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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**



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 17th, 2010



**The
Wedding
Feast
At Cana**



Prayer to End Abortion

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of life, and for the lives of all my brothers and sisters. I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion, yet I rejoice that you have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son.

I am ready to do my part in ending abortion. Today I commit myself never to be silent, never to be passive, never to be forgetful of the unborn.

I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement,

and never to stop defending life until all my brothers and sisters are protected, and our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice not just for some, but for all,

Through Christ our Lord. Amen!

Gospel: The spousal imagery of God's love for his people in Isaiah finds echo in John's account of Jesus' first sign at Cana. Even though his hour has not yet come, Mary's faith in her Son becomes the occasion of his first sign of God's kingdom. Jesus turns water into wine, the fruit of the vine and work of human hands that brings joy to our hearts. Jesus' ministry begins with an act of joy and delight, a sign of God's desire for our relationship with him.

Second Reading: In 1 Corinthians, Paul proclaims the one source and the one purpose of the gifts of Christian life and fellowship. Every spiritual gift is produced in us by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and is given to benefit not only the individual recipient, but the whole community of faith. Thus, gratitude and humble service ought to mark the lives of those who have received gifts from the hand of the Lord.

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
Ms. Judi Salinkas, St. Lawrence Parish Secretary

Ms. Virginia Phillips, St. John
Mr. Mark Lipschutz, St. Martin Bookkeepers

Mr. Fred Huyck, Mr. Mark Matis Maintenance

Mrs. Vickie Mulligan, DRE

Mr. Jeffrey Keyes, Organist
Mrs. Susan Lee, Organist

Parish Office: 853-4634
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St. John Parish Center
853-4787

Emergency number at St. Lawrence Rectory: 267-1366

Weekend Masses

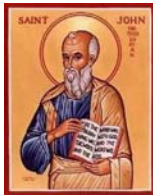
	St. John	St. Lawrence	St. Martin
Sat.	6:00 PM	5:00 PM	4:00 PM
Sun.	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM

**Listen to Catholic Radio
JMJ 750 AM**

**Men/Women Wounded By Abortion 1-800-5-WE-CARE
Pregnancy Counseling 1-800-550-4900**

*ST. JOHN

THE EVANGELIST



Roast Pork Dinner—This **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.

Men's Club Meeting—Tuesday, **January 19th, 7:00pm**

Finance Council Meeting—Wednesday, January 20th, 7:00pm

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

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.

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

Valentine's Day Dinner Dance, Saturday, **February 13th**, sponsored by St. John's Men's Club. Cost is \$35.00 per person. **Advance Sale Tickets Only.**

Note: Please do not 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!

LifeLine - "Those who are active in the production and dissemination of new media content, therefore, should strive to respect the dignity and worth of the human person. If the new technologies are to serve the good of individuals and of society, all users will avoid the sharing of words and images that are degrading of human beings, that promote hatred and intolerance, that debase the goodness and intimacy of human sexuality or that exploit the weak and vulnerable."

~ Pope Benedict XVI, "Message of the Holy Father for the 43rd World Communications Day, May 24, 2009"

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



Finance Council Meeting—Monday, **January 18th, 5:30pm** in St. Martin's Church hall.

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 this **Thursday, January 21st, 7:00pm.**

2009 End-of-Year Contribution Statements—All Parishioners who would like to have their 2009 church statements, please call the office in Susquehanna, 853-4634.

St. Martin's new monthly Envelopes do not include **Dues or Fuel.** We ask all parishioners to be generous in your Sunday offering and please include for Dues & Fuel.

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

January Church Cleaning Team—R. Parkinson, E. Hartman

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 available 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 Really 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 in our church system 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. 23rd 4:00 PM

R.J. & Nicholas Klein (Altar Servers)
Marilyn Czachor (Eucharistic Min.)
Bob Klein (Lector)

Sun. Jan. 24th- 11:00 AM

Olivia Rockwell, Emily Frye (Altar Servers)
Alfie Lambert (Eucharistic Min.)
Eileen Hartman (Lector)

*MASS INTENTIONS—ST. MARTIN Jan. 16-24, 2010

Sat.	01/16	4:00 PM	Helen Marichak (Estate)
Sun.	01/17	11:00 AM	All Parishioners
Sat.	01/23	4:00 PM	All Parishioners
Sun.	01/24	11:00 AM	Gertrude Leahy

* PARISH CLUSTER NEWS

Reminder—If there is a School Delay due to inclement weather, the daily morning mass time will follow the School Delay time (usually a 1 or 2-hour delay).

