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



3rd Sunday of Easter

April 18th, 2010



Gospel: Following a miraculous catch of fish, that enabled the apostles to recognize the risen Lord, Jesus' mercy is directed to Peter. Jesus questions Peter's love for him, and by so doing provides Peter the mercy to repent of his threefold denial. Peter's love for the Lord is to be directed to the care of the flock, Christ's body. All repentance leads us to both a deeper love for Christ and for his body, the Church.

First Reading (Acts of the Apostles):

While the high priest challenges Peter for laying the guilt for Jesus' death at his feet, Peter does not sidestep the accusation he made: however, he offers the gift of forgiveness, a work of the Holy Spirit. Christian faith does not counsel the downplaying of the guilt of sin, but it acknowledges a greater and more powerful reality, the forgiveness of sins.

Earth Day Sunday

Pope Benedict focused his 2010 World Day of Peace Message on the care of Creation and has called on leaders to respond "to the great ecological challenge" presented by the climate crisis. Pope Benedict XVI is particularly concerned about the impact of Climate change on the poor and vulnerable, and the very future of some nations.

Love and gratitude for God's creation lie deep within religious life. From mountaintops to forests, green pastures to still waters, stars in the sky and lilies of the field, we experience the grace of our Creator and the gift of our presence here. As Catholics, we are called to care for God's gift of creation and to protect the most vulnerable among us.

The bishops of the United States initiated a major effort in the fall of 1993, "Renewing the Earth: An Environmental Justice Program." Its purpose is to promote a distinctively Catholic approach to environmental concerns, to foster stewardship of God's creation, and to link environmental protection and social justice.

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. 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
Mrs. Irene Brassard, Organist

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Emergency number at St. Lawrence Rectory: 267-1366

Weekend Masses

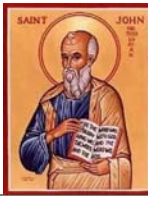
	<u>St. John</u>	<u>St. Lawrence</u>	<u>St. Martin</u>
Sat.	5:30 PM	5:00 PM	4:00 PM
Sun.	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM

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JMJ 750 AM**

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Pregnancy Counseling 1-800-550-4900

*ST. JOHN

THE EVANGELIST



NO Daily Mass this Monday, April 19th at St. John

Pro-Life — 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.



Finance Council Meeting—Tuesday, April 27th, 7:00pm

Welcoming Committee Greeters:

April 17th Joni Miller, Maryann Deakin
 April 18th Alice Evans, Ceil Vaccaro
 April 24th Bob & Gaye Keyes
 April 25th Marge Wood, Cathy Grausgruber
 May 1st Clay & Mary Jo Weaver
 May 2nd First Communion
 May 8th & May 9th Mother's Day weekend

MINISTRIES—ST. JOHN

Sat. April 24th, 5:30 PM

Logan Burdick, Tom Maby, Michael Armitage (Altar Servers)
 Mary Jo Weaver, Carol Barnes, Bev Norris (Eucharistic Min.)
 Clay Weaver (Lector)
 Barb & Carolyn (Cantors)

Sun. April 25th, 8:30 AM

Aaron Cook, Austin & Peyton Cowperthwait (Altar Servers)
 Bob Burns, George Napolitano, Karen DeWitt (Eucharistic Min.)
 Linda Buffington (Lector)
 Barb & Carolyn (Cantors)

*STEWARDSHIP—ST. JOHN'S

Sat./Sun. Apr. 10-11, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$2,112.00
Loose	255.00
Candles	32.00
Dues	68.00
Religious Ed	6.00
Diocesan Charity	93.00
Fuel	40.00
Easter	227.00
Easter Flowers	5.00
Rice Bowl	21.00
Improvements	25.00
Care & Education of Priests	192.00
Total:	\$3,076.00

*ST. MARTIN

OF TOURS



During the Easter Season we will sing the *Mass of Hope* found on the yellow sheets in the pews.

There will be NO daily Mass on Tuesday & Thursday this week at St. Martin.

The **Charismatic Mass** for April has been cancelled.

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

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

St. Martin's Grounds—Thank you to the seven parishioners who helped clean up the gardens at St. Martin's on Saturday, April 10. The grounds look much better as the perennials begin to make their appearances in the warm Spring air.

St. Paul's Grounds cleanup—Saturday, May 1, 9:00am. Please bring your rake. Rain date is May 8th.

There will be an **Arts Council Meeting** on **Wednesday, April 21 at 7 PM** at the parish hall. We will begin preparation for Brigadoon, our summer production. All are welcome to attend.

Open auditions for **Brigadoon** will be on Sunday, **May 2 at 7 PM**. If you are interested, but can not attend the auditions, please call Chris Lake (756-2887). You don't need to prepare anything for the audition.

Pierogi Sale—Thanks to all who made our annual Pierogi Sale a huge success. We **profited \$3,485.00** for the fundraising account. The **fundraising committee** will be meeting on **Wednesday, May 5 at 7 PM** in the parish hall to discuss our summer fundraising efforts. Mark your calendars; all are welcome.

