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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**



1st Sunday of Lent

February 21st, 2010



**Stations of the Cross
Fridays during Lent**

St. John	7:00pm	
St. Lawrence	7:00pm	
St. Martin	7:00pm	

**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**

**February 24th
United Methodist Church
Susquehanna**

**March 3rd
St. John the Evangelist Church
Susquehanna**

**March 10th
Lakeview Mennonite Church
Lakeview**

**March 17th
Lanesboro Community Church
Lanesboro**

**March 24th
Christ Episcopal Church
Susquehanna**

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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853-4787**

Emergency number at St. Lawrence Rectory: 267-1366

Gospel: In Luke's portrayal of the temptations of Jesus, the devil's quips progress from his own words to quotations from scripture. Perceiving the ineffectiveness of his own words, the devil invokes the efficacious work of God. Yet, God's word is efficacious not when invoked with evil intention, but with the intention of living in the truth of its spirit. The Holy Spirit enables in us the gift of discernment to recognize the true and life-giving call of God's word.

Jesus, you know what it feels like to be tempted. When I face temptations at home, at work, and in between, please be with me.

Help me to make choices based on your gospel teachings and not just on my personal whims.

When I am tempted to make a selfish decision, give me your grace, please, to make me strong. Amen.

Weekend Masses

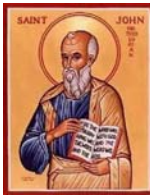
	St. John	St. Lawrence	St. Martin
Sat.	6:00 PM	5:00 PM	4:00 PM
Sun.	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM

**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



*ST. MARTIN

OF TOURS



Special Lenten Mass, Adoration, and Sermon—
 Wednesday, **February 24th, 9am—3:00pm**, at St. Gabriel's Monastery, 631 Griffin Pond Rd., Clarks Summit.
Father Pio Mandato, cousin of St. Padre Pio will officiate. The rosary will also be recited and lunch will be provided. Cost is **\$20.00** per person payable to **St. Gregory's Women's Guild**. Call **Nancy at 586-9227** for reservations by **Monday, February 22nd**.

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

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.

Men's Club Meeting—Tuesday, March 2nd, 7:00pm

Altar & Rosary Meeting—Monday, March 8th, 6:30pm

Pro-Life Meeting—Thursday, March 11th, after the Morning Mass.

First Friday Mass & Adoration—Friday, March 5th, 8:30am

Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Group will meet on **Saturday, March 6** after the 8:30am Mass to pray the rosary in the Rectory Chapel for the *Conversion of the World and World Peace*. Please come and join us, all our Welcome! (Approximately 45 minutes) The Prayer Group will meet every first Saturday of the month after morning Mass.

MINISTRIES—ST. JOHN'S

Sat. Feb. 27th- 6:00 PM

Logan Burdick, Tom Maby, Ben Kane (Altar Servers)
 Mary Jo Weaver, Carol Barnes, Bev Norris (Eucharistic Min.)
 Clay Weaver (Lector)
 Choir (Cantors)

Sun. Feb. 28th- 8:00 AM

Aaron Cook, Austin & Peyton Cowperthwait (Altar Servers)
 Bob Burns, George Napolitano, Linda Norris (Eucharistic Min.)
 Linda Buffington (Lector)
 Barb Wolf, Carolyn Rinker (Cantors)



*STEWARDSHIP—ST. JOHN'S

Sat/Sun., Feb. 13-14, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,261.00
Loose	245.00
Dues	33.00
Religious Ed	3.00
Care & Education of Priests	33.00
Fuel	770.00
Total:	\$2,345.00

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. Donations for supplies are most welcome!

St. Martin's CCD All Gertrude Hawk candy orders need to be in to Kim Marco this Sunday, 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.

MINISTRIES—ST. MARTIN'S

Sat. Feb. 27th, 4:00 PM

Michael Lingobardo (Altar S.)
 Marilyn Czachor (Euch. Min.)
 Martina Lingobardo (Lector)

Sun. Feb. 28th, 11:00 AM

Justin Lee, Lucas Marco (Altar Serv.)
 Kim Marco (Eucharistic Min)
 David Lee (Lector)

LifeLine - [In vitro fertilization] further depersonalizes the act of generating a child, turning it into a technical process in a laboratory. This procedure is so far from a loving act of the spouses that it can even be used to conceive a child if neither of them is alive, for the body of neither one is involved in the act of generating this life once sperm and egg are obtained and stored. Because these embryos are deliberately created not in the nurturing environment of the mother's body but in the poor substitute of a culture in a glass dish, the great majority of them die.

- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Life-Giving Love in an Age of Technology (Nov. 2009)

*STEWARDSHIP—ST. MARTIN'S

Sat./Sun. Feb. 13-14, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	1,153.00
Loose	152.00
Dues	18.00
Fuel	10.00
Care & Education of Priests	27.00
Ash Wednesday	18.00
Easter Flowers	25.00
Total:	\$1,403.00

* PARISHES' MASSES

*MASS INTENTIONS—ST. JOHN . Feb. 20-28, 2010

Sat. 2/20	6:00 PM	Louise Nagel (Richard & Helen Christianson)
Sun. 2/21	8:00 AM	All Parishioners
Mon 2/22	8:30 AM	Mark & Michael Tarbox (Marge Wood)
Tues. 2/23	8:30 AM	Jim Luciana (Gerald Walker)
Wed. 2/24	12:00 PM	Lenten Min. Service (United Methodist Church)
Thurs. 2/25	8:30 AM	Sandy Battisti (M/M Buster Schell & Charles Ficarro)
Fri 2/26	8:30 AM	Anthony Yannone (Barbara & Robert Osterhout)
Sat 2/27	6:00 PM	Joe & Marion King (Their Children)
Sun. 2/28	8:00 AM	All Parishioners

*MASS INTENTIONS—ST. LAWRENCE Feb.20-28 2010

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
Mon Feb. 22	7:00 PM	Ryan & Joseph Yedinak req. by the McGoldricks
Tues. Feb. 23		NO MASS
Wed Feb. 24	7:00 PM	Louis Odorizzi
Thur. Feb. 25		NO MASS
Fri. Feb. 26	7:00 PM	Geraldine Calabrese
Sat. Feb. 27	4:15 PM	Confession
Sat. Feb. 27	5:00 PM	John Conarton req. by wife Angie & Family
Sun. Feb. 28	9:30 AM	For our parish community

*MASS INTENTIONS—ST. MARTIN . Feb.20-28, 2010

Sat. 2/20	4:00 PM	All Parishioners
Sun. 2/21	11:00 AM	Evelyn Hartman & Sarah Murray (M/M John Hartman)
Mon 2/22		NO Mass
Tues. 2/23	8:00 AM	Helen Marichuk (Estate)
Wed. 2/24	8:00 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thurs. 2/25	8:00 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Fri 2/26		NO MASS
Sat 2/27	4:00 PM	Peter Petrosky (Panasevich & Petrosky Families)
Sun. 2/28	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



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

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:

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. For more information please call Marcy at 879-4965 or Mary Lou at 879-2370.

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.**

St. Lawrence Church Greeters

March 6th D. Maida
March 7th M. Rood

March 13th D. Russell
March 14th M. Smith and M. Jorgeson

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. 20th- 5:00 PM

Sun. Feb. 21st- 9:30 AM

P. MacConnell, A. Stanley (A.S.)
F. O'Connor (Euch. Min.)
C. Tomeo (Lector)

C. & K. Carlsen (Altar Serv.)
S. Brown (Eucharistic Min.)
L. James (Lector)

***STEWARDSHIP— ST. LAWRENCE**

Sat./Sun. Feb. 13-14, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,848.00
Candles	7.00
Fuel	11.00
Maintenance	244.00
Care & Education of Priests	70.00
Total:	\$2,180.00

* PARISH CLUSTER NEWS

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

Days of Abstinence: (All Fridays in Lent)

All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

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.

We are very proud of our **RCIA candidates** who are **Carl Hall**, St. John's--**Nicole Bianchi**, St. Lawrence--and **Laurie Frye**, St. Martin's. They are ready to be recommended to the Bishop and to the parish community for full membership, the *Rite of Election*, which will take place this Sunday at St. Peter's Cathedral. The Rite of Election marks the closure of the catechumentate and the beginning of the Period of Enlightenment, the time of immediate preparation for reception of the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. Please pray for each one of them as the continue their journey to full membership in our Catholic faith.

Joint Pastoral Council Meeting—Wednesday, February 24th, 7:00pm at St. John's Parish Hall.

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

Plans are underway for our new **Joint Pictorial Directory**. This directory will have family or individual pictures of each members of our Parish, along with pages of committees and organizations. It will be a great way to learn about our Parishes. Our newly formed **Welcoming and Evangelization Committees** will be having sign ups after each mass on the weekends of **March 13-14, 20-21, and 27-28**. Each household that comes for photography and portrait viewing will receive a complimentary directory and a 8x10 Custom Color Portrait. Additional portrait options will be available for purchase. Please participate - it won't be complete without you! Look for more information in next weeks bulletin.

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'. Also, if a monetary donation, checks can be made out to "*Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth*". Thank you for your Christian charity.

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

- Feb. 15-21 Canned fruit and vegetables
- Feb. 22-28 Canned meat, tuna
- Mar. 1-7 Peanut butter, Jelly

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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

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| 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

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 after Mass
Mon.	3/01	RCIA Meeting, 7:00pm at St. John's Hall
Tues.	3/02	St. John's Men's Club meeting, 7:00pm, church hall
Wed.	3/03	Lenten Ministerium Service & Luncheon, 12 Noon at St. John's
Fri.	3/05	First Friday Mass & Adoration, St. John, 8:30am
Sat.	3/06	First Saturday Mass, 8:30am at St. John's Chapel Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Group after the 8:30am Mass St. Lawrence Ham & Cabbage Dinner, 4:00pm
Mon.	3/08	St. John's Altar & Rosary Meeting, 6:30pm RCIA Meeting, 7:00pm at St. John's Hall
Wed.	3/10	Lenten Ministerium Service & Luncheon, 12 Noon at Lakeview Mennonite Church, Lakeview Red Cross Blood Drive at St. John's, 1:30-5:30pm
Thurs.	3/11	St. John Pro-Life Meeting, after morning Mass
Wed.	3/17	Lenten Ministerium Service & Luncheon, 12 Noon at Lanesboro Community Church, Lanesboro
Wed.	3/24	Lenten Ministerium Service & Luncheon, 12 Noon at Christ Episcopal Church, Susquehanna

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.