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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
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

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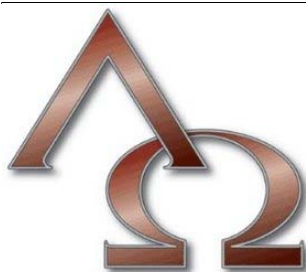
Emergency number at St. Lawrence Rectory: 267-1366

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



7th Sunday of Easter

May 16th, 2010

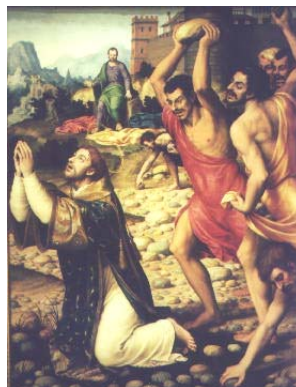


We have entered the last week of the great season of Easter! We stand on

the threshold between the return of Christ to the Father at the Ascension and the pouring out of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples at Pentecost. The nine days from last Thursday constitute the original novena: nine days in which the readings recount the patient waiting of the disciples.

Gospel: The prayer of Jesus reveals to us the depths of his heart's desire. Jesus prays for all who will come to believe in him through the preaching of the apostles. He prays for their unity that is the gift of God's indwelling, so that all may come to believe. Jesus' hunger for the salvation of all is to be made manifest in the life of the Church.

Second Reading: Jesus proclaims to John that he is the *Alpha* and the *Omega*, and that he beckons all people to life in the kingdom. As the one who fulfills the messianic promise in the line of David, he offers life to all who accept his invitation.



First Reading: Stephen's imitation of the Passion of Jesus extends to the surrender of his spirit into the Father's hands and his behest for the forgiveness of the sin of his persecutors. Stephen's fidelity seems empowered by a vision of God's glory that confirms Jesus' claim that he was the Son of Man. Thus, Stephen judges his persecutors with mercy as he beholds a vision of the one who comes to judge the living and the dead.

St. Christopher Magallanes

Feast, Friday, May 21

Christopher Magallanes was a Mexican priest whose years of ministry coincided with an extreme anticlerical era in Mexico. He was falsely accused of promoting rebellion and arrested while on his way to celebrate Mass. Christopher was killed without trial after absolving his executioners, saying, "I die innocent, and ask God that my blood may serve to unite my Mexican brethren." He was canonized by Pope John Paul II on May 21, 2000, along with 21 priests and three laymen, also martyred for resisting the anti-Catholic Mexican government of the 1920s.

Weekend Masses

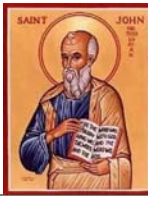
	<u>St. John</u>	<u>St. Lawrence</u>	<u>St. Martin</u>
Sat.	5:30 PM	5:00 PM	4:00 PM
Sun.	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM

Listen to Catholic Radio
JM7 750 AM

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

*ST. JOHN

THE EVANGELIST



A Celebration of the Renovations of St. John's, this **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.

Men's Club meeting—Tuesday, June 1st, 7:00pm

St. John's Pro-Life Large Rummage Sale—

Wednesday & Thursday, June 2nd & 3rd, 10am-4pm, and Friday, June 4th, 10am-12pm, at St. John's Parish Center.

Items should be dropped off on Saturday, May 29th, 9am-12pm, and Tuesday, June 1st, 9am to 4pm. Large articles (furniture items, etc) can be dropped off at the church garage any weekday from now until the sale, 9am to 11am. Please see Mark or Fred to open the garage.

