grabowski Families, Gilbert Dominick and Eileen Caparoni. Thank you again for your generous donations.

Stories for All Seasons

Fourth Sunday in Advent: Mary and Elizabeth

Theme: God asked to take his place as a human being in Mary.

A king who had no sons to succeed him posted a sign inviting young men in his kingdom to become his adopted son and rule after him. There were only two qualifications. The boy must love God and neighbor deeply. A young peasant boy felt moved to apply, but he lacked decent clothes for the interview. Finally, he saved enough money for the clothes. As the boy neared the palace, he came upon a shivering old man begging for clothes. The boy was moved to pity and gave the beggar the clothes he had bought for the interview. Then the boy went on to the castle wondering if he would be admitted in rags. The boy did gain admittance. When he came to the throne room, he couldn't believe his eyes. On the throne sat the shivering old man. The king smiled and said, "Welcome, my son."

Application: God is to be found in everyday life. Do we have trouble seeing God in daily life?