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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

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



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 29th, 2010



"..For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted"..

Gospel: Today's passage from Luke echoes and expands the theme of humility found in Sirach. Jesus proposes that dinner guests not seek the place of honor at the table and that a dinner's host not invite friends, relatives, and those capable of hosting a dinner in kind. Jesus proposes not a clever calculus to secure the esteem of others, but an embrace of our lowliness before God in which we discover the truth that raises us to life.

First Reading: Sirach proposes the path of humility as the way of wisdom. Humility in relation to others, God, and one's goals in life provides human respect, God's favor, and attainable goals. The humble person has an attentive ear to listen to and to learn from the experiences of life.

Second Reading: This passage from Hebrews highlights the accessibility of God who draws near to us in multiple ways. God does not stand at a distance to instill fear through our ignorance of him. Rather, in the presence of the angels, the saints in heaven, those who are being made perfect in the present moment and in Jesus. God draws near to offer access to his love and mercy.



St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church
Friday, Sept. 3rd

St. Gregory came from a wealthy Roman family. He turned the family villa on the Caelian Hill into a monastery dedicated to St. Andrew, which he himself entered. He was pope from 590 to his death (+604). Gregory restarted missionary work in northern Europe and sent Augustine of Canterbury to England. He asserted the primacy of the Bishop of Rome, and worked to reconcile east and west. Much of his correspondence and writings have survived, including sermons, the *Commentary on Job*, *Rule for Pastors*, and letters. Book II of his *Dialogues* is our primary source for the life of Saint Benedict.

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

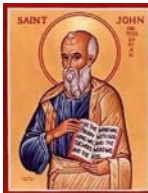
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Pregnancy Counseling 1-800-550-4900

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

*ST. JOHN

THE EVANGELIST



Central and Eastern Europe Collection

2nd collection this weekend, August 28 & 29th.

First Friday Mass & Adoration—Sept. 3rd, 8:30am to 12 Noon in St. John's Chapel.

First Saturday Mass—Sept. 4th, 8:30am at St. John's. The ***Fatima Prayer Group*** will meet to pray after Mass.

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

Red Cross Blood Drive—Wednesday, September 8th, 12:30-5:30pm at St. John's Parish Hall.

Pro-Life Meeting—Thurs., September 9th after 8:30am Mass

Altar & Rosary Meeting—Monday, September 13th, 6:30pm

Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Bishop Hannon

Assembly Meeting—Friday, September 10th, 2010, 7:00pm, in St. John's Parish Hall.

Legion of Mary Meeting, Saturday, September 11th at 11:00am in St. John's Hall.

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:

Sept. 4th Thomas, Jennifer Nitterauer, Anthony Dolfini
 Sept. 5th Amelia & Rosalie Paterno
 Sept. 11 Joe Canini, RG McNamara
 Sept. 12 Bryan, Aaron, & Makenzie Cook
 Sept. 18 Judy Boerner, Nancy Boughton
 Sept. 19 Miranca Romanofski, Nicole Barnes, Tayrn Tross

MINISTRIES—ST. JOHN

Sat. Sept. 4th, 5:30 PM

John & Matt Hilling, Nicole Barnes (Altar Servers)
 Chet Walker, Mary Snyder, Joe King (Eucharistic Min.)
 Marti Stanford (Lector)
 Barb Wolf, Carolyn Rinker (Cantors)

Sun. Sept. 5th, 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. August 21-22, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,702.00
Loose	256.00
Candles	47.00
Church Dues	6.00
Religious Ed	9.00
Catholic Relief Svcs.	10.00
Improvements	313.00
Central & Eastern Europe	6.00
Assumption of BVM	<u>35.00</u>
Total:	\$2,384.00

*ST. MARTIN

OF TOURS



Central and Eastern Europe Collection—2nd collection this weekend, August 28 & 29th.

Labor Day Weekend Fundraiser:

A huge **Flea Market and Bake Sale 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.

We Need Bakers—there will be a sign-up sheet in the vestibule of the Church if you could bake something for the *Bake Sale*, or call Pearena Hubal at 727-2080 or Diane Frye at 727-2407.

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. **Cow Plop--Half of the tickets are sold!** Get yours before they are all sold out! 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!!

