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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**



Pentecost Sunday

May 23rd, 2010



Pentecost Sunday

The Greek word for Pentecost (*Pentekoste*) means "fiftieth", and in early Christianity it referred to the entire Fifty Days of Easter.

The roots of Pentecost can be found in the Jewish festival of Weeks (*Shavu'ot*), the 50-day celebration following Passover (Exodus 23:16). It was a harvest festival in which the first fruits of the harvest were offered to God in Gratitude. It eventually became associated with the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai. Early Christians reinterpreted the Jewish festival as a commemoration of the coming of the Holy Spirit, since Acts records that the Holy Spirit came to the disciples when the festival of Pentecost was fulfilled (see Acts 2:1-11)

Today's Gospel: As the risen Christ sends the apostles in mission, he bestows the gift of the Holy Spirit upon them for the forgiveness of sin. He entrusts to them not only his mission, but the fruit of that mission, redemption, and forgiveness. The apostles, having received the blessing of the Lord's peace, are to be its ministers. As a communion of reconciled sinners, the Church shares the gift she has first received.

First Reading: Tongues of fire mediate the gift of the Holy Spirit, enabling a bold and life-giving proclamation of Good News. The apostles break forth from their chamber of fear and announce a proclamation spoken in a single language, but grasped in many for the Holy Spirit brings one hope out of the chaos of sin.

St. Phillip Neri, Priest
Wednesday, May 26

St. Philip Neri was an Italian priest and founder of the Congregation of the Oratory or Oratorians. Philip was known for his joyful spirit, believing that it is more Christian to be cheerful than melancholy. A well-known figure in the Eternal City, during his lifetime he was known as the "Apostle of Rome." Philip was ahead of his time in urging more frequent reception of Holy Communion, and he introduced the Forty Hours' devotion with exposition



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. Alfhones 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
Fax 853-3356

St. John Parish Center 853-4787

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

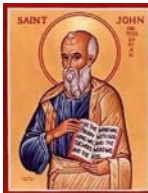
**Listen to Catholic Radio
JMJ 750 AM**

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

Emergency number at St. Lawrence Rectory: 267-1366

*ST. JOHN

THE EVANGELIST



Memorial Day Mass—9:00am at St. John's Church.

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

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

Pro-Life Meeting—Thursday, June 10th after morning Mass.

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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Rosa Mystica House of Prayer—Fr. John Campoli,, Director of "His Love Ministries" will celebrate Holy Mass and be the Speaker on Saturday, June 12th, in Edmeston, NY. There is transportation available for a fee. The theme for this conference is "**Healing the Wounded Heart**". For more information, please call Cathy Grausgruber at 853-4573 or Mary Smith 570-346-6802.

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

Tent Rental—St. John's Men's Club has tents available for rental for graduations, picnics, etc. for a fee of \$75.00 each, which includes setup and teardown. Contact Bill Lawrence at 853-3093.

Welcoming Committee Greeters:

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
 June 19th Mary Snyder, Patsy Nataline
 June 20th John & Carol Bushong

MINISTRIES—ST. JOHN

Sat. May 29th, 5:30 PM

Nicole Barnes, Brandon Gow, David Armitage (Altar Servers)
 Joe Schell, Carol Barnes, Mary Jo Wever (Eucharistic Min.)
 Kay Pacifici (Lector)
 Choir (Cantors)

Sun. May 30th, 8:30 AM

Matt Kane, Justin Banko, Austin Cowperthwait (Altar Servers)
 Linda Norris, Jane McNamara, George Napolitano (Eucharistic Min.)
 Linda Buffington (Lector)
 Jeffrey Keyes (Cantor)

*STEWARDSHIP—ST. JOHN'S

Sat./Sun. May 15-16, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,577.00
Loose	346.00
Candles	43.00
Church Dues	22.00
Ascension Thursday	363.00
Catholic Communications	281.00
Day's Wage	58.00
Care & Ed. Of Priests	<u>20.00</u>
Total:	\$2,710.00

*ST. MARTIN

OF TOURS



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

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.

Community Prayer Chain—St. Martin of Tours has a computer prayer chain for community prayer in time of need. If anyone has a prayer request, they can call Annette Corrigan, 756-2915 with details. Anyone wishing to join the group is invited to do so.

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. The 3rd Thursday of the month will be the Charismatic Mass.

