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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. 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

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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**



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 27th, 2010



The Kingdom of God

Gospel: Jesus' proclamation of the kingdom was often met with outright rejection or with initial enthusiasm that withered in hesitancy or in another legitimate human good. In these responses we may, at moments, see ourselves. Hopefully, this realization leads us not to despair, but to a humility that asks of the Lord what we ourselves cannot supply, the whole-hearted gift of ourselves.

Second Reading: Self-emptying, not self-indulgence, is the path of Christian freedom. Paul argues that turning toward the satisfaction of one's own needs tears apart the community and destroys the peace in which true freedom flourishes. On the other hand, when we empty ourselves in love and live in communion, we flourish in the peace true freedom brings.

St. Peter & St. Paul, Apostles

Tuesday, June 29th

The two inseparable apostles represent the two faces of the Church, one and universal. Jesus chose Peter to shepherd the whole flock, so that he might keep unity among the groups. He chose Paul to evangelize, to proclaim Christ to the pagan nations. Although very different from one another, they worked toward the unity of the Church and the spread of the Gospel.

Constantine built two great churches in Rome in their honor: St. Peter's Basilica and St. Paul-Outside-the-Walls. Recent archeological studies seem to support the idea that each one was buried in the church that bears his name.



**Pope Pius XVI
(Peter's Pence)**

Weekend Masses

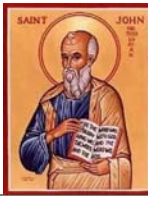
	St. John	St. Lawrence	St. Martin
Sat.	5:30 PM	5:00 PM	4:00 PM
Sun.	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM

**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



2nd Collection this weekend is for Peter's Pence

Pro-Life Collection, July 3 & 4th after the Masses.

Thank you to Jennifer and Tom Nitterauer, who were married last Saturday, for their generous donation of a new refrigerator in the Sacristy to keep our hosts.

First Friday Mass—July 2nd, 8:30am at St. John's followed by Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction.

First Saturday Mass—July 3rd, 8:30am at St. John's.
Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Group will meet after the morning Mass to pray for Peace in the world.

Men's Club Meeting—Tuesday, July 6th, 7:00pm

Rosa Mystica House of Prayer, Edmeston, NY are having their **Rosa Mystica Feast Celebration**, Sat. July 10th, and Sun. July 11th. Fr. Pio Mondato, F.M.H.J., born in Padre Pio's hometown and who received First Holy Communion from Padre Pio will celebrate Holy Mass and be the Speaker. Please call Cathy for more details at 853-4573.

The Altar & Rosary Society will again be doing **Theme Baskets** for the hometown days (July 22-24). We would appreciate it if members of our parish would help us out with this by making *Theme Baskets* and put them in the back of the church by July 20th. If you need a basket or if you have some extras you would like to donate, please call Carol Bushong at 853-3087 or 570-878-8770 if you have any questions. We appreciate the support you have given us in the past and I am confident that we will continue to have that support. Thank You.

Vacation Bible School, July 19-23, 9 AM to Noon, at St. John, Susquehanna. Grades Pre-K through 6. Call 278-3286 to register.

Welcoming Committee:

July 3rd J. Bronchella, M. Burke	July 17th Fred & Sheila Krause
July 4th Roberta & TJ Kelly	July 18th Shirley Silipo, Austin & Peyton Cowperthwait
July 10th Dave & Carol Scales	July 24th Mary Ann, Emily, & Sophie Lawrenson
July 11th Lenore Keyes & Pat Testa	July 25th Carol Klym, Sue Crawford

MINISTRIES—ST. JOHN

Sat. July 3rd, 5:30 PM

Matt & Benedict Kane, Nicole Barnes (Altar Servers)
 Chet Walker, Mary Snyder, Joe King (Eucharistic Min.)
 Mary Mazikewicz (Lector)
 Men's Choir (Cantors)

Sun. July 4th, 8:30 AM

Aaron Cook, Michael Armitage, Austin Cowperthwait (Altar Servers)
 Carol Bushong, Joe Schell, Linda Norris (Eucharistic Min.)
 Barb Stone (Lector)

Jeffrey Keyes (Cantor)

***STEWARDSHIP—ST. JOHN'S**

Sat./Sun. June 19-20 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,475.00
Loose	340.00
Candles	38.00
Church Dues	33.00
Care & Ed. Of Priests	15.00
Improvements	25.00
Peter's Pence	30.00
Total:	\$1,956.00

*ST. MARTIN

OF TOURS



2nd Collection this weekend is for Peter's Pence

St. Martin of Tours will hold a **Chicken Spiedie Dinner**, **Sunday, July 11**, Noon to 3 PM. Cost, **\$8.00**.
Pre-sales only at 756-3047.

