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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**



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

March 28th, 2010



On Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday) the Church enters the mystery of her crucified, buried, and risen Lord who, by his entrance into Jerusalem, gave a glimpse of his own majesty. Christians carry palm branches as a sign of the royal triumph that Christ won by his acceptance of the cross. Since St. Paul says that "if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him" (Romans 8:17), the link between these two aspects of the Paschal Mystery should stand out clearly in the liturgical celebration and catechesis of Palm Sunday. The triumphant welcome of Jesus at the beginning of the week sharply clashes with his painful arrest and condemnation at the end.

Prayer:

*On this Palm Sunday, Jesus, you were greeted by the crowd with songs of joy.
May I too greet you with love and praise.
The crowd that cheered you, however, turned against you on Good Friday.
May I be your loyal follower in good times and in bad.
Hosanna, Jesus, I offer praise to you, may I give you joy in all that I do today and during this Holy Week.
Have mercy on me when I fail.
Amen.
(Called to be Holy, Lent 2010. Gwen Costello)*

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 **Good Friday**
Stations and the Seven Last Words of Jesus, 9:00am at St. Lawrence
Passion of Our Lord Services
St. John 2:00pm
St. Lawrence 7:00pm
St. Martin 7:00pm
- Sat. 4/03 **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

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

Mrs. Vickie Mulligan, DRE

Mr. Jeffrey Keyes, Organist
Mrs. Susan Lee, Organist

Parish Office: 853-4634
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St. John Parish Center
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Emergency number at St. Lawrence Rectory: 267-1366

Weekend Masses

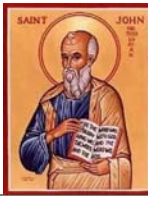
	<u>St. John</u>	<u>St. Lawrence</u>	<u>St. Martin</u>
Sat.	6:00 PM	5:00 PM	4:00 PM
Sun.	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM

**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. 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

Men's Club meeting—Tuesday, April 6th, 7:00pm

Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Group will meet on **Saturday, April 3, 9:00am, to pray the rosary** in the Parish Hall for the *Conversion of the World and World Peace*. Please come and join us, all our Welcome! (Approximately 45 minutes)

Easter Basket Blessing—Saturday., April 3rd, 11:00 AM

St. John's Easter Egg Hunt—Saturday, April 3rd, 12 Noon

Welcoming Committee Greeters:

Sat., March 27

Sat., April 3:

Sun. March 28: Phyllis & Gerald Caffrey

Sun. April 4: Gay Keyes & Carol Bushong

MINISTRIES—ST. JOHN'S

Holy Thursday, April 1, 7:00pm

N. & D. Barnes, A. Cowperthwaith, C. & A. Mulligan (Altar Servers)
Chet Walker, Jan McNamara, Mary Snyder, All Ministers (Euch. Min.)
Jeffrey Keyes, Shirley Decker (Lectors)
Folk Group (Cantors)

Good Friday, April 2nd, 2:00pm

Aaron Cook, Mary Walker, David Armitage (Lectors)
Bob Burns, (Eucharistic Minister)
Clay Weaver, John Mann (Lectors)
Choir (Cantors)

Sat. April 3rd, 8:00 PM

C. & A. Mulligan, A. Cowperthwait, B. Gow, Paryong (Altar Servers)
Carol Barnes, Joe Schell, Linda Norris (Eucharistic Min.)
K. Pacifici, J. Keyes, M. DeWitt, C. Weaver, T. Maby (Lectors)
Folk Group (Cantors)

Sun. April 4th, 8:00 AM

Mary Walker, Matt Kane, David Armitage (Altar Servers)
Carol Bushong, George Napolitano, Bob Burns (Eucharistic Min.)
Linda Buffington (Lector)
Barb Wolf, Carolyn Rinker (Cantors)

Note: Altar Servers please be here for practice at 6:00pm on Holy Thursday, and 1:00pm on Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

***STEWARDSHIP—ST. JOHN'S**

Sat./Sun. Mar. 19-20, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,655.00
Loose	317.00
Candles	27.00
Dues	72.00
Religious Ed	171.00
Fuel	65.00
Catholic Social Services	30.00
Easter Flowers	70.00
Total:	\$2,407.00

**Knights
Of
Columbus
4th degree
Meeting
Friday,
April 9th
7:00-8:00pm
In
St. John's
Parish Hall**

*ST. MARTIN

OF TOURS



Pierogi Sale:

This is the last weekend we will be selling pierogies after the Masses. They are \$5.00 a dozen.

