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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**



3rd Sunday of Lent

March 7th, 2010



**The
Burning
Bush**

**Stations of the Cross
Fridays during Lent**

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

Today's gospel gives us much food for thought though we perhaps don't think of it as a lesson about patience. Yet the gardener who begs for one more year is clearly calling for this difficult-to-practice virtue. We need patience with our spouse, our children, our coworkers, our friends; we need to let them grow at the pace God has set for them. Think about this today and be patient in small ways that you might pave the way for patience in greater things.

Prayer:

*You, O God, are like a great gardener
who allows me to grow
at my own pace.
May I imitate your patience and
Love with those around me.
Give me the grace this Lent to bloom
and grow, and give me the
Patience to let others do the same.
I give you praise, great gardener. Amen.*
(Lent 2010, "Called to be Holy", Gwen Costello)

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
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Mrs. Susan Lee, Organist

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Emergency number at St. Lawrence Rectory: 267-1366

First Reading: At the burning bush on Mount Horeb, God reveals his name and nature to Moses. In the revelation of his name, "I am who Am" (Exodus 3:14), God makes known his eternal and life-giving presence to his people. In the revelation of his nature, as a God of compassion and liberation, God makes known his tenderness and care for us. In entrusting his name to us, God assures his people that when they call upon him, he is present in compassion and power.

Gospel: Jesus counters the common belief that suffering is the measure of punishment deserved. Disasters do not invade our lives as divine retribution for sin, yet disasters do remind us of life's frailty and of our need to remain in right relationship with God. The Lord's patience with us, the gift of time, provides opportunities for us to bear good fruit.

Weekend Masses

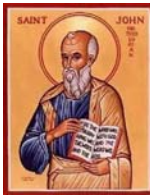
	St. John	St. Lawrence	St. Martin
Sat.	6:00 PM	5:00 PM	4:00 PM
Sun.	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM

**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



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

The CCD classes will be collecting boxes of cake mix and icing, now till Sunday, March 28th. To help the Churches of Susquehanna County and Interfaith, who will be preparing Easter dinners for the needy in our county. We will have a box marked CCD Easter Dinner in the back of the churches. Thank you

St. John's Weekend Mass Change—starting the weekend after Easter, April 10 & 11th, Mass at St. John will be 5:30pm on Saturdays, and 8:30am on Sundays.

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

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

Pro-Life Meeting—Thursday, March 11th, after 8:30am Mass. The Pro-Life Collection will be taken up after Masses this wknd.

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.



SCDA Rummage Sale—Lanesboro Community Hall Friday, March 12, 9am-4pm and Saturday, March 13, 9am-2pm. To benefit the *Susquehanna Home Town Days* July 22-24th.

Welcoming Committee Greeters:

Sat., March 13, 6:00pm	Mary Mazikewich Liz Keller
Sun. March 14, 8:00am	Carol Bushong Toni Romanofski
Sat., March 20, 6:00pm	Kelly Kane Jackie Gow
Sun. March 21, 8:00am	Rose Curtis Alice Evans

MINISTRIES—ST. JOHN'S

Sat. March 13th- 6:00 PM

Logan Burdick, David Armitage, Miranda Romanofski (Altar Servers)
Chet Walker, George Napolitano, Mary Snyder (Eucharistic Min.)
Tiffany Maby (Lector)
Men's Choir (Cantors)

Sun. March 14th- 8:00 AM

Austin & Peyton Cowperthwait (Altar Servers)
Carol Bushong, Jane McNamara, Bev Norris (Eucharistic Min.)
Linda Norris (Lector)
Jeffrey Keyes (Cantor)

***STEWARDSHIP—ST. JOHN'S**

Sat./Sun. Feb. 27-28, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,426.00
Loose	209.00
Candles	29.00
Dues	6.00
Religious Ed	13.00
Fuel	110.00
Improvements	385.00
Easter Flowers	5.00
Total:	\$2,183.00

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 Wednesdays, 7:00pm. New members are welcome!

Pierogi Sale:

Thank you to all who helped make our first Pierogi weekend a huge success. We pinched over 3700 pierogies! Anyone wishing to donate to our annual fundraising may do so in the collection basket. Please mark your contribution "**Pierogi Donation.**" This helps to defray the cost of the supplies, increasing our profits.