Welcoming Committee Greeters:

Sat. April 17th	Rachael Gilleran	Sat. April 24th	Ruthie Zeck
Sun. April 18th	Christina Button	Sun. April 25th	Kathy Flor
Sat. May 1st	Marilyn Czachar	Sun. May 2nd	Kim Marco

MINISTRIES—ST. MARTIN'S

Sat. April 24th, 4:00 PM

RJ & Nicholas Klein (Altar Servers)
 Marilyn Czachor, Ruth Zeck (E. Min)
 Bob Klein (Lector)

Sun. Apr. 25th, 11:00AM

Olivia Rockwell (Altar Servers)
 Alfie Lambert, Betsy Supancik,
 Charlene Kempa (Euch. Min.)
 Eileen Hartman (Lector)

*STEWARDSHIP—ST. MARTIN'S

Sat./Sun. Apr. 10-11, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$863.00
Loose	209.00
Easter	350.00
Holy Land	20.00
Care & Education of Priests	116.00
Home Missions	5.00
Rice Bowl	10.00
Total:	\$1,573.00

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

* PARISHES' MASSES

*MASS INTENTIONS—ST. JOHN Apr.17-25, 2010

Sat. 4/17	5:30 PM	All Parishioners
Sun 4/18	8:30 AM	Catherine Paccio (A Friend)
Mon 4/19		NO MASS
Tues. 4/20	8:30 AM	Angelo (Nick) Nataline (The Nataline Family)
Wed. 4/21		NO Mass
Thurs. 4/22	8:30 AM	Lorraine Pickering (Marge Wood)
Fri 4/23	8:30 AM	James Luciana (Elaine Andusko)
Sat 4/24	5:30 PM	Virginia Znamirovski (Joe & Pat King)
Sun. 4/25	8:30 AM	All Parishioners

MASS INTENTIONS—ST. LAWRENCE Apr. 17-25, 2010

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
Mon Apr. 19	7:00 PM	Harry Lazorek req. by Helen Govlick & son
Tues. Apr. 20		NO MASS
Wed Apr. 21		NO MASS
Thur. Apr. 22		NO MASS
Fri. Apr. 23	7:00 PM	Fran & Mary Melnick req. by their family
Sat. Apr. 24	4:15 PM	Confession
Sat. Apr. 24	5:00 PM	For our parish community
Sun. Apr. 25	9:30 AM	Franks & Edgell families req. by Barbara Edgell Franks

MASS INTENTIONS—ST. MARTIN Apr 17-25, 2010

Sat. 4/17	4:00 PM	All Parishioners
Sun 4/18	11:00 AM	Gert Leahy (Bill Leahy & Family)
Mon 4/19		NO Mass
Tues. 4/20		NO Mass
Wed. 4/21	8:00 AM	Helen Maricheck (Estate)
Thurs. 4/22		NO Mass
Fri 4/23		NO Mass
Sat 4/24	4:00 PM	Poor Souls in Purgatory (J.B.Z.)
Sun. 4/25	11:00 AM	All Parishioners

Confessions are held on Saturdays before Mass

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

*ST. LAWRENCE



There will be **NO** daily Mass on Wednesday morning this week at 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!

St. Lawrence Confirmation Candidates: A joint meeting for all candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Monday, **May 17th at 7:00P.M.** at St. John's Parish Hall. This is for candidates in this years 6-8 grades CCD classes.

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.

St. Lawrence Church Greeters

April 24th Cheryl Tomeo May 1st Chris Oliver
April 25th Sean Mills May 2nd Irene McCarthy

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—2nd Sat. of the month, 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 23, 5:00 PM

P. MacConnell, A. Stanley (A. S.)
K. Ragard (Eucharistic Ministers)
L. James (Lector)

Sun. April 24, 9:30 AM

C. & T. Carlsen (Altar Servers)
A. Maholick (Eucharistic Ministers)
I. McCarthy (Lector)

***STEWARDSHIP— ST. LAWRENCE**

Sat./Sun. April 10-11, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,869.00
Candles	10.75
Diocesan Assessment	20.00
Maintenance	239.00
Easter	40.00
Care & Education Priests	181.00
Total:	\$2,359.75

St. Lawrence Church Needs

Lectors and Altar Servers!!!!

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

* PARISH CLUSTER NEWS

Daily Mass Changes—please check this week's daily Mass schedule changes as Father Dave will be away this week at the priests' Convocation.

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

RCIA Meeting—Monday, April 19th, 7:00pm in the Parish Hall

Charismatic Mass at St. Martin—the Charismatic Mass is cancelled for the month of April.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal—next week's 2nd collection. The CHMA provides supplemental funding for these home mission dioceses where parishes often struggle with poverty among parishioners, difficult or isolated terrain, hostility toward Catholics, and other circumstances that challenge the practice of the faith.

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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.

Confirmation—A joint meeting for all candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Monday, May 17th at 7:00P.M. at St. John's Parish Hall. This is for candidates in this years 6-8 grades CCD classes.

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

- 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

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
Wed.	4/21	St. Martin's Arts Council Meeting, 7:00pm, Church 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
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
		St. Lawrence group workers' picture, after the 7:00pm Mass in the Trinity Center
M-W	4/26-28	St. Lawrence Directory photography taking dates
Tues.	4/27	St. John's Finance Council Meeting, 7:00pm
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, 9am-11am at St. John's hall
		ST. Paul's Cemetery Cleanup, 9:00am
Sun.	5/2	Arts' Council 'Brigadoon' auditions, 7:00pm, Church Hall
Tues.	5/4	St. John's Men's Club Meeting, 7:00pm
Wed.	5/5	St. Martin Fund-raising Meeting, 7:00pm, Church Hall
Sun.	5/9	May Crowning at all Churches Sunday Mass
Mon.	5/10	St. John's Altar & Rosary meeting, 6:30pm
Tues.	5/11	St. Martin Christian Women's annual "Daughter Dinner", 6:00pm in the Church Hall
Wed.	5/12	Ascension Holy Day vigil Mass at St. Martin, 7:00pm
Thurs.	5/13	Ascension Thursday Holy Day Masses, St. Lawrence at 8:30am, St. John at 7:00pm

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.