

December 9, 2018



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 7:00 a.m.

Confessions

Confessions are 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
Rev. Mr. Walter Janoski	Deacon
Rev. Mr. William Dervinis	Deacon Emeritus
Maureen Capitano	Secretary
Sylvia Appel	Secretary/Webmaster
Loretta Semenza	Director of Rel. Ed.
Ann Manganiello	Director of Music/Choir
Robert Borzell	Property Manager

Contact Information

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Parish Website:	www.stbarbaraexeter.com

Office Hours

(Week of December 10 - December 14)

Monday: 8am - 4pm

Tuesday: 8am - 2pm

Wednesday: 8am - 2pm

Thursday: 8am - 2pm

Friday: 8am - 2pm

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 at 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 a couple of calls.

Weekend Music December 9, 2018

Entrance Hymn

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

Preparation Hymn

#411 W&S "Come, Emmanuel"

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Communion Hymn

#414 W&S "Jesus, Hope of the World"

Recessional Hymn

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

Social Concerns & Outreach

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

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Second Sunday of Advent

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



MASS INTENTIONS

December 8, 2018 to December 16, 2018



~ **Saturday, December 8** ~

10:00AM - (St. Anthony) Antonietta Bottaro by Husband, Salvatore, Children & Grandchildren

4:00PM - (St. Anthony) All Parishioners

~ **Sunday, December 9** ~

8:00AM - (St. Cecilia) Rosalie Bone by James Bone

10:30AM - (St. Anthony) Charles & Antonietta Mazzarella by Daughters

~ **Monday, December 10** ~

12:10PM - Florence DiMaria by Daughter, Jacqueline and Family

~ **Tuesday, December 11** ~

8:00AM - Laya Rose Ostrowski by Nancy MacKay

~ **Wednesday, December 12** ~

7:00AM - Deceased Members of the Luke & Peeler Families by Dorothy, Anne & John Luke

~ **Thursday, December 13** ~

8:00AM - Elizabeth Ferroni & Deceased Family Members by J. Hummler

~ **Friday, December 14** ~

7:00AM - Louis J. Mischianti by the Melone Family

~ **Saturday, December 15** ~

4:00PM - (St. Anthony) Deceased Member of the Koslosky & Ondek Families by John T. Koslosky

~ **Sunday, December 16** ~

8:00AM - (St. Cecilia) All Parishioners

10:30AM - (St. Anthony) Daniel & Madeline Ripa by Carl & Sandra Gomola



Altar Servers

December 15 4:00 P.M. - A. Kolessar

December 16 8:00 A.M. - L. Skronski

10:30 A.M. - A. Wisnewski

Lectors

December 15 4:00 P.M. - T. Sabatini & T. Kuzma

December 16 8:00 A.M. - R. Yanora

10:30 A.M. - J. Wisnewski & D. Bruno

Eucharistic Ministers

December 15 4:00 P.M. - M. J. Anzalone, M. Smith & M. & B. Walter

December 16 8:00 A.M. - D. Keeler & G. VanScoy

10:30 A.M. - MB. & C. Bolin, L. Trotta & B. Pazdziorko



Sanctuary Light - December 9 - December 15

In Memory of: **Joseph P. Cortegerone, Jr.**

By: St. Barbara's Social Concerns Committee

SYMPATHY

We offer our prayers for the soul of **George A. Nisky** who recently passed away. Our sympathy to his family members & 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.

In Our Prayers



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

- Thursday, December 20th at 7:00 PM in St. John the Evangelist Church, William St., Pittston. There are about 10 priests available for confession and it is open to the community.
- Friday, December 21st Fr. Finn and Fr. 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.

Second Collection This Weekend

There will be a second collection this weekend December 8th & 9th for the Retirement Fund for Religious and Diocesan Priests.

WEEKLY OFFERING:

First Sunday in Advent 2018: \$4,681.50

First Sunday in Advent 2017: \$5,581.00

St. Barbara's Parish Children's Christmas Party

St. Barbara's Parish has announced a Christmas Party on December 16, 2018.

It will be held after the 10:30am Mass and is being sponsored by the Parish.

The party is opened to ALL children of the parish and their parents, therefore a head count and registration will be required. All registrations must be made by Sunday, December 9th. To make reservations, please fill out the form below:

Family name : _____

Number attending: _____

Return this completed form to the parish office or place in the collection basket.
Reservations can also be made by calling the rectory at 570-654-2103 during office hours.



