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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**



2nd Sunday of Lent

February 28th, 2010

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

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The Transfiguration

Gospel: In Luke's presentation of the transfiguration, Moses and Elijah converse with Jesus, concerning the exodus that he is about to accomplish in Jerusalem, and a voice from heaven declares Jesus to be God's

beloved Son. The cross, a symbol of sin, defect, suffering, and death, will be transformed into a symbol of holiness, victory, exaltation, and life, for by it the beloved Son leads us out of death into life. As we walk the way of the cross, may the Holy Spirit sustain us in an awareness of this truth.

The account of the Transfiguration of the Lord is proclaimed every year on the Second Sunday of Lent, giving us a glimpse into the glorious destiny that awaits the faithful followers of Christ. The custom of reading today's Gospel near the beginning of Lent may come from an ancient tradition that held that the Transfiguration took place 40 days before Good Friday. Moses and Elijah, who appear at the side of Jesus, also prepared for their life's work with a 40-day fast and a 40-day sojourn.

**Stations of the Cross
Fridays during Lent**



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

Stations
Stations & Mass
Stations

Great Adventure Bible Study

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

Daily Practice: Listening

What is Jesus saying to you this Lent? If you don't know it might be because you aren't "listening to him." At Mass today, this is God's invitation: "listen to my chosen one". Spend some time today quietly re-reading the gospel and then just being quiet with it. Listen.

Prayer:

*Jesus, beloved and chosen of God, speak to my heart today that I might know what you are asking of me.
How might I fast and pray
And share from my abundance?
How might I be a better person
At home, at work, and in all
My dealings with others.
Let me know, please. Amen.*

Weekend Masses

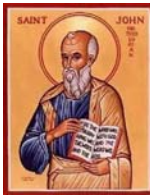
	St. John	St. Lawrence	St. Martin
Sat.	6:00 PM	5:00 PM	4:00 PM
Sun.	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM

**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



Parents—2nd Grade Parent Meeting has been changed to Sunday, March 7th, 9:10am at St. John's parish hall.

THANK YOU to all who came out on to clean the Church after the painters were done. The Church now looks beautiful!

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

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

St. John's Finance Council Meeting—Wednesday, March 10th, 7:00pm

Pro-Life Meeting—Thursday, March 11th, after 8:30am Mass. The **Pro-Life Collection** will be taken up after Masses on the 2nd weekend of each month.

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Benediction will be at 4:00pm. Please sign up for 1/2 hour of adoration. Sign-up sheets in the back of the Church and in the chapel.

Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Group will meet on **Saturday, March 6th 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.

Red Cross Blood Drive—Wednesday, March 10, 1:30-5:30pm at St. John's Parish Hall. Please call the Red Cross at 278-1427 to make an appointment.

St. Patrick's Day Party—Friday, March 12th, 7:30pm. Music by 'The Irish Balladeers', \$15.00 per person which includes beer, wine, & soda. Contact Ed Chianese of the St. John's Men's Club at 756-2995 for tickets or more information.



MINISTRIES—ST. JOHN'S

Sat. March 6th- 6:00 PM

Matt & Benedict Kane, Miranda Romanofski (Altar Servers)
Carol Barnes, Joe Schell, Joe King (Eucharistic Min.)
Jeffrey Keyes (Lector)
Folk Group (Cantors)

Sun. March 7th- 8:00 AM

Nichole & Danielle Barnes, Justin Banko (Altar Servers)
Linda Norris, Jane McNamara, Vickie Mulligan (Eucharistic Min.)
Linda Buffington (Lector)
Barb Wolf, Carolyn Rinker (Cantors)

*STEWARDSHIP—ST. JOHN'S

Wed., Sat./Sun. Feb. 17, 20-21, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,889.00
Loose	219.00
Candles	35.00
Dues	45.00
Religious Ed	170.00
Care & Education of Priests	2.00
Fuel	283.00
Improvements	23.00
Ash Wednesday	209.00
Total:	\$2,875.00

Ministries Schedules Are ready For March & April. Please pick Up in the Back of The Church.

*ST. MARTIN

OF TOURS



Lenten Mass Acclamations:

Kyrie 122, Gospel Acc. 125, Sanctus 185, Memorial Acc: Brown (in book), Amen 184, Agnus Dei 187

St. Martin's Finance Council Meeting—Tuesday, March 9th at 5:00pm in the church hall.

St. Martin's Choir—Practice for Holy Week on Wednesday, 7:00pm. 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!