Altar & Rosary Meeting—Monday, June 7th, at 6:30pm

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

Welcoming Committee Greeters:

May 22nd Steve & Jennifer Bixby
 May 23rd Ceil Vaccarro, Thomas Romanofski
 May 29th Gino & Mary Ann Testa
 May 30th Racheal Arrieta & Racheal Pavelski
 June 5th Jerry & Carolyn Gow
 June 6th Nancy, Sal, & Michael Pelicci
 June 12th John Mann, Jim Grande
 June 13th John & Mary Brown

MINISTRIES—ST. JOHN

Sat. May 22nd, 5:30 PM

Tom Maby, Miranda Romanofski, Nicole Barnes (Altar Servers)
 Maggie Moran, Joe Schell, Chet Walker (Eucharistic Min.)
 John Mann (Lector)
 Barb Wolf, Carolyn Rinker (Cantors)

Sun. May 23rd, 8:30 AM

Charles & Ambrose Mulligan, Aaron Cook (Altar Servers)
 Carol Bushong, Karen DeWitt, Joe King (Eucharistic Min.)
 Tiffany Maby (Lector)
 Barb Wolf, Carolyn Rinker (Cantors)

***STEWARDSHIP—ST. JOHN'S**

Sat./Sun. May 8-9, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$2,052.00
Loose	287.00
Candles	51.00
Church Dues	132.00
Ascension Thursday	20.00
Religious Ed	6.00
Improvements	28.00
Day's Wage	608.00
Care & Ed. Of Priests	<u>97.00</u>
Total:	\$3,281.00

*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 Winners:

#1 Dorothy Chapel	#6 Loretta Daly
#2 Mary Snyder	#7 Alfie Lambert
#3 Alfie Lambert	#8 Chase Almy
#4 Marsha Morrison	#9 Betty Kwader
#5 Warren Gormley	

Thank you to all who helped make our "Daughter Dinner" a success, to those who came to the dinner, and to Fran Lipschutz who made the beautiful baskets for our raffle.

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Baccalaureate Mass—if there are any St. Martin's 2010 high school graduates who would be interested in coming to the Baccalaureate Mass, please call the rectory at 853-4634.

St. Martin's Finance Council Meeting—Tuesday, May 18th, 5:30 PM

Coffee Klatch—St. Martin's will have a coffee klatch 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.

Charismatic Mass, this Thursday, **May 20th**, 7:00pm

Welcoming Committee Greeters:

Sat. May 15th Diane Frye	May 29th Marilyn Czachor
Sun. May 16th The Kwader's	May 30th The Maloney's
May 22nd Ruth Zeck	June 5th Helen Castronova
May 23rd Kathy Flor	June 6th David Lee

St. Martin's Directory Photography dates are Thursday, June 3, Friday, June 4th, 2pm-9pm, and Saturday, June 5th, 9:30am-5:10pm.

MINISTRIES—ST. MARTIN'S

Sat. May 22nd, 4:00 PM

Christine & Michala Zeck (Altar Serv.)
 Ruth Zeck, Miriam Pepe (E. Min)
 Rachael Gilleran (Lector)

Sun. May 23rd, 11:00AM

K. Kempa, Anja Whitehead (A.S)
 Charlene Kempa, Betsy Supancik
 Kim Marco (Euch. Min.)
 Eileen Hartman (Lector)

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

***STEWARDSHIP—ST. MARTIN'S**

Sat./Sun. May 8-9, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,224.75
Loose	261.00
Church Dues	5.00
Ascension Thursday	11.00
Care & Education of Priests	11.00
Mother's Day Remembrance	<u>25.00</u>
Total:	\$1,537.75

* PARISHES' MASSES

*MASS INTENTIONS—ST. JOHN May 15-23, 2010

Sat. 5/15	5:30 PM	Mother's Day Intentions
Sun 5/16	8:30 AM	Mother's Day Intentions
Mon 5/17	8:30 AM	Decd Members of Michael & Elizabeth Nawoichik) (Joanne McIntyre)
Tues. 5/18	8:30 AM	Rose DeFabbi (the Mann Family)
Wed. 5/19	2:00 PM (SNF)	Sandy Battisti (M/M Pat Ahearn)
Thurs. 5/20	8:30 AM	Mother's Day Intentions
Fri 5/21	8:30 AM	Vince Pagano (The Salvato Family)
Sat 5/22	5:30 PM	Pope Pius XII (St. John's Parishioners)
Sun. 5/23	8:30 AM	Mother's Day Intentions

