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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. Alphonse 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**

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



**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
World Day for Consecrated Life**

**February 7th, 2010**



**Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17 Schedule**

	<u>Mass/Ashes</u>	<u>Ashes</u>
St. John	8:30am	4:00pm
St. Lawrence	7:00pm	8:00am
St. Martin	7:00pm	12 Noon

**Stations of the Cross**

**Fridays during Lent starting Feb. 19th**

St. John	7:00pm	Stations
St. Lawrence	7:00pm	Stations & Mass
St. Martin	7:00pm	Stations

**Great Adventure Bible Study**

**Starting February 21st**

St. John	Tuesdays after 8:30am Mass
St. Lawrence	Mondays after 7:00pm Mass
St. Martin	Sundays after 11:00am Mass

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Training**

**Saturday, February 27th**

**9:00am—4:00pm**

**St. John's Parish Hall**

**Lenten Tri-Boro Ecumenical Services and Luncheon**

**Wednesdays during Lent  
12 Noon**

**Great Bend Ministerium Lenten Service**

**Wednesdays during Lent  
7:30pm**

*Today's Gospel:* Luke's account of the call of Simon parallels the experience recounted by Isaiah: an experience of holiness, a protestation of unworthiness, the Lord's gracious action, and the acceptance of the call. The miraculous catch of fish lead Peter to admit his sinfulness; yet Jesus calls Peter to banish his fear and to follow him. No words of Peter are recorded; simply his action of leaving all behind and following after Jesus. We are invited by scripture to see the same pattern unfolding in our own lives and to make the same generous response.

***Weekend Masses***

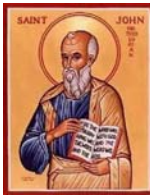
	<u>St. John</u>	<u>St. Lawrence</u>	<u>St. Martin</u>
Sat.	6:00 PM	5:00 PM	4:00 PM
Sun.	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM

**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



# \*ST. MARTIN

## OF TOURS



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

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

**Church Videos**—if you have any videos of past church functions at St. John's, please call the rectory. Jeffrey Keyes is interested.

**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.

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

**Note:** 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. 13th - 6:00 PM

Ben Kane, Nicole & Danielle Barnes (Altar Serv.)  
Mike DeWitt, Mary Snyder, Chet Walker (Eucharistic Min.)  
Marti Stanford (Lector)  
Barb Wolf, Carolyn Rinker (Cantors)

#### Sun. Feb. 14th- 8:00 AM

Jonathan & Justin Banko, Logan Burdick (Altar Servers)  
Carol Barnes, Linda Norris, Mary Jo Weaver (Eucharistic Min.)  
Carol Rinker (Lector)  
Men's Choir (Cantors)

**LifeLine** - Human persons are not to be understood merely from the perspective of their past histories or from ... the present. ... We must always see in other human beings persons with whom we shall one day share God's joy. We must look upon them as persons who are called, together with us, to be members of the body of Christ, with whom we shall one day sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and with Christ himself, as their brothers and sisters, as the brothers and sisters of Christ, and as children of God.

~ Pope Benedict XVI, "In the Beginning ...": A Catholic Understanding of the Story of Creation and the Fall

### \*STEWARDSHIP—ST. JOHN'S

#### Sat/Sun., Jan. 30-31, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,683.00
Loose	338.00
Dues	63.00
Care & Education of Priests	4.00
Fuel	105.00
Campaign Human Development	363.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,556.00</b>

**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.

**Pierogi Sale**—It is time for Pierogies! Our biggest fundraiser of the year!

**We will be making pierogies on February 27, March 13, and March 27, starting at 9 AM.** If you are interested in helping with the rolling, cutting, pinching or preparing, please call Martina Lingobardo at 756-2879. More hands make little work.

If you are interested in ordering our potato and cheese pierogies, call Boyd Manzer at 756-3047 with your preferred date, time, and church location for pick-up. Cost is \$5.00 per dozen.

**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**—Please include fuel and dues in the same weekly offertory envelopes and mark the envelope with the appropriate category and amount.

**February Church Cleaning Team**—Hadnagy & Lake families

### MINISTRIES—ST. MARTIN'S

#### Sat. Feb. 13th, 4:00 PM

Olivia & John J. Klein (Altar Serv.)  
Diane Frye (Eucharistic Min.)  
John Klein (Lector)

#### Sun. Feb. 14th, 11:00 AM

Olivia Rockwell, Emily Frye (A.S.)  
Alfie Lambert (Eucharistic Min)  
Frank Kwader (Lector)

### \*STEWARDSHIP—ST. MARTIN'S

#### Sat./Sun. Jan 30-31, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$836.25
Loose	255.00
Dues	40.00
Initial Offering	5.00
Fuel	20.00
Care & Education of Priests	20.00
Ash Wednesday	20.00
Campaign Human Development	249.00
Easter Flowers	5.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,450.25</b>

# \* PARISHES' MASSES

\*MASS INTENTIONS—ST. JOHN Jan. Feb. 6-14, 2010

Sat. 2/6	8:30 AM 6:00 PM	All Parishioners Sandino Battisti (Linda Barrett)
Sun. 2/7	8:00 AM	Michael J. Matis (The Family)
Mon 2/8	8:30 AM	Jim Luciana (Bob & Ann Walker)
Tues. 2/9	8:30 AM	Frank Borowicz (M/M Chip Snyder)
Wed. 2/10		NO MASS
Thurs. 2/11	8:30 AM	Hadie Avila (Dr. Ernest & Maggie Moran)
Fri 2/12	8:30 AM	Sandy Battisti (M/M Robert Romanofski)
Sat 2/13	6:00 PM	M/M William Canini (MaryAnn & Gino Testa)
Sun. 2/14	8:00 AM	All Parishioners

