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



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 1st, 2010



" Take care to guard against all greed..."

Gospel: Jesus echoes Qoheleth's sentiment concerning the futility of earthly existence without a transcendent horizon. The erection of storage bins to secure a merely earthly future is futile for death's arrival, though unpredictable in time, is inevitable. On the other hand, the building of a store house of heavenly treasure through good deeds engaged in for love of God and neighbor will reap a harvest of an eternal reward.

Second Reading: Paul exhorts the Colossians to embrace the full meaning and purpose of their life in Christ. Since Christ orients them to eternal life, their daily lives ought to be transformed by this transcendent goal. This transcendent goal grants a new perspective to our relationship with our own bodies and to everybody. Thus, we receive the call to purity and to put an end to barriers of religion, social status, and gender.



August, is the Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

First Reading: Qoheleth proclaims human existence pointless, void of meaning or purpose. In so doing he strikes a deep cord in the experience of many, creating a home in God's word for those who struggle with theses same thoughts and questions. Human emotion embraced in faith, especially the deep yearning of the heart, leads to fuller life.

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

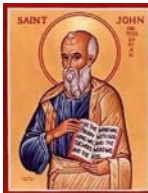
**Listen to Catholic Radio
JMJ 750 AM**

Emergency number at St. Lawrence Rectory: 267-1366

**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 and Education of Priests

St. John' Pro-Life collection after this weekend Masses.

Weekday Masses—There will be **NO** morning Mass on Tuesday and Thursday this week.

First Friday Mass & Adoration at St. John's Chapel, Friday, August 6th, 8:30am. There will **not** be a First Saturday Mass in August.

Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Group—will meet Saturday, Aug. 7th, 9:00am to pray the rosary for world peace.

Men's Club Meeting—Tuesday, August 3rd, 7:00pm

Pro-Life Meeting—Thursday, August 12th, 9:00am

Altar & Rosary Meeting—Monday, August 16th, 6:30pm.

St. John's Pro-Life Org thanks all our wonderful parishioners who made our booth at the Susquehanna Days Celebration a great success by baking breads, buying breads, buying raffle tickets and making donations.

Winners of the Ruffled items:

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| 1. Jewelry Box | Barbara Stone |
| 2. Afghan | Debbie White |
| 3. Teddy Bear Tub | Makenzie Cook |
| 4. Baby Boy Blanket | Paula Ralston |
| 5. Baby Girl Blanket | Mary Gow |
| 6. Picnic Basket of Bears | Mary Gow |
| 7. Rocking Horse | Barbara Stone |
| 8. Basket of Bears | Colleen Woodruff |
| 9. Chair with Clown Doll | Audrey Sullivan |

Sincere thanks to all who participated.

Welcoming Committee:

- Aug. 7th Peggy Leach, Chuck Burdick
 Aug. 8th Linda & Kenny Barrett
 Aug. 14th Sandy, Aaron & Warren Babcock
 Aug. 15th Judy Ficarro, Ceil Vaccaro

MINISTRIES—ST. JOHN

Sat. Aug. 7th, 5:30 PM

- Michael Armitage, Troy Maby, Ben Kane (Altar Servers)
 Mary Snyder, Chet Walker, Mike DeWitt (Eucharistic Min.)
 Marti Stanford (Lector)
 Cathy Matis (Cantor)

Sun. Aug. 8th, 8:30 AM

- Mary C. Walker, Payton Cowperthwait, Aaron Cook (Altar Servers)
 Mary Jo Weaver, Vickie Mulligan, Mike DeWitt (Eucharistic Min.)
 Alberta Green (Lector)
 Kay Pacifici (Cantor)

***STEWARDSHIP—ST. JOHN'S**

Sat./Sun. July 24-25, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$2,247.00
Loose	419.00
Candles	44.00
Church Dues	6.00
Diocesan Charily	1.00
Insurance	396.00
Improvements	297.00
Catholic Relief Services	269.00
Total:	\$3,099.00

*ST. MARTIN

OF TOURS



There will be NO Wednesday Mass this week.

2nd Collection this weekend for the Care and Education of Priests

Our next **parish fundraiser** will be **Labor Day Weekend** with:
****A huge Flea Market** September 3-5: Start collecting your items, which can be delivered to the church after August 1--Call JoAnn Hadnagy at 727-3441 or Mary Lake at 756-2983 to make arrangements.

****Our third Gourmet Hoagie Sale** September 4 and 5 at Noon-- (American, Italian, Turkey Breast) \$5.00 each for the sandwich, chips, pickle, special side and sweet treat. What a deal! Call 756-3047 to pre-order your hoagie.

***Our First Annual Cow Plop Bingo September 5--**Call Chris Lake 756-2887 or purchase after Mass each weekend. There will be **ONLY 300 tickets sold** to win the top prize of \$1,000! Tickets are \$10.00--You will not be asked to sell the 20 tickets for the fall as in the past. This raffle will replace our \$1.00 chance. Your donation will purchase a square on the field, and a docile cow will be fed well to process and do what it does best. Whose square the most falls upon, wins! Again, only 300 tickets will be sold! First come first serve.