MASS INTENTIONS—ST. LAWRENCE May 15-23, 2010

Sat. May 15	4:15 PM	Confession
Sat. May 15	5:00 PM	Mother's Day Intentions
Sun May 16	9:30 AM	Louise Tessier req. by John and Jean Giangrieco
Mon May 17	7:00 PM	Barry Vitovsky req. by Frank and Sharon
Tues. May 18	7:00 PM	Adoration & Evening Prayer (No Mass)
Wed May 19	8:00 AM	Mother's Day Intentions
Thur. May 20		NO MASS
Fri. May 21	7:00 PM	John McCarthy req. by Al and Marcy Maholick
Sat. May 22	4:15 PM	Confession
Sat. May 22	5:00 PM	Bob & John Franks req. by Franks Family
Sun. May 23	9:30 AM	For our parish community

MASS INTENTIONS—ST. MARTIN May 15-23, 2010

Sat. 5/15	4:00 PM	Jim Pulice (Helen & Joe Castronova)
Sun 5/16	11:00 AM	Mother's Day Intentions
Mon 5/17		NO Mass
Tues. 5/18	8:00 AM	Helen Marichak (Estate)
Wed. 5/19	8:00 AM	Mother's Day Intentions
Thurs. 5/20	8:00 AM 7:00 PM	Helen Marichak (Estate) Poor Souls in Purgatory (Charismatic Mass)
Fri 5/21		NO Mass
Sat 5/22	4:00 PM	Mother's Day Intentions
Sun. 5/23	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.

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.

Baccalaureate Mass-We will have a Mass to honor all of our own 2010 Graduates on Sunday, June 13th at the 9:30am Mass.

Bake Sale: Thank you to all who baked, purchased and donated money to our bake sale last Friday. We made \$381.00

St. Lawrence Church Greeters

May 22nd Bobbi Vaselick
May 23rd Mary Tanner

May 29th Al Maholick
May 30th Ann Litz

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Grand Knight- Mark Guinan , Great Bend Council #356

MONTHLY MEETING: Held the first Sunday of each month following 9:30am Mass

**The Sanctuary Candle burns in Memory of
George and Elese Frailey
by their Family**

****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 22nd, 5:00 PM

M. & G. Button (Altar S.)
F. O'Connor (Eucharistic Min.)
M. Button (Lector)

Sun. May 23rd, 9:30 AM

K. & C. Carlsen (Altar Servers)
R. & D. Maida (Eucharistic Ministers)
L. James (Lector)

*STEWARDSHIP— ST. LAWRENCE

Sat./Sun. May 8-9, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,660.00
Candles	20.25
Maintenance	218.00
Insurance	22.00
Fuel	2.00
Care & Education of Priests	28.00
Total:	\$1,950.25

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

* PARISH CLUSTER NEWS

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

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 Church.

Joint Welcoming Committee Meeting, Monday May 24th, at St. John Parish hall, 7:00pm

St. John's Pro-Life Large Rummage Sale—Wednesday & Thursday, June 2nd & 3rd, 10am-4pm, and Friday, June 4th, 10am-12pm, at St. John's Parish Center.

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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.

Baccalaureate Mass—a Mass to honor all of our 2010 Graduates will be held Sunday, June 13th, 8:30am, at St. John's Church. St. Lawrence will have their Baccalaureate Mass on Sunday, June 13th, 9:30am Mass.

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

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

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
Tues.	5/18	St. Martin Finance Council Meeting, 5:30pm
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
Tues.	6/1	St. John's Men's Club Meeting, 7:pm
W.-Th.	6/2 & 3	St. John's Pro-Life Rummage Sale, 10am-4pm
Th-Sat.	6/3-5	St. Martin's Directory photography dates. 2pm-9pm, Sat., 9:30am-5:10pm
Fri.	6/4	First Friday Mass & Adoration at St. John, 8:30am St. John's Pro-Life Rummage Sale, 10am-12 Noon
Sat.	6/5	First Saturday Mass at St. John, 8:30am Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Group after Morning Mass
Mon.	6/7	St. John's Altar & Rosary Meeting, 6:30pm, Parish Hall
Sun.	6/13	Baccalaureate Mass for 2010 graduates, St. John, 8:30am Baccalaureate Mass at St. Lawrence, 9:30am Mass

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