

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

### Contact Information

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 Parish Website: [www.stbarbaraexeter.com](http://www.stbarbaraexeter.com)

### Office Hours

(Week of December 27, 2021 - December 31, 2021)

Monday: 9am - 3pm      Tuesday: 9am - 3pm  
 Wednesday: 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

#444 W&S "O Come All Ye Faithful"

#### Preparation Hymn

#438 W&S "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

#### Communion Hymn

#443 W&S "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

#### Recessional Hymn

#441 W&S "Joy to the World"

### 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 25, 2021 to January 2 2022



~ 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

~ Monday, December 27 ~  
**12:10 AM** - NO MASS

~ Tuesday, December 28 ~  
**8:00AM** - Patricia Zack by Jennifer, Jill & John & Family

~ Wednesday, December 29 ~  
**7:00AM** - Angeline Sarah Parulis by Jack Koslosky & Family

~ Thursday, December 30 ~  
**8:00AM** - Betty Borosky by Lana De Angelo

~ Friday, December 31 ~  
**8:00AM** - NO MASS (New Years Eve)  
**5:30 PM** - Anna (Anita) Fanti by John & Pat Callaio

~ Saturday, January 1 ~  
**10:00AM** - Holy Day  
**4:00PM** - NO MASS (New Years Day)

~ Sunday, January 2 ~  
**8:00AM (SC)** - Deceased Members of the Gilley & Snyder Family By Beverly & Family  
**10:30AM (SA)** - Frank, Josephine & Angelo LaNunziata By LaNunziata Family



### 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.

Membership in the Men's Holy Name Society is open to practicing Catholics age 18 and above.

### 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.

### Liturgy Schedule

#### Lectors

**Jan. 1: 10:00 AM** - Mary Smith  
 Kristen Richard  
**Jan. 2: 8:00 AM** - Ray Pasavage  
**Jan. 2: 10:30 AM** - Frank Nocito  
 Sylvia Appel

#### Eucharistic Ministers

**Jan. 1: 10:00 AM** - Marissa Walter  
**Jan. 2: 8:00 AM** - Don Robbins  
**Jan. 2: 10:30 AM** - Brad Walter



#### Sanctuary Light

December 26, 2021 through January 1, 2022  
 In Memory of: DiMaria, Piazza & Fasciana Family  
 By Jacqueline DiMaria Fasciana



#### SYMPATHY

*In Our Prayers*

We offer our prayers for the soul of **Judy Gaul** who passed away recently. 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.

#### WEEKLY OFFERING:

Fourth Sunday of Advent 2021: \$4,846.20  
 Fourth Sunday of Advent 2020: \$3,502.32

#### 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.

#### New Year's Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve	5:30 PM	St. Anthony's
New Year's Day	10:00 AM	St. Anthony's

**Meeting Calendar  
December 2021**

Finance Council	12/27	7:00 PM	Rectory
Social Concerns	Dec.	<b>No Meeting</b>	Parish Center
Christian Women	Dec.	<b>No Meeting</b>	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**

***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><i>Donate now at:</i>  <b><a href="http://annualappeal.org">annualappeal.org</a></b></p>
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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Religious Education Classes:

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

**Elementary grades (1st through 6th)**

Sunday, January 9th, 23rd, 30th  
from 9:00AM -10:15AM.

**7th & 8th grade (Confirmation candidates)**

Sunday, January 9th, 23rd,  
6:00 to 7:30PM.

For your convenience, the class schedule is on the Parish website, [www.stbarbaraexeter.com](http://www.stbarbaraexeter.com), under Faith Formation.

**TAKE-OUT PASTA DINNER  
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST  
Saint John the Evangelist Parish,  
35 William Street in Pittston,**

Will host a Take-Out Pasta Dinner on Wednesday, January 19, 2022. Pickup time will be from 12 Noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Msgr. Bendik Pastoral Center (former Seton Catholic auditorium). The menu will include pasta with homemade meatballs, salad, bread, and dessert. Donation is \$15 per dinner. Please call Jane Roche at 570-905-0325 by Monday, January 17 to place your order.

**CARE AND CONCERN CLINIC SEEKING NURSES  
Saint John the Evangelist Parish,  
35 William Street in Pittston,**

is seeking volunteer nurses to assist with its Care and Concern Free Health Clinic, which will hopefully reopen in the near future. Anyone interested in this volunteer experience is asked to call Saint John's parish office at 570-654-0053 to schedule an interview with Father Joseph Elston, Pastor. Time commitment would be several hours on Wednesday evenings.

**Stories for All Seasons**

**The Birth of the Lord: Jesus Comes to Share Our Life**

*Theme: Jesus becomes Emmanuel, "God with us," who has taken on our human qualities, becoming like us in all respects.*

The assistant was tall. He was standing in the vestibule, greeting people as they walked out from Mass. Along came a little girl, hardly two feet tall, a human cherub if there ever was one. She looked up at the giant priest and said something he could not hear. He bent over, way down, as if he were going to touch his toes, and asked her to repeat what she said. In a piping voice, she asked: "What color are God's eyes?" Without a moment's hesitation the priest replied: "Blue, just like yours." Tiny as she was, the little girl was flattered. She blinked, smiled, and then toddled away to tell her mother.

**Application: Do we really believe that Jesus was human? What are the implications of this for us?**