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



**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**World Marriage Day**

**February 14th, 2010**



*"Blessed are you who are poor,  
for the kingdom of God is yours"*

*"Blessed are you who are now hungry,  
for you will be satisfied"*

*"Blessed are you who are now weeping,  
for you will laugh"*

*"Blessed are you when people hate you,  
and when they exclude and insult you,  
and denounce your name as evil  
on account of the Son of Man."*

**Gospel:** In the Beatitudes found in Luke's account, Jesus' teaching mirrors the teaching of Jeremiah expressed in the First Reading. For Jesus, those who are poor, hungry, sorrowful, and hated exemplify those who place their trust in God and so will be blessed. On the other hand, the rich, satisfied, jocular, and well respected in this age will one day experience affliction. We are blessed when we stand with Christ, who emptied himself and stood with us in our lowliness.

**Days of Abstinence:**  
**(All Fridays in Lent)**  
All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.



**Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17 Schedule**

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

**Stations of the Cross**

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

<b>St. John</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Stations</b>
<b>St. Lawrence</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Stations &amp; Mass</b>
<b>St. Martin</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Stations</b>

**Great Adventure Bible Study**  
**Starting February 21st**

<b>St. John</b>	Tuesdays after 8:30am Mass
<b>St. Lawrence</b>	Mondays after 7:00pm Mass
<b>St. Martin</b>	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**

**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**

***Weekend Masses***

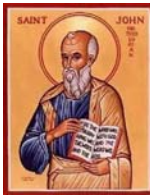
	<b>St. John</b>	<b>St. Lawrence</b>	<b>St. Martin</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>

**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



**Congratulations** To our 2nd Grade CCD class who received the *Sacrament of Reconciliation* at St. John's last Saturday:

<b>Ryan Armitage</b>	<b>Taylor Huyck</b>
<b>Makenzie Cook</b>	<b>Geena Miller</b>
<b>Amanda Iveson</b>	<b>Leah Reyes</b>
<b>Billy Guilfoyle</b>	

**Parents**—2nd Grade Parent Meeting, Sunday, February 28th, 9:10am at St. John's parish hall.

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

**Note:** If you are not receiving your monthly envelopes or wish to receive envelopes, please call the rectory at 853-4634.

**Pizza Sale!** - Proceeds to benefit the *Susquehanna Fire Dept. Auxiliary*. Starting February 19th, every Friday through April 2nd. Cheese \$8, additional toppings \$1 each. Pick up at the Fire Station, or enjoy FREE DELIVERY! Call 853-3197, 4pm to 7pm.

### MINISTRIES—ST. JOHN'S

#### Sat. Feb. 20th- 6:00 PM

Brandon Gow, David Armitage, Miranda Romanofski (Altar S.)  
Mike DeWitt, Joe King, Chet Walker (Eucharistic Min.)  
Linda Norris (Lector)  
Choir (Cantors)

#### Sun. Feb. 21st- 8:00 AM

Charles & Ambrose Mulligan, Aaron Cook (Altar Servers)  
Maggie Moran, Jan McNamara, Vickie Mulligan (Eucharistic Min.)  
Carol Rinker (Lector)  
Jeffrey Keyes (Cantor)

**LifeLine** - Mary Immaculate helps us to rediscover and defend what lies within people. ... Our Lady teaches us to be open to God's action and to see others as he sees them: starting with the heart. And to look at them with compassion, with love, with infinite tenderness, especially those who are lonely, despised, or exploited.

~ Pope Benedict XVI, *Address on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8, 2009)*

We offer our sympathy  
to the family and friends of  
**Virginia Znamiroski & Virginia Evans**  
who passed away recently.  
In Jesus, may they live forever.

### \*STEWARDSHIP—ST. JOHN'S

*Sat/Sun., Feb. 6-7, 2010*

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,685.00
Loose	202.00
Dues	300.00
Improvements	20.00
Care & Education of Priests	361.00
Fuel	125.00
Campaign Human Development	25.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,718.00</b>

# \*ST. MARTIN

## OF TOURS



**The St. Martin's Art's Council** will be presenting their winter play, '*Everything I Really Need to Know, I Learned in Kindergarten*', Sunday, Feb. 14 2:00pm. \$8:00 general admission, \$5.00 students, seniors, soldiers. Tickets available at the door.

