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St. John the Evangelist Mission Statement

"The parishioners of St. John the Evangelist Church, in conjunction with the Diocese of Scranton, are committed to maintaining the rich Catholic heritage handed down by our past priests, religious sisters, and ancestors in the greater Susquehanna area. Imitating the love of Jesus Christ and based on the foundation of the twelve apostles, we recognize that we are called to proclaim the Gospel by word and deed in our daily lives, to celebrate the Eucharist, and to devote ourselves to prayer and education so as to promote an arena of grace, justice, and peace for all of our brothers and sisters."

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH
ST. MARTIN OF TOURS CATHOLIC CHURCH**



The Baptism of the Lord

January 10th, 2010



In Today's **Gospel** we have Luke's account of the Lord's baptism, where no direct contact between the Baptist and Jesus is recorded. John presents words to the assembled crowd concerning the one who is to come, baptizing in the Holy Spirit, and the Father's words declaring Jesus to be his beloved Son. Thus, Luke reveals the identity and mission of Jesus as the beloved child of God, Jesus comes to immerse us in the very life of God; he comes to share himself with us and to share with us as God's beloved children the ministry of leading others to share in God's own life.

St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday, January 13th

St. Hilary was the Bishop of Poitiers, France, during the era of the Arian heresy, and he fought for the correct understanding and expression of the divinity of Christ. He was known as the "hammer against Arianism" and the "Athanasius of the West", after the Bishop of Alexandria who fought the heresy in the East. The Christian world was so divided by Arianism that Hilary was exiled twice. His great contribution was the successful expression in Latin of the theology about Christ, or Christology, that had been developed in Greek.

St. Lawrence Mission Statement

We are a family of faith in union with Christ and His Church to grow in holiness through the celebration of the inspired Word of God and the reception of the Sacrament. We are called through our Baptism to share in the ministry of Jesus Christ and glorify God through proclaiming the Gospel in our community.

St. Martin of Tours Mission Statement

We, the Roman Catholic Parish of St. Martin of Tours are a faith community of rich, diverse talents and cultures. We are called to encourage all to share God's gifts, in partnership with Him, for the good of the Body of Christ.

We are a worshipping, Eucharistic Community, united with the Holy Father, our bishop and our Pastor, to make Christ present in our world, through the Mass, and united in Him, to proclaim the Word of God in works of hospitality, charity, and mercy. We are committed to serving one another in the name of Jesus Christ, so that the Kingdom of God becomes more visible in our world today.

Rev. David Cramer, Pastor
Rev. Alfhonse Perikala, Assistant Pastor

Mrs. Eileen Hartman, St. John, St. Martin Parish Secretary
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Ms. Virginia Phillips, St. John
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The Baptism of the Lord

The feast of the Baptism of Lord proclaims a *theophany*, a revelation and manifestation of the divine Sonship of Jesus by his anointing and appointing to his Messianic office. It is the feast that proclaims the Baptism that elevates believers to the status of sons and daughters of God.

Weekend Masses

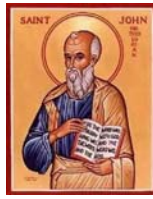
	St. John	St. Lawrence	St. Martin
Sat.	6:00 PM	5:00 PM	4:00 PM
Sun.	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM

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*ST. JOHN

THE EVANGELIST



Altar & Rosary Meeting— Monday, January 11th,
6:30pm

Pro-Life Meeting—Wednesday, after the 8:30am Mass.

Men's Club Meeting—Tuesday, January 10th, 7:00pm

We have the **Oplatek Wafers** available at St. John's for the cost of a \$1.00 in the back of the Church.

Painting of St. John's Church will begin in January and will continue through the month. We will also begin the process of fundraising so that we do not deplete our parish savings.

Roast Pork Dinner—Saturday, January 16, 4:30—7:30pm in St. John's Parish hall, sponsored by the St. John's Men's Club. Adults \$8.00, Children \$4.00. Take-outs 4:00pm.

Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, and Lectors—if you have not already received your Christmas gift, please pick it up in the Sacristy before or after Mass.