Welcoming Committee Greeters:

May 29th Marilyn Czachor
 May 30th The Maloney's
 June 5th Helen Castronova
 June 6th David Lee
 June 12th Diane Frye
 June 13th Christina Button
 June 19th Rachael Gilleran
 June 20th Kim Marco

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 29th, 4:00 PM

Michale & Christine Zeck (Altar Serv.)
 Marilyn Czachor, Ruth Zeck (E. Min)
 Martina Lingobardo (Lector)

Sun. May 30th, 11:00AM

Justin Lee, Lucas Marco (Altar S)
 Kim Marco, Betty Kwader,
 Katherine Kempa (Euch. Min.)
 David Lee (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 15-16, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$968.00
Loose	215.00
Candles	5.00
Church Dues	8.00
Ascension Thursday	187.00
Catholic Communications	169.65
Care & Education of Priests	13.00
Cemetery	35.00
Mother's Day Remembrance	<u>20.00</u>
Total:	\$1,620.65

* PARISHES' MASSES

*MASS INTENTIONS—ST. JOHN May 22-30, 2010

Sat. 5/22	5:30 PM	Pope Pius XII (St. John's Parishioners)
Sun 5/23	8:30 AM	Mother's Day Intentions
Mon 5/24	8:30 AM	Mother's Day Intentions
Tues. 5/25	8:30 AM	Anne & Hugh O'Rourke (Frances Miller)
Wed. 5/26		NO MASS
Thurs. 5/27	8:30 AM	Mother's Day Intentions
Fri 5/28	8:30 AM	Jean & Dan McAfee (Frances Miller)
Sat 5/29	5:30 PM	All Parishioners
Sun. 5/30	8:30 AM	Mother's Day Intentions

MASS INTENTIONS—ST. LAWRENCE May 22-30 2010

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
Mon May 24	7:00 PM	Paul Kovitch req. by the McCarthy family
Tues. May 25	7:00 PM	Adoration & Evening Prayer (No Mass)
Wed May 26	8:00 AM	James Goonan reeq. By Frank & Sharon O'Connor
Thur. May 27		NO MASS
Fri. May 28	7:00 PM	Cindy Conaty req. by Bob & Kathy Ragard
Sat. May 29	4:15 PM	Confession
Sat. May 29	5:00 PM	For our parish community
Sun. May 30	9:30 AM	Franks and Engall Families req by Barbara Engall Franks

MASS INTENTIONS—ST. MARTIN May 22-30, 2010

Sat. 5/22	4:00 PM	Mother's Day Intentions
Sun 5/23	11:00 AM	Mother's Day Intentions
Mon 5/24		NO Mass
Tues. 5/25	8:00 AM	Mother's Day Intentions
Wed. 5/26	8:00 AM	Helen Marichak (Estate)
Thurs. 5/27	8:00 AM	Mother's Day Intentions
Fri 5/28		NO Mass
Sat 5/29	4:00 PM	Eleanor Lubinec (Ruth Cole)
Sun. 5/30	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.

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

St. Lawrence Church Greeters

May 29th Al Maholick June 5th Chuck & Joanne Bower
May 30th Ann Litz June 6th Brian & Theresa Hinkley

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 Suppers: Second Saturday of each month, 4-7pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Great Bend. \$7 adults, \$3 children 5-12 yrs, under 5 free. Take outs available.

**The Sanctuary Candle burns in Memory of
Millie Vogel
by Julie Baglino**

JMJ 750 AM, Catholic Radio: You may at times also hear Fr. Dave who is a frequent guest speaker on JMJ Radio

****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 29th, 5:00 PM

Sun. May 30th, 9:30 AM

P. MacConnell, A. Stanley (Altar S.)T. & C. Carlsen (Altar Servers)

R. Ragard (Eucharistic Min.)

A. Maholick Eucharistic Ministers)

C. Tomeo (Lector)

M. Maholick (Lector)

St. Lawrence Church Needs Lectors and Altar Servers!!!!

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

***STEWARDSHIP- ST. LAWRENCE**

Sat./Sun. May 15-16, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,812.40
Candles	19.20
Maintenance	7.00
Insurance	10.00
Fuel	313.00
Ascension Thursday	253.00
Communications Camp.	92.00
Home Missions	10.00
Care & Education of Priests	<u>60.00</u>
Total:	\$2,576.60

* PARISH CLUSTER NEWS

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Collection for the *Catholic Communication Campaign!* Your generosity will support important Catholic media projects in our diocese and all over the world. To learn more about how your gift is making a difference, please visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

Thank you to all who made the 'Evening Prayer' at St. John's Church a wonderful and prayerful evening and also, thank you to the refreshment committee.

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

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

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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.



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

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

Mon.	5/24	Joint Welcoming Committee meeting, 7:00pm, St. John's hall
Mon.	5/31	Memorial Day Mass at St. John's Church at 9:00am
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
Sun.	6/6	Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Sunday
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
Mon.	6/21	Joint Confirmation Class at St. John's Hall, 6:30pm

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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