December 2018 Calendar

Christian Women Christmas Party	12/11	6:00PM	Fox Hill Country Club
Holy Name Social	12/20	7:00PM	Parish Center

The **Christian Women Organization** will hold its annual Christmas dinner on Tuesday December 11th at Fox Hill Country Club. Arrival time is 6:00 PM & dinner is at 6:30 PM. Cost of the buffet dinner is \$28. Reservations, with payment, can be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the rectory. Reservations must be made by Friday December 7th. Those attending are asked to bring men's socks, scarves, hats or gloves. Please do not wrap these items. Donations will be given to the homeless of St. Theresa's Haven.

There will be **Choir Practice** on Thursday, December 13th at 6:30pm in St. Anthony's Church. New members are always welcome.

Social Concerns News

Everyone has heard the expression "The Valley With A Heart," but now St. Barbara's Parish will be known as "The Parish with a Heart." Words cannot express our gratitude for your response to the Giving Tree Project. Twenty-two families from our local area with a total of 45 children and 2 adults are the recipients of the most beautiful coats, clothes and toys. It was evident that each item was chosen with love. May God bless each one of you with good health and happiness for the new year. Thank You from the Social Concerns Committee.

Special thanks for recent donations given in loving memory of Florence Ripple, Marion Morrison, Carl Poluske, John Murray and Louis Bigiarelli.

Thanks also to the many volunteers who helped deliver the poinsettias and gift bags to our shut-ins and parishioners who are in nursing homes. Merry Christmas and a Happy Blessed New Year.

Christmas Wafers (Oplatki) are here. You may purchase them at the rectory during office hours. There are 4 wafers per envelope and the cost is \$3.00 per envelope. They will be available in both churches after weekend Masses.



Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve:	4:00 PM	St. Anthony's
	10:00 PM	St. Anthony's
Christmas Day:	8:00 AM	St. Cecilia's
	10:30 AM	St. Anthony's
New Year's Eve	5:30 PM	St. Anthony's
New Year's Day	10:00 AM	St. Anthony's



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious education classes for Elementary grades (1st through 6th) will be held today, Sunday, December 9th and on Sunday, December 16th from 9:00AM until 10:15AM.

Current 7th & 8th grade (Confirmation candidates) will meet on Sunday, December 16th from 6:00PM to 7:30PM.

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

New Hymnals

Hymnals are placed in the pews for those seated in pews during Mass. Please **do not take** these hymnals. If there is a need to have a hymnal at home, please call the office during office hours: 570-654-2103. Thank you for your cooperation.

Breakfast With Santa

The St. Joseph Marelo Knights of Columbus Council 16071 will be hosting their annual "Breakfast With Santa" on Sunday, December 16th from 9:30am to 12:30 pm. Breakfast includes eggs made to order, pancakes, ham, and home fries. Coffee, milk and juice will also be included. Tickets cost \$8 for adults, and any child accompanied by an adult is free! All are invited to enjoy a delicious breakfast and to spend some time with Santa!

Cookie Walk: St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church, 205 N. Main St. Pittston, Pa. 18640 is having a "Cookie Walk" on Sunday, December 16th, 2018 in the Church Hall from 10am to 1pm. All cookies are homemade and they are \$10.00 per pound. You may choose your own cookies. In conjunction to the sale, we will have a raffle!! Everyone is welcome and please bring a friend. All proceeds benefit St. Michael's. Call 570-905-7387 with any questions.

As we enter this Advent Season, we want to introduce:
Stewardship: A Mission of Faith - Integrity Restored.
 Integrity Restored exists to provide education, resources, training and hope in the growing struggle against pornography addiction. One of the major populations who need resources and help in this battle are the spouses of men struggling with this addiction. Integrity launched an online education, healing, and recovery program, *Bloom for Catholic Women*. Women faced with this struggle, due to their spouses or boyfriends pornography use, suffer from betrayal trauma & need Catholic, therapeutic and scientific assistance. *Bloom for Catholic Women* provides a great place to start their healing journey. Please visit: integrityrestored.com for more information and resources.

WITH SINCERE GRATITUDE

Thank you to Marilyn A. Gubbiotti and Frank Gubbiotti, of Gubbiotti Funeral Home for providing St. Barbara Parish with our 2019 Calendars. Your kindness and generosity is most appreciated.