Parishioners of St. Martin of Tours will receive a complimentary subscription to *The Catholic Answer* magazine within the next couple of months. The cost did not come from the parish's general fund but was a separate one-time donation provided by a parishioner.

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. March 6th, 4:00 PM

R.J. & Nicholas Klein (Altar S.)
Miriam Pepe (Euch. Min.)
Bonnie Klein (Lector)

Sun. March 7th, 11:00 AM

Liam & Genna Maloney (Altar Serv.)
Katherine Kempa (Eucharistic Min)
Maureen Maloney (Lector)

Operation Rice Bowl—please pick up the Catholic Relief Services' boxes provided in the back of the Church.

*STEWARDSHIP—ST. MARTIN'S

Wed., Sat./Sun. Feb. 17, 20-21, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$957.00
Loose	306.00
Dues	4.00
Initial Offering	5.00
Human Development	10.00
Ash Wednesday	228.00
Easter Flowers	15.00
Building Fund	75.00
Total:	\$1,600.00

* PARISHES' MASSES

*MASS INTENTIONS—ST. JOHN Feb. 27-28, Mar. 1-7, 2010

Sat. 2/27	6:00 PM	Joe & Marion King (Their Children)
Sun. 2/28	8:00 AM	All Parishioners
Mon 3/01	8:30 AM	Richard & Michael Whittington (Margi Price & Family)
Tues. 3/02	8:30 AM	Frank Borowicz (Tom Romanofski)
Wed. 3/03		No Mass
Thurs. 3/04	8:30 AM	Jim Luciana (Knight of Columbus)
Fri 3/05	8:30 AM	Sandy Battisti (M/M Joseph Schell)
Sat 3/06	6:00 PM	Angelo (Nick) Nataline (The Nataline Family)
Sun. 3/07	8:00 AM	All Parishioners

*MASS INTENTIONS—ST. LAWRENCE Feb. 27-28, Mar. 1-7, 2010

Sat. Feb. 27	4:15 PM	Confession
Sat. Feb. 28	5:00 PM	John Conarton req. by wife Angie & Family
Sun Feb. 28	9:30 AM	For our parish community
Mon Mar. 01	7:00 PM	Thomas Maholick req. by Al and Marcy Maholick
Tues. Mar. 02		NO MASS
Wed Mar.03	8:00 AM	Daneil Scatton
Thur. Mar. 04		NO MASS
Fri. Mar. 05	7:00 PM	Theresa Bognet
Sat. Mar. 06	4:15 PM	Confession
Sat. Mar. 06	5:00 PM	For our parish community
Sun. Mar. 07	9:30 AM	Stanley and Nellie Maholick req. by Al And Marcy Maholick

*MASS INTENTIONS—ST. MARTIN Feb.27-28, Mar. 1-7, 2010

Sat. 2/27	4:00 PM	Peter Petrosky (The Panasevich & Petrosky Families)
Sun. 2/28	11:00 AM	All Parishioners
Mon 3/01		NO Mass
Tues. 3/02	8:00 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Wed. 3/03	8:00 AM	Helen Marichuk (Estate)
Thurs. 3/04	8:00 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Fri 3/05		NO MASS
Sat 3/06	4:00 PM	Tom Herbert (The Family)
Sun. 3/07	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.

****PLEASE take home a Lenten Coin Folder. You will find them in the back of church.**

The Knights of Columbus meet on Sunday, March 7th, after the 9:30am Mass.

Rummage Sale: The success of the rummage sale was overwhelming. Thank you to everyone who donated, purchased items, and bought food. It was a huge success. Over \$ 2000.00 was made in the 3 days. Thank you to all the ladies who spent hours and hours on this project. The time and talent you all put into this project is greatly appreciated. New friends were made and it ended up to be all worth the hard work! Thanks again!!

Finance Council Meeting—Wednesday, March 3rd, 7:00pm

Quilt Raffle: Dixie Russell and her traveling quilt has been hard at work trying to attend every mass and social gathering so everyone can see the homemade quilt and get you tickets.. She passed out a lot of tickets but if somehow you missed out.. PLEASE call the rectory at 570.267.1366 or call Dixie at 879.4894 and she will make sure you get tickets to buy or sell!!! Buying a ticket or two doesn't seem like a lot to ask so if you could please help out it would be greatly appreciated. Kindly turn in your tickets as soon as possible. You can drop you envelope into the collection baskets marked "quilt".

