

February 24, 2019



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 February 25, 2019 - March 1, 2019)

Monday: 8am - 2pm

Tuesday: 8am - 2pm

Wednesday: 8am - 2pm

Thursday: 8am - 2pm

Friday: 8am - 4pm

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

#755 W&S "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Preparation Hymn

#700 W&S "The King of Love"

Communion Hymn

#698 W&S "We Have Benn Told"

Recessional Hymn

#654 W&S "In Christ There Is No East or West"

Social Concerns & Outreach

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



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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



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



MASS INTENTIONS

February 23, 2019 to March 3, 2019



Saturday, February 23 ~

4:00PM - (St. Anthony) James DelPriore by Wife, Josephine

~ **Sunday, February 24 ~**

8:00AM - (St. Cecilia) Deceased Members of Lampert & McGovern Families by Ruth Dennis

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

~ **Monday, February 25 ~**

12:10PM - Amy & John Petrucci by Family

~ **Tuesday, February 26 ~**

8:00AM - Josephine Orasin by Kevin Kratzer

~ **Wednesday, February 27 ~**

7:00AM - Michael Pugliese by Larry & Nancy & Laura & Chris

~ **Thursday, February 28 ~**

8:00AM - Blanche Semenza by Mary & Loretta

~ **Friday, March 1 ~**

7:00AM - Stella Koslosky by Husband, Jack

Saturday, March 2 ~

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

~ **Sunday, March 3 ~**

8:00AM - (St. Cecilia) Edward Benish by Wife, Jean

10:30AM - (St. Anthony) Andrea Zera & Michael Tirpak by Joseph & Elizabeth Cunningham



WEEKLY OFFERING:

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2019: \$4,660.52

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2018: \$3,876.14

Altar Servers

March 2 4:00 P.M. - A. & M. Walter
 March 3 8:00 A.M. - L. Skronski
 10:30 A.M. - A. Wisnewski

Lectors

March 2 4:00 P.M. - MJ. Anzalone & T. Sabatini
 March 3 8:00 A.M. - R. Yanora
 10:30 A.M. - C. Naples & D. Bruno

Eucharistic Ministers

March 2 4:00 P.M. - M. Paoloni, M. Smith, M. & B. Walter
 March 3 8:00 A.M. - D. Keeler & G. VanScoy
 10:30 A.M. - P. Naples, J. DeAngelo, B. Pazdziorko & F. Galushka

Sanctuary Light

February 24, 2019 - March 2, 2019

In Memory of: **Michael Vacula**

By: Ross, Margaret & Family



In Our Prayers



SYMPATHY

We offer our prayers for the souls of **Charles E. Rome and Harry Giacometti** who recently passed away. 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.

Stories for All Seasons

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: Love Your Enemies

Theme: *Jesus tells us we are to love our enemies and turn the other cheek.*

We have examples of the forgiveness Jesus is speaking of in today's gospel. In his *Les Miserables*, Victor Hugo shows an ex-convict, Jean Valjean, just released from nineteen years in the galleys for the crime of stealing bread to feed his sister's children. No one, upon his release, will sell him food or shelter because of his criminal record. Hopeless and exhausted, he stumbles into the house of a saintly bishop, who greets him courteously as an honored guest and offers him the best hospitality at his disposal.

Valjean, bewildered by the bishop's kindness and desperate to survive, flees in the middle of the night, taking with him the silver plates from the bishop's table. In the morning, the bishop is troubled not by the abuse of hospitality, not by the treachery and theft, but by his own want of charity. "I have for a long time w4ronfully withheld this silver; it belonged to the poor. Who was this man? A poor man evidently," he reasons to himself.

When the police arrive with the captured Valjean, the bishop's silver in his possession, the bishop calmly greets the thief and says, "But I gave you the candlesticks also, which are silver like the rest . . . Why did you not take them along with the plates?" the police reluctantly release Valjean, since the bishop insists that no theft has occurred, and Valjean "stands confounded" before the bishop. The bishop hands Valjean the candlesticks and pronounces a blessing: "Jean Valjean, my brother: You belong no longer to evil, but to good. It is your soul that I am buying for you. I withdraw it from dark thoughts and . . . I give it to God."

Valjean meant his theft for evil, but God and the bishop meant it for good. And the good that comes of that transformaing mercy is largely what the rest of the book is about.

