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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**



5th Sunday of Easter

May 2nd, 2010



Leah~Ryan~Makenzie~Amanda~Billy~Taylor~Geena~Leah

Congratulations to the First Holy Communion Class!

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

Parish Office: 853-4634
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St. John Parish Center 853-4787



May is the Month of Mary

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

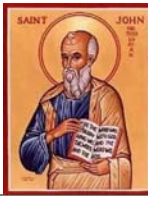
**Listen to Catholic Radio
JMJ 750 AM**

Emergency number at St. Lawrence Rectory: 267-1366

Men/Women Wounded By Abortion 1-800-5-WE-CARE
Pregnancy Counseling 1-800-550-4900

*ST. JOHN

THE EVANGELIST



First Holy Communion this Sunday, May 2nd, 8:30am

Please pray for our First Holy Communion class:

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

St. John's Cemetery Cleanup—Saturday, May 8th,

8:00am—please bring a rake and your energy! **Please remove all decorations by Friday, May 7th.**

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

Mother's Day Breakfast—The Men's Club will be having their annual 'Mother's Day' breakfast, Sunday, May 9th after Mass.

St. John's Men's Club Beef Raffle Winners:

Paul Belch	Clay Weaver
Joe Kura	Dave Rockwell

The raffle netted **\$2,437.00** profit which goes towards the sanctuary renovations. Thank you to all who helped in any way and to those who purchased our BBQ chicken dinners.

First Friday Mass, May 7th, 8:30am in St. John's Chapel

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday will be from **9:00am to 4:00pm**. Evening Prayer and Benediction will be at 4:00pm. Please sign up for 1/2 hour of Adoration. Sign-up sheet are in the back of the Church and in the Chapel.

Parish Directory Photo—Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, May 3-5, at St. John's Parish Hall.

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 8th & May 9th Mother's Day weekend
 May 15th Rosie Curtis & Shirley Decker
 May 16th Alice Evans & Tonya Romanofski
 May 29th Gino & Mary Ann Testa
 May 30th Racheal Arrieta & Racheal Pavelski
 June 5th Jerry & Carolyn Gow

MINISTRIES—ST. JOHN

Sat. May 8th, 5:30 PM

Brandon Gow, Miranda Romanofski, David Armitage (Altar Servers)
 Carol Barnes, Mary Jo Weaver, Karen DeWitt (Eucharistic Min.)
 Marti Stanford (Lector)
 Barb Wolf, Carolyn Rinker (Cantors)

Sun. May 9th, 8:30 AM

Jonathan & Justin Banko, Austin Cowperthwait (Altar Servers)
 Bob Burns, Jane McNamara, Maggie Moran (Eucharistic Min.)
 Linda Norris (Lector)
 Barb Wolf, Carolyn Wolf (Cantors)

*STEWARDSHIP—ST. JOHN'S

Sat./Sun. Apr. 24-25, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,714.00
Loose	266.00
Candles	45.00
Easter	25.00
Religious Ed	25.00
Catholic Home Missions	312.00
Improvements	<u>318.00</u>
Total:	\$2,705.00

Schedules are Ready

Altar Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, please be sure to pick up your May/June schedules in the back of the Church. If you are unable to serve a Mass you have been scheduled for, please call a replacement.

*ST. MARTIN

OF TOURS



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

Christian Women's Basket Raffle—The raffle tickets for the "Daughter Dinner" baskets are available before and after the week-end Masses. Raffle tickets are \$1 apiece or 6 for \$5.00.

Daughter Dinner—The Christian Women's Society's annual "Daughter Dinner" is **Tuesday, May 11th, 6:00pm**. If anyone has any questions regarding our **pot-luck** get together, please call Martina Lingobardo at 756-2879. The baskets will be raffled off at the dinner. All 'daughters' are welcome! Bring a covered dish or dessert to share, and bring a friend!!

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.

Coffee Clutch—St. Martin's will have a coffee clutch every **Wednesday** after the 8:00am Mass.

