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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**



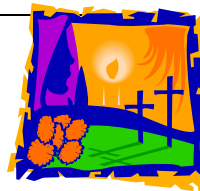
5th Sunday of Lent

March 21st, 2010



**Stations of the Cross
Fridays during Lent**

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



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

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.

Gospel: The adulterous woman's execution was thwarted by the dropping of stones, and not by her protestations of repentance. Her accusers laid down their stones and their hearts of stone as Jesus' penetrating challenge enabled them to make an honest assessment of their own lives. The woman herself made no protestation of a repentant life, but acknowledged that her accusers had departed. Jesus, while siding with those who refuse to stone her, challenges her to a new life free from this sin.

Holy Week Schedule

- Sun. 3/28 **Palm Sunday Reg. Masses**
"The Passion of Our Lord"
Movie, 6:00pm at St. Martin
- Mon. 3/29 **"Living Way of the Cross"**
Presentation, 7:00pm at St. John
- Tues. 3/30 **Chrism Mass:** St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 4:00pm
- Thurs. 4/01 **Holy Thursday Masses**
7:00pm at the 3 Churches
- Fri. 4/02 **Passion of Our Lord Services**
St. John 2:00pm
St. Lawrence 7:00pm
St. Martin 7:00pm
- Sat. 4/0 **Holy Saturday**
Easter Basket Blessings:
St. Martin 10:00am
St. John 11:00am
St. Lawrence 2:00pm
Easter Egg Hunt, 12 Noon, St. John
Easter Vigil Mass, 8:00pm
at all 3 churches
- Sun. 4/04 **Easter Sunday Masses**
Regular Sunday Mass times

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.

**The Annunciation of the Lord
Thursday, March 25th**

In **Luke's Gospel** the story of the Annunciation reveals the supple heart of Mary, initially filled with fear and questioning but open to the depths of what God would ask of her. Mary's heart, declared by Gabriel to be full of grace, cooperates with God's plan for the salvation of the world. Let us pray that our hearts may remain always supple and open to the formative grace of God so that we, like Mary, might bring Christ to the world.



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

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Emergency number at St. Lawrence Rectory: 267-1366

Weekend Masses

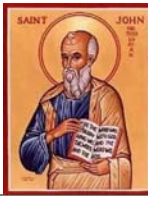
	St. John	St. Lawrence	St. Martin
Sat.	6:00 PM	5:00 PM	4:00 PM
Sun.	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM

**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



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

CCD Confessions—Sunday, March 21st

Passion Play Practice, Monday, March 22nd, 6:00pm

RCIA Meeting—Monday, March 22nd, 7:00pm

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.

St. John's Men's Club Raffles:

Beef Bonanza—1/4 lb of Steer cut & frozen
Drawing is April 25, 2010. \$1.00 a ticket

Also, a hand-made man's sweater and a woman's sweater by Nancy Passitti \$1.00 each. Ruffled off after the Mother's Day Breakfast. Please see any of St. John's Men's Club members for a raffle ticket.

Welcoming Committee Greeters:

Sat., March 20, 6:00pm	Kelly Kane
	Jackie Gow
Sun. March 21, 8:00am	Rose Curtis
	Alice Evans

MINISTRIES—ST. JOHN'S

Sat. March 27th- 6:00 PM

Tom Maby, Miranda Romanofski, Brandon Gow (Altar Servers)
Chet Walker, Joe Schell, Maggie Moran (Eucharistic Min.)
Linda Norris (Lector)
Choir (Cantors)

Sun. March 28th 8:00 AM

Justin & Jonathan Banko, Michael Armitage (Altar Servers)
Joe King, Carol Bushong, Linda Norris (Eucharistic Min.)
Tiffany Maby, Kay Pacifici (Lectors)
Barb Wolf, Carolyn Rinker (Cantors)

We offer our sympathy
to the family and friends of
Vincent Pagano
who passed away last week.
In Jesus, may he live forever.

*STEWARDSHIP—ST. JOHN'S

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

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,467.00
Loose	308.00
Candles	38.00
Dues	3.00
Religious Ed	5.00
Fuel	15.00
Catholic Social Services	236.00
Easter Flowers	36.00
Care & Education of Priests	18.00
<i>Total:</i>	\$2,126.00

*ST. MARTIN

OF TOURS



Lenten Mass Acclamations:

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

Pierogi Sale:

Thank you to all who braved the storm and the blackout to make 300 dozens of pierogies on Saturday, March 13. Your patience and understanding are greatly appreciated. With a generator and delivered water, we were able to persevere. Orders may still be made for our last "pinching" session--Saturday, March 27.

For orders, call Boyd Manzer at 756-3047 or fill out the insert that was in the bulletin 2 weeks ago.

