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



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24th, 2010



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Today we return to proclaiming Luke as the primary evangelist of the season. We are still in the midst of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Conversion of St. Paul
Monday, January 25th

Saul of Tarsus had a history of persecuting Christians. He was present at the martyrdom of St. Stephen and held the cloaks of those who stoned him. While on the road to Damascus, where he was headed to suppress the Christian community, he was blinded by a bright light and heard the voice of Christ saying, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" (Acts 9:4). He took the name Paul, and became the apostle to the Gentiles, traveling the known world with the message of the Gospel. Paul's conversion is a witness to the mercy of God and the possibility of conversion.

St. Angela Merici
Wednesday, January 27th

St. Angela believed that young girls need a Christian education, and so she started a school in her home. Eventually she realized that she was called to start a community of women dedicated to teaching girls, and she founded the *Ursulines* in 1535. She died only five years later. The Ursulines were the first order of women entirely devoted to education, and they played an important role in the development of Catholic education in the United States, where they founded a school in New Orleans in 1727.



Gospel: The power of the proclamation and interpretation of God's word by Ezra is echoed and surpassed in Jesus' proclamation and interpretation of God's word by Isaiah.

Jesus affirms that Isaiah's prophecy of God's Holy Spirit resting upon his chosen one has been fulfilled. Jesus is God's anointed. As Nehemiah invited delight in the proclamation of God's word, today's Gospel calls us to delight in Jesus our Messiah and Lord, for God's word is both proclaimed and fulfilled in him.

In today's Second Reading, Paul unfolds for the Church at Corinth the organic unity and the vital contribution of each member of the Church, the body of Christ. The source of unity and of the unique gifts of each member is the Holy Spirit given in Baptism. As members of the one body, we share in one another's suffering, honor, and ministry on behalf of others. We are invited to surrender those attitudes of envy and jealousy that keep us from living out the gift of unity bestowed on us in the Holy Spirit.

Weekend Masses

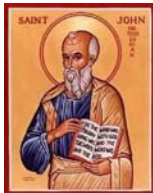
	St. John	St. Lawrence	St. Martin
Sat.	6:00 PM	5:00 PM	4:00 PM
Sun.	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM

Listen to Catholic Radio
JMJ 750 AM

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

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THE EVANGELIST



The Sacrament of First Penance , Sunday, January 31st, 9:15am at St. John's

Men's Club Meeting—Monday, February 2, 7:00pm

Altar & Rosary meeting—Monday, February 8, 6:30pm

Pro-Life Meeting—Thursday, February 11, after morning Mass.

Painting of St. John's Church has begun and will continue 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. Hor d'oeuvres 6:30pm, dinner 7:30pm. Music by Ashman Productions. 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 -

Women who have had one abortion have a 36% increased risk of giving birth prematurely in a subsequent pregnancy. Women who have had more than one abortion have a 93% increased risk of premature birth.

Prakesh Shah et al., "Induced termination of pregnancy and low birth weight and preterm birth: a systematic review and meta-analyses," *BJOG: An International Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology* 116:11 (2009) 1425 – 1442.

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OF TOURS



Fundraising Committee Meeting on Wednesday, **January 27th** at 5:30 PM in the Church Hall to discuss **Hoagie Sale and Pierogi Sale**. All are welcome.

Anyone wishing to donate to either the **Hoagie Sale** or **Pierogi Sale** to help with the cost of materials, may do so in the Sunday collection. Please mark: "Fundraiser."

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, or use the form in today's bulletin.

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 .

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

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 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.

***MASS INTENTIONS—ST. MARTIN Jan. 23-31, 2010**

Sat.	1/23	4:00 PM	All Parishioners
Sun.	1/24	11:00 AM	Gertrude Leahy Bill Leahy)
Mon	1/25		NO Mass
Tues.	1/26	8:00 AM	Helen Marichak (Estate)
Wed.	1/27	8:00 AM	Vincent Giunta (Bill Leahy)
Thurs.	1/28	8:00 AM	Helen Marichak (Estate)
Fri	1/29		NO MASS
Sat	1/30	4:00 PM	Jean Barton (Damian Silipio & Family)
Sun.	1/31	11:00 AM	All Parishioners

* PARISH CLUSTER NEWS

Next Week's Second Collection, Jan. 30-31— Catholic Campaign for Human Development

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:

	St. John	St. Lawrence	St. Martin
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	

Implementation Team Meeting—Tuesday, January 26th, 7:00pm at St. John's Parish Hall.

RCIA meeting—Monday, January 25th, 7:00pm St. John's Parish Hall.

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

Spiritual Enrichment during Lent and Easter—please see today's insert flyer for more details and how to register for Weekend Retreats, Bible Study, and Ministry Training.

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

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

St. Lawrence Pot Luck Dinner:

It's winter and it's cold, so why not warm up with some fellowship. Saturday, **January 23** after 5:00pm Mass in the Trinity Center. Bring a dish to pass. Everything else will be taken care of. **ALL ARE INVITED**. It's a new year and what better time to get involved with your church. You might be surprised on how much you will enjoy it!

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Coffee and Donuts: A few parishioners got together and decided to start a monthly social gathering. Sunday, **Feb. 7th** after morning mass will be the first coffee and donuts in the Trinity Center. All are welcomed to stop by and socialize with your fellow parishioners. It will be held every 1st Sunday of each month. Hopefully it will grow into something bigger like a monthly breakfast.

