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



The Most Holy Body (Corpus Christi)
and Blood of Christ

June 6th, 2010



To the question "What exactly is a feast day?" Joseph Jungmann, sj, responded, "Just as one can say that an altar is a piece of earth raised a little towards heaven,

so one can say of a feast day that it is a piece of time which touches eternity" (from Joseph Jungmann, sj. *Pastoral Liturgy*, Herder & Herder, 1962). Today's solemnity is another doctrinal feast that touches eternity, highlighting "the relationship between the Eucharistic banquet and the eschatological banquet in the Father's Kingdom" (GIRM, 281).

In France this is called *La Fete-Dieu*, the feast of God. Some may remember this solemnity under its old Latin name, *Corpus Christi*. The sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ has been revered from the earliest days of the Church. By the High Middle Ages, because of penitential practices, few of the faithful received Holy Communion at all, and the cup had been withdrawn from the laity altogether. The Fourth Lateran Council in 1215 issued the so-called "Easter Duty" decree: that Catholics receive Holy Communion at least once a year at Easter. A law was put into effect to oblige them to receive because people no longer felt worthy to do so. *Corpus Christi* became a universal feast in 1246.

It is therefore not surprising that the feast of the Body of Christ, *Corpus Christi*, focused exclusively on Christ's presence under the form of bread. The Second Vatican Council combined the medieval feast with the formerly and oddly separate feast of the Blood of Christ into a single celebration, calling it the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This change is significant. The emphasis is not only on devotion to the Blessed Sacrament with Eucharistic processions, but also on the celebration of Eucharist.

Gospel: The disciples' pragmatic assessment leads them to suggest to Jesus that he should send the crowd away. After all, their resources were not adequate to feed the vast crowd. Jesus, however, raises his eyes to heaven and gives thanks, and feeds the crowd in a manner that not only satisfies, but in which abundance remains. A small host and a small sip of wine from a pragmatic perspective are not able to satisfy. Yet, the Lord, who breaks the bread and shares the cup in our midst, feeds us and satisfies us with an abundant gift, his own body and blood, for the life of the world.



The Most Sacred Heart
of Jesus

Friday, June 11th

The solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus celebrates the love of God revealed by Christ.

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. 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
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St. John Parish Center 853-4787

Emergency number at St. Lawrence Rectory: 267-1366

Weekend Masses

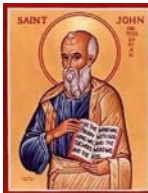
	St. John	St. Lawrence	St. Martin
Sat.	5:30 PM	5:00 PM	4:00 PM
Sun.	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM

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



There will be NO weekday Mass at St. John on Monday and Thursday this week.

Pro-Life Collection after the Masses this Weekend

Corpus Christi Sunday—we will have a Eucharistic Procession & Benediction at St. John's, this Sunday, June 6th at 6:00pm. Refreshments will be provided afterwards in St. John's Hall. All are welcome!

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

Pro-Life Meeting—Thursday, June 10th, 9:00am.

St. John's Finance Council Meeting, Tuesday, **June 15th**, 7:00pm

Baccalaureate Mass—a Mass to honor our 2010 Graduates will be held Sunday, June 13th, 8:30am, at St. John's. Refreshments after Mass in the church hall.

St. John Group Pictures—**June 22, 7:00pm**. If you are an altar server, lector, minister of Communion, choir, CCD teacher, Implementation Team, Parish Council, Finance Council, we need you in the group picture, for the new joint parish directory. Please plan on attending.

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.

Note: Please do not tape your weekly envelopes, it is difficult for the counters to open. Thank you!

Welcoming Committee Greeters:

June 12th John Mann, Jim Grande	June 26th B. Morehead, C. Hall
June 13th John & Mary Brown	June 27th V., C. & A. Mulligan
June 19th M. Snyder, P. Nataline	July 3rd J. Bronchella, M. Burke
June 20th John & Carol Bushong	July 4th Roberta & TJ Kelly

MINISTRIES—ST. JOHN

Sat. June 12th, 5:30 PM

Miranda Romanofski, matt Kane, Logan Burdick (Altar Servers)
Maggie Moran, Karen DeWitt, Joe King (Eucharistic Min.)
Linda Norris (Lector)
Kay Pacifici (Cantor)

