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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**



**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**January 31st, 2010**

**Today's Gospel:** Jesus is portrayed as a prophet whose message is despised and rejected by his own, and as a prophet whose life is protected from danger, as he walks through the midst of an angry crowd. Jesus challenged his own people with a message concerning the acceptance of God's word and the working of his power among foreigners and outsiders. As Jesus' own community, let us rejoice when non-Christians live in goodness and truth, and let us ask for greater openness to God's word in our own lives.



**The Presentation of Our Lord**  
Tuesday, February 2nd

Following Luke's computation, 40 days after the Nativity of the Lord, we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord. According to Jewish law, a woman was required to make an offering after the birth of a male child. Jesus was presented by Mary and Joseph in the temple of Jerusalem, along with two turtle-doves, as recounted in the Gospel account of Luke. Jesus is recognized by the prophets Anna and Simeon, and this bittersweet discovery known as the Canticle of Simeon, the Nunc Dimittis, is sung every night during Compline, or Night Prayer. This feast was celebrated in Jerusalem as early as 386 AD. It soon evolved into a vigil of expectation for the Lord who comes to meet his people with the light of salvation.

**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.



**St. Blasé, Bishop, martyr**  
Wednesday, Feb. 3rd

St. Blasé was a physician, Bishop of Sebaste (Armenia), and martyr. There is little reliable information about his life, but he is reputed to have healed a boy who was choking on a fish bone. For this reason, his intercession is invoked for illness of the throat, and it is customary for throats to be blessed on his memorial, using crossed candles.

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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853-4787

**Emergency number at St. Lawrence Rectory: 267-1366**

**Weekend Masses**

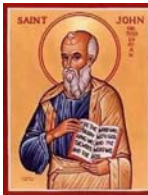
	<b>St. John</b>	<b>St. Lawrence</b>	<b>St. Martin</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>

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Pregnancy Counseling 1-800-550-4900

# \*ST. JOHN

## THE EVANGELIST



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

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

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

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

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Training**, Saturday, February 27th, 9:00am-4:00pm, St. John's Hall, \$30.00 per person. Register by February 7th. Please call Vickie Mulligan at 278-3286. Those who have not received this training should attend.

**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!

### MINISTRIES—ST. JOHN'S

#### Sat. Feb. 6th - 6:00 PM

Tom & Troy Maby, Nicole Barnes (A.S.)  
Carol Barnes, Carol Bushong, Linda Norris (Euch. Min.)  
Katy Pacifici (Lector)  
Folk Group (Cantors)

#### Sun. Feb. 7th- 8:00 AM

Matt Kane, Mary Walker, David Armitage (A.S.)  
Joe Schell, George Napolitano, vickie Mulligan (Euch. Min.)  
Linda Buffington (Lector)  
Barb Wolf, Carolyn Rinker (Cantors)

### \*STEWARDSHIP—ST. JOHN'S

Sat/Sun., Jan. 23-24, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,308.00
Loose	104.00
Dues	178.00
Religious Ed	35.00
Improvements	100.00
Fuel	683.00
Solemnity of Mary	10.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,418.00</b>

# \*ST. MARTIN

## OF TOURS



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

**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 last week's bulletin.

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."

**St. Martin's CCD** students are selling **Gertrude Hawk Candy** for their fundraiser. If interested, please call Kim Marco at 727-3304 or pick up the order forms at the Church.

### 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.

**February Church Cleaning Team**—Helen & Joe Castranova

**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. \$8:00 general admission, \$5.00 students, seniors, soldiers. Tickets available at the door.

