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



4th Sunday of Easter
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

April 25th, 2010



Gospel:

Jesus links the guarantee of the salvation of his sheep to his unity with the Father. As

his sheep listen to his voice and follow him, any attempt to wrestle the sheep away from him will be thwarted by the power of God. To hear the voice of Jesus is to dwell in communion with the living God. God's gift of salvation embraces us within the sheepfold of his beloved Son, the Church.

First Reading: Paul and Barnabas' pastoral and missionary visit to Antioch was an occasion for the encouragement of the faith of the Jewish converts and an opening up of the life of faith to the Gentiles. In some sense, every effort of evangelization contains both an opportunity to encourage the faith life of those who already believe and to welcome new members into the community of faith.

World Day of Prayer For Vocations

On March 28's World Youth Day, Pope Benedict XVI met with the young people and said:

"Jesus never tires of turning to us with love and calling us to be his disciples; to some, however, he proposes an even more radical choice. In this *Year for Priests*, I would like to urge young men and boys to consider if the Lord is inviting them to a greater gift, along the path of priestly ministry. I ask them to be willing to embrace with generosity and enthusiasm this sign of a special love and to embark on the necessary path of discernment with the help of a priest or a spiritual director."

"Do not be afraid, then, dear young men and women, if the Lord is calling you to the religious, monastic or missionary life, or a life of special consecration: he knows how to bestow deep joy upon those who respond to him with courage!"

Prayer:

Loving and Generous God, it is You who call us by name and ask us to follow You.

Help us to grow in the Love and Service of our Church as we experience it today.

Give us the energy and courage of Your Spirit to shape its future.

Grant us faith-filled leaders who will embrace Christ's Mission of love and justice.

Weekend Masses

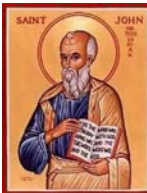
	St. John	St. Lawrence	St. Martin
Sat.	5:30 PM	5:00 PM	4:00 PM
Sun.	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM

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



Today's Second Collection—Catholic Home Missions Appeal

“Seeing the Light on Stem Cells—St. John's Pro-Life will be showing a 45-minute video entitled “*Seeing the Light on Stem Cells*” on Thursday morning, April 29th at 9:00am in the Parish Hall after the morning Mass . This is a very informative video. Please try to attend.

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.

Beef Bonanza—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—this **Sunday, April 25th**, eat in or take out. We will be selling BBQ chickens starting at noon on the 25th. 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

First Saturday Mass, May 1st, 8:30am in St. John's Chapel

Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Group will meet on **Saturday, May 1st after the 8:30am Mass to pray the rosary** in the Rectory Chapel for the *Conversion of the World and World Peace*. Please come and join us, all our Welcome!

Parish Directory Photo—Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, May 3-5, at St. John's Parish Hall. Please call Vickie Mulligan at 278-3286 to schedule a sitting time.

A Celebration of the Renovations of St. John's, **Sunday, May 16th, 6:00pm**. Evening Prayer followed by a **pot-luck dinner**.

Welcoming Committee Greeters:

May 1st Clay & Mary Jo Weaver
 May 2nd First Communion
 May 8th & May 9th Mother's Day weekend
 May 15th Rosie Curtis & Shirley Decker
 May 16th Alice Evans & Tonya Romanofski

MINISTRIES—ST. JOHN

Sat. May 1st, 5:30 PM

Ben & Matt Kane, Nicole Barnes (Altar Servers)
 Chet Walker, Mary Snyder, Joe King (Eucharistic Min.)
 Clay Weaver (Lector)
 Kay Pacifici (Cantor)

Sun. May 2nd, 8:30 AM

Aaron Cook, Michael Armitage, Charles Mulligan (Altar Servers)
 Carol Bushong, Linda Norris, Joe Schell (Eucharistic Min.)
 First Communion class (Lectors)
 Folk Group (Cantors)

*ST. MARTIN

OF TOURS



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

Today's Second Collection—Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Christian Women's Basket Raffle We will start selling the raffle tickets this weekend, **April 24 & 25th** and the next 2 weekends after the Masses.

The *Christian Women's Society* will be having their annual “**Daughter Dinner**” on **Tuesday, May 11th, 6:00pm**. If anyone has any ideas, suggestions or questions for our pot-luck get together, please call Martina Lingobardo at 756-2879.

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

Arts Council— 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.