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.

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

Church Greeters:

Sat. Aug 28th Helen Castronova
 Sun. Aug. 29th Delores Goodger

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 ones!!

MINISTRIES—ST. MARTIN'S

Sat. Sept. 4th, 4:00 PM

John J. & RJ Klein (Altar Server) Justin Lee, Lucas Marco (Altar Servers)
 Mary Lake, Marilyn Czachor (Euch. Min) Betsy Supancik, Alfie Lambert,
 John Klein (Lector) Kim Marco (Euch. Min.)
 David Lee (Lector)

Sun. Sept. 5, 11:00AM

September Church Cleaning Team: Helen & Joe Castronova

*STEWARDSHIP—ST. MARTIN'S

Sat./Sun. August 21-22, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,321.75
Loose	453.00
Candles	5.00
Assumption of the BVM	35.00
Care & Education of Priests	5.00
Central & Eastern Europe	<u>147.00</u>
Total:	\$1,966.75

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 Aug. 28-31, Sep. 1-5, 2010

Sat. 8/28	5:30 PM	Joseph Ficarro (Vi and the Ficarro Family)
Sun 8/29	8:30 AM	Deceased Members of Napolitano Family (Anthony Napolitano)
Mon 8/30	8:30 AM	Gladys Fish (Edward Zyato & Family)
Tues. 8/31	8:30 AM	Lena Williams (Judy McGuane Family)
Wed. 9/01		NO Mass
Thurs. 9/02	8:30 AM	Tina Novoa (Dr. & Maggie Moran)
Fri 9/03	8:30 AM	Charles Ficarro (Joe & Linda Schell)
Sat 9/04	8:30 AM 5:30 PM	Joseph Galloway (Francis Tully & Family) All Parishioners
Sun. 9/05	8:30 AM	John P. McIntyre (Joanne McIntyre)

MASS INTENTIONS—ST. LAWRENCE Aug. 28-31, Sep. 1-5, 2010

Sat. Aug. 28	4:15 PM	Confession
Sat. Aug. 28	5:00 PM	John & Bob Franks req. by the Franks family
Sun Aug. 29	9:30 AM	For our parish community
Mon Aug 30	7:00 PM	Betty Crook req. by Kate Trieble
Tues. Aug 31	7:00 PM	Adoration & Evening Prayer (No Mass)
Wed Sep 01	8:00 AM	John McCarthy req. by Mary Tanner
Thur. Sep 02		NO MASS
Fri. Sep 03	7:00 PM	John McCarthy req. by his children
Sat. Sep 04	4:15 PM	Confession
Sat. Sep 04	5:00 PM	For our parish community
Sun. Sep 05	9:30 AM	Franks-Engell families req. by Barbara Franks

MASS INTENTIONS—ST. MARTIN Aug. 28-31, Sep. 1-5, 2010

Sat. 8/28	4:00 PM	Denise Reddon (Joanne & Frank Hadnag)
Sun 8/29	11:00 AM	All Parishioners
Mon 8/30		NO MASS
Tues. 8/31	8:00 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Wed. 9/01	8:00 AM	Sandy Battisti (The Kilmer Family)
Thurs. 9/02	8:00 AM	Helen Marichak (Estate)
Fri 9/03		NO MASS
Sat 9/04	4:00 PM	All Parishioners
Sun. 9/05	11:00 AM	Joseph & Paula Freitag (Margaret Gralewski and Family)

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



Central and Eastern Europe Collection—2nd collection this weekend, August 28 & 29th.

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

Sunday Morning Social: Will start up again October 3rd. Coffee and donuts, bagels and danishes 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 SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS
IN MEMORY OF
IRENE SKARITZA
BY WILLIAM AND DOLORES KANE

Book-Bag Mass—Sunday, Sept. 19th at the 9:30am Mass. All student's are asked to bring book bags to Mass for a special blessing. All St. Lawrence teachers will be installed at the Mass also.

Altar Flowers: The flowers that decorate the altar are in loving memory of the **Burton and Kunsman families** by Evelyn Woolbaugh.

Altar Flowers: If you wish to order altar flowers for St. Lawrence, please call Paulette at 570.879.4181. Leave a message.