Welcoming Committee Greeters:

Sat. March 20th	Rachael Gilleran
Sun. March 21st	Betty & Frank Kwader
Sat. March 27th	Diane Frye
Sun. March 28th	Eileen Hartman

"Passion of the Christ" movie—Sunday, March 28th, 6:00pm at St. Martin's Hall on our large screen TV.

Christian Women's Basket Raffle—we are in need of donated items or monetary donations for our yearly Mother's Day baskets. If you have any questions, please call Fran Lipschutz at 756-2468. The items can be left in the sacristy marked for 'baskets'.

The Endless Mountains Children's Choir is taking orders for Easter flowers - 5+ bloom lilies-\$9; - 6"mums-\$8; 6"hyacinths-\$8; 6"tulips-\$8; 6" azaleas-\$12; 3+bloom hydrangeas-\$15; To order flowers, please contact any choir member or Christine Sezer - 756-2729 or 756-2961 -By MARCH 15. All orders will be delivered to church on **March 27** at the 4PM Mass.

All children who love to sing are invited to join the choir- rehearsals are Thursdays 6PM to 8PM at the South Gibson United Methodist Church. If interested please contact Dr. Christine Sezer -756-2961 or 756-2729 - email- drcsezer@yahoo.com.

MINISTRIES—ST. MARTIN'S

Sat. March 27th, 4:00 PM

Olivia & John J. Klein (Altar S.)
Marilyn Czachor (Euch. Min.)
John Klein (Lector)

Sun. March 28th, 11:00 AM

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

Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers are needed!! Please call Betsy Supancik at 756-2586 or the rectory at 853-4634 if you are interested in serving your parish in this special ministry. Thank You!!

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

March Church Cleaning Team: The Charlene Kempa Family
We are need of more volunteers to clean the Church!!

*STEWARDSHIP—ST. MARTIN'S

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

Offertory Envelopes	\$836.50
Loose	422.00
Care & Education of Priests	24.00
Catholic Social Services	162.00
Easter Remembrance	24.00
<i>Total:</i>	\$1,468.50

We offer our sympathy
to the family and friends of
Frances Gleason
who passed away recently.
In Jesus, may he live forever.

* PARISHES' MASSES

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

Sat. 3/20	6:00 PM	All Parishioners
Sun 3/21	8:00 AM	Victoria Space (Vickie & Family)
Mon 3/22	8:30 AM	Anthony Yannone (Gerald Walker)
Tues. 3/23	8:30 AM	Frederick, Jane, & Richard Crowley (Fr. Thomas Crowley & Jane Culnane)
Wed. 3/24		No Mass
Thurs. 3/25	8:30 AM	Sandy Battisti (M/M Les Schell)
Fri 3/26	8:30 AM	Louise Fabrizi (M/M A. W. Schell & Family and Janet Fabrizi & Family)
Sat 3/27	6:00 PM	Howard Rood (Rena & Family)
Sun. 3/28	8:00 AM	All Parishioners

MASS INTENTIONS—ST. LAWRENCE Mar. 20-28, 2010

Sat. Mar. 20	4:15 PM	Confession
Sat. Mar. 20	5:00 PM	Franks-Edgell families by Barbara Edgell Franks
Sun Mar. 21	9:30 AM	For our parish community
Mon Mar. 22	7:00 PM	Louise Tessier req. by Betty Purtell
Tues. Mar. 23		NO MASS
Wed Mar. 24	8:00 AM	Special Intention by the Battisti Family
Thur. Mar. 25		NO MASS
Fri. Mar. 26	7:00 PM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sat. Mar. 27	4:15 PM	Confession
Sat. Mar. 27	5:00 PM	For our parish community
Sun. Mar. 28	9:30 AM	Francis X. Guinan req. by Guinan Family

MASS INTENTIONS—ST. MARTIN Mar. 20-28, 2010

Sat. 3/20	4:00 PM	Poor Souls in Purgatory (J.B.Z.)
Sun 3/21	11:00 AM	All Parishioners
Mon 3/22		NO Mass
Tues. 3/23	8:00 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Wed. 3/24	8:00 AM	Helen Marichak (Estate)
Thurs. 3/25	8:00 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Fri 3/26		NO MASS
Sat 3/27	4:00 PM	All Parishioners
Sun. 3/28	11:00 AM	James Murray (M/M John Hartman)

Confessions are held on Saturdays before Mass

St. John 5:15pm St. Martin 3:15pm
St. Lawrence 4:15pm

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



****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.**

Thank You: To everyone who has been so very generous in bringing items to stock our Trinity Center. Your response has been over whelming and we truly appreciate it.