A Fundraising Meeting will be on **Wednesday, May 5 at 7 PM** in the parish hall to discuss our summer fundraising efforts. Mark your calendars; all are welcome.

Holy Hour Schedule at St. Martin's

Every Thursday (except the 3rd Thursday) of the month will be the Holy Hour at 7:00pm. The **third Thursday** of the month will be the Charismatic Mass at 7:00pm .

Welcoming Committee Greeters:

April 24th Ruthie Zeck
 Sun. April 25th Kathy Flor
 Sat. May 1st Marilyn Czachar
 Sun. May 2nd Kim Marco

MINISTRIES—ST. MARTIN'S

Sat. May 1st, 4:00 PM

Michael Lingobardo (Altar Servers)
 Miriam Pepe, Mary Lake (E. Min)
 Rachel Gilleran (Lector)

Sun. May 2nd, 11:00AM

Anja Whitehead, K. Kempa (Altar S)
 K. Kempa, C. Kempa, B. Supancik
 (Euch. Min.)
 Barry Corrigan (Lector)

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

May's Church Cleaning Team—Rosie Parkinson, Eileen Hartman

*STEWARDSHIP—ST. JOHN'S

Sat./Sun. Apr. 17-18, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,304.00
Loose	168.00
Candles	31.75
Dues	6.00
Religious Ed	128.00
Diocesan Charity	5.00
Catholic Home Missions	10.00
Total:	\$1,652.75

*STEWARDSHIP—ST. MARTIN'S

Sat./Sun. Apr. 17-18, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$774.75
Loose	292.00
Total:	\$1,066.75

* PARISHES' MASSES

*MASS INTENTIONS—ST. JOHN Apr.24-30, May 1-2, 2010

Sat. 4/24	5:30 PM	Virginia Znamirowski (Joe & Pat King)
Sun 4/25	8:30 AM	All Parishioners
Mon 4/26	8:30 AM	Adornato Family (The Family)
Tues. 4/27	8:30 AM	Clair Perry (Margaret Perry & Family)
Wed. 4/28		NO Mass
Thurs. 4/29	8:30 AM	John McIntyre (Joanne McIntyre)
Fri 4/30	8:30 AM	James Luciana (Bob Parkinson)
Sat 5/01	8:30 AM 5:30 PM	Sandy Battisti (Jack & Bev Norris) Mary Fisk Bauer (The Family)
Sun. 5/02	8:30 AM	All Parishioners

MASS INTENTIONS—ST. LAWRENCE Apr. 24-30, May 1-2, 2010

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
Mon Apr. 26	7:00 PM	Harry Lazorek req. by Robert & Doris Sainato
Tues. Apr. 27		NO MASS
Wed Apr. 28	8:00 AM	Theresa Bognet
Thur. Apr. 29		NO MASS
Fri. Apr. 30	7:00 PM	Irene Skroski req. by her family
Sat. May 01	4:15 PM	Confession
Sat. May 01	5:00 PM	Ann Persons req. by her son Henry Joseph Persons
Sun. May 02	9:30 AM	For our parish community

MASS INTENTIONS—ST. MARTIN Apr. 24-30, May 1-2, 2010

Sat. 4/24	4:00 PM	Poor Souls in Purgatory (J.B.Z.)
Sun 4/25	11:00 AM	All Parishioners
Mon 4/26		NO Mass
Tues. 4/27	8:00 AM	Helen Marichek (Estate)
Wed. 4/28	8:00 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thurs. 4/29	8:00 AM	Helen Marichek (Estate)
Fri 4/30		NO Mass
Sat 5/01	4:00 PM	All Parishioners
Sun. 5/02	11:00 AM	Jackie Keelen (Mike & Kathy, Kaitlin and Tara Flor)

Confessions are held on Saturdays before Mass

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

*ST. LAWRENCE



Today's Second Collection—Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Our thanks to all of you who gave so generously to our Lenten project. The project was a great success and we really appreciate your help. **Thank you, the 6th & 7th graders from St. Lawrence CCD Program.**

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.

Pro-Life: We will be taking names for the Mother's Day newspaper ad this weekend, April 24 & 25 at all masses for a donation of \$1.00 per name. Say "Thank you, Mother, for choosing Life".

Mother's Day Carnation Sale: We will be selling carnations on Mother's Day weekend.

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!

