

December 23, 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 24 - December 28)

Monday: Closed Christmas Eve      Tuesday: Closed Christmas Day  
Wednesday: 8am - 2pm              Thursday: 8am - NOON  
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 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

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#### Entrance Hymn

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

#### Preparation Hymn

#808 W&S "Blessed One"

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#### Communion Hymn

#422 W&S "Emmanuel"

#### Recessional Hymn

#791 W&S "Soon and Very Soon"

### Social Concerns & Outreach

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



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## Fourth Sunday of Advent

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



### MASS INTENTIONS

December 22, 2018 to December 30, 2018



~ **Saturday, December 22** ~

**4:00PM** - (St. Anthony) Angelo & Mary Ann Anzalone

by Mary Jo

~ **Sunday, December 23** ~

**8:00AM** - (St. Cecilia) Jean Manderson by Donald Cavanaugh & Family

**10:30AM** - (St. Anthony) All Parishioners

~ **Monday, December 24** ~

**4:00PM** - Special Intentions

**10:00PM** - Special Intentions

~ **Tuesday, December 25** ~

**8:00AM** - (St. Cecilia) Special Intentions

**10:30AM** - Special Intentions

~ **Wednesday, December 26** ~

**NO MASSES TODAY**

~ **Thursday, December 27** ~

**8:00AM** - Valya Vacula by Denise & Lucia

~ **Friday, December 28** ~

**7:00AM** - James Sarti by Joseph & Gene Jerock

~ **Saturday, December 29** ~

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

~ **Sunday, December 30** ~

**8:00AM** - (St. Cecilia) Elizabeth Martin by William Martin

**10:30AM** - (St. Anthony) Michael L. Pompino by Godson,  
David C. Cipolla, Jr.



### Altar Servers

December 24 **4:00 P.M.** - Z. Houston & B. Zelinski

**10:00 P.M.** - B. & H. Littzi

December 25 **8:00 A.M.** - L. Skronski

**10:30 A.M.** - T. Kuzma

December 29 **4:00 P.M.** - Kolessar

December 30 **8:00 A.M.** - Z. Houston

**10:30 A.M.** - A. Wisnewski

### Lectors

December 24 **4:00 P.M.** - R. Yanora

**10:00 P.M.** - T. Kuzma & MJ. Anzalone

December 25 **8:00 A.M.** - R. Pasavage

**10:30 A.M.** - C. Naples & F. Nocito

December 29 **4:00 P.M.** - C. Trzcinski & MJ. Anzalone

December 30 **8:00 A.M.** - R. Yanora

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

### Eucharistic Ministers

December 24 **4:00 P.M.** - L. Blandina, Cortegerone,

M. & B. Walter

**10:00 P.M.** - B. Russo, T. Sabatini &

J. Shimko

December 25 **8:00 A.M.** - D. Dolhon & D. Keeler

**10:30 A.M.** - Naples, DeAngelo,

Pazdziorko & Janoski

December 29 **4:00 P.M.** - Janoski, VanLeuven,

Cortegerone & Luke

December 30 **8:00 A.M.** - VanScoy

**10:30 A.M.** - MB. & C. Bolin, Trotta &

Pazdziorko

### Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve: **4:00 PM** St. Anthony's

**10:00 PM** St. Anthony's

(Christmas Carols beginning at 9:30PM)

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



### Sanctuary Light

December 23 - December 29

In Memory of:

**DiMaria, Piazza & Fasciana Families**

By: Jacqueline DiMaria Fasciana

### Stories for All Seasons

#### Fourth Sunday of 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 brought 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?*

**December 2018/January 2019 Calendar**

Pastoral Council	1/3	7:00PM	Rectory
Christian Women	1/8	6:30PM Rosary 7:00PM Meeting	Parish Center
Social Concerns	1/15	7:00PM	Parish Center
Holy Name	1/17	7:00PM	Parish Center
Finance Council	1/22	7:00PM	Rectory

**For Your Information:**

Please be advised that there will NOT be any Masses on Wednesday, December 26th.

**In Our Prayers**



**SYMPATHY**

We offer our prayers for the soul of **Bernard J. Bolock** 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.

**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 also be available in both churches after weekend Masses.



**Office Holiday Schedule**

The Rectory office will be closed on the following days in observance of Christmas & New Years: Monday, December 24th, Tuesday, December 25th, Monday, December 31st and Tuesday, January 1st, 2019. In case of emergency, please leave a message on Father Finn's line.

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**\*ST. BARBARA'S NITE AT THE RACES\***

Saturday, January 26, 2019 with a Snow Day on February 2, 2019. Admission is \$5.00 & includes food & beverages (beer, soda, coffee) & dessert. BYOB if desired!! Horses are \$10.00. All are welcome !!!



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**WEEKLY OFFERING:**

Third Sunday in Advent 2018: \$4,466.10  
Third Sunday in Advent 2017: \$5,165.82

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

There will be no classes on December 23rd and December 30th for the Christmas break. Classes will resume on January 6th for Elementary grades and on January 13th for 7th & 8th grades.

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

**New Altar Server Meeting**

Deacon Walter Janoski will have a meeting for anyone wishing to become an altar server in our parish. The meeting will be held on Saturday, January 19th at 12:00PM in St. Anthony's Church. Who may serve? All registered parishioners in third grade or higher are encouraged to become an altar server.

**Parents, keep in mind that this is an extremely easy way for your child to earn their service hours when it comes time for Confirmation in 2019.** Also, any adult that is interested in serving is asked to attend this meeting as well. Everyone is welcome!

**Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass**

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2019 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 30, 2019. The event includes a 2:30PM Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with mailing address, should be made through your pastor before April 2.

**CTV to Broadcast Christmas Vigil Mass; Many Specials**

Christmas liturgies celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Peter will begin on Christmas Eve with a Solemn Pontifical Vigil Mass of Christmas at 4 p.m. Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will serve as principal celebrant and homilist.

The Eucharistic celebration will be broadcast live on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton.

In addition, CTV will air the following special programs during the Christmas season: **Solemn Mass of Christmas Eve in Rome** - Mass with Pope Francis from Saint Peter's Basilica at the Vatican. Dec. 25 at 4 a.m. **Midnight Mass from the Holy Land** - Eucharistic liturgy celebrating the Feast of the Incarnation from the Holy Land. Dec. 25 at 1 a.m. **Catholic University of America's Christmas Concert** - Broadcasts of the Christmas concert performance presented by The Catholic University of America in Washington: Dec. 25 at 9:30 a.m.; Dec. 27, 5 a.m.; Dec. 28, 1:30 p.m.; and Dec. 31, 10:30 p.m.



**Help us reach our 2018 Annual Appeal Parish Goal!**

St. Barbara Parish goal: \$33,000.00

Total raised to date: \$23823.34

Over (Under): (\$9,176.66)

**OUR PARISH IS AT**

**72%**

*Our parish is reimbursed 75% for any gifts made to the Appeal in excess of our Appeal goal.*