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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

**Parish Office: 853-4634**  
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St. John Parish Center 853-4787

**Emergency number at St. Lawrence Rectory: 267-1366**

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



**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
(Independence Day)**

**July 4th, 2010**

**Gospel:** The disciples' mission of proclaiming the dawn of God's reign was met with great success. The power of Jesus' name enabled them even to expel demons. Yet, Jesus tempers their jubilation with a call to rejoice in a greater success: the inscription of their names in heaven. As we are sent by the Lord in mission, we may rejoice in our "success" or seek comfort in our "failure". Yet, it is our fidelity to his call that leads to eternal life.

**Second Reading:** Paul proclaims that the cross of Christ makes all things new. The cross brings life, not death, for the cross transforms humankind's relationship to the world. Through the cross Paul was set free from the narrow constraints of worldly success and set free to live for Christ.



**St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria**  
Monday, July 5th

Anthony was from Cremona, Italy, and founded the Barnabites, an apostolic order of men devoted to the teachings of St. Paul and love of Eucharist. He was important in the Counter-reformation in Italy and popularized the Forty Hours' devotion. Anthony was known for his severe penitential practices and austere lifestyle, which probably weakened his health. He was only 37 when he died during a visit to his mother in 1539.



**Independence Day Novena**

*God our father, your Son Jesus spoke to us a message of peace and taught us to live As Brothers and Sisters.*

*His message took form in the vision of our Founding Fathers, as they fashioned a nation where all people might live as one.*

*This message lives on in our midst As a task for us today and A promise for tomorrow.*

*We thank you, Father, for your blessings in the past, and for all that, with Your help, we must yet achieve.*

*Bless our nation and bless each of us. As we celebrate our independence, May we extend its blessings to our Youngest brothers and sisters, The children in the womb.*

*Hasten the day when our nation will be A nation with liberty and justice, Not just for some, but for all, Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*(Fr. Frank Pavone, Priests for Life)*

**Weekend Masses**

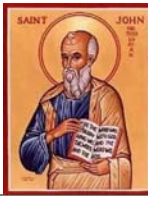
|             | <b>St. John</b> | <b>St. Lawrence</b> | <b>St. Martin</b> |
|-------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Sat.</b> | <b>5:30 PM</b>  | <b>5:00 PM</b>      | <b>4:00 PM</b>    |
| <b>Sun.</b> | <b>8:30 AM</b>  | <b>9:30 AM</b>      | <b>11:00 AM</b> 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

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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** for the Care & Education of our Priests in our Diocese.

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

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

**Pro-Life Meeting**—Thursday, July 8th, after Mass

**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 10th Dave & Carol Scales, Brianna Monico  
 July 11th Lenore Keyes, Pat Testa  
 July 17th Fred & Sheila Krause  
 July 18th Shirley Silipo, Austin & Peyton Cowperthwait  
 July 24th Mary Ann, Emily, & Sophie Lawrenson  
 July 25th Carol Klym, Sue Crawford  
 July 31st Kristin, Sydney, Jack & Ava Stanford  
 Aug. 1st Charles & Linda Buffington

### **MINISTRIES—ST. JOHN**

#### **Sat. July 10th 5:30 PM**

Brandon Gow, Miranda Romanofski, David Armitage (Altar Servers)  
 Carol Barnes, Mary Jo Weaver, Karen DeWitt (Eucharistic Min.)  
 Marti Stanford (Lector)  
 Barb Wolf, Carolyn Rinker (Cantors)

#### **Sun. July 11th, 8:30 AM**

Mary C. Walker, Austin & Payton Cowperthwait, (Altar Servers)  
 Bob Burns, Jane McNamara, Maggie Moran (Eucharistic Min.)  
 Linda Norris (Lector)  
 Barb Wolf, Carolyn Rinker (Cantors)

### \*STEWARDSHIP—ST. JOHN'S

#### **Sat./Sun. June 26-27, 2010**

|                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Offertory Envelopes   | \$1,814.00        |
| Loose                 | 329.00            |
| Candles               | 59.00             |
| Church Dues           | 3.00              |
| Religious Education   | 1.00              |
| Care & Ed. Of Priests | 10.00             |
| Improvements          | 336.00            |
| Peter's Pence         | 522.00            |
| <b>Total:</b>         | <b>\$3,074.00</b> |

### **Schedules are Ready**

Altar Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, please be sure to pick up your schedule in the back of the Church. If you are unable to serve a Mass you have been scheduled for, please call a replacement.

# \*ST. MARTIN

## OF TOURS



**2nd Collection this Weekend** for the Care & Education of our Priests in our Diocese.

**St. Martin of Tours** will hold a **Chicken Spiedie Dinner**, next **Sunday, July 11**, Noon to 3 PM. Cost, **\$8.00**.