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. Thursday, **May 20th**, is the Charismatic Mass, 7:00pm

Welcoming Committee Greeters:

Sat. May 1st Marilyn Czachar
 Sun. May 2nd Kim Marco

Joint Confirmation Candidates: A joint meeting for all candidates and their parents 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.

MINISTRIES—ST. MARTIN'S

Sat. May 8th, 4:00 PM

Peter & Hayley Maloney (Altar Serv.)
 Diane Frye, Mary Lake (E. Min)
 Maureen Maloney (Lector)

Sun. May 9th, 11:00AM

Justin Lee, Lucas Marco (Altar S)
 Kim Marco, A.Lambert B. Supancik (Euch. Min.)
 Mark Fallon (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. MARTIN'S

Sat./Sun. Apr. 24-25, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,068.75
Loose	436.00
Easter	180.00
Catholic Home Missions	140.00
Building Fund	50.00
Total:	\$1,874.75

* PARISHES' MASSES

*MASS INTENTIONS—ST. JOHN May 1-9, 2010

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
Mon 5/03	8:30 AM	Sandy Battisti (M/M Ed Chianese & Kay Pacifici)
Tues. 5/04	8:30 AM	Luciana, Parks, & Euli Families (Joanne McIntyre)
Wed. 5/05		NO Mass
Thurs. 5/06	8:30 AM	Ficarro & Schell Families (Arthur & Grace Schell)
Fri 5/07	8:30 AM	Anne O'Malley (Gerald Walker)
Sat 5/08	5:30 PM	Mother's Day Intentions
Sun. 5/09	8:30 AM	Mother's Day Intentions

MASS INTENTIONS—ST. LAWRENCE May 1-9, 2010

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
Mon May 03	7:00 PM	Stanley Bogusinski req. by the Shibley Family
Tues. May 04		NO MASS
Wed May 05	8:00 AM	Bette O'Connor req. by Frank and Sharon O'Connor
Thur. May 06		NO MASS
Fri. May 07	7:00 PM	Barry Vitovsky req. by Robert and Bonnie Fleming
Sat. May 08	4:15 PM	Confession
Sat. May 08	5:00 PM	Mother's Day Intentions
Sun. May 09	9:30 AM	Mother's Day Intentions

MASS INTENTIONS—ST. MARTIN May 1-9, 2010

Sat. 5/01	4:00 PM	All Parishioners
Sun 5/02	11:00 AM	Jackie Keelen (Mike & Kathy, Kaitlin and Tara Flor)
Mon 5/03		NO Mass
Tues. 5/04	8:00 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Wed. 5/05	8:00 AM	Helen Marichek (Estate)
Thurs. 5/06	8:00 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Fri 5/07		NO Mass
Sat 5/08	4:00 PM	Mother's Day Intentions
Sun. 5/09	11:00 AM	Mother's Day Intentions

Confessions are held on Saturdays before Mass at St. Martin And St. Lawrence; after Mass at St. John

St. John 6:15pm-6:45pm St. Martin 3:15pm-3:45pm
St. Lawrence 4:15pm-4:45pm

*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.

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

Pies.Cakes.Goodies:

The St. Lawrence Bake Sale will be held on Friday, May 7th at Rob's Market. **ALL DAY LONG!!**

Let's All Bake: Please help us make this bake sale a success by baking cookies, cake, brownies, treats, breads, pies...anything!!!! The Trinity Center will be open on Thursday, May 6th from 8am-8pm. If possible, PLEASE wrap your goodies so they are ready to sell. For questions, 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.

Parish Picnic: We are working on the Parish picnic for August 1st. If you have any ideas of something you would like to see at the picnic or if you can volunteer to help out that day, call the parish office or Dixie @ 879-4894. Also, if you would like to make a basket for the basket raffle table **PLEASE** do so.

Book Sale: We are once again collecting books for a book sale. Leave all books at the Trinity Center after any Mass. Please, NO encyclopedias, Readers Digest, or really old books.

St. Lawrence Church Greeters

May 8th Rick Franks May 15th Deb Vogel
May 9th Roberta Lupo May 16th C. Lutchko

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, **May 8th**, 4-7pm , \$7.00 adult, \$3.00 children, under 5 free. All are Welcome!

