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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**



6th Sunday of Easter

May 9th, 2010



"O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today!"

The queen symbol was attributed to Mary because she was a perfect follower of Christ, who is the absolute "crown" of creation. She is the Mother of the Son of God, who is the messianic King. Mary is the Mother of Christ, the Word Incarnate... "He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High; the Lord will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His kingdom there will be no end" (Lk 1:32-33). Elizabeth greeted the Blessed Virgin, pregnant with Jesus, as "the mother of my Lord" (Lk 1:41-43). Mary is the perfect follower of Christ. The maid of Nazareth consented to God's plan; she journeyed on the pilgrimage of faith; she listened to God's Word and kept it in her heart; she remained steadfastly in close union with her Son, all the way to the foot of the Cross; she persevered in prayer with the Church.



**Ascension of the Lord
Thursday, May 13th**

The distinct celebration of the Ascension of the Lord was unknown in the first three and a half centuries. The chronology of dating the Ascension to 40 days after Lent exists only in the Acts of the Apostles. In the Gospel according to Luke, the Ascension appears to have taken place much earlier, even on Easter Day. The original ending to Mark's account of the Gospel did not include the Ascension at all, and it can only be inferred from Matthew's conclusion. When 4th-century Egeria mentions a celebration 40 days after Easter in Bethlehem, it may have been for the *Holy Innocents*. But by the fifth century the observance seems to be universally accepted.

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
Mrs. 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

Emergency number at St. Lawrence Rectory: 267-1366

Weekend Masses

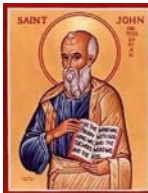
**Listen to Catholic Radio
JMJ 750 AM**

	<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

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

*ST. JOHN

THE EVANGELIST



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

There will be no Pro-Life collection this weekend.

Pro-Life Meeting—Thursday, May 13th, 9:00am

Mother's Day Breakfast—The Men's Club will be having their annual 'Mother's Day' breakfast this Sunday, **May 9th** after the 8:30am Mass.

A Celebration of the Renovations of St. John's, **Sunday, May 16th, 6:00pm.** Evening Prayer followed by hors d'oeuvres and dessert in the church hall.

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.

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of
Mary Judith McGuane and
Ann Oropallo
Who passed away recently.
In Jesus, may they live forever!

Welcoming Committee Greeters:

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
 June 6th Nancy, Sal, & Michael Pelicci

MINISTRIES—ST. JOHN

Thurs., May 13th, 7:00pm (Ascension Thursday)
 Charles & Ambrose Mulligan, Logan Burdick (Altar Servers)
 Vickie Mulligan, Mary Snyder, Chet Walker (Eucharistic Ministers)
 Kay Pacifici (Lector)
 Jeffrey Keyes (Cantor)

Sat. May 15th, 5:30 PM
 Mary C. Walker, Nicole Barnes, Matt Kane (Altar Servers)
 Linda Norris, Mike DeWitt, Mary Snyder (Eucharistic Min.)
 Shirley Decker (Lector)
 Folk Group (Cantors)

Sun. May 16th, 8:30 AM
 Michael Armitage, Jonathan Banko, Logan Burdick (Altar Servers)
 Carol Barnes, George Napolitano, Bob Burns (Eucharistic Min.)
 Carolyn Rinker (Lector)
 Men's Choir (Cantors)

*STEWARDSHIP—ST. JOHN'S

<i>Sat./Sun. May 1-2, 2010</i>	
Offertory Envelopes	\$1,451.00
Loose	320.50
Candles	53.00
Church Dues	215.00
Easter	10.00
Religious Ed	10.00
Holy Land	10.00
Care & Ed. Of Priests	<u>400.00</u>
Total:	\$2,469.50

*ST. MARTIN

OF TOURS



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

THANK YOU to Father Alfhonse and the parishioners who came this past Saturday for the cleanup of St. Paul' cemetery.

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 this **Tuesday, May 11th, 6:00pm.** 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!!**

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

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 8th Rachael Gilleran May 22nd Ruth Zeck
 Sun. May 9th Delores Goodger May 23rd Kathy Flor
 Sat. May 15th Diane Frye May 29th Marilyn Czachor
 Sun. May 16th The Kwader's May 30th The Maloney's

St. Martin's Directory Photography dates are Thursday, June 3, Friday, June 4th, and Saturday, June 5th.