Valentine's Day Dinner Dance, Saturday, February 14th, sponsored by St. John's Men's Club. Cost is \$35.00 per person. **Advance Sale Tickets Only.**

2009 End-of-Year Contribution Statements—please call the rectory if you would like your 2009 contribution statement.

Note: Please try not to tape or staple your weekly envelopes, it is difficult for the counters to open. Also, if you are not receiving your monthly envelopes or wish to receive envelopes, please call the rectory at 853-4634. Thank you!

Annual March for Life, Washington, DC,
January 22, 2010

This year, more than ever, the people of America need to stand up and speak out for 'Life'. Please join us on the Bus trip to Washington in January by calling St. John's Rectory, 853-4634, or Nancy Pelicci, 853-3909 to make your reservation.

St. John's Pro-Life Organization

Schedules are Ready

Altar Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, please be sure to pick up your schedule in the back of the Church. If you are unable to serve a Mass you have been scheduled for, please call a replacement.

*ST. MARTIN

OF TOURS



Oplatek Wafers (Christmas Wafers) will be available in the back of the church for a \$1.00 donation.

Holy Hour Schedule at St. Martin's

Every Thursday (except the 3rd Thursday) of the month will be the Holy Hour at 7:00pm. The **third Thursday** of the month will be the Charismatic Mass at 7:00pm. This month's Charismatic Mass will be Thursday, January 21st, 7:00pm.

New Year House Blessing (Epiphany) Kits are available in the sacristy of St. Martin's.

Super-Sunday Hoagie Sale—February 7th at St. Martin of Tours. We will be selling Turkey, Italian, and American hoagies for \$5.00 each. The hoagies will be delivered to the three churches after February 7th's Sunday Mass. Please call Boyd Manzer at 756-3047 to place your order.

The St. Martin's Art's Council will be presenting their winter play, 'Everything I Need to Know, I Learned in Kindergarten', Friday, February 12, 7:00pm, matinees Saturday, Feb. 13 at 1:00pm, and Sunday, Feb. 14 at 2:00pm.

New Home Addresses—Many of our parishioners addresses have not been changed to the assigned 911 addresses. Please call 853-4634 to update our parish system, or you can write on your new address the sheet provided in the lobby of St. Martin's or place on your weekly envelopes.

*MINISTRIES—ST. MARTIN'S

Sat., Jan. 9th - 4:00 PM	Sun. Jan. 10th - 11:00 AM
M. Lingobardo (Altar Serv.)	K. Kempa/A. White (Altar Serv.)
Mary Lake (Euch. Min.)	Charlene Kempa (Euch. Min.)
Frank Kwader (Lector)	Frank Kwader (Lector)

Sat. Jan. 16th- 4:00 PM
Liam & Genna Maloney (Altar Servers)
Diane Frye (Eucharistic Min.)
Maureen Maloney (Lector)

Sun. Jan. 17th- 11:00 AM
Justin Lee/Lucas Marco (Altar Servers)
Kim Marco (Eucharistic Min.)
David Lee (Lector)

*MASS INTENTIONS—ST. MARTIN Jan. 9-17, 2010

Sat.	01/09	4:00 PM	All Parishioners
Sun.	01/10	11:00 AM	Vincent Giunta (Bill Leahy)
Sat.	01/16	4:00 PM	Helen Marichak (Estate)
Sun.	01/17	11:00 AM	All Parishioners

PRAYER:

“Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.
Protect them
as they protect us. Bless them and
their families for the selfless
acts they perform for us in our time of need.
I ask this in the name
of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen

Colleen Rafferty	Scott T. Ball
Gregory C. Nixon	William G. Emmons
Chad M. Kovitch	Jack Kilcoyne
Christopher Emmons	Lynne Norris
Richard Kilcoyne	Justin Mascenik
Steve McNamara	Michael Herbert
Jed Stewart	Joan Valdes
Adam Schiffer	Ben Barnard

If anyone would like to add a troop's name to our prayer list, please contact the office.