**Pre-sales only, call Boyd Manzer at 756-3047.**

The dinner consists of:

|                 |                      |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| Chicken spiedie | Italian bread/butter |
| 3-bean salad    | salt potatoes        |
| Cole slaw       | watermelon           |

**St. Martin's Arts Council Players** will be performing "**Brigadoon**" on Friday & Saturday, August 6 and 7th at 6:00pm, and Sunday, August 8th at 2:00pm.



**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.

**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 10th, 4:00 PM**

Christine Zeck (Altar Server)  
 Marilyn Czachor, Ruth Zeck (Eucharistic Min)  
 Rachel Gilleran (Lector)

#### **Sun. July 11th 11:00AM**

Olivia Rockwell, Emily Frye (Altar Servers)  
 Alfie Lambert, Betty Kwader, Charlene Kempa (Eucharistic Min.)  
 Eileen Hartman (Lector)

### \*STEWARDSHIP—ST. MARTIN'S

#### **Sat./Sun. June 26-27, 2010**

|                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Offertory Envelopes   | \$1,193.00        |
| Loose                 | 320.00            |
| Dues                  | 4.00              |
| Care & Ed. Of Priests | 5.00              |
| Peter's Pence         | 219.00            |
| Father's Day          | 20.00             |
| <b>Total:</b>         | <b>\$1,761.00</b> |

# \* PARISHES' MASSES

\*MASS INTENTIONS—ST. JOHN July 3-11, 2010

|             |         |   |
|-------------|---------|---|
| Sat. 7/03   | 5:30 PM | All Parishioners                          |
| Sun 7/04    | 8:30 AM | Ed & Marty Wood (The Family)              |
| Mon 7/05    | 8:30 AM | James Luciana (Mary Ficarro)              |
| Tues. 7/06  | 8:30 AM | Stanley Kersavage (M/M Robert Romanofski) |
| Wed. 7/07   |         | NO Mass                                   |
| Thurs. 7/08 | 8:30 AM | Kenyon-Marshall Family (Janet Kenyon)     |
| Fri 7/09    | 8:30 AM | Delores A. Buck (Kathleen Perry & Family) |
| Sat 7/10    | 5:30 PM | Paul Box (M/M Richard Christianson)       |
| Sun. 7/11   | 8:30 AM | All Parishioners                          |

MASS INTENTIONS—ST. LAWRENCE July 3-11, 2010

|               |         |  |
|---------------|---------|--|
| Sat. July 03  | 4:15 PM | Confession   |
| Sat. July 03  | 5:00 PM | Jack and Barbara McGoldrick celebrating Their 40th Wedding Anniversary |
| Sun July 04   | 9:30 AM | For our parish community   |
| Mon July 05   | 7:00 PM | Barry Vitovsky req. by Clair Ucci                                      |
| Tues. July 06 | 7:00 PM | Adoration & Evening Prayer (No Mass)                                   |
| Wed July 07   | 8:00 AM | Sister Huberta req. by Jack and Barbara McGoldrick                     |
| Thur. July 08 |         | NO MASS  |
| Fri. July 09  | 7:00 PM | Andrew Snitzer req. by Holy and Mark Snitzer                           |
| Sat. July 10  | 4:15 PM | Confession   |
| Sat. July 10  | 5:00 PM | John & Bob Franks req. by Franks Family                                |
| Sun. July 11  | 9:30 AM | For our parish community   |

MASS INTENTIONS—ST. MARTIN July 3-11, 2010

|             |          |   |
|-------------|----------|---|
| Sat. 7/03   | 4:00 PM  | Matthew Gralewski (Helen & Joe Castronova)        |
| Sun 7/04    | 11:00 AM | Jan Westfall (Thomas Westfall)                    |
| Mon 7/05    |          | NO Mass   |
| Tues. 7/06  | 8:00 AM  | All Parishioners                                  |
| Wed. 7/07   | 8:00 AM  | Helen Marichak (Estate)                           |
| Thurs. 7/08 | 8:00 AM  | Poor Souls in Purgatory                           |
| Fri 7/09    |          | NO Mass   |
| Sat 7/10    | 4:00 PM  | Kenneth Shulte (M/M Joseph Lingobardo and Family) |
| Sun. 7/11   | 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 after Mass St. Martin 3:15pm-3:45pm  
St. Lawrence 4:15pm-4:45pm

# \*ST. LAWRENCE



**2nd Collection this Weekend** for the Care & Education of our Priests in our Diocese.

**Sunday Morning Social:** Coffee and donuts will be held in the Trinity Center **EVERY 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday morning** after 9:30 A.M. mass. Stop in and warm up with coffee and good company.

