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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. 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. 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

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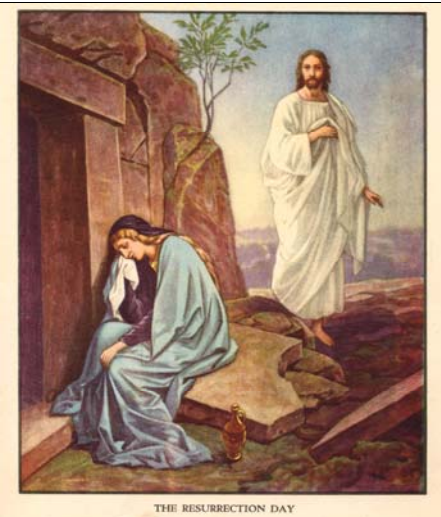
Emergency number at St. Lawrence Rectory: 267-1366

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH
ST. MARTIN OF TOURS CATHOLIC CHURCH**



Easter Sunday: The Resurrection Of the Lord

April 4th, 2010



THE RESURRECTION DAY

He is Risen!

Easter Sunday

The celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ continues into Easter Sunday morning. Easter Sunday marks the end of the Triduum and is the first day of the Easter octave. The celebration of the Triduum concludes after Vespers and the great Fifty Days begin. Forty days of fast yield to fifty days of feast.

Jesus, I celebrate your new life with great joy. May I have your life in me that others may see your good works in all that I do.

May alleluia be my song this Eastertide, and may I walk with you as one set apart for God, as one called to holiness and wholeness. Amen.

The Easter Vigil

Shattering the darkness, the great Paschal candle is lit with the Easter fire, five wax nails of incense are imbedded, and it becomes the symbol of the crucified Christ. The Paschal Mystery, already celebrated in various ways since the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, is clearly and joyfully announced from the very beginning of the Vigil liturgy. It is in the light of the Paschal candle that the liturgy continues to unfold. The Easter Vigil is the most beautiful of all liturgies. Ranking highest among the celebrations of the liturgical year, it should rank highest in the spiritual life of the parish community. This is also a special time for the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)* into the Church.



Weekend Masses

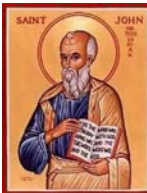
	<u>St. John</u>	<u>St. Lawrence</u>	<u>St. Martin</u>
Sat.	5:30 PM	5:00 PM	4:00 PM
Sun.	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM

**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



There will be NO Mass on Easter Monday, April 5th

THANK YOU, Thank You, to the Men's Club for their beautiful and professional restoration of the Altar & Sanctuary flooring. Their time, labor, and commitment are greatly appreciated.

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

Congratulations to Carl Hall on his initiation into the Catholic Church on this Easter Vigil!!!

Thank You!! to all who helped with the Passion play, "The Way of the Cross". We had a very good attendance for this moving presentation.

St. John's Bible Class has been rescheduled to Tuesday, April 6th, after the 8:30am Mass.

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

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

Altar & Rosary Meeting—Monday, April 12, 6:30pm

RCIA Meeting—Monday, April 12, 7:00pm

Pro-Life Meeting—Thursday, April 15, after 8:30am Mass
Next weekend, **April 10-11** Pro-life will have their monthly collection after the Masses.

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

MINISTRIES—ST. JOHN'S

Sat. April 10th, 5:30 PM

Ben Kane, Nicole & Danielle Barnes (Altar Servers)
Mike DeWitt, Mary Snyder, Chet Walker (Eucharistic Min.)
Marti Stanford (Lectors)
Men's Choir (Cantors)

Sun. April 11th, 8:30 AM

Jonathan & Justin Banko, Logan Burdick (Altar Servers)
Karen DeWitt, Linda Norris, Mary Jo Weaver (Eucharistic Min.)
Carolyn Rinker (Lector)
Barb Wolf, Carolyn Rinker (Cantors)

*STEWARDSHIP—ST. JOHN'S

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

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,738.00
Loose	206.00
Candles	55.00
Dues	18.00
Religious Ed	6.00
Fuel	718.00
Catholic Social Services	12.00
Easter Flowers	20.00
Easter	40.00
Rice Bowl	10.00
Holy Land	20.00
Improvements	8.00
Care & Education of Priests	10.00
Total:	\$2,862.00



*ST. MARTIN

OF TOURS



Congratulations to Laurie Frye on her initiation into the Catholic Church on this Easter Vigil!!!