***MASS INTENTIONS—ST. JOHN**

Jan. 9-17, 2010

Sat.	1/09	6:00 PM	Howard Rood (Rena & Family)
Sun.	1/10	8:00 AM	Frank Scarola (The Family)
Mon.	1/11	8:30 AM	Evelyn King (Rosemary DeVries & Family)
Tues.	1/12	8:30 AM	Sandy Battisti (Jesse & Mary Gow)
Wed.	1/13	8:30 AM	Jim Luciana ((M/M Pat Ahearn)
Thurs.	1/14	8:30 AM	Deceased Members of Steigert Family (Shirley Silipo)
Fri.	1/15	8:30 AM	Anthony Yannone (M/M Clay Weaver)
Sat.	1/16	6:00 PM	All Parishioners
Sun.	1/17	8:00 AM	Frank & Bobbie Canini (Joe Canini)

***MINISTRIES—ST. JOHN'S**

Sat. Jan. 16th - 6:00 PM

Ben & Matt Kane, Brandon Gow (Altar Servers)
Mike DeWitt, Carol Barnes, Maggie Moran
(Eucharistic Ministers)
Jeffrey Keyes (Lector)
Folk Group (Cantors)

Sun. Jan. 17th - 8:00 AM

Jonathan & Justin Banko, Logan Burdick (A.S.)
Mary Jo Weaver, Vickie Mulligan, Bob Burns (E. Min.)
Clay Weaver (Lector)
Barb Wolf, Carolyn Rinker (Cantors)

*** MINISTRIES—ST. LAWRENCE**

Sat. Jan. 16th - 5:00 PM

A. Stanley, K. Carlsen (Altar Servers)
L. James (Eucharistic Ministers)
M. Button (Lector)

Sun. Jan. 17th - 9:30 AM

M. & E. Mangel (Altar Servers)
A. Maholick (Eucharistic Minister)
M. Maholick (Lector)

PARISHES' CALENDAR

Sat.	1/09	Great Bend Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Supper, 4-7:00pm
Mon.	1/11	St. John's Altar & Rosary Meeting, 6:30pm RCIA meeting, 7:00pm at St. John's Parish Hall
Wed.	1/13	St. John's Pro-Life Meeting after morning Mass. Joint Pastoral Meeting, 7:15pm at St. John's Parish Hall
Thurs.	1/14	St. Martin's Holy Hour, 7:00pm
Fri.	1/15	St. Lawrence Rectory Renewal Crew Thank-you dinner At Tedeschi's, 7:30pm
Sat.	1/16	St. John's Men's Club Roast Pork Dinner, 4:30-7:30pm St. Mark's Good News Free Lunch, 12:00 noon, N. Milford
Mon.	1/18	RCIA Meeting, St. John's Parish hall, 7:00pm.
Tues.	1/19	St. John's Men's Club meeting, 7:00pm
Wed.	1/20	SNF Mass, Barnes Kasson, 2:00pm
Thurs.	1/21	Charismatic Mass at St. Martin, 7:00pm
Fri.	1/22	Pro-Life March on Washington bus trip
Sat.	1/23	St. Lawrence Pot Luck Dinner, after 5:00pm Mass In the Trinity Center
Thurs.	1/28	St. Martin's Holy Hour, 7:00pm,
Sun.	2/07	Super-Sunday Hoagie Sale, St. Martin's
Sat.	2/13	St. John's Valentine Dinner Dance

***STEWARDSHIP—ST. JOHN'S**

Fri./Sat/Sun., Jan. 1-3, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,662.00
Loose	232.00
Candles	31.00
Dues	355.00
Religious Ed	11.00
Diocesan Charity	6.00
Improvements	32.00
Fuel	65.00
Eastern Europe	30.00
Christmas	187.00
Care & Education of Priests	325.00
Solemnity of Mary	400.00
Total:	\$3,336.00

***STEWARDSHIP—ST. MARTIN'S**

Fri./Sat/Sun. Jan 1-3, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$627.00
Loose	329.00
Fuel	10.00
Initial Offering	10.00
Church Dues	8.00
Care & Education of Priests	109.00
Christmas Flowers	5.00
Christmas	370.00
National Religious Retirement	10.00
Solemnity of Mary	197.00
Total:	\$1,695.00

***STEWARDSHIP—ST. LAWRENCE**

Fri./Sat/Sun. Jan. 1-3, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,698.00
Fuel	10.00
Candles	50.00
Solemnity of Mary	425.00
Maintenance	43.00
Insurance	50.00
Christmas	190.00
Care & Education of Priests	252.00
Assessment	68.00
Total:	\$2,786.00