**\*\*Adoration, Evening Prayer, and Benediction every Tuesday evening at St. Lawrence at 7:00pm.**

**Rosary Candle Procession,** Monday, July 12th, after 7:00pm Mass at St. Lawrence by the *Miraculous Medal Devotion Prayer Group.*

**THANK YOU!!!** The 53rd annual BBQ committee would like to THANK EVERYONE who came out to Green Gables this past weekend & bought a dinner, helped prepare the salads, cooked, cleaned up, bought a pie or a basket ticket and for just supporting such a worthwhile cause, our church. It is greatly appreciated. The basket raffle raised **\$103.00.**

**St. Lawrence Picnic:** Plans for the St. Lawrence Picnic here on our grounds will be finalized on **July 7th at 7:00pm** in the Trinity Center. Please try to attend this very important meeting and volunteer your help.

**Calling All Bakers:** The annual **PIE SALE** will be back. Please plan on baking a pie (or 2). The pie drop off will be in the Trinity Center on Saturday, July 31st after Mass or Sunday morning at the picnic. We want to see lots of pies baked and we want to sell them all too!!!

The basket committee has done a fantastic job making new baskets up for the raffles. The baskets will be on display starting July 17th after all masses. Baskets have a \$40-\$50 value. Tickets are \$1.00—one, \$5.00—6, and \$10.00—13 tickets.

### St. Lawrence Church Greeters

July 10th Dixie Russell July 17th Kathy Ragard  
July 11th Mary Ann Jorgenson, July 18th Mary & Jim Riecke  
Margaret Smith

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

### 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

**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 26-27, 2010**

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Offertory Envelopes | \$1,697.00        |
| Candle              | 30.00             |
| Fuel                | 30.00             |
| Insurance           | 233.00            |
| Maintenance         | 15.00             |
| Peter's Pence       | 115.00            |
| <b>Total:</b>       | <b>\$2,120.00</b> |



# \* PARISH CLUSTER NEWS

## Second Collection this weekend for the Care and Education of our Priests

**Peter's Pence (2nd) Collection** Thank you for your generous support of the essential work of the Holy Father and his charitable acts. To read more about the good done through the Peter's Pence collection, please visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections).

**Red Cross Community Blood Drive**, Wed., July 7th, 1:30 to 5:30pm at the Susquehanna Elementary School Gym. Call 1-800-RED CROSS to make an appointment.

**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.

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 an envelope in the collection basket, marked Parish Directory. **Please do this by Sunday, July 18th.**

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

**Vocations 1st Annual Golf Classic:** We are pleased to announce that the Vocations Office has recently created the St. John Vianney Vocations Endowment for seminarians in the Diocese of Scranton. This fund will accept donations to help assist our seminarians. The first major fundraiser with which we hope to grow the fund will be the *1st Annual Golf Classic*, which is scheduled for Monday, August 30, 2010, at Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club in Mountaintop, PA. Bishop Bambera will be serving as honorary chair and joining us for the day.

If you're interested in participating or donating, please contact your parish office or the Vocations Office (570-207-2216, x1013) for more information. We look forward to seeing you!



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

**St. Lawrence Annual Picnic** will be held Sunday, August 1st. Mark your calendar, more details in next week's bulletin.

**St. Martin's Arts Council Players** will be performing "**Brigadoon**" on Friday & Saturday, August 6 and 7th at 6:00pm, and Sunday, August 8th at 2:00pm.

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

(Correction from last week's Bulletin)

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



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

July 5-11th Diapers, baby food & juice  
July 12-18th Canned meat, tuna  
July 19-25th Peanut butter, jelly  
July 26-8/1 Spaghetti's, ravioli

### 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

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|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 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 | 7/3-4   | St. John's Pro-Life collection after Masses<br>Care & Education of Priests 2nd collection                        |
| Tues.   | 7/6     | St. John's Men's Club Meeting, 7:00pm  |
| Wed.    | 7/7     | St. Lawrence Picnic Meeting, 7:00pm in the Trinity Center<br>Community Blood Drive, 1:30-5:30pm, Susq. Elem. Gym |
| 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.    | 7/12    | Rosary Candle Procession at St. Lawrence after Mass.   |
| Thurs.  | 7/15    | Charismatic Mass at St. Martin, 7:00pm   |
| 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   |
| Wed.    | 7/21    | SNF Mass at Barnes, 2:00pm   |
| Th-Sat  | 7/22-24 | Susquehanna Hometown Days  |
| Wed.    | 7/28    | Joint Picture Directory meeting, 7:00pm at St. John  |
| Sun.    | 8/01    | St. Lawrence Annual Picnic   |
| F-Sat   | 8/6-7   | St. Martin's Arts Council musical, "Brigadoon", 6:00pm   |
| Sun.    | 8/8     | St. Martin's Arts Council musical, "Brigadoon", 2:00pm   |



*Happy Fourth of July!!*

**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