Thank you to everyone who helped in anyway to make our Church ready, decorated, and clean for Holy Week!

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 or vestibule of the church marked for 'baskets'. We will start selling the raffle tickets the weekend of April 24 & 25th.

The Christian Women's Society will be having their annual "Daughter Dinner" on **Tuesday, May 11th**. If anyone has any ideas, suggestions or questions for our pot-luck get together, please call Martina Lingobardo at 756-2879.

Welcoming Committee Greeters:

Sun., April 4th	Dolores Goodger	Sat. April 24th	Ruthie Zeck
Sat., April 10th	Helen Castranova	Sun. April 25th	Kathy Flor
Sun., April 11th	Beatrice Frye	Sat. May 1st	Marilyn Czachar
Sat., April 17th	Rachael Gilleran	Sun. May 2nd	Kim Marco
Sun. April 18th	Christina Button		

St. Martin Grounds Cleanup, Saturday, April 10th, 9:00am

Charismatic Mass at St. Martin, Thursday, April 15, 7:00pm

MINISTRIES—ST. MARTIN'S

Sat. April 10th, 4:00 PM

Michael Lingobardo (Altar Server)
Mary lake, Diane Frye (Eucharistic Ministers)
Martina Lingobardo (Lector)

Sun. April 11th, 11:00 AM

Katherine Kempa, Anja Whitehead (Altar Server)
Betty Kwader, Charlene Kempa, Katherine Kempa (Eucharistic Ministers)
Frank Kwader (Lector)

Operation Rice Bowl—there are still Lenten folders in the vestibule of the church, and please return asap.

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



*STEWARDSHIP—ST. MARTIN'S

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

Offertory Envelopes	\$944.50
Loose	235.00
Easter	240.00
Easter Remembrance	50.00
Holy Land	5.00
Care & Education of Priests	7.00
Total:	\$1,481.50

* PARISHES' MASSES

*MASS INTENTIONS—ST. JOHN Apr. 3-11, 2010

Sat. 4/03	8:00 PM	All Parishioners
Sun 4/04	8:00 AM	All Parishioners
Mon 4/05		NO Mass
Tues. 4/06	8:30 AM	Luciana, Parks, & Euli Families (J. McIntyre)
Wed. 4/07		NO Mass
Thurs. 4/08	8:30 AM	Mary DeWitt (The Family)
Fri 4/09	8:30 AM	Mary Stout (M/M Joseph Schell)
Sat 4/10	5:30 PM	Edmond Ahearn (The Family)
Sun. 4/11	8:30 AM	All Parishioners

MASS INTENTIONS—ST. LAWRENCE Apr. 3-11, 2010

Sat. Apr. 3	4:15 PM	Confession
Sat. Apr. 3	8:00 PM	Celebrants Intention
Sun Apr. 4	9:30 AM	Celebrants Intention
Mon Apr. 5	7:00 PM	Louise Tessier req. by Anne & Mike Yannonne and Tony & Lori Conarton
Tues. Apr. 6		NO MASS
Wed Apr. 7	8:00 AM	Christopher Burkhardt req. by Al and Marcy Maholick
Thur. Apr. 8		NO MASS
Fri. Apr. 9	7:00 PM	Tom Lacey req. by his loving wife Rita and family
Sat. Apr. 10	4:15 PM	Confession
Sat. Apr. 10	5:00 PM	Bob and John Franks req. by their family
Sun. Apr. 11	9:30 AM	For our parish community

MASS INTENTIONS—ST. MARTIN Apr. 3-11 2010

Sat. 4/03	8:00 PM	All Parishioners
Sun 4/04	11:00 AM	All Parishioners
Mon 4/05		NO Mass
Tues. 4/06	8:00 AM	Helen Marichak (Estate)
Wed. 4/07	8:00 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thurs. 4/08	8:00 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Fri 4/09		NO Mass
Sat 4/10	4:00 PM	Eleanor Lubinec (The Panasevich Family)
Sun. 4/11	11:00 AM	All Parishioners

Confessions are held on Saturdays before Mass

St. John 4:45pm 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.**

Congratulations to Nicole Bianchi on her initiation into the Catholic Church on this Easter Vigil!!!