Joint Lenten Confessions will be held at St. Lawrence, Tuesday, March 23rd, 7:00pm

Sunday Morning Social: 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.

Easter Dinner Basket Raffle: Tickets were passed out last weekend for our annual Easter Dinner Basket Raffle. Envelopes of tickets are in the back of the church. PLEASE take as many as you would like. The basket will be full of fantastic Easter foods to feed a whole family. If you have any questions **OR** would like to donate something to the basket call Sean & Danielle Mills at 879-8097 or call Judi at the rectory 267-1366. Thank you for your continued support.

Quilt Raffle: PLEASE turn in **ALL** Quilt Raffle Tickets by March 28th. Call Dixie at 879-4894 if you want more tickets before then. The drawing will be April 4, EASTER SUNDAY.

St. Lawrence is in need of one more person or team to clean the church once a month. Your choice of the 2nd or 4th weekend of each month. PLEASE call Judi at 267-1366, leave a message is necessary.

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

March 27th F. O'Connor
March 28th D. Maida
April 4th Cheryl Salinkas

Divine Mercy at St. Lawrence:

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

KNIGHTS OF CLUMBUS

Grand Knight- Mark Guinan , Great Bend Council #356

MONTHLY MEETING: Held the first Sunday of each month following 9:30am Mass

MINISTRIES—ST. LAWRENCE

Sat. Mar. 27th, 5:00 PM

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

Sun. Mar. 28th, 9:30 AM

D. Maida, C. Lake (Altar Serv.)
S. Brown (Eucharistic Min.)
I. McCarthy (Lector)

***STEWARDSHIP— ST. LAWRENCE**

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

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,999.75
Candles	23.50
Fuel	20.00
Insurance	15.00
Diocesan Assessment	10.00
Maintenance	254.00
Easter Flowers	40.00
Care & Education Priests	75.00
Catholic Social Services	20.00
Total:	\$2,457.25

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.

Good Friday is a day of Abstinence and Fasting.



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

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

Implementation Team Meeting—Wednesday, March 24th, 7:00pm, St. Martin's

"Passion of the Christ" movie—Sunday, March 28th, 6:00pm at St. Martin's Hall on their large screen TV.

Joint Pictorial Directory

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, Tuesday, May 4th, & Wed., May 5th. 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.

St. Martin Pierogi Sale— March 21, 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.

Joint 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.

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

Chrism Mass—All the faithful of the Diocese are invited to attend the *Chrism Mass* at **St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, on Tuesday, March 30, 2010 at 4:00pm.** At this Mass priests throughout the Diocese will renew their priestly promises before Cardinal Justin Rigali, Apostolic Admin. Of the Diocese, and the oils to be used for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the sick & Holy Orders will be blessed. Participation in the Chrism Mass is a beautiful way to pray for & support the priests of the Diocese.

Divine Mercy at St. Lawrence:

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

Virtus Training, Wednesday, April 14th, 6:30 pm, (protecting God's children) to be held at St. John's. Anyone that is a CCD teacher, or staff that has not taken this is urged to attend.

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

Mar. 15-21 Cereal, Juice
Mar. 22-29 Mac & cheese, Soup
Apr. 5-11 Detergent, body soap

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/Sun	3/20-21	St. Martin's Pierogi Sale after the Masses
Sun.	3/21	Cluster Youth Group Meeting, 6:00pm .
Mon.	3/22	Passion Play practice, 6:00pm, St. John RCIA, 7:00pm at St. John's hall
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 "Passion of the Christ:" movie, 6:00pm at St. Martin's hall
Mon.	3/29	Living Way of the Cross presentation, 7:00pm, St. John's
Tues.	3/30	Chrism Mass, St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, 4:00pm
Thurs.	4/1	Holy Thursday Mass, 7:00pm at each Church
Fri.	4/2	Good Friday Services: St. John at 2:00pm, St. Lawrence & St. Martin at 7:00pm
Sat.	4/3	Blessing Easter Baskets: 10:00am at St. Martin; 11:00am at St. John; 2:00pm at St. Lawrence St. John Easter Egg Hunt at 12 Noon, parish hall Easter Vigil Masses, 8:00pm at all Churches
Sun.	4/4	Easter Sunday Masses, regular Sunday schedule at all Churches
Sun.	4/11	Divine Mercy Sunday Mass, 2:00pm at St. Lawrence
Wed.	4/14	Virtus Training at St. John, 6:30pm
M-W	4/26-28	St. Lawrence Directory photography taking dates

Note: If you are attending Mass at a different Church in our cluster other than your home parish, please use your home parish envelopes and make your check out to **your** parish. Your envelope will be given to your home parish and will be attributed to your parish donations. Thank you.

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.

Thursday, March 25: The Annunciation of the Lord