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!*

St. Lawrence Ham & Cabbage Dinner:

Plans are already being made for the dinner. It will be held on Saturday, **March 6th** starting at 4:00P.M. until all are sold. \$ 7.00 a meal. First come first serve. More details to follow.

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. A flea market was suggested. Vendors anyone??

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!***

Divine Mercy at St. Lawrence:

Sunday, April 11, at 2:00 P.M. will be mass followed by refreshments in the Trinity Center.

****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. 23-31 2010**

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
Mon Jan. 25	7:00 PM	Deceased members of the Shobot and Baglino families req. by the Maida family
Tues. Jan. 26		NO MASS
Wed. Jan. 27	8:00 AM	John Yamonao
Thur. Jan. 28		NO MASS
Fri. Jan. 2	7:00 PM	Maria Grodzicka req. by the Maida family
Sat. Jan. 23	4:15 PM	Confession
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Sun. Jan. 24	9:30 AM	Tim Dundon req. by The Folk Group

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. 23-31, 2010

Sat.	1/23	6:00 PM	William Mazikewich (The Family)
Sun.	1/24	8:00 AM	All Parishioners
Mon.	1/25	8:30 AM	Elizabeth Dennis (Rosemary DeVries)
Tues.	1/26	8:30 AM	Anna Pavelski (Mary E. Snyder & Family)
Wed.	1/27		NO MASS
Thurs.	1/28	8:30 AM	Vincent Pacifici & Son, Vincent (The Family)
Fri.	1/29	8:30 AM	Elise Fraily (Jesse & Mary Gow)
Sat.	1/30	6:00 PM	Josephine Canini (Joe Canini & Family)
Sun.	1/31	8:00 AM	All Parishioners

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

***MINISTRIES—ST. JOHN'S**

Sat. Jan. 30th - 6:00 PM
Nicole & Danielle Barnes, Miranda Romanofski (A.S.)
Maggie Moran, Jane McNamara, Mary Snyder (Euch. Min.)
Jeffrey Keyes (Lector)
Folk Group (Cantors)

Sun. Jan. 31st- 8:00 AM
Aaron Cook, Mary Walker, David Armitage (A.S.)
Carol Bushong, Bob Burns, Mary Joe Weaver (Euch. Min.)
Clay Weaver (Lector)
Jeffrey Keyes (Cantor)

*** MINISTRIES—ST. LAWRENCE**

Sat. Jan. 30- 5:00 PM
M. & G. Button, C. Lake (Altar Servers)
F. O'Connor (Eucharistic Ministers)
M. Button (Lector)

Sun. Jan. 31st - 9:30 AM
K. & C. Carlsen (Altar Servers)
R. & d. Maida (Eucharistic Minister)
L. James (Lector)

***MINISTRIES—ST. MARTIN'S**

Sat. Jan. 30th 4:00 PM
Michael Lingobardo (Altar Servers)
Miriam Pepe (Eucharistic Min.)
Rachel Gilleran (Lector)

Sun. Jan. 31st 11:00 AM
Anja Whitehead, Katherina Kempa (Altar Servers)
Katherine Kempa (Eucharistic Min.)
Barry Corrigan (Lector)

PARISHES' CALENDAR

Sat.	1/23	St. Lawrence Pot Luck Dinner, after 5:00pm Mass In the Trinity Center
Mon.	1/25	RCIA Meeting, 7:00pm at St. John's Hall
Tues.	1/26	Implementation Team Meeting, 7:00pm at St. John's hall
Wed.	1/27	St. Martin Fundraising Committee Meeting, 5:30pm in the Church hall
Thurs.	1/28	St. Martin's Holy Hour, 7:00pm.
S/Sun.	1/30-31	Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection
Sun.	1/31	St. John's First Penance, 9:15am
Mon.	2/01	RCIA Meeting, 7:00pm at St. John's Hall Welcoming & Evangelization Meeting, 7pm St. John's
Tues.	2/02	St. John's Men's Club Meeting, 7:00pm
Sat.	2/06	First Saturday Mass, 8:30am, St. John's Chapel
Sun.	2/07	St. Martin's Super-Sunday Hoagie Sale St. Lawrence Coffee & Donuts after Mass
Mon.	2/08	Healing Service at St. Lawrence, 7:00pm
Mon.	2/09	St. John's Altar & Rosary Meeting, 6:30pm
Tues.	2/10	Joint Pastoral Council Meeting, St. John's, 7:00pm
Thurs.	2/11	St. John's Pro-life Meeting after morning Mass
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 Knights of Columbus #356 Spaghetti Dinner, 4-7pm
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. 16-17, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,710.00
Loose	221.00
Candles	5.00
Dues	78.00
Religious Ed	160.00
Improvements	10.00
Fuel	226.00
Christmas	10.00
Care & Education of Priests	20.00
Solemnity of Mary	3.00
Total:	\$2,443.00

***STEWARDSHIP—ST. MARTIN'S**

Sat./Sun. Jan 16-17, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,539.00
Loose	216.00
Initial Offering	35.00
Fuel	37.00
Care & Education of Priests	15.00
Christmas	40.00
Solemnity of Mary	3.00
Campaign Human Development	5.00
Total:	\$1,890.00
Haiti Relief	\$924.00

***STEWARDSHIP—ST. LAWRENCE**

Sat./Sun. Jan. 16-17, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,500.36
Candles	32.00
Solemnity of Mary	5.00
Maintenance	85.00
Fuel	369.00
Total:	\$1,991.36
Haiti Relief	\$538.00

Haiti Relief \$906.00

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