

December 16, 2018

Our Worship Sites
Saint Anthony of Padua
Saint Cecilia



THE DIOCESE OF SCRANTON PENNSYLVANIA

Parish of St. Barbara

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 17 - December 21)

Monday: 8am - 2pm

Tuesday: 8am - 2pm

Wednesday: 8am - 4pm

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 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

420 W&S "Come, O Long-Awaited Savior"

Preparation Hymn

428 W&S "Proclaim the Joyful Message"

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Communion Hymn

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

Recessional Hymn

425 W&S "People, Look East"

Social Concerns & Outreach

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



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Third Sunday of Advent

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



MASS INTENTIONS

December 15, 2018 to December 23, 2018



~ **Saturday, December 15** ~

4:00PM - (St. Anthony) Deceased Members 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

~ **Monday, December 17** ~

12:10PM - Chiazza & Dellarte Families by Gaetano Chiazza & Family

~ **Tuesday, December 18** ~

8:00AM - Julius Parini by Sons, Richard & John

~ **Wednesday, December 19** ~

7:00AM - Regina T. Lepore by Michael & Carol Fanti

~ **Thursday, December 20** ~

8:00AM - Bruno Migliosi by Wife & Daughters

~ **Friday, December 21** ~

7:00AM - Sandra (Farrell) Waskiewicz by Helen Shimko

~ **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



Altar Servers

December 22 4:00 P.M. - B. Zelinski

December 23 8:00 A.M. - Z. Houston

10:30 A.M. -

Lectors

December 22 4:00 P.M. - T. Kuzma & R. Yanora

December 23 8:00 A.M. - R. Pasavage

10:30 A.M. - F. Nocito & A. Sperazza

Eucharistic Ministers

December 22 4:00 P.M. - Luke, VanLeuven, N. Janoski & Paoloni

December 23 8:00 A.M. - D. Robbins & E. Doreskewicz

10:30 A.M. - J. Shimko, DeAngelo,
L. Dolhon & Galushka



Sanctuary Light

December 16 - December 22

In Memory of: Donald Clarke

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

- Thursday, December 20th at 7:00 PM at St. John the Evangelist Church, William St., Pittston. There will be about 10 priests available for confession and it is open to the community.
- Friday, December 21st Father Finn and Father Joseph Sibilano will hear confessions from 10:30 AM to Noon in St. Anthony's Church. This might be an ideal time for some of our older parishioners.

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



WEEKLY OFFERING:

Second Sunday in Advent 2018: \$4728.16

Second Sunday in Advent 2017: \$4855.00

Stories for All Seasons

Third Sunday of Advent: John Preaches Justice

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

Dr. Karl 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??

December 2018/January 2019 Calendar

Holy Name Social	12/20	7:00PM	Parish Center
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

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.

Choir Practice

There will be Choir practice next week on Monday, 12/17 and Thursday, 12/20 at 6:30PM.

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 !!!



Social Concerns News

Once again, THANK YOU to all who gave so generously to our Giving Tree Project this year. All the clothes have been delivered, so please do not leave anything else.

The Social Concerns Committee is very grateful for the generous donations given in loving memory of Louie Bigiarelli and Alan Paluski. Other donations were received in loving memory of Val Vacula, Bernie Razawich, Florence Ripple and Jerry Fedor. These donations make it possible for the Social Concerns Committee to exist & greatly helps with our outreach programs to our parishioners.

Eighty poinsettia plants and gift bags were delivered to our home bound parishioners & our parishioners who are in nursing facilities. Thanks to all who helped in any way with all of the projects including the monumental task of the Giving Trees.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious education classes for Elementary grades (1st through 6th) will be held today, Sunday, December 16th. Current 7th & 8th grade (Confirmation candidates) will also meet today, Sunday, December 16th from 6:00PM to 7:30PM.

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

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.

As we enter this Advent Season, we want to introduce:

Stewardship: A Mission of Faith - Integrity Restored.

Integrity Restored exists to provide education, training, resources and hope in 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.

Holy Redeemer High School "Sounds of the Season"

On Sunday, December 16th at 2pm, Holy Redeemer High School students, under the direction of Miss Ann Manganiello, will present a Choral Concert entitled, "Sounds of the Season." The Royal Singers, Handbell Choir, Soloists & Instrumentalists will be featured along with an Audience Sing-a-Long. Sacred, secular, traditional and popular works will be performed. Elementary Instrumentalists under the direction of Mr. Mark Stransky and assistants will also be featured during the concert. The concert takes place in the Holy Redeemer H. S. McCarthy Auditorium. Ticket donation is \$4.00 for Adults and \$3.00 for Students and Senior Citizens and may be purchased at the door.

Holy Name Social

The Holy Name will meet at 6PM on Thursday, December 20th in the Parish Center and have a catered Christmas Party. Members and prospective members are invited. The cost is \$10.00 per person. To make reservations, call Herman Castellani at 570-654-6454 by Tuesday, December 18th.