Welcoming Committee Greeters:

Sat. March 27th Diane Frye

Sun. March 28th Eileen Hartman

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

Easter Basket Blessing—Saturday, April 3rd, 10:00am

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 All orders for flowers 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

Holy Thursday, April 1, 7:00pm

Justin Lee, Christine Zeck, RJ & Olivia, & John Klein (Altar Servers)
Mary Lake, Betty Kwader Ruth Zeck, Diane Frye (Eucharistic Ministers)
Mark Fallon, Bob Klein, Bonnie Klein, John Klein (Lectors)

Good Friday, April 2, 7:00pm

M. Lingobardo, C. Zeck (Altar Serv.) Ruth Zeck (Eucharistic Minister)
Bonnie & John Klein (Lectors)

Sat. April 3, 8:00 PM (Easter Vigil)

RJ, Olivia & John Klein, Michael Lingobardo, Christine Zeck (Altar Serv)
Mary Lake, Ruth Zeck, (Eucharistic Ministers)
John, Bonnie, & Bob Klein (Lectors)

Sun. April 4th, 11:00 AM

Katherine Kempa (Altar Server)
Alfie Lambert, Betty Kwader, Charlene Kempa, (Eucharistic Ministers)
Mark Fallon (Lector)

Note: Altar Servers please be here for practice at 6:00pm on Holy Thursday and Good Friday, and 11:00am on Holy Saturday.

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

***STEWARDSHIP—ST. MARTIN'S**

Sat./Sun. Mar. 19-20 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,202.00
Loose	236.00
Dues	24.00
Initial Offering	20.00
Easter	25.00
Easter Remembrance	232.00
Easter Flowers	5.00
Rice Bowl	30.00
Holy Land	10.00
Catholic Social Services	31.00
Care & Education of Priests	15.00
Total:	\$1,830.00

**We are need of more
volunteers to clean
the Church!! Please
call 853-4634
to volunteer.
Thank you.**

* PARISHES' MASSES

*MASS INTENTIONS—ST. JOHN Mar. 27-31, Apr. 1-4, 2010

Sat. 3/27	6:00 PM	Howard Rood (Rena & Family)
Sun 3/28	8:00 AM	All Parishioners
Mon 3/29	8:30 AM	Anne O'Malley (M/M Pat Ahearn)
Tues. 3/30	8:30 AM	Arthur Bradstreet (M/M Michael Vaccaro)
Wed. 3/31		No Mass
Thurs. 4/1	7:00 PM	All Parishioners
Fri 4/2	2:00 PM	The Passion of our Lord Service
Sat 4/3	8:00 PM	All Parishioners
Sun. 4/4	8:00 AM	All Parishioners

MASS INTENTIONS—ST. LAWRENCE Mar. 27-31, Apr. 1-4, 2010

Sat. Mar. 27	4:15 PM	Confession
Sat. Mar. 27	5:00 PM	Francis X. Guinan req. by Guinan Family
Sun Mar. 28	9:30 AM	For our parish community
Mon Mar. 29		NO MASS
Tues. Mar. 30		NO MASS
Wed Mar. 31	8:00 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thur. Apr. 1	7:00 PM	
Fri. Apr. 2	7:00 PM	The Passion of Our Lord Service
Sat. Apr. 3	4:15 PM	Confession
Sat. Apr. 3	8:00 PM	Celebrants Intention
Sun. Apr. 4	9:30 AM	Celebrants Intention

MASS INTENTIONS—ST. MARTIN Mar. 27-31, Apr. 1-4, 2010

Sat. 3/27	4:00 PM	All Parishioners
Sun 3/28	11:00 AM	James Murray (M/M John Hartman)
Mon 3/29		NO Mass
Tues. 3/30	8:00 AM	Vickie Space (The Lake Family)
Wed. 3/31	8:00 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thurs. 4/01	7:00 PM	All Parishioners
Fri 4/02	7:00 PM	The Passion of Our Lord Service
Sat 4/03	8:00 PM	All Parishioners
Sun. 4/04	11:00 AM	All Parishioners

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.**

Easter Basket Blessing—Holy Saturday, 2:00pm at St. Lawrence

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: ** DRAWING IS THIS WEEKEND**
Your tickets will still be collected after our weekend masses.
The drawing will be in the Trinity Center during CCD.