It is through the efforts of our fundraising that we are financially sound at St. Martin's. It is so important that **ALL** help in our efforts to make our parish do well. If you are not able to help at a fundraiser, please help by donating to our expenses and supporting our work by purchasing a ticket and/or hoagie. Thank you.

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. General Admission \$8, Seniors, Students, and Service Members \$5. Refreshments will be available.

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

Healing Mass: *Fr. John Campoli* will be with us at **6:00pm on Wednesday, August 11th** at St. Martin's Church. Fr. John has a long-standing ministry of healing. Please join us for this special time of ministry to the sick.

Church Greeters:

- July 24th Helen Castronova July 31st Marilyn Czachor
 July 25th Betty & Frank Kwader Aug. 1st Kathy Flor

Note: There are **Mass Intention** envelopes in the back of the Church which can be filled out and placed in the collection baskets. This is a beautiful way of remembering your loved one!!

MINISTRIES—ST. MARTIN'S

Sat. Aug. 7th, 4:00 PM

- Christine Zeck (Altar Server)
 Ruth Zeck, Marilyn Czachor (Euch. Min)
 Rachael Gilleran (Lector)

Sun. Aug. 8th, 11:00AM

- K. Kempa, Anja Whitehead (Altar S.)
 Charlene Kempa, Betsy Supancik,
 Kim Marco (Euch. Min.)
 Barry Corrigan (Lector)

***STEWARDSHIP—ST. MARTIN'S**

Sat./Sun. July 24-25, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$2,278.00
Loose	327.00
Fuel	75.00
Catholic Relief	143.00
Building Fund	145.00
Total:	\$2,978.00

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!!!

* PARISHES' MASSES

*MASS INTENTIONS—ST. JOHN Jul. 31, Aug. 1-8, 2010

Sat. 7/31	5:30 PM	Deceased Members of the Grace Family (The Family)
Sun 8/01	8:30 AM	Catherine Paccio (A Friend)
Mon 8/02	8:30 AM	Luciana, Parks, & Euli Families (Joanne McIntyre)
Tues. 8/03		NO Mass
Wed. 8/04		NO Mass
Thurs. 8/05		NO Mass
Fri 8/06	8:30 AM	Mr. & Mrs. John Burke (The Mann Family)
Sat 8/07	5:30 PM	Edward & Issobel Gordon (The Family)
Sun. 8/08	8:30 AM	All Parishioners

MASS INTENTIONS—ST. LAWRENCE Jul. 31, Aug. 1-8, 2010

Sat. July 31	4:15 PM	Confession
Sat. July 31	5:00 PM	For our parish community
Sun Aug. 01	9:30 AM	Deceased members of the Franks and Edgell families req. by Barbara Franks
Mon Aug 02		NO MASS
Tues. Aug 03	7:00 PM	Adoration & Evening Prayer (No Mass)
Wed Aug 04	8:00 AM	John and Margie McGoldrick req by Jack and Barbara McGoldrick
Thur. Aug 05		NO MASS
Fri. Aug 06		NO MASS
Sat. Aug 07	4:15 PM	Confession
Sat. Aug 07	5:00 PM	Ruth Gow req. by Henry Joseph Persons
Sun. Aug. 08	9:30 AM	For our parish community

MASS INTENTIONS—ST. MARTIN Jul. 31, Aug. 1-8, 2010

Sat. 7/31	4:00 PM	Janeina Swistro (Christine & Ithan Sezer)
Sun 8/01	11:00 AM	All Parishioners
Mon 8/02		NO Mass
Tues. 8/03	8:00 AM	Helen Marichak (Estate)
Wed. 8/04		NO MASS
Thurs. 8/05	8:00 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Fri 8/06		NO Mass
Sat 8/07	4:00 PM	All Parishioners
Sun. 8/08	11:00 AM	Matthew Gralewski (St. Martin's Choir)

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 and Education of Priests

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

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 Church Picnic: This Sunday, August 1st, 11:00am to 4:00pm held on the Church grounds!!

ATTENTION ALL PIE BAKERS: Pies can be dropped off Sat. evening after mass in the Trinity Center OR Sunday morning at the picnic. Please plan on baking a pie or 2 and even buying one back!!

Pie Contest: Will be judged approximately at 1:00pm

Baskets Galore: We have a great variety of gift baskets to choose from. Come purchase basket raffle tickets after Sat. evening Mass or all through the day on Sunday.

Picnic Committee: The parishioners that you see running around to sell dinners, basket tickets, pies, and games are working so hard to make this ONE DAY a huge success. PLEASE make time in your busy day to come out and support your church.

Great Bend Days Ice Cream Social: St. Lawrence sold Ice Cream and had a Book Sale. Our ladies made \$148.00 Thanks to everyone who came out for ice cream and a book!!

Spaghetti at the Fair: Our Knights of Columbus and Auxiliary will be serving their famous spaghetti and meatball dinner at the Harford Fair again this year. It will be held in the Dining Hall on Tuesday, Aug. 17th starting at 12Noon until ? The dinner will include spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, dessert and drink. Adults \$ 8.00, children 6-12 yrs. \$ 5.00 and under 5 FREE.