**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. Feb. 6th, 4:00 PM

Peter & Haley Maloney (Altar Serv.)  
Mary Lake (Eucharistic Min.)  
Maureen Maloney (Lector)

#### Sun. Feb. 7th, 11:00 AM

Justin Lee & Lucas Marco (A.S.)  
Betsy Supancik (Eucharistic Min)  
Mark Fallon (Lector)

### \*STEWARDSHIP—ST. MARTIN'S

Sat./Sun. Jan 23-24, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,146.75
Loose	265.60
Dues	4.00
Initial Offering	25.00
Fuel	25.00
Care & Education of Priests	20.00
Haiti Relief	10.00
Campaign Human Development	5.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,501.35</b>

# \* PARISHES' MASSES

\*MASS INTENTIONS—ST. JOHN Jan. 30-31, Feb 1-7, 2010

Sat. 1/30	6:00 PM	Josephine Canini (Joe Canini & Family)
Sun. 1/31	8:00 AM	All Parishioners
Mon 2/01	8:30 AM	Frederick, Jane, & Richard Crowley (Fr. Thomas Crowley & Jane Culnane)
Tues. 2/02	8:30 AM	Mary Stout (M/M Joseph Stout)
Wed. 2/03		NO MASS
Thurs. 2/04	8:30 AM	Luciana, Parks, & Euli Families (Joanne McIntyre)
Fri 2/05	8:30 AM	Deceased Members of Steigert Family (Shirley Silipo)
Sat 2/06	8:30 AM 6:00 PM	All Parishioners Sandino Battisti (Linda Barrett)
Sun. 2/07	8:00 AM	Michael J. Matis (The Family)

\*MASS INTENTIONS—ST. LAWRENCE Jan. 30-31, Feb.1-7,2010

Sat. Jan.30	4:15 PM	Confession
Sat. Jan.30	5:00 PM	For our parish community
Sun Jan. 31	9:30 AM	Jim Dundon req. by The Folk Group
Mon Feb. 01	7:00 PM	Rita & Anthony Maida req. by the Maida Family
Tues. Feb. 02		NO MASS
Wed Feb. 03	<b>8:00 AM</b>	Angelo Gervasi
Thur. Feb. 04		NO MASS
Fri. Feb. 05	7:00 PM	Edward Manzione req. by the Maida Family
Sat. Feb. 06	4:15 PM	Confession
Sat. Feb. 06	5:00 PM	John & Bob Franks req. by the Franks Family
Sun. Feb. 07	9:30 AM	For our parish community

\*MASS INTENTIONS—ST. MARTIN Jan. 30-31, Feb.1-7,2010

Sat. 1/30	4:00 PM	Jean Barton (Damian Silipio & Family)
Sun. 1/31	11:00 AM	All Parishioners
Mon 2/01		NO Mass
Tues. 2/02	8:00 AM	Helen Marichek (Estate)
Wed. 2/03	8:00 AM	Gladys Fish (M/M John Hartman)
Thurs. 2/04	8:00 AM	Helen Marichek (Estate)
Fri 2/05		NO MASS
Sat 2/06	4:00 PM	All Parishioners
Sun. 2/07	11:00 AM	Janeina Swistro (Isabelle Plonski)

**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).**

# \*ST. LAWRENCE



The St. Lawrence Pot Luck was a huge success!!! Thanks to everyone who came out and supported your church with fellowship! We hope you all had a good time.

**Coffee and Donuts:** A few parishioners got together and decided to start a monthly social gathering. Sunday, **Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>** 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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, home-made soup & halushki available. Drop items off by Feb. 17 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 6<sup>th</sup>** starting at 4:00P.M. until all are sold. \$ 7.00 a meal. First come first serve. More details to follow.

**St. Lawrence Trinity Center:** We are in the process of doing good things to get our church community together. It would be a huge help to us all if we could keep the Trinity Center kitchen stocked with paper plates, napkins, garbage bags, coffee, tea, sugar, etc.... if once in a while when your grocery shopping, pick up an item and drop it in the enclosed porch if rectory marked Trinity Center. It would be greatly appreciated.

### **St. Lawrence Upcoming Fund Raisers and Events:**

**January:** Quilt Raffle tickets will be for sale soon for Jan., Feb., and March until the April 4<sup>th</sup> drawing.