**THANK YOU** to all who made our **Hoagie Sale** a huge success! We sold 260 hoagies, bringing in \$2,000 in donations and sales. **Our profit is \$1,426.00.** Look for our next hoagie sale Labor Day Weekend.

**St. Martin's Choir**—Practice will begin for Holy Week on **Ash Wednesday after the 7:00pm Mass.** New members are welcome!

**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.** Pinchers are needed. Please sign up in the foyer of the church: Name, phone #, and check the date you can help.; or call Martina Lingobardo at 756-2879. More hands make little work. We also need help rolling, cutting, and preparation. Plan on a pot-luck lunch and good fellowship!

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. All orders need to be in by **February 21st.**

### 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 **Thurs., February 18th.**

**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.

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

### MINISTRIES—ST. MARTIN'S

#### Sat. Feb. 20th, 4:00 PM

Christine & Michala Zeck (A.S.)  
Ruth Zeck (Eucharistic Min.)  
Rachael Gilleran (Lector)

#### Sun. Feb. 21st, 11:00 AM

Katherine Kempa, Anja Whitehead (A.S.)  
Charlene Kempa (Eucharistic Min.)  
Eileen Hartman (Lector)

### \*STEWARDSHIP—ST. MARTIN'S

*Sat./Sun. Feb. 6-7, 2010*

Offertory Envelopes	1,211.70
Loose	162.00
Dues	8.00
Initial Offering	5.00
Fuel	10.00
Care & Education of Priests	278.00
Ash Wednesday	25.00
Easter Flowers	10.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,709.70</b>



**Mardi Gras  
Tuesday  
Feb. 16th**

# \* PARISHES' MASSES

\*MASS INTENTIONS—ST. JOHN Jan. Feb. 13-21, 2010

Sat. 2/13	6:00 PM	M/M William Canini (MaryAnn & Gino Testa)
Sun. 2/14	8:00 AM	All Parishioners
Mon 2/15	8:30 AM	Vito DeFabbi (John Mann & Family)
Tues. 2/16	8:30 AM	Catherine Paccio (Joann Perry & John Grausgruber)
Wed. 2/17	2:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	SNF Mass Sandy Battisti (M/M R. Whitmore) Ashes Wednesday Service Jim Luciana (Carl Lawrenson)
Thurs. 2/18	8:30 AM	Mary Stout (Brian Stout)
Fri 2/19	8:30 AM	Joe Stella (Shirley Silipo)
Sat 2/20	6:00 PM	Louise Nagel (Richard & Helen Christianson)
Sun. 2/21	8:00 AM	All Parishioners

\*MASS INTENTIONS—ST. LAWRENCE Feb.13-21 2010

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
Mon Feb. 15	7:00 PM	Nora Kovitch req. by McCarthy Family
Tues. Feb. 16		NO MASS
Wed Feb. 17	8:00 AM 7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Service Harold O'Connor req. by Frank & Sharon O'Connor
Thur. Feb. 18		NO MASS
Fri. Feb. 19	7:00 PM	Nancy Lonzetta (Stations & Mass)
Sat. Feb. 20	4:15 PM	Confession
Sat. Feb. 20	5:00 PM	For our parish community
Sun. Feb. 21	9:30 AM	Francis X. Guinan req by Guinan Family

\*MASS INTENTIONS—ST. MARTIN Feb.13-21, 2010

Sat. 2/13	4:00 PM	Delores Buck (John & Eileen Hartman)
Sun. 2/14	11:00 AM	All Parishioners
Mon 2/15		NO Mass
Tues. 2/16	8:00 AM	Helen Marichek (Estate)
Wed. 2/17	12:00 PM 7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Service Jean Barton (Evelyn Caden & Family)
Thurs. 2/18	8:00 AM 7:00 PM	Helen Marichek (Estate) Charismatic Mass (Helen Marichek)
Fri 2/19		NO MASS
Sat 2/20	4:00 PM	All Parishioners
Sun. 2/21	11:00 AM	Evelyn Hartman & Sarah Murray (M/M John Hartman)

**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



## 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. 17th 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!!

The Rosary will be said at 6:30pm before Stations each week during Lent at St. Lawrence.

### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

On February 20th, Peter Garrett will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Lawrence. Please pray for Peter and his family as he grows closer to God by receiving this important sacrament.

**The Traveling Quilt:** Dixie has been trying to attend each Mass to show parishioners the *Quilt* for our raffle. If you have not gotten tickets yet, PLEASE call Judi at the rectory or Dixie Russell @ 879-4894. Return your tickets into the collection basket asap.

### 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.

**\*\*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.

### 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

E. & M. Mangel (Altar Serv.)  
L. James (Eucharistic Min.)  
I. McCarthy (Lector)

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Sat./Sun. Feb. 6-7, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,914.00
Candles	10.00
Fuel	20.00
Insurance	15.00
Assessment	143.00
Care & Education of Priests	286.00
Campaign Human Development	20.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,408.00</b>



# \* PARISH CLUSTER NEWS

**Note:** The Great Bend Ministerium Lenten Services have been cancelled.

**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.

**Joint Finance Council Meeting**—has been rescheduled to Tuesday, **February 16th**, at 7:00pm at St. Lawrence.

**Joint Pastoral Council Meeting**—has been rescheduled to Wednesday, **February 24**, 7:00pm at St. John's

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**All of the CCD students and family** from St. John's, St. Lawrence, and St. Martins are asked to attend. Sunday, **February 21st, @ 9:10am @ St. John's.** we will be learning about Lent and our journey to Easter.

**Parents**—2nd Grade Parent Meeting, Sunday, February 28th, 9:10am at St. John's parish hall.

**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.

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

- Feb. 8-14 Pasta & sauce, noodles, rice
- Feb. 15-21 Canned fruit and vegetables
- Feb. 22-28 Canned meat, tuna

**St. Martin Pierogi Sale**—**February 27th, March 13, and March 27.** 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.

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**Marriage Help**—*Retrouvaille* has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming weekend, March 12 -14, 2010 at the Fatima Renewal Center, Dalton, please call 570-587-0415 or 1-800-470-2230, or visit the website: [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

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

## 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)	Paul Dreater

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

## PARISHES' CALENDAR

Sat.	2/13	St. John's Valentine Dinner Dance, 6:30pm 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)
Mon.	2/15	RCIA Meeting at St. John's, 7:00pm
Tues.	2/16	Joint Finance Council Meeting, 7:00pm at St. Lawrence
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. Barnes SNF Mass & Ashes @ 2:00pm
Th-Sat	2/18-20	St. Lawrence Rummage Sale, Trinity Center
Sun.	2/21	Joint CCD Students & Family Lenten meeting, 9:10am at St. John's Parish Hall Great Adventure Bible Study, Sundays thru Lent @ St. Martin, after the 11:00am Mass RCIA Rite of Enrollment Mass, 3:00pm, St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton
Mon.	2/22	Great Adventure Bible Study, Mondays thru Lent @ St. Lawrence after the 7:00pm Mass RCIA Meeting, 7:00pm at St. John's Hall
Tues.	2/23	Great Adventure Bible Study, Tuesdays thru Lent @ St. John after the 8:30am Mass
Wed.	2/24	Lenten Ministerium Service & Luncheon, 12 Noon @ United Methodist Church, Susquehanna Joint Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00pm at St. John's
Sat.	2/27	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Training, 9:00am - 4:00pm in St. John's Parish Hall
Sun.	2/28	2nd-Grade Parent Meeting, 9:10am at St. John's St. Martin's Pierogi Sale
Wed.	3/03	Lenten Ministerium Service & Luncheon, 12 Noon At St. John's
Sat.	3/06	St. Lawrence Ham & Cabbage Dinner, 4:00pm
Wed.	3/10	Red Cross Blood Drive at St. John's, 1:30-5:30pm

**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.



*Happy Valentine's Day!*