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.

Stations of the Cross and the Seven Last Words

There will be Stations of the Cross at 9:00am at St. Lawrence on Good Friday followed by the Seven Last Words of Jesus.

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

April 4th Suzanne Brown
April 10th Del & Virginia Austin
April 11th Nancy Loomis

Divine Mercy at St. Lawrence:

Sunday, **April 11, at 3:00 PM** will be a service 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. April 3 Easter Vigil, 8:00 PM

P. McConnell & A. Stanley, M., A., G., Button (Altar Servers)
L. James, F. O'Connor, A. Maholick (Eucharistic Ministers)
M. Button, C. Tomeo (Lectors)

Sun. April 4 Easter Sunday, 9:30 AM

T. & C. Carlsen, C. Lake (Altar Servers)
R. & D. Maida (Eucharistic Ministers)
D. Maida (Lector)

Note: Altar Server practice for Holy Thursday and Good Friday at 6:00pm, and 2:30pm on Holy Saturday.

***STEWARDSHIP— ST. LAWRENCE**

Sat./Sun. Mar. 19-20, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$2,161.15
Candles	7.80
Fuel	323.00
Insurance	20.00
Diocesan Assessment	13.00
Maintenance	32.00
Easter Flowers	10.00
Care & Education Priests	15.00
Catholic Social Services	56.00
Total:	\$2,637.95

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

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

* PARISH CLUSTER NEWS

Good Friday is a day of Abstinence and Fasting.

Stations of the Cross and the Seven Last Words

There will be Stations of the Cross at 9:00am at St. Lawrence on Good Friday followed by the Seven Last Words of Jesus.

Good Friday Collection—our parishes will take up the annual G. F. collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps to support the struggling Christian community and to protect Christianity's holiest places.

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

“Passion of the Christ” movie—This Sunday, March 28th, 6:00pm at St. Martin's Hall on their large screen TV. Please bring your own snack.

Joint Pictorial Directory

It is not too late to sign up to have your picture taken for the directory. Please call Vickie Mulligan at 278-3286 to schedule a time and place.

Joint Living Way of the Cross - All are invited to attend the Living Way of the Cross, Monday, March 29th, 2010 at 7:00pm at St. John's Church. The Living Way of the Cross is presented by the youth of St. John's and music by the St. John's Folk Group. This is a great way to start Holy Week.

St. Martin Pierogi Sale— **March 27 & March 28th.** This is our last weekend making pierogies.

The Capuchin Sisters are looking for a **used working lawn mower.** If you have one you are not using, please call Sister Kelly at 756-2205.

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 **3:00 P.M.** will be a service followed by refreshments in the Trinity Center.

Virtus Training, Wednesday, **April 14th, 6:30-9:30pm** (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.

The VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children for Adults Program is a **mandatory** 3-hour training session for all employees and adult volunteers who work with children throughout the Diocese of Scranton. Please call 853-4634, Vickie Mulligan to register for VIRTUS training.

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

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

Sun.	3/28	Palm Sunday, regular scheduled Masses “ <i>Passion of the Christ:</i> ” movie, 6:00pm at St. Martin's hall
Mon.	3/29	“ <i>Living Way of the Cross</i> ” 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	Stations of the Cross & Seven Last Words, 9:00am at St. Lawrence Blessing of 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
Sun.	4/4	Easter Vigil Masses, 8:00pm at all Churches Easter Sunday Masses, regular Sunday schedule at all Churches
Tues.	4/6	St. John's Men's Club Meeting, 7:00pm, church hall.
Fri.	4/9	Knights of Columbus Meeting, 4th degree, 7:00pm in St. John's parish hall.
Sun.	4/11	Divine Mercy Sunday Service, 3:00pm at St. Lawrence
Mon.	4/12	St. John Altar & Rosary Meeting, 6:30pm RCIA meeting at St. John's parish hall, 7:00pm
Wed.	4/14	Virtus Training at St. John, 6:30pm
Thurs.	4/15	St. John Pro-Life meeting after 8:30am Mass Charismatic Mass at St. Martin, 7:00pm
Sun.	4/18	Joint CCD Children's Mass at St. Martin, 11:00am



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.