Sun. June 13th, 8:30 AM

Justin Banko, Mary C. Walker, Austin Cowperthwait (Altar Servers)
Carol Bushong, Bob Burns, Joe Schell (Eucharistic Min.)
Carol Rinker (Lector)
Folk Group (Cantors)

*STEWARDSHIP—ST. JOHN'S

Sat./Sun. May 29-30, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,525.00
Loose	496.00
Candles	60.00
Church Dues	48.00
Improvements	31.00
Ascension Thursday	5.00
Day's Wage	<u>10.00</u>
Total:	\$2,175.00

*ST. MARTIN

OF TOURS



There will be NO weekday Mass at St. Martin on Tuesday & Wednesday of this week.

Corpus Christi—St. Martin's Eucharistic Procession and Benediction, Sunday, June 13th at 6:00pm. Refreshments will be provided afterwards in the church hall.

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:

June 12th Diane Frye
June 13th Christina Button
June 19th Rachael Gilleran
June 20th Kim Marco
June 26th Marilyn Czachor
June 27th Beatrice Frye

Group pictures after the 11:00am Mass, **June 13th**, at St. Martin's. If you are an altar server, lector, or minister of Communion, choir, CCD teacher, parish council, finance council, we need a group picture, for the new joint parish directory. Please plan on attending.

Month of June's Cleaning Team: Joe & Helen Castronova

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

MINISTRIES—ST. MARTIN'S

Sat. June 12th, 4:00 PM

Christine & Michala Zeck (Altar S.)
Ruth Zeck, Diane Frye (E. Min)
Rachael Gilleran (Lector)

Sun. June 13th, 11:00AM

O. Rockwell, Emily Frye (Altar S)
Kim Marco, Alfie Lambert,
Betsy Supancik (Euch. Min.)
Barry Corrigan (Lector)

*STEWARDSHIP—ST. MARTIN'S

Sat./Sun. May 29-30, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$755.00
Loose	357.00
Ascension Thursday	2.00
Cemetery	<u>127.00</u>
Total:	\$1,241.00

* PARISHES' MASSES

*MASS INTENTIONS—ST. JOHN June 5-13, 2010

Sat. 6/05	8:30 AM 5:30 PM	All Parishioners (First Saturday) Jane Schneider (Joe & Family)
Sun 6/06	8:30 AM	Mother's Day Intentions
Mon 6/07		NO MASS
Tues. 6/08	8:30 AM	Judith McGuane (St. John Altar & Rosary)
Wed. 6/09		NO MASS
Thurs. 6/10		NO MASS
Fri 6/11	8:30 AM	Thomas Kelly (L.H.A. Class of 1955)
Sat 6/12	5:30 PM	All Parishioners
Sun. 6/13	8:30 AM	Joe & Marion King (The Family)

MASS INTENTIONS—ST. LAWRENCE June 5-13, 2010

Sat. June 05	4:15 PM	Confession
Sat. June 05	5:00 PM	Evelyn G. Brush req. by Henry Joe Parsons
Sun June 06	9:30 AM	For our parish community
Mon June 07	7:00 PM	William Emmons req. by Frank and Sharon O'Connor
Tues. June 08	7:00 PM	Adoration & Evening Prayer (No Mass)
Wed June 09	8:00 AM	Cindy Conaty req. by Frank and Sharon O'Connor
Thur. June 10		NO MASS
Fri. June 11		NO MASS
Sat. June 12	4:15 PM	Confession
Sat. June 12	5:00 PM	For our parish community
Sun. June 13	9:30 AM	Thomas Maholick req. by Al and Marcy Maholick

MASS INTENTIONS—ST. MARTIN June 5-13, 2010

Sat. 6/05	4:00 PM	All Parishioners
Sun 6/06	11:00 AM	Martin Petroski, Sr. (Helen Petroski & Family)
Mon 6/07		NO Mass
Tues. 6/08		NO Mass
Wed. 6/09		NO Mass
Thurs. 6/10	8:00 AM	All Parishioners
Fri 6/11		NO Mass
Sat 6/12	4:00 PM	George Hubal (Pearena Hubal & Family)
Sun. 6/13	11:00 AM	Bill Goodger (Dolores & Family)

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 2010 Graduates next Sunday, **June 13th** at the 9:30am Mass. If you are a graduate and have not received your letter yet, please call the rectory.