St. Lawrence Ham & Cabbage Dinner:

Will be held on Saturday, March 6th starting at 4:00P.M. until all are sold. Tickets will cost \$ 7.00. **Volunteers are needed to help in all areas. PLEASE volunteer your time.** 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

MINISTRIES—ST. LAWRENCE

Sat. Mar. 6th- 5:00 PM

D. Maida, C. Lake (Altar.S.)
R. & D. Maida (Euch. Min.)
F. O'Connor (Lector)

Sun. Mar. 7th, 9:30 AM

RC. & J. Mills (Altar Serv.)
S. Brown (Eucharistic Min.)
S. Mills (Lector)

***STEWARDSHIP— ST. LAWRENCE**

Wed., Sat./Sun. Feb. 17, 20-21, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,703.00
Candles	15.80
Fuel	312.00
Assessment	5.00
Maintenance	20.00
Care & Education of Priests	5.00
Ash Wednesday	127.00
Campaign Human Development	1.00
Total:	\$2,188.80

**St. Lawrence Church
Needs
Lectors
and Altar Servers!!!!**

PLEASE consider serving your church. Call the rectory as soon as possible!

* PARISH CLUSTER NEWS

Note: The Great Bend Ministerium and the Tri-Boro Lenten Services have been cancelled.

The Eucharistic—starting this weekend, we are back to distributing Communion under both species.

Joint CCD Teacher's Meeting—Tuesday, March 2nd, 6:00pm.

Days of Abstinence: (All Fridays in Lent)

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

Parents—2nd Grade Parent Meeting has been changed to, Sunday, March 7th, 9:10am at St. John's parish hall.

St. Lawrence Ham & Cabbage Dinner:

Saturday, March 6th starting at 4:00P.M. until all are sold. \$7.00 a meal. First come first serve. For information, call Marcy 879-4965 or Mary Lou 879-2370

Joint Living Way of the Cross - Monday, March 29th, 7:00pm at St. John's. We will begin practice this Monday, March 1st at 6:00pm. We are in need of your help. If you are in 5th grade to adult and would like to be in this great event, come to the practice on Monday. For more information call Vickie Mulligan at 278-3286.

Operation Rice Bowl—In 1975, Catholic Relief Services founded Operation Rice Bowl. This Lenten program invites people to place a cardboard container (given out in parishes) in their homes, and put in it the money that's saved because of their fasting and the things they give up for Lent. At the end of Lent, the Rice Bowl is brought to Sunday Mass.

Since 1975, Operation Rice Bowl has raised nearly \$167 million. The money is used for development projects in poor nations and hunger relief in the local diocese.

Joint Pictorial Directory.

Please see today's insert for more information.

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. All are invited to come and help!

Publicity for the Parishes—please contact Christopher Lake for any publicity for the Parishes' Organizations at 756-2887.

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.

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

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
Travis McArthur	

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

PARISHES' CALENDAR

Sat/Sun	2/27/28	St. Martin's Pierogi Sale after the Masses
Mon.	3/01	Living Way of the Cross practice, 6:00pm at St. John's RCIA Meeting, 7:00pm at St. John's Hall
Tues.	3/02	Joint CCD Teachers' Meeting, 6:00pm, St. John's Hall St. John's Men's Club meeting, 7:00pm, parish hall
Wed.	3/03	St. Lawrence's Finance Council Meeting, 7:00pm
Fri.	3/05	First Friday Mass 8:30am, Adoration, & Benediction At St. John
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's Ham & Cabbage Dinner, 4:00pm
Sun.	3/07	2nd-Grade Parent Meeting, 9:10am at St. John's
Mon.	3/08	St. John's Altar & Rosary Meeting, 6:30pm RCIA Meeting, 7:00pm at St. John's Hall Red Cross Blood Drive at St. John's, 1:30-5:30pm
Tues.	3/09	St. Martin's Finance Council Meeting, 5:00pm
Wed.	3/10	St. John's Finance Council Meeting, 7:00pm
Thurs.	3/11	St. John Pro-Life Meeting, after morning Mass
Sat/Sun	3/13-14	St. Martin's Pierogi Sale after the Masses
Tues.	3/16	Implementation Team meeting, 7:00pm, Peckville
Wed.	3/17	Joint Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00pm, St. John's
Tues.	3/23	Joint Parish Lenten Confessions at St. Lawrence, 7:00pm
Wed.	3/24	Implementation Team Meeting, 7:00pm, St. Martin's.

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

Feb. 22-28	Canned meat, tuna
Mar. 1-7	Peanut butter, Jelly
Mar. 8-14	Spaghetti O's, Ravioli



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.