We will be making more pierogies on March 13 and March 27, if anyone would like to help! For orders, call Boyd Manzer at 756-3047 or fill out the insert in today's bulletin.

Welcoming Committee Greeters:

Sat. March 13th Ruth Zeck
Sun. March 14th Alfie Lambert, Dolores Goodger

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. (**March 18th**)

MINISTRIES—ST. MARTIN'S

Sat. March 13th, 4:00 PM

Christine & Michala Zeck (Altar S.)
Mary Lake (Euch. Min.)
Rachael Gilleran (Lector)

Sun. March 14th, 11:00 AM

Olivia Rockwell, Emily Frye (Altar S.)
Betsy Supancik (Eucharistic Min)
Barry Corrigan (Lector)

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

***STEWARDSHIP—ST. MARTIN'S**

Sat./Sun. Feb. 27-28, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$687.00
Loose	137.00
Fuel	10.00
Care & Education of Priests	5.00
Easter Flowers	131.00
Total:	\$970.00

* PARISHES' MASSES

*MASS INTENTIONS—ST. JOHN Mar. 6-14, 2010

Sat. 3/06	8:30 AM 6:00 PM	Rev. Michael Pulicare (John Mann & Family) Angelo (Nick) Nataline (The Nataline Family)
Sun 3/07	8:00 AM	All Parishioners
Mon 3/08	8:30 AM	Luciana, Parks, & Euli Families (J. McIntyre)
Tues. 3/09	8:30 AM	Ronald Rowe (Wife— Susan Rowe)
Wed. 3/10		No Mass
Thurs. 3/11	8:30 AM	Sandy Battisti (M/M Buster Schell & Charles Ficarro)
Fri 3/12	8:30 AM	Anthony Yannone (Barbara & Robert Osterhaut)
Sat 3/13	6:00 PM	All Parishioners
Sun. 3/14	8:00 AM	Janice Medynec (Joe & Pat King)

MASS INTENTIONS—ST. LAWRENCE Mar. 6-14, 2010

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
Mon Mar. 08	7:00 PM	Deceased members of all my family req. By Pauline Craft
Tues. Mar. 09		NO MASS
Wed Mar. 10	8:00 AM	Thomas Maholick req. by Al and Marcy Maholick
Thur. Mar. 11		NO MASS
Fri. Mar. 12	7:00 PM	Theresa Bognet
Sat. Mar. 13	4:15 PM	Confession
Sat. Mar. 13	5:00 PM	John and Bob Franks req. by the Franks Family
Sun. Mar. 14	9:30 AM	For our parish community

MASS INTENTIONS—ST. MARTIN Mar. 6-14, 2010

Sat. 3/06	4:00 PM	Tom Herbert (The Family)
Sun 3/07	11:00 AM	All Parishioners
Mon 3/08		NO Mass
Tues. 3/09	8:00 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Wed. 3/10	8:00 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thurs. 3/11	8:00 AM	Helen Marichak (Estate)
Fri 3/12		NO MASS
Sat 3/13	4:00 PM	All Parishioners
Sun. 3/14	11:00 AM	Janeina Swistro (M/M Mike Panasevich)

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. Return them into the collection basket at your convenience through out our Lenten season.**

The Knights of Columbus meet on Sunday, March 7th, after the 9:30am Mass. **Spaghetti Supper**—Saturday, March 13th, 4-7pm, KC hall, \$7 pp, \$3 age 6-13

Sunday Morning Social: THIS SUNDAY Coffee and donuts will be held in the Trinity Center **EVERY 1st Sunday morning** after 9:30 A.M. mass. Stop in and warm up with coffee and good company. Last month was very successful so we are hoping for an even bigger crowd this month.

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.

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".

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

March 20th K. Ragard
March 21st M & J. Riecke

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. Mar. 13- 5:00 PM

L. & G. Button (Altar.S.)
R. Ragard (Euch. Min.)
M. Button (Lector)

Sun. Mar. 14, 9:30 AM

E. & M. Mangel (Altar Serv.)
A. Maholick (Eucharistic Min.)
M. Maholick (Lector)

***STEWARDSHIP— ST. LAWRENCE**

Sat./Sun. Feb. 27-28, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,603.00
Candles	9.00
Fuel	57.00
Insurance	235.00
Maintenance	2.00
Easter Flowers	293.00
Total:	\$2,199.00

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

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

* PARISH CLUSTER NEWS

Days of Abstinence: (All Fridays in Lent)

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

The Eucharistic—we are back to distributing Communion under both species.