**The Sanctuary Candle burns in Memory of
Don and Jean Tripp
By their daughter, Liz Landes**

****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 8th, 5:00 PM

A. Stanley, K. Carlsen (Altar S.)
F. O'Connor (Eucharistic Min.)
M. Button (Lector)

Sun. May 9th, 9:30 AM

M. & E. Mangel (Altar Servers)
A. Maholick (Eucharistic Ministers)
M. Maholick (Lector)

*STEWARDSHIP— ST. LAWRENCE

Sat./Sun. April 24-25 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$1574.00
Candles	6.50
Maintenance	10.00
Insurance	237.00
Easter	15.00
Fuel	25.00
Home Missions	208.00

**St. Lawrence Church
Needs
Lectors and Altar
Servers!!!!
PLEASE consider serv-
ing your church. Call the**

* PARISH CLUSTER NEWS

Catholic Home Missions Appeal—Thank you for your support of the Catholic Home Missions Appeal! Because of your generosity, the Appeal will be able to provide funding for evangelization, religious education, youth ministry, and other essential services in poor dioceses.

First Communion Class from St. John's (Communion is Sunday, May 2nd, 8:30am Mass:

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

First Holy Communion for St. Lawrence will be next Sunday, May 9th. **Garrett Peters** will receive his 1st Communion.

Please pray for all our First Communion candidates.

Joint Eucharist Minister Meeting—Monday, May 3rd, 7:00pm at St. John's Church. All Eucharistic Ministers, please plan on attending.

Congratulations to Jonathan Banko, a Senior from St. John's parish who attends Blue Ridge High School, on receiving the Bishop Award, at the Bishop's Youth Award Mass on Tuesday.

Open auditions for **St. Martin's Arts Council 'Brigadoon'** will be this 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.

Coffee Clutch—St. Martin's will have a coffee clutch **every Wednesday** after the 8:00am Mass.

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, May 2nd.

Ascension Thursday Masses—May 12th & May 13th
 Wed., May 12th (Vigil) St. Martin 7:00pm
 Thurs., May 13th St. Lawrence 8:30am
 St. John 7:00pm

Knights of Columbus #356 Spaghetti Supper—Saturday, **May 8th**, 4-7pm, \$7.00 adult, \$3.00 children, under 5 free. All are Welcome!

Confirmation—A joint meeting for all candidates and their parents 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 this years 6-8 grades CCD classes.

Joint Pastoral Council Meeting—Wednesday, May 19th, 7:00pm at St. John's parish hall.

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

Apr. 26-May 2	Canned Fruit, Vegetables
May 3-May 9	Canned meat, tuna
May 10-May 16	Peanut butter, jelly
May 17-May 23	Spaghetti's & ravioli
May 24-May 30	Cereal, juice

Reminder: The Food Bank will not accept any out-dated food items. Please do not bring out-dated items, Thank you!

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
William G. Emmons	Nicholas Ott
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

If anyone would like to add a troop's name to our prayer list, please contact the office.

PARISHES' CALENDAR

Sun.	5/2	St. John's First Communion celebration, 8:30am Mass Arts' Council 'Brigadoon' auditions, 7:00pm, Church Hall
Mon.	5/3	Joint Eucharist Minister meeting, 7:00pm, St. John's Church
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	Coffee Clutch at St. Martin's, after the 8:00am Mass St. Martin Fund-raising Meeting, 7:00pm, Church Hall First Friday Adoration at St. John's Chapel after Mass
Fri.	5/7	St. Lawrence Bake Sale, Rob's Market, All Day
Sat.	5/8	St. John's Cemetery cleanup, 8:00am 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 Mother's Day Breakfast after Mass in Church Hall
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 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
Mon.	5/17	Joint Confirmation Candidate Meeting, 7:00pm, St. John's Parish Hall
Wed.	5/19	Joint Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00pm at St. John's Hall
Thurs.	5/20	Charismatic Mass at St. Martin's, 7:00pm
Mon.	5/24	Joint Welcoming Committee meeting, 7:00pm, St. John's hall

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