New Daily Mass Schedule starting Monday, January 25th:

	<u>St. John</u>	<u>St. Lawrence</u>	<u>St. Martin</u>
Mon.	8:30am	7:00pm	
Tues.	8:30am		8:00am
Wed.		8:00am	8:00am
Thurs.	8:30am		8:00am
Fri.	8:30am	7:00pm	

RCIA meeting—Monday, January 18th, 7:00pm St. John's Parish Hall.

Charismatic Mass—Thursday, January 21st, 7:00pm at St. Martin of Tours Church.

NEW: Welcoming and Evangelization Committee Meeting, Friday, January 22, 7:30pm at St. Lawrence's.

Capuchin Sisters' Phone number is 756-2205. Because of their prayer life and communal life, they usually only answer the phone at the following times:

Monday thru Thursday & Saturday	9:00am—11:45am 1:00pm—4:30pm 7:00pm—8:15pm
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2010 Calendar—if your organization is planning a special event or fund raiser for 2010, please call the parish office at 853-4634 so there is no conflict of dates.

Food Bank Collections—The following items are the suggested weeks for donated items:

Jan. 11-17	Cereal
Jan. 18-24	Mac & cheese, and soup
Jan. 25-31	Toothpaste and body soap

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St. Lawrence Church February Fund Raiser: Feb. 18, 19, 20

RUMMAGE SALE: DON'T THROW THAT AWAY OR PUT IT IN THE ATTIC!!!!

It will be held in the Trinity Center and warm food will be available. You can start dropping items off either at the Trinity Center or in the enclosed porch in back of rectory. Pick up available upon request. Call the rectory at 570-267-1366. More details to follow.....*please bring items that you would buy yourself and not garbage to get rid of. Thank You!*

Altar Flowers for St. Lawrence: If you would like to have flowers on the altar, call Paulette at 879-4181.

St. Lawrence Upcoming Fund Raisers and Events:

January: Pot Luck Dinner, Jan. 23rd after mass.

Quilt Raffle tickets will be for sale soon for Jan., Feb., and March until the April 4th drawing.

February: Rummage Sale the 18th 10am-3pm, 19th 10am-8pm, 20th 10am-3pm

March: Ham & Cabbage Dinner on Sat. March 6th

April: Easter Dinner Basket Raffle

May: Bake Sale on the 7th

June: Green Gables Chicken BBQ on the 27th

July: open for suggestions

August: St. Lawrence Picnic held on church grounds the 1st.

Sept. open for suggestions

October: Halupki Dinner on the 16th.

Nov. Thanksgiving Dinner Raffle

Dec. Christmas Cookie Sale & Pot Luck Dinner

All events take place in the St. Lawrence Trinity Center

****Each one of these monthly events NEED to have committees. People MUST come forward and help. We need new volunteers. Pick your event and a friend or two and help support your church. These are just great ideas right now until someone comes forward. Call Judi at the rectory if interested. 570.267.1366 leave a message!**

The Sanctuary Candle at St. Lawrence church burns the month of January in loving memory of John & Rose Juriga by Virginia & Del Austin.

****When Mass is over, kindly place your Breaking Bread missal back in the pew holder. The pages are getting bent and torn.**

***MASS INTENTIONS—ST. LAWRENCE Jan. 16-24, 2010**

Sat. Jan. 16	4:15 PM	Confession
Sat. Jan. 16	5:00 PM	For our parish community
Sun Jan. 17	9:30 AM	Deceased members of the Franks-Edgell families req. by Barbara Franks
Mon Jan. 18	7:00 PM	Eleanor LoVuolo req. by Frank and Sharon O'Connor
Tues. Jan. 19	7:00 PM	Angelo Gervasi
Wed. Jan. 20	7:00 PM	Antoinette Rutolo
Thur. Jan. 21	7:00 PM	Cal Payne
Fri. Jan. 22	7:00 PM	Laetitia Voleri
Sat. Jan. 23	4:15 PM	Confession
Sat. Jan. 23	5:00 PM	For our parish community
Sun. Jan. 24	9:30 AM	Deceased members of the Conigliaro family req. by Rose Conigliaro