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

St. Lawrence Church Greeters

Aug. 7th Del & Virginia Austin Aug. 14th Jenny & Gene Paumgardhen
Aug. 8th Nancy Loomis Aug. 15th Liz Landes

MINISTRIES—ST. LAWRENCE

"A Disciple's Response of Time and Talent"

Sat. Aug. 7th, 5:00 PM

D. Maida (Altar Serv.)
K. Ragard (Eucharistic Min.)
J. Burton (Lector)

Sun. Aug. 8th, 9:30 AM

C. & J. Mills (Altar Servers)
S. Brown (Eucharistic Ministers)
S. Mills (Lector)

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

***STEWARDSHIP— ST. LAWRENCE**

Sat./Sun. July 24-25, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,360.00
Loose	178.00
Candle	8.00
Insurance	178.00
Maintenance	14.00
Catholic Relief Services	104.00
Fuel	15.00
Total:	\$1,857.00

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

* PARISH CLUSTER NEWS

Care and Education of Priests—2nd collection this weekend at all Churches.

Joint CCD Teacher Meeting—Monday, August 9th, 6:00pm followed by a pot-luck dinner at St. John's Hall.

Weekday Masses—please check the Mass schedule for the next two weeks as Father Alphones will be away and the weekday mass schedule will be modified.

Tenant Users Liability Insurance Policy (TULIP)

The Risk Management Office for the Diocese of Scranton implemented the TULIP program in February of 2010. Any private or outside use of parish facilities will require a certificate of insurance or the purchase of the Tulip Policy. The cost of the policy for **groups of less than 100 is \$100 per event.**

St. Lawrence Church Picnic: Sunday, August 1st, 11:00am to 4:00pm. Hot Roast Beef Sandwich with salads & Drink. Call 879.4894 for tickets. There will also be pierogies, hot dogs, pizza, root beer float stand & soda for sale. Children's games with prizes, Book sale, White elephant, Big 6 and More.

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 on St. Martin's Church grounds. General admission \$8, Senior, Students, and Service Members \$5. Refreshments available.

Healing Mass: Fr. John Campoli will be with us at **6:00pm on Wednesday, August 11th** at St. Martin's Church, Jackson. Fr. John has a long-standing ministry of healing. Please join us for this special time of ministry to the sick.

Harvest of the Arts & Wine Festival—Saturday, August 7, 2010, 11am-5pm on Main Street at the Shops Plaza, Susquehanna, PA. A variety of artists, craftsmen, photographers, and more. Advance ticket-\$15 at People's National Bank and the Community Bank. At the Gate/Day of Event-\$25. Designated Driver or under 21-\$5.

31st Annual Montrose Blueberry Festival, Friday August 6th & Saturday, August 7th, 9am-4pm on the Village Green in Montrose, PA. Entertainment and kids' games, massed band concert 2pm Sat., raffles, and silent auction. All proceeds benefit the Susquehanna County Historical Society and Free Library Assoc. Call 570-278-1881 for more info.

Good News for Married Couples-Worldwide Marriage Encounter returns to the Scranton Diocese. October 15-17 at Fatima Renewal Center in Dalton. Looking for a way to make your good marriage even better? Then why not attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend? Get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones—and focus ONLY on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you'll love the difference this weekend can make! Early registration is suggested! Website: wwme-nepa.org or phone: 800-787-7679.

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

July 26-8/1	Spaghetti's, ravioli
Aug. 2-8th	Cereal, juice
Aug. 9-15th	Mac & cheese, soup
Aug. 16-22	Detergent, body soap

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
Brian W. O'Connor	

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

PARISHES' CALENDAR

Sun.	8/1	St. Lawrence Annual Church Picnic, 11:00am-4:00pm
Tues.	8/3	St. John's Men's Club Meeting, 7:00pm, Parish Hall
Fri.	8/6	First Friday Mass & Adoration at St. John Chapel, 8:30am
Sat.	8/7	Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Group, 9:00am, St. John's
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
Mon.	8/9	Joint CCD Teacher Meeting, Pot Luck dinner, 6:00pm At St. John's Hall
Tues.	8/10	St. John's Finance Council Meeting, 7:00pm Evening Prayer at St. Lawrence, 7:00pm
Wed.	8/11	Healing Mass at St. Martin of Tours Church, 6:00pm
Thurs.	8/12	St. John's Pro-Life Meeting, 9:00am
Sun.	8/15	The Assumption of Mary, regular Sunday Masses
Mon.	8/16	Joint Confirmation Class, 6:30pm at St. Martin's Hall St. John's Altar & Rosary Meeting, 6:30pm
Tues.	8/17	Knights of Columbus Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner at the Harford Fair Dining Hall, 11:00am-8:00pm
Tues.	8/24	Joint Evening of Reflection and Pot Luck Dinner for all Ministries at St. John's Hall, 6:00pm

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