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 26th Marilyn Czachor
 June 27th Beatrice Frye

Month of July's Church Cleaning Team: Ruth Zeck Family

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

We also need more Altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers!!!

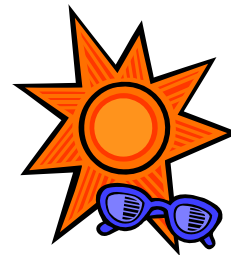
MINISTRIES—ST. MARTIN'S

Sat. July 3rd, 4:00 PM

John J. Klein (Altar S.)
 Diane Frye, Mary Lake (E. Min)
 John Klein (Lector)

Sun. July 4th 11:00AM

Justin Lee, Lucas Marco (Altar .S.)
 Betty Kwader, Kim Marco,
 Katherine Kempa (Euch. Min)
 Barry Corrigan (Lector)



***STEWARDSHIP—ST. MARTIN'S**

Sat./Sun. June 19-20, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$757.75
Loose	267.00
Father's Day	10.00
Total:	\$1,034.75

* PARISHES' MASSES

*MASS INTENTIONS—ST. JOHN June 26-30, Jul 1-4, 2010

Sat. 6/26	5:30 PM	Father's Day Intentions
Sun 6/27	8:30 AM	Father's Day Intentions
Mon 6/28	8:30 AM	Father's Day Intentions
Tues. 6/29	8:30 AM	Father's Day Intentions
Wed. 6/30		NO Mass
Thurs. 7/01	8:30 AM	Sandy Battisti (M/M Roger Holleran)
Fri 7/02	8:30 AM	Anne O'Malley (M/M John Walker)
Sat 7/03	5:30 PM	All Parishioners
Sun. 7/04	8:30 AM	Ed & Marty Wood (The Family)

MASS INTENTIONS—ST. LAWRENCE June 26-30, Jul 1-4, 2010

Sat. June 26	4:15 PM	Confession
Sat. June 26	5:00 PM	Louise Tessier req. by Angie Conarton
Sun June 27	9:30 AM	For our parish community
Mon June 28	7:00 PM	George and Mary Sapatasky req. by Al and Marcy Maholick
Tues. June 29	7:00 PM	Adoration & Evening Prayer (No Mass)
Wed June 30	8:00 AM	Merle Kelly req. by the Grace Family
Thur. July 1		NO MASS
Fri. July 2	7:00 PM	Betty Crook req. by Kate Trieble
Sat. July 3	4:15 PM	Confession
Sat. July 3	5:00 PM	Jack and Barbara McGoldrick celebrating Their 40th Wedding Anniversary
Sun. July 4	9:30 AM	For our parish community

MASS INTENTIONS—ST. MARTIN June 26-30, Jul 1-4, 2010

Sat. 6/26	4:00 PM	Father's Day Intentions
Sun 6/27	11:00 AM	Father's Day Intentions
Mon 6/28		NO Mass
Tues. 6/29	8:00 AM	Father's Day Intentions
Wed. 6/30	8:00 AM	Father's Day Intentions
Thurs. 7/01	8:00 AM	Lori Misuraca (Beth McGuire & Family)
Fri 7/02		NO Mass
Sat 7/03	4:00 PM	Matthew Gralewski (Helen & Joe Castronova)
Sun. 7/04	11:00 AM	All Parishioners

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

St. John 6:30pm-7:00pm St. Martin 3:15pm-3:45pm
St. Lawrence 4:15pm-4:45pm

*ST. LAWRENCE



2nd Collection this weekend is for Peter's Pence

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.