\*MASS INTENTIONS—ST. LAWRENCE Feb.6-14, 2010

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
Mon Feb. 08	7:00 PM	Healing Service
Tues. Feb. 09		NO MASS
Wed Feb. 10	<b>8:00 AM</b>	Thomas Maholick req. by his parents
Thur. Feb. 11		NO MASS
Fri. Feb. 12	7:00 PM	Stefan Szpura req. by the Maida family
Sat. Feb. 13	4:15 PM	Confession
Sat. Feb. 13	5:00 PM	For our parish community
Sun. Feb. 14	9:30 AM	Jerry Forsyth req. by Ann Forsyth

\*MASS INTENTIONS—ST. MARTIN Feb.6-14, 2010

Sat. 2/06	4:00 PM	All Parishioners
Sun. 2/07	11:00 AM	Janeina Swistro (Isabelle Plonski)
Mon 2/08		NO Mass
Tues. 2/09	8:00 AM	Helen Marichek (Estate)
Wed. 2/10	8:00 AM	Sandy Battisti (The Kilmer Family)
Thurs. 2/11	8:00 AM	Helen Marichek (Estate)
Fri 2/12		NO MASS
Sat 2/13	4:00 PM	Delores Buck (John & Eileen Hartman)
Sun. 2/14	11:00 AM	All Parishioners

**Reminder—If there is a School Delay/Closing due to inclement weather, the daily morning mass time will follow the School Delay time or Closing.**

# \*ST. LAWRENCE



**Coffee and Donuts:** This 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**  
Excitement is growing with each week as we get closer to our rummage sale! You have been so kind to donate some pretty interesting "Stuff". Please continue to drop off items until Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> either at the Trinity Center after Sat./Sun. Mass, or in the enclosed porch in back of the rectory. Call 879-4333 or 465-3393 if you need things picked up.

Sale Dates & Menu are:

Thurs., Feb 17 10:00am-3:00pm Vegetable Beef Soup, Halushki

Fri., Feb 18 10:00am-9:00pm Clam Chowder (red), Cream of Broccoli soup, Halushki

Sat., Feb 19 10:00am- ? Bag Sale Halushki and Soup

Help is needed, and greatly appreciated!!

## 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:

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>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>. (taken)

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

**April:** Easter Dinner Basket Raffle (taken)

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

**June:** Green Gables Chicken BBQ on the 27<sup>th</sup> (New Milford Men's Club)

**\*\*July:** Great Bend Days 150 anniv. (open for volunteers)

**August:** St. Lawrence Picnic held on church grounds the 1<sup>st</sup>. (taken, but need MANY volunteers)

**\*\*Sept.** open for suggestions..a church calendar lotto was suggested..anyone????

**October:** Halupki Dinner on the 16<sup>th</sup>. (taken)

**Nov.** Thanksgiving Dinner Raffle (taken)

**Dec.** Christmas Cookie Sale & Pot Luck Dinner (taken)

All events take place in the St. Lawrence Trinity Center

**\*\*Each one of these monthly events NEED to have committees. People MUST still come forward to help. "Taken" only means we have someone to organize it... Call Judi at the rectory if interested, 570.267.1366 and leave a message! Volunteer today!**

**The Sanctuary Candle burns in loving memory of Louise Giangrieco Tessier by Mary Giangrieco.**

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

## Divine Mercy at St. Lawrence:

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

## \*STEWARDSHIP— ST. LAWRENCE

Sat./Sun. Jan. 30-31, 2010

Offertory Envelopes \$1,360.00

Candles 22.00

Insurance 35.00

Assessment 10.00

Care & Education of Priests 10.00

Campaign Human Development 171.00

Total: \$1,608.00

## MINISTRIES—ST. LAWRENCE

Sat. Feb. 13th - 5:00 PM

D. Maida, C. Lake (Altar.S.)

R. & D. Maida (Euch. Min.)

F. O'Connor (Lector)

Sun. Feb. 14th - 9:30 AM

M. & E. Mangel (Altar.S.)

L. James (Eucharistic Min.)

I. McCarthy (Lector)

# \* PARISH CLUSTER NEWS

**St. Martin's Super-Sunday Hoagie Sale—February 7th** . If you ordered hoagies, they will be delivered after this Sunday's masses at the 3 churches.

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

**No RCIA meeting on Monday, February 8th.**

**Joint Finance Council Meeting—Tuesday, February 9th, 7:00pm at St. Lawrence**

**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 gen. admission, \$5.00 students, seniors, & soldiers. Tickets available at door.

**Knights of Columbus Council 356**, Great Bend, is having a **Spaghetti Dinner**, Saturday, February 13th, 4—7 PM, \$7.00 per person, \$3.00 ages 6-13, under 5 yrs free. Takeouts available. All are Welcome.

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**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.

**Donations:** Since the Capuchin Sisters rely on public donations, if anyone would like to donate food, personal items, gas card, 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.

*Note: Please bring your last year's palm to church and put in the baskets provided. We need before Ash Wednesday.*

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

Feb. 1-7 Toilet Tissue & Detergent

Feb. 8-14 Pasta & sauce, noodles, rice

Feb. 15-21 Canned fruit and vegetables

**Divine Mercy at St. Lawrence:**

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

**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

Michael Banning (Fancher)

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

## PARISHES' CALENDAR

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
Tues.	2/09	Joint Finance Council Meeting, 7:00pm, St. Lawrence
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
Sat.	3/06	St. Lawrence Ham & Cabbage Dinner, 4:00pm

**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.

**Boy Scout Sunday—Boy Scouts of America  
100th Anniversary**