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. 16-24, 2010

Sat.	1/16	6:00 PM	All Parishioners
Sun.	1/17	8:00 AM	Frank & Bobbie Canini (Joe Canini)
Mon	1/18	8:30 AM	Catherine Paccio (Richard & Pam Hennessy)
Tues.	1/19	8:30 AM	Eric Krause (The Family)
Wed.	1/20	8:30 AM 2:00 PM	John Burke (M/M Joseph King) Sandy Battisti (M/M Robert Whitmore)
Thurs.	1/21	8:30 AM	Marion Klym (Spin Battisti)
Fri	1/22	8:30 AM	Gladys Fish (M/M Robert Romanofski)
Sat	1/23	6:00 PM	William Mazikewich (The Family)
Sun.	1/24	8:00 AM	All Parishioners

***MINISTRIES—ST. JOHN'S**

Sat. Jan. 23rd - 6:00 PM

Tom & Troy Maby, Brandon Gow (Altar Servers)
Chet Walker, Joe Schell, Mike DeWitt
(Eucharistic Ministers)
Linda Norris (Lector)
Choir (Cantors)

Sun. Jan. 24th - 8:00 AM

Charles & Ambrose Mulligan, Michael Armitage (A.S.)
Joe King, Carol Bushong, Linda Norris (Eucharistic Min.)
Tiffany Maby (Lector)
Kay Pacifici (Cantor)

*** MINISTRIES—ST. LAWRENCE**

Sat. Jan. 23rd- 5:00 PM

D. Maida (Altar Servers)
K. Ragard (Eucharistic Ministers)
C. Tomeo (Lector)

Sun. Jan. 24th - 9:30 AM

C. & J. Mills (Altar Servers)
S. Brown (Eucharistic Minister)
S. Mills (Lector)

Note: If you cannot make your assigned date, please call someone else for your replacement.

PARISHES' CALENDAR

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. St. Martin's Finance Council Meeting, 5:30pm
Tues.	1/19	St. John's Men's Club meeting, 7:00pm St. Lawrence Finance Council meeting, 7:30pm
Wed.	1/20	SNF Mass, Barnes Kasson, 2:00pm St. John's Finance Council Meeting, 7:00pm
Thurs.	1/21	Charismatic Mass at St. Martin, 7:00pm
Fri.	1/22	Pro-Life March on Washington bus trip Welcoming & Evangelization Meeting, 7:30pm, at St. Lawrence
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.
S/Sun.	1/30-31	Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection
Sat.	2/06	First Saturday Mass, 8:30am, St. John's
Sun.	2/07	St. Martin's Super-Sunday Hoagie Sale
Fri.	2/12	St. Martin's Arts Council Winter Play, 7:00pm, Church Hall
Sat.	2/13	St. Martin's Arts Council Winter Play, 1:00pm, Church Hall
Sat.	2/13	St. John's Valentine Dinner Dance
Sun.	2/14	St. Martin's Arts Council Winter Play, 2:00pm, Church Hall
Th-Sat.	2/18-20	St. Lawrence Rummage Sale, Trinity Center

***STEWARDSHIP—ST. JOHN'S**

Sat/Sun., Jan. 9-10, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,454.00
Loose	195.00
Candles	18.00
Dues	126.00
Religious Ed	20.00
Improvements	27.00
Fuel	995.00
Eastern Europe	10.00
Christmas	10.00
Care & Education of Priests	65.00
Solemnity of Mary	76.00
Religious Retirement	10.00
Total:	\$3,006.00

***STEWARDSHIP—ST. MARTIN'S**

Sat./Sun. Jan 9-10, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,226.75
Loose	209.00
Initial Offering	105.00
Care & Education of Priests	71.00
Christmas	75.00
Solemnity of Mary	26.00
Campaign Human Development	25.00
Ash Wednesday	5.00
Easter Flowers	5.00
Total:	\$1,747.75

***STEWARDSHIP—ST. LAWRENCE**

Sat./Sun. Jan. 9-10, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,513.66
Solemnity of Mary	15.00
Maintenance	261.00
Insurance	45.00
Care & Education of Priests	50.00
Assessment	5.00
Total:	\$1,889.66

Last Will and Testament—Our parishes are very important to us all. Please consider remembering your parish in your will.