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: The winner is: **Harold Rinko !!** Congratulations! The raffle sale amounted to \$ 607.00. Thank you to the Mills family for all their help and to all who purchased tickets.

Attention All Fund Raising "workers"..

We will have a group picture of all who worked on the baskets, dinners, and rummage sale. Please come to the Trinity Center on Monday, April 26th after the 7:00 P.M. mass. We look forward to having you all in the picture!

Wanted: St. Lawrence will be putting on an Ice Cream Social for the centennial this summer. We are in need of a freezer to hook up outside the church. If anyone has one that we could use, PLEASE call the rectory at 570.267.1366.

****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 10th Del & Virginia Austin April 17th Delores Kane
April 11th Nancy Loomis April 18th Liz Landes

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 COLUMBUS

Grand Knight- Mark Guinan , Great Bend Council #356

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

Spaghetti Supper—Saturday, April 10th, KC Hall, 4-7pm , \$7.00 adult, \$3.00 children, under 5 free. All are Welcome!

MINISTRIES—ST. LAWRENCE

Sat. April 10, 5:00 PM

L. & M. Button (Altar Servers)
S. Brown (Eucharistic Ministers)
M. Button (Lectors)

Sun. April 11, 9:30 AM

K. & C. Carlsen (Altar Servers)
A. Maholick (Eucharistic Ministers)
M. Maholick (Lector)

Remember in your prayers
John P. McCarthy and Betty Crook.
We offer our sincere condolences to their family and friends. Both were life long members of St. Lawrence Church

***STEWARDSHIP— ST. LAWRENCE**

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

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,825.00
Fuel	62.00
Insurance	263.00
Diocesan Assessment	10.00
Maintenance	2.00
Easter	45.00
Care & Education Priests	10.00
Schools	42.00
Total:	\$2,259.00

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

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

* PARISH CLUSTER NEWS

No CCD Classes this weekend, April 3-4th.

The Eucharist—we are currently distributing Communion under both species.

THANK YOU to all who helped in any way to make Holy Week a special time in our Parishes!!

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.

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.

Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting—Friday, April 9th, 7:00pm at St. John's Parish hall.

Divine Mercy at St. Lawrence:

Sunday, **April 11**, at **3:00 P.M.** will be a service followed by refreshments in the Trinity Center.

RCIA Meeting—Monday, April 12th, 7:00pm in the Parish Hall

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 278-3286 or 853-4634, Vickie Mulligan to register for VIRTUS training.

Knights of Columbus Council 356, Great Bend, is having a **Spaghetti Dinner**, Saturday, **April 10th**, 4—7 PM, \$7.00 per person, \$3.00 ages 6-13, under 5 yrs free. Takeouts available. All are Welcome.

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

Mar. 22-29	Mac & cheese, Soup
Apr. 5-11	Detergent, body soap
Apr. 12-18	Toilet Tissue, Toothpaste
Apr. 19-25	Pasta, Rice, Noodles

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.	4/4	Easter Sunday Masses, regular Sunday schedule at all Churches
Mon.	4/5	NO 8:30am Mass at St. John
Tues.	4/6	St. John's Bible Study, 9:00am (makeup class) St. John's Men's Club Meeting, 7:00pm, parish hall.
Fri.	4/9	Knights of Columbus Meeting, 4th degree, 7:00pm in St. John's parish hall.
Sat.	4/10	Knights of Columbus Council 356 Spaghetti Dinner, 4-7pm
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
Mon.	4/19	RCIA Meeting, 7:00pm at St. John parish hall
Sat.	4/24	2nd Grade Special Class, 10:00am-12 Noon at St. John
Sat/Sun	4/24-25	St. Martin's Christian Women's baskets raffle sale starts
Mon.	4/26	RCIA Meeting, 7:00pm at St. John parish hall
M-W	4/26-28	St. Lawrence Directory photography taking dates
Wed.	4/28	Implementation Team Meeting, 7:00pm at St. Lawrence



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.