Application: Are Jesus' sayings about forgiveness and love realistic?

February/March 2019 Calendar

Finance Council	2/26	7:00PM	Rectory
Parish Council	3/5	7:00PM	Rectory
Christian Women	3/12	6:30 Rosary 7:00 Meeting	Parish Center
Social Concerns	3/19	7:00pm	Parish Center

Mardi Gras Lottery Raffle

In the hopes that a lottery will far outdo the profit that we would have had from the Night at the Races; we are having a Mardi Gras Lottery Raffle. Each family of the parish has received an envelope with ten tickets. The tickets are \$2.00 each. Our top prize is \$1,000.00 followed by \$500.00 and two prizes of \$250.00 each. Please return the money with the **bottom** part of the tickets (name, address & phone #). You can place them in the collection basket, drop them off at the rectory or send them through the U.S. mail. The winning tickets will be pulled the night of our annual Mardi Gras celebration on March 2nd, 2019.

Save the Date!!!



St. Barbara's **Mardi Gras** celebration will be held Saturday, March 2nd, 2019, in the Parish Center from 6:00pm - 10:00pm. The cost is \$25.00 and includes dinner and entertainment. Doors will open at 5:30pm. The event is open to adults only, 21 and older, and is BYOB.

Tickets are available at the rectory & after weekend Masses.

Lenten Fund Raiser

The **Parish of St. Barbara** will be selling Lenten food on Ash Wednesday, March 6th and every Friday in Lent. This is strictly a **take-out event with pick-up** from 4 - 7 PM. Sales are **cash only**. We will **NOT** be taking pre-orders. Sales will be at the door only. Food that will be available includes:

Potato Pancakes; 1/2 dozen(6) - \$5.00; 1 dozen(13) - \$10.00

Pierogi; 1/2 dozen (6) - \$5.00 & Halushki; quart: \$5.00.

*Good Friday menu to be determined.

Old Palms

This is the time of year we ask that you bring in your old Palms so that we can burn them and use the ashes for Ash Wednesday (March 6th). Please place them in the boxes in the back of the churches. Thank you for your cooperation.

GRIEF SUPPORT: The **Parish** will sponsor a five week support program on "Grief." Deacon Walter and Norma Janoski will host the program each Monday at 3:00PM in the Parish Center. The meetings will be held on March 11th, 18th, 25th and April 1st & 8th. The sessions should run less than 90 minutes.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious education classes for Elementary grades (1st through 6th) will be held this Sunday, February 24th & Sunday, March 3rd from 9:00AM until 10:15AM.

Current 7th & 8th grade (Confirmation candidates) will also meet today, Sunday, February 24th from 6:00 to 7:30PM. Next Confirmation class will be on March 10th from 6:00 to 7:30PM.

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

AED (Automated External Defibrillator)

Thanks to the generosity of a Parishioner, the Parish now has an AED (Automated External Defibrillator). Volunteers are needed to attend a training class to be held in the Parish Center at a date to be determined. Class will be limited to 10 participants. If needed, a second class will be scheduled. If interested, please contact the rectory office & leave your contact information no later than March 1st. Any questions, please contact Norma Janoski 570-655-6682 or Marilyn Jacobs, [570-905-4227](tel:570-905-4227).

Rosary



The Rosary will be recited beginning at 10:00am (before the 10:30am Mass) in the chapel in St. Anthony's Church on the following Sundays: March 10, March 17, March 31 & April 14.

The Rosary will also be said at 3:30pm (before the 4:00pm Mass) in St. Anthony's Church on the following Saturdays: March 23 & April 6. Please join

us. Everyone is welcome!

Do You Want to Know More About the Annulment Process?:

In the Diocese of Scranton, the annulment process is now more "user friendly" than you might expect, and there is no longer a processing fee. Please contact your pastor or the Diocesan Tribunal Office (570-207-2246) to begin a conversation. It is possible to get clear answers to these questions and to renew your connection with the Church.

Wyoming Area Catholic School

Annual March Madness Basketball Tournament

Beginning March 9th through March 30th.

Double Elimination

Grades 3-8

Cost: \$60 a team

Registration Deadline: February 28, 2019

Registration form can be found at wacsh.com or

By emailing Erin Weiss, WACS Athletic Director at:

encburke@hotmail.com