Pies.Cakes.Goodies:

Our May fundraiser is *Our Spring Bake Sale*. It will take place on Friday, May 7th at Rob's Market. **ALL DAY!!**

Let's All Bake:

Anyone willing to bake item for the sale is asked to drop them off at the Trinity Center on Thursday, May 6th from 8am-8pm. PLEASE bring your items bagged or wrapped ready to sell. For more information, call Babe @ 879-4878 or Joan @ 879-2282.

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.

St. Lawrence Church Greeters

May 1st Chris Oliver May 8th Rick Franks
May 2nd Irene McCarthy May 9th Roberta Lupo

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. May 1st, 5:00 PM

D. Maida, C. Lake (Altar S.)
R. & D. Maida (Eucharistic Min.)
F. O'Connor (Lector)

Sun. May 2nd, 9:30 AM

C. & J. Mills (Altar Servers)
S. Brown (Eucharistic Ministers)
S. Mills (Lector)

***STEWARDSHIP- ST. LAWRENCE**

Sat./Sun. April 17-18, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$1584.00
Candles	7.00
Maintenance	30.00
Easter	10.00
Fuel	292.00
Total:	\$1,923.00

St. Lawrence Church Needs Lectors and Altar Servers!!!! PLEASE consider serving your church.

* PARISH CLUSTER NEWS

Congratulations to Father Alfhonse on the 8th Anniversary of his Ordination!!

RCIA Meeting—Monday, April 26th, 7:00pm in the Parish Hall

Catholic Home Missions Appeal—this week's 2nd collection. Right here in the United States, some dioceses are unable to provide fundamental pastoral care for their faithful. These 'home mission' dioceses cannot support an adequate number of priests. They cannot afford funding for youth ministry programs or religious education.

St. John's Men's Club BBQ—this 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.



First Saturday Mass, 8:30am in St. John's Chapel.

Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Group will meet on **Saturday, May 1st after the 8:30am Mass to pray the rosary** in the Rectory Chapel for the *Conversion of the World and World Peace*. Please come and join us, all our Welcome! (Approximately 45 minutes) The Prayer Group will meet every first Saturday of the month after morning Mass.

First Communion Class from St. John's (Communion is Sunday, May 2nd:

Ryan Armitage	Makenzie Cook
Amanda Iveson	Billy Guilfoyle
Taylor Huyck	Geena Miller
Leah Reyes	

First Communion for St. Lawrence will be Sunday, May 9th. **Garrett Peters** will receive his 1st Communion. Please pray for all our First Communion candidates.

Open auditions for **St. Martin's Arts Council 'Brigadoon'** will be on Sunday, **May 2 at 7 PM** at St. Martin's church hall. 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.

Lector Training will be held on Saturday, **May 8th** at St. John's hall from 9:30am to 12:30pm. All persons interested in becoming a lector or any present lectors who have not had training by the Diocese should plan to attend. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Please make your check payable to the Diocese of Scranton. Call Vickie Mulligan at 278-3286 to register by Friday, April 30th.

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. 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/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 takes
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 Our Lady of Fatima Prayers after St. John's Mass 2nd Grade Special Class, 9am-11am at St. John's hall ST. Paul's Cemetery Cleanup, 9:00am
Sun.	5/2	St. John's First Communion celebration, 8:30am Mass Arts' Council 'Brigadoon' auditions, 7:00pm, Church Hall
M-W	5/3-5	St. John's Directory photography dates
Tues.	5/4	St. John's Men's Club Meeting, 7:00pm
Wed.	5/5	St. Martin Fund-raising Meeting, 7:00pm, Church Hall
Sat.	5/8	Lector Training at St. John's Hall, 9:30am to 12:30pm
Sun.	5/9	St. Lawrence First Communion celebration, 9:30am Mass May Crowning at all Churches Sunday Mass St. John's Altar & Rosary meeting, 6:30pm
Mon.	5/10	St. Martin Christian Women's annual "Daughter Dinner", 6:00pm in the Church Hall
Tues.	5/11	Ascension Holy Day vigil Mass at St. Martin, 7:00pm
Wed.	5/12	Ascension Thursday Holy Day Masses, St. Lawrence at 8:30am, St. John at 7:00pm
Thurs.	5/13	St. John Pro-Life meeting, 9:00am
Sun.	5/16	St. John's Celebration of Renovations, 6:00pm Evening Prayer followed by a pot-luck dinner

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