The Social Club of New Milford of St. Lawrence will hold a **Chicken Barbeque** at Green Gables, New Milford, this Sunday, **June 27**, starting at Noon. Cost- *-\$7.50.



St. Lawrence Church Greeters

July 3rd Dorota Maida July 10th Dixie Russell
July 4th Mary Lou Rood July 11th Mary Ann Jorgenson, Margaret Smith

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers that decorate the altar are in memory of **Genoa Kovitch** req. by her loving husband, Andrew.

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

Fr. Alfhones Garden: Fr. Alfhones is in need of 150ft. of fence for his new parish garden here on the grounds of St. Lawrence. If anyone can help him in any way, please see him after mass, call the rectory, or just stop by.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

New Grand Knight- Glenn Shreffler, Great Bend Council #356

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

****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. July 3rd, 5:00 PM

L. & M. Button (Altar Serv.)
L. James (Eucharistic Min.)
M. Button (Lector)

Sun. July 4th, 9:30 AM

K. & C. Carlsen (Altar Servers)
A. Maholick (Eucharistic Ministers)
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. June 19-20, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,662.00
Fuel	219.00
Insurance	20.00
Maintenance	23.00
Total:	\$1,924.00

* PARISH CLUSTER NEWS

Peter's Pence (2nd) Collection today to support the Holy Father in his charitable works. The Peter's Pence collection is taken up worldwide in an effort of solidarity to support the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disaster and others in need of emergency assistance. Pope Benedict XVI has said, "God's love...gives us the courage to continue seeking and working for the benefit of all". Cast the love of Christ upon the world—please be generous.

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Joint Parish Directory: We will be having all members of our parishes printed in the new Joint Parish Directory. Please call the rectory with any updates of addresses or phone number. It is very important to have the correct information up to date. Also, if you are not registered in our parishes, and would like to, please call the rectory to do so.

We will be honoring our **active military service member** in the *Joint Parish Directory*. If someone in your family is in the active military and a member of our parish we would like a picture of them. Please the picture with their name and the Church name in a envelope in the collection basket, marked Parish Directory. **Please do this by Sunday, July 18th.**

First Friday Mass—July 2nd, 8:30am at St. John's followed by Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction.

First Saturday Mass—July 3rd, 8:30am at St. John's. **Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Group** will meet after the morning Mass to pray for Peace in the world.

St. Martin of Tours, Jackson, will hold a **Chicken Spiedie Dinner**, Sunday, **July 11**, Noon to 3:00 PM. \$8.00. **Pre-sales only at 756-3047.**

Capuchin Sisters

We, the Sisters, would like to express our heart-felt appreciation to all who help provide for us and our way of life. We would like to thank all of those who pray for us, bring food to our door, give monetary support, food cards or gas cards. We continue to bring you and your families with us before our Eucharistic Lord.

Have a blessed, restful and Christ-centered summer.

*Gratefully in Christ,
Your Capuchin Sisters*



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

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

Sat/Sun	6/26-27	Peter's Pence 2nd Collection at all churches
Sun.	6/27	St. Lawrence Chicken BBQ at Green Gables, 12 Noon
Fri.	7/2	First Friday Mass at St. John, 8:30am Eucharistic adoration & Benediction, 9-12 Noon
Sat.	7/3	First Saturday Mass at St. John, 8:30am Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Group after morning Mass
Sat/Sun	7/3-4	St. John's Pro-Life collection after Masses
Tues.	7/6	St. John's Men's Club Meeting, 7:00pm
Thurs.	7/8	St. John's Pro-Life meeting after morning Mass.
Sun.	7/11	St. Martin's Chicken Spiedie Dinner, 12 Noon-3pm
Mon.	7/19	Joint confirmation Class 6:30pm at St. Lawrence Trinity Center
M-F	7/19-23	Vacation Bible School at St. John's Hall, 9am-12noon
Th-Sat	7/22-24	Susquehanna Hometown Days
Wed.	7/28	Joint Picture Directory meeting, 7:00pm at St. John

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

Mass Intentions: You can honor a deceased relative or friend by remembering them with a Mass intention. Please call the rectory if you would like to have a Mass said for someone. The cost is \$10.00 per 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