Corpus Christi—St. Lawrence Eucharistic Procession and Benediction, Sunday, June 13th at 6:00pm.

Attention St. Lawrence: Finance, Pastoral Council, Implementation, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers:

Group Photo will be taken on Sunday, **June 20th** at 9:00am **BEFORE** Mass. These pictures will be going in our church directory. Please try to make it!!

St. Lawrence Chicken Bar-B-Q, Sunday, June 27th at **Green Gables @ 12 Noon**. See **Paulette Rafferty** for raffle tickets.

St. Lawrence Church Greeters

June 12th Ann Rudick June 19th Sheila Guinan
June 13th Barb McGoldrick June 20th Mark Kotar

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Grand Knight- Mark Guinan, Great Bend Council #356

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

Altar Flowers: If you wish to order altar flowers for St. Lawrence, please call Paulette at 879-4181 and leave a message.

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. June 12th, 5:00 PM

A. & M. Button (Altar Serv.)
K. Ragard (Eucharistic Min.)
M. Button (Lector)

Sun. June 13th, 9:30 AM

C. & J. Mills (Altar Servers)
A. Maholick (Eucharistic Ministers)
S. Mills (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 29-30, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,726.00
Insurance	45.00
Fuel	20.00
Catholic Charities	10.00
Clergy Care	17.00
Maintenance	10.00
Catholic Schools	<u>60.00</u>
Total:	\$1,888.00

* PARISH CLUSTER NEWS

Corpus Christi Sunday—we will have a Eucharistic Procession & Benediction at **St. John's**, this Sunday, **June 6th** at 6:00pm. Refreshments provided afterwards.

St. Martin Procession & Benediction, Sunday, June 13th at 6:00pm. Refreshments provided afterwards.

St. Lawrence Procession & Benedictions, Sunday, June 13th at 6:00pm. Refreshments provided afterwards.

Joint Confirmation Class @ St. John's Hall, Monday, June 21st, 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. St. Lawrence will have their Baccalaureate Mass on Sunday, June 13th, 9:30am Mass.

Brothers of the Sacred Heart will be at all Masses on June 12th and 13th to speak to us about their mission work in Africa. Please be generous.

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.



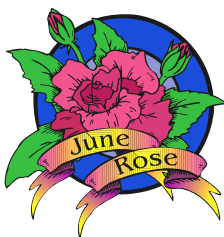
St. Lawrence BBQ— Sunday, June 27th, at Green Gables, 12 Noon

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.

The Immaculate Heart Of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, June 12th

Pope John Paul II elevated this day from an optional to an obligatory memorial. It complements the celebration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



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

May 31-June 6	Mac Cheese, soup
June 7-June 13	Detergent, body soap
June 14-June 20	Toilet tissue, toothpaste
June 21-June 27	Pasta, rice, noodles
June 28-July 4	Canned fruit and 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
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
Kevin O'Malley	Justin M. Reed

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

PARISHES' CALENDAR

Sun.	6/6	Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Sunday (Corpus Christi) Eucharistic Procession & Benediction, St. John, 6:00pm
Mon.	6/7	St. John's Altar & Rosary Meeting, 6:30pm, Parish Hall
Thurs.	6/10	St. John's Pro-Life Meeting, 9:00am
Sun.	6/13	Baccalaureate Mass for 2010 graduates, St. John, 8:30am Baccalaureate Mass at St. Lawrence, 9:30am Eucharistic Procession & Benediction, St. Martin, 6:00pm Eucharistic Procession & Benediction, St. Lawrence, 6:00pm St. Martin Ministries group pictures after the 11:00am Mass.
Tues.	6/15	St. John's Finance Council Meeting, 7:00pm
Wed.	6/16	SNF Mass at Barnes Kasson, 2:00pm
Thurs.	6/17	Charismatic Mass, St. Martin, 7:00pm
Sun.	6/20	St. Lawrence Ministries group picture before the 9:00am Mass
Mon.	6/21	Joint Confirmation Class at St. John's Hall, 6:30pm
Tues	6/22	St. John's Ministries and Implementation Team group pictures at 7:00pm
Sat/Sun	6/26-27	Peter's Pence 2nd Collection
Sun.	6/27	St. Lawrence Chicken BBQ at Green Gables, 12 Noon
M-F	7/19-23	Vacation Bible School at St. John's Hall, 9am-12noon

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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