All 2nd-Grade 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 Pastoral Council Meeting—Wednesday, March 17th, 7:00pm, St. John.

Implementation Team Meetings—Tuesday, March 16th, 7:00pm in Peckville.

2nd Meeting—Wed., March 24th, 7:00pm, St. Martin's

Joint Parish Lenten Confessions—Tuesday, March 23rd, 7:00pm at St. Lawrence

Don't forget the sign up for our joint pictorial directory begins next weekend. There is a correction in the photography dates. **St. John's will be on Monday, May 3rd, and Tuesday, May 4th . St. Martin's will be on Thursday, June 3rd, Friday, June 4th and Saturday, June 5th. St. Lawrence, Mon. April 26, Tues., April 27th, and Wed., April 28th.**

Joint Living Way of the Cross - Monday, March 29th, 7:00pm at St. John's. Practice on Mondays 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.

Thank you to all who made the St. Martin's Arts Council's ninth production, "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten," a smash hit. Our total income was \$1118.00, and we profited \$300. One hundred dollars has been sent to Nurse Family Partnership of Susquehanna County as our outreach program. Another third has been credited to the church. Look for upcoming information about our summer production of "Brigadoon", slated for August 6-8. Auditions will be in the coming weeks. All are welcome to join us. For more information call Chris Lake at 756-2887.

St. Martin Pierogi Sale— March 13, and March 27. If you are interested in ordering our potato and cheese pierogies, call Boyd Manzer at 756-3047 or return the form insert in today's bulletin. Cost is \$5.00 per dozen.

Youth Group— Any teen interested in forming a Youth Group for the cluster needs to contact Chris Lake at 756-2887. We are planning a meeting for Sunday, March 21 at 6 PM, if there is interest among our teens. Please call before Wednesday, March 17.

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

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

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	Christopher Serra
Nicholas Ott	

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

PARISHES' CALENDAR

Sat.	3/06	First Saturday Mass, 8:30am at St. John's Chapel Eucharistic Minister Training, 9am-4pm, St. John's Parish Hall Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Group after the 8:30am Mass
Sun.	3/07	St. Lawrence's Ham & Cabbage Dinner, 4:00pm
Mon.	3/08	2nd-Grade Parent Meeting, 9:10am at St. John's St. John's Altar & Rosary Meeting, 6:30pm RCIA Meeting, 7:00pm at St. John's Hall
Tues.	3/09	St. Martin's Finance Council Meeting, 5:00pm
Wed.	3/10	Red Cross Blood Drive at St. John's, 1:30-5:30pm St. John's Finance Council Meeting, 7:00pm
Thurs.	3/11	St. John Pro-Life Meeting, after morning Mass
Fri.	3/12	St. John's St. Patrick's Day Party, 7:30pm, Parish Hall
Sat.	3/13	Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Supper, 4-7pm
Sat/Sun	3/13-14	St. Martin's Pierogi Sale after the Masses
Tues.	3/16	Implementation Team meeting, 7:00pm, Peckville, PA
Wed.	3/17	Joint Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00pm, St. John's
Thurs.	3/18	St. Martin's Charismatic Mass, 7:00pm
Sat/Sun	3/20-21	St. Martin's Pierogi Sale after the Masses
Sun.	3/21	Cluster Youth group Meeting, 6:00pm .
Tues.	3/23	Joint Parish Lenten Confessions at St. Lawrence, 7:00pm
Wed.	3/24	Implementation Team Meeting, 7:00pm, St. Martin's.
Sat/Sun	3/27-28	St. Martin's Pierogi Sale after the Masses
Sun.	3/28	Palm Sunday
Mon.	3/29	Living Way of the Cross presentation, 7:00pm, St. John's

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

Mar. 1-7	Peanut butter, Jelly
Mar. 8-14	Spaghetti O's, Ravioli
Mar. 15-21	Cereal, Juice
Mar. 22-29	Mac & cheese, Soup



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.