**February:** Rummage Sale the 18<sup>th</sup> 10am-3pm, 19<sup>th</sup> 10am-8pm, 20<sup>th</sup> 10am-3pm

**March:** Ham & Cabbage Dinner on Sat. March 6<sup>th</sup>

**April:** Easter Dinner Basket Raffle

**May:** Bake Sale on the 7<sup>th</sup>

**June:** Green Gables Chicken BBQ on the 27<sup>th</sup>

**July:** open for suggestions. A flea market was suggested. Vendors anyone??

*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!**

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

## \* MINISTRIES—ST. LAWRENCE

**Sat. Feb. 6th - 5:00 PM**

P. McConnell, A. Stanley(Altar Servers)

R. Ragard (Eucharistic Ministers)

C. Tomeo (Lector)

**Sun. Feb. 7th - 9:30 AM**

T. & C. Carlsen (Altar Servers)

A. Maholick (Eucharistic Minister)

M. Maholick (Lector)

## \*STEWARDSHIP— ST. LAWRENCE

**Sat./Sun. Jan. 23-24, 2010**

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,965.00
Insurance	276.00
Solemnity of Mary	55.00
Maintenance	32.00
Fuel	97.00
Assessment	20.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,445.00</b>

# \* PARISH CLUSTER NEWS

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

### 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	

**RCIA meeting**—Monday, February 1st, 7:00pm St. John's Parish Hall. **No RCIA meeting on Monday, February 8th.**

**Healing Service**—Monday, February 8th, 7:00pm at St. Lawrence Church.

**Benefit for Dan Cook**, Hallstead Firefighter diagnosed with Lung cancer, **Sunday, February 21, 12pm—6pm**, Hallstead Fire Company, Lackawanna Ave., Hallstead. \$8.00 person, under 5 free. Call 607-725-5411, 607-221-0644, or 607-242-2277 for tickets or a donation may be made to "*Benefit of Dan Cook*", c/o Peoples National Bank, PO Box A, Hallstead, PA 18822.

**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

**Donations:** Since the Capuchin Sisters rely on public donations, if anyone would like to donate food, personal items, or a store gift card, please call the office rectory or place in the collection marked for the 'Capuchin Sisters'. Thank you for your Christian charity.

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Training, Saturday, February 27th, 9:00am-4:00pm**, St. John's Hall, \$30.00 per person. Register by February 7th. Please call Vickie Mulligan at 278-3286. Those who have not received this training should attend.

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

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

Jan. 25-31 Toothpaste and body soap  
Feb. 1-7 Toilet Tissue & Detergent  
Feb. 8-14 Pasta & sauce, noodles, rice

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#### 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 Mascenic
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.

## PARISHES' CALENDAR

S/Sun.	1/30-31	Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection
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 St. John's Altar & Rosary Meeting, 6:30pm
Wed.	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 No CCD classes (Presidents' Weekend)
Wed.	2/17	Ash Wednesday, Ashes Service—St. Lawrence 8:00am; St. Martin 12 Noon; St. John 4:00pm Mass & Ashes—St. John 8:30am; St. Lawrence 7:00pm; St. Martin 7:00pm.
Th-Sat	2/18-20	St. Lawrence Rummage Sale, Trinity Center
Sun.	2/21	RCIA Rite of Enrollment Mass, 3:00pm, St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton Great Adventure Bible Study, Sundays thru Lent St. Martin, after the 11:00am Mass
Mon.	2/22	Great Adventure Bible Study, Mondays thru Lent St. Lawrence after the 7:00pm Mass
Tues.	2/23	Great Adventure Bible Study, Tuesdays thru Lent, St. John after the 8:30am Mass
Sat.	2/27	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Training, 9:00am - 4:00pm in St. John's Parish Hall

**Mass Intentions:** You can honor a deceased relative or friend by remembering them with a Mass intention. Please call the rectory if you would like to have a Mass said for someone. The cost is \$10.00 per Mass.

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

#### **Divine Mercy at St. Lawrence:**

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