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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.

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



**2nd Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday**

April 11th, 2010



Today's Gospel: Thomas' demand to probe with his hands what the others have already had the grace to see with their eyes might not strike us as unreasonable. Jesus' appearance to Thomas and his invitation to probe his wounds might suggest to us that the risen Lord did not deem it unreasonable either. Yet, the Lord invites us to a more demanding faith, a faith that believes without seeing. However, we are called to this faith not as isolated individuals—we are not without the witness of the community of faith, struggling to live the mystery of the Resurrection.

Divine Mercy Sunday

"The Gospel is the revelation in Jesus Christ of God's mercy to sinners" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1846). The title of Divine Mercy was given to this Sunday by Pope John Paul II in 2000 when he canonized Sister Faustina Kowalska. In a homily he had prepared for the Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday just before his death and that was presented posthumously, the Pope said, "To humanity, which at times seems to be lost and dominated by the power of evil, selfishness, and fear, the risen Lord offers the gift of his love that pardons, reconciles and opens the soul to hope. It is love that converts hearts and brings peace... How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy!"

We are called to act daily with a spirit of mercy toward our neighbors and our enemies, with prayers, words, and deeds.

Divine Mercy Service at St. Lawrence:

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

- A** — Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.
- B** — Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.
- C** — Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive."

(ETWN-Background of Divine Mercy)

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

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Emergency number at St. Lawrence Rectory: 267-1366

Weekend Masses

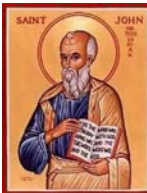
**Listen to Catholic Radio
JMJ 750 AM**

	St. John	St. Lawrence	St. Martin
Sat.	5:30 PM	5:00 PM	4:00 PM
Sun.	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 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 this weekend , April 10 & 11th, Mass at St. John will be 5:30pm on Saturdays, and 8:30am on Sundays.

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

Thank you to all who donated to the Food Bank collections, and for the monetary donations that the *Altar & Rosary Society* was able to purchase 88 Easter hams for the food bank in Susq.

Also, on March 8th, the **Archdiocese for the Military Services** received the package of rosaries that St. John's Altar & Rosary collected from our three churches. The Archdiocese thanks you for your kindness in considering the spiritual needs of the Catholics serving in the Armed Forces. Those wishing, may continue to bring rosaries and place in the back of the church.

Pro-Life—The Pro-Life collection will be taken up after this weekend Masses.

St. John's Pro-Life Organization will be taking names for the **Mother's Day** newspaper Ad on the weekend of **April 17 & 18** at all Masses for a donation of \$1.00 per name. Say "Thank you, Mother, for choosing life".

Mother's Day Carnation Sale—St. John's Pro-Life will also be selling carnations on Mother's Day Weekend at both Masses. Donation, \$1.00 per carnation.

Clean out Your Freezer, It's Beef Bonanza Time

St. John's Men's Club is raffling off a whole steer. There are four winners—each receives 1/4 of steer cut, wrapped & frozen. The drawing is April 25 at the Chicken BBQ. Tickets are \$1.00 each, or 6 for \$5. or 13 for \$10. You can get your tickets after Mass on Saturday, or Sunday, or just see any Men's Club Member.

St. John's Men's Club BBQ—Sunday, April 25th, eat in or take out. We will be selling BBQ chickens starting at noon on the 25th. Get your pre-sale tickets, the last two years we sold out early. Dinners are \$8.00 & halves are \$4.50, and can be picked up at the Hall at 12 Noon. You can get pre-sale tickets from any Men's Club Member.

Sat. April 17th, 5:30 PM

Brandon Gow, David Armitage, Miranda Romanofski (Altar Servers)
Chet Walker, Mike DeWitt, Joe King (Eucharistic Min.)
Linda Norris (Lector)
Choir (Cantors)

Sun. April 18th, 8:30 AM

Charles Mulligan, Ambrose Mulligan, Aaron Cook (Altar Servers)
Maggie Moran, Jane McNamara, Vickie Mulligan (Eucharistic Min.)
Carolyn Rinker (Lector)
Jeffrey Keyes (Cantor)

*STEWARDSHIP—ST. JOHN'S

Sat./Sun. Apr. 3-4, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,764.00
Loose	562.00
Candles	69.00
Dues	229.00
Religious Ed	10.00
Diocesan Charity	2.00
Fuel	169.00
Home Missions	6.00
Easter	3,067.00
Rice Bowl	70.00
Holy Land	541.00
Improvements	25.00
Care & Education of Priests	159.00
Total:	\$6,673.00

*ST. MARTIN

OF TOURS



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:

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

Charismatic Mass at St. Martin, has been changed to Thursday, **April 22, 7:00pm**

Joint CCD Children's Mass, Sunday, April 18th, 11:00am at St. Martin of Tours Church.

MINISTRIES—ST. MARTIN'S

Sat. April 17th, 4:00 PM

Liam & Jenna Maloney (Altar Server)
Diane Frye, Mary Lake (Eucharistic Ministers)
Maureen Maloney (Lector)

Sun. April 18th, 11:00 AM (Children's Mass)

Justin Lee, Luke Marco (Altar Server)
Betty Kwader, Kim Marco, Katherine Kempa (Eucharistic Ministers)
Children (Lectors)

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. Apr. 3-4, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$765.75
Loose	408.00
Easter	1,832.00
Dues	4.00
Holy Thursday	200.53
Holy Land	253.00
Care & Education of Priests	67.00
Home Missions	10.00
Rice Bowl	107.98
Total:	\$3,648.26