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 15th, 4:00 PM	Sun. May 16th, 11:00AM
RJ & John Klein (Altar Serv.)	Olivia Rockwell , Emily Frye (A.S)
Diane Frye, Marilyn Czachor (E. Min)	A.Lambert B. Supancik, K. Kempa (Euch. Min.)
John Klein (Lector)	Frank Kwader (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

<i>Sat./Sun. May 1-2, 2010</i>	
Offertory Envelopes	\$1,184.00
Loose	206.00
Ascension Thursday	25.00
Catholic Home Missions	15.00
Home Missions	30.00
Cemetery	35.00
Building Fund	50.00
Care & Education of Priests	154.00
Mother's Day Remembrance	<u>91.00</u>
Total:	\$1,790.00



* PARISHES' MASSES

*MASS INTENTIONS—ST. JOHN May 8-16, 2010

Sat. 5/08	5:30 PM	Mother's Day Intentions
Sun 5/09	8:30 AM	Mother's Day Intentions
Mon 5/10	8:30 AM	Amelia Box (Regina Lubbe, L. Shope, Russell Box)
Tues. 5/11	8:30 AM	Clair Perry (Margaret Perry & Family)
Wed. 5/12		NO MASS
Thurs. 5/13	7:00 PM	Marlene Meyer (Lawrence Meyer)
Fri 5/14	8:30 AM	Jane, Frederick, & Richard Crowley (Fr. Thomas Crowley & Jane Culnane)
Sat 5/15	5:30 PM	Mother's Day Intentions
Sun. 5/16	8:30 AM	Mother's Day Intentions

MASS INTENTIONS—ST. LAWRENCE May 8-16, 2010

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
Mon May 10		NO MASS
Tues. May 11		NO MASS
Wed May 12	8:00 AM	Thomas Maholick req. by Al and Marcy Maholick
Thur. May 13	8:30 AM	Mother's Day Intention
Fri. May 14	7:00 PM	John McCarthy req. by William and Dolores Kane
Sat. May 15	4:15 PM	Confession
Sat. May 15	5:00 PM	For our parish community
Sun. May 16	9:30 AM	Louise Tessier req. by John and Jean Giangrieco

MASS INTENTIONS—ST. MARTIN May 8-16, 2010

Sat. 5/08	4:00 PM	Mother's Day Intentions
Sun 5/09	11:00 AM	Mother's Day Intentions
Mon 5/10		NO Mass
Tues. 5/11	8:00 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Wed. 5/12	8:00 AM 7:00 PM	O'Connor & McAuliffe Families (Herbert Family) All Parishioners
Thurs. 5/13		NO MASS
Fri 5/14		NO Mass
Sat 5/15	4:00 PM	Jim Pulice (Helen & Joe Castronova)
Sun. 5/16	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



Congratulations to Garrett Peters on receiving his First Holy Communion this Sunday at 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.

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.

53rd Annual BBQ: There will be a meeting May 11th at 7:00pm at the Green Gables to make plans. This will be our June event. Workers are needed.

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.

St. Lawrence Church Greeters

May 15th Deb Vogel May 22nd Bobbi Vaselick
May 16th C. Lutchko May 23rd Mary Tanner

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

"A Disciple's Response of Time and Talent"

Sat. May 15th, 5:00 PM

D. Maida (Altar S.)
K. Ragard (Eucharistic Min.)
C. Tomeo Button (Lector)

Sun. May 16th, 9:30 AM

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

*STEWARDSHIP— ST. LAWRENCE

Sat./Sun. May 1-2, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,748.00
Candles	10.95
Maintenance	10.00
Insurance	20.00
Easter	20.00
Fuel	35.00
Home Missions	1.00
Assessment	10.00
Ascension Thursday	10.00
Care & Education of Priests	237.00

Total: \$2,101.95

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

* PARISH CLUSTER NEWS

First Holy Communion at St. Lawrence this Sunday, May 9th. Congratulations to **Garrett Peters** as he receives his 1st Communion.

May Crowning at all Churches this Sunday, May 9th.

Daughter Dinner—St. Martin's Christian Women's Society's annual "Daughter Dinner" is this **Tuesday, May 11th, 6:00pm**. 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!!**

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

Ascension Thursday Masses—May 12th & May 13th
(Holy day of obligation)

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.

Charismatic Mass, Thursday, May 20th, 7:00pm at St. Martin of Tours.

Note: Please call the office at St. John or St. Lawrence if you or a homebound family member wishes to receive holy communion. Also, communion is available for the sick, the hospitalized, those in nursing homes, or anyone anticipating an operation.

Joint Baccalaureate Mass—a Mass to honor all of our 2010 Graduates will be held Sunday, June 13th, 8:30am, at St. John's Church.

The Catholic Relief Services is grateful to the members of your faith community for making **Operation Rice Bowl** a part of your Lenten celebration. On behalf of all of the people we serve around the world, we thank you for your support.

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

May 3-May 9	Canned meat, tuna
May 10-May 16	Peanut butter, jelly
May 17-May 23	Spaghetti o's & Ravioli
May 24-May 30	Cereal, juice
May 31-June 6	Mac Cheese, soup
June 7-June 13	Detergent, body soap

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

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 St. Lawrence Annual BBQ planning meeting, 7:00pm at Green Gables
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 refreshments.
Mon.	5/17	Joint Confirmation Candidate Meeting, 7:00pm, St John's Parish Hall
Wed.	5/19	Barnes Kasson SNF Mass, 2:00pm 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
Th-Sat.	6/3-5	St. Martin's Directory photography dates
Sun.	6/13	Baccalaureate Mass for 2010 graduates, St. John, 8:30am


Mother's Day

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 parishes are available to bring communion to the sick and the homebound each Sunday or on request.**

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