* PARISHES' MASSES

*MASS INTENTIONS—ST. JOHN Apr.10-18, 2010

Sat. 4/10	5:30 PM	Edmond Ahearn (The Family)
Sun 4/11	8:30 AM	All Parishioners
Mon 4/12	8:30 AM	Deceased Members of Joseph & Julia McMahon (Joanne McIntyre)
Tues. 4/13	8:30 AM	Vincent Pagano (The Melkulcok Family)
Wed. 4/14		NO Mass
Thurs. 4/15	8:30 AM	Virginia Evans (St. John's Pro-Life)
Fri 4/09	8:30 AM	Jim Luciana (Mary Cizike & Family)
Sat 4/10	5:30 PM	All Parishioners
Sun. 4/11	8:30 AM	Catherine Paccio (A Friend)

MASS INTENTIONS—ST. LAWRENCE Apr. 10-18, 2010

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
Mon Apr. 12	7:00 PM	Thomas Maholick req. by his parents
Tues. Apr. 13		NO MASS
Wed Apr. 14	8:00 AM	Jack Vaseleck req. by his loving wife Bobbi
Thur. Apr. 15		NO MASS
Fri. Apr. 16	7:00 PM	John McCarthy req. by Harold and Carol Smith
Sat. Apr. 17	4:15 PM	Confession
Sat. Apr. 17	5:00 PM	John & Bob Franks req. by the Franks family
Sun. Apr. 18	9:30 AM	For our parish community

MASS INTENTIONS—ST. MARTIN Apr 10-18, 2010

Sat. 4/10	4:00 PM	Eleanor Lubinec (The Panasevich Family)
Sun 4/11	11:00 AM	All Parishioners
Mon 4/12		NO Mass
Tues. 4/13	8:00 AM	Helen Marichak (Estate)
Wed. 4/14	8:00 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thurs. 4/15	8:00 AM	Helen Marichak (Estate)
Fri 4/16		NO Mass
Sat 4/17	4:00 PM	All Parishioners
Sun. 4/18	11:00 AM	Gert Leahy (Bill Leahy & Family)

Confessions are held on Saturdays before Mass

St. John 4:45pm St. Martin 3:15pm
St. Lawrence 4:15pm

*ST. LAWRENCE



**PLEASE turn in your Lenten Coin Folder. We will be sending it in on April 19th.

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.

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.

Quilt Raffle: 1st Prize: Cheryl Fetterman (queen size quilt)
2nd Prize: Eva Holloway (lap quilt)
3rd Prize: Laurie Weeks (wall hanging)

THANK YOU to Dixie Russell for all the time and energy she put into this fund raiser.

THANK YOU Colleen Colton who made these beautiful quilts and so kindly donated them for this fund raiser.

THANK YOU to all our parishioners who purchased tickets and made this possible. **Grand Total: \$ 1,022.00 !!!!**

St. Lawrence Church Greeters

April 17th Delores Kane April 24th Cheryl Tomeo
April 18th Liz Landes April 25th Sean Mills

Divine Mercy Service at St. Lawrence:

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

*The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Betty Crook
By Rita Lacey and Family*

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!

****When Mass is over, kindly place your Breaking Bread missal back in the pew holder. The pages are getting bent and torn.**

MINISTRIES—ST. LAWRENCE

Sat. April 17, 5:00 PM

Sun. April 18, 9:30 AM

C. Lake & A. Button (Altar Servers) M. & E. Mangel (Altar Servers)
R. Ragard (Eucharistic Ministers) R. & D. Maida (Eucharistic Ministers)
C. Tomeo (Lector) D. Maida (Lector)

*STEWARDSHIP— ST. LAWRENCE

Sat./Sun. April 3-4, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,803.00
Candles	31.00
Fuel	30.00
Insurance	25.00
Diocesan Assessment	101.00
Maintenance	10.00
Easter	2,069.00
Care & Education Priests	293.00
Good Friday	195.00
<i>Total:</i>	\$4,557.00

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

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

* PARISH CLUSTER NEWS

Divine Mercy Service at St. Lawrence:

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

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Joint CCD Children's Mass, Sunday, April 18th, 11:00am at St. Martin of Tours Church.

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.

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.

Charismatic Mass at St. Martin—Thursday, **April 22nd**, 7:00pm

St. John's Men's Club BBQ—Sunday, **April 25th**, eat in or take out. We will be selling BBQ chickens starting at noon on the 25th. Get your pre-sale tickets, the last two years we sold out early. Dinners are \$8.00 & halves are \$4.50, and can be picked up at the Hall at 12 Noon. You can get pre-sale tickets from any Men's Club Member.

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:

Apr. 5-11	Detergent, body soap
Apr. 12-18	Toilet Tissue, Toothpaste
Apr. 19-25	Pasta, Rice, Noodles
Apr. 26-May 2	Canned Fruit, Vegetables

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.	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
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
Thurs.	4/22	Charismatic Mass, 7:00pm at St. Martin's
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
Sun.	4/25	St. John's Men's Club raffle & Chicken BBQ, 12 Noon
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
Sat.	5/1	First Saturday Mass, 8:30am at St. John's Chapel 2nd Grade Special Class, 10am-12 Noon at St. John's hall ST. Paul's Cemetery Cleanup

BAPTISM: The Church, as a norm, celebrates baptism on Sunday, the Lord's Day. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: Parish membership is based on regular attendance at Sunday Eucharist and participation in parish activities. Active parishioners are involved in stewardship of time, talent and treasure.

MARRIAGE: Couples contemplating marriage should contact the parish office at least six months before the anticipated date. This allows for proper preparation for this sacrament of commitment.

HOSPITALS/NURSING HOMES AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please notify the parish office of anyone in the hospital, nursing home or seriously ill anticipating an operation or advanced in age. Members of the parish are available to bring communion to the sick and the homebound each Sunday.

BULLETIN: Announcements should be submitted by **Wednesday** each week

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.