Christmas Already? The December fund raising committee (Joann Bower) is looking ahead for this December's **Christmas Cookie Sale**. The ladies need donations of small platters, tins, plates or anything unique enough to sell a batch of cookie on. Think of something that YOU would like to receive !!! You can bring them to church and place in the cry room or leave in the Trinity Center marked "Cookie Sale". This fund raiser was very successful 2 years ago and we want to bring it back. Everyone loves cookies!!

St. Lawrence Church Greeters

Sept. 4th Rick Franks Sept. 11th Deb Vogel
Sept. 5th Roberta Lupo Sept. 12th Carol Lutchko

MINISTRIES—ST. LAWRENCE

"A Disciple's Response of Time and Talent"

Sat. Sept. 4th 5:00 PM

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

Sun. Sept. 5th 9:30 AM

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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. August 21-22, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$2,682.00
Loose	221.50
Candle	10.75
CCD schools	5.00
Assumption BVM	85.00
Maintenance	7.00
Insurance	223.00
Fuel	54.00
Total:	\$3,288.25

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

* PARISH CLUSTER NEWS

Central and Eastern Europe Collection—2nd collection this weekend, August 28 & 29th.

First Friday Mass & Adoration—Sept. 3rd, 8:30am to 12 Noon at St. John's Chapel

First Saturday Mass—Sept. 4th, 8:30am at St. John's followed by *The Fatima Prayer Group* at St. John's.

St. Martin's Labor Day Picnic: September 3, 4, & 5th Flea Market and Bake Sale: Friday, Sat. & Sun., 9am-4pm
Gourmet Hoagie Sale: Saturday & Sun., Sept. 4 & 5th, 12 Noon, *American, Italian, & Turkey breast* pre-order by calling 756-3047 or see today's bulletin insert.

Cow-Plop Bingo: Sunday, Sept. 5th, \$10 a ticket, **only 300 tickets will be sold. \$1,000 Grand Prize.** Call Chris at 756-2887.

Joint Religious Ed (CCD) Registration for 2010-2011 will take place in all churches after weekend Masses on Aug.28-29.

A Joint CCD Teacher's Meeting for ALL teachers will be held on **Monday, August 30th** starting at 7:00pm to be held at St. Johns. If you have your CCD teacher's book from last year and your plan binder, please bring it.

Implementation Team Meeting—Wednesday, September 8th, 7:00pm at St. Martin's Hall.

Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Bishop Hannon Assembly Meeting—Friday, September 10th, 2010, 7:00pm, in St. John's Parish Hall.

CCD Classes begin at all churches, Sun. September 12th.
Book-Bag Mass @ St. John's and St. Martin at the regular Sunday Mass. All students should bring their book bags for a special blessing. Teachers at St. John's and St. Martin's will be installed at that Mass. **St. Lawrence** will have their Book-bag Mass on Sunday, September 19th, 9:30am Mass.

Joint Parish Council Meeting, Wednesday, September 15th, 7:00pm @ St. John's Hall.

Joint Confirmation Class, Monday, Sept. 20th, 6:30pm @ St. John's parish hall.

Bus Trip to National Shrine of Divine Mercy, Stockbridge, MA, Saturday, **October 2nd**. See Today's bulletin insert for more details.

St. Brigid Parish Irish Festival, St. Francis Xavier Church, Friendsville, & St. Augustine Church, Silver Lake, PA invite you to their 28th *Irish Festival* on St. Francis Church grounds in Friendsville, on **Sunday, September 12th**. Mass at 11:00am, followed by continuous Irish music and food until 7:00pm, featuring "The Irish Lads" and "Old Friends". Admission is \$6.00. For more information, please call 570-553-2288.

RCIA Inquiry Session (RCIA) Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults & young people, (3rd grade or older) sessions, **Monday, Sept. 13th**, are for all who have never been baptized, non-Catholics who are considering the Catholic faith. Baptized Catholics wanting to complete their full initiation into the faith. Catholics who have drifted away from the Church, who want to learn more about our faith, or who want to know enough to answer their children's or friend's questions. We will have our first session starting at **7:00pm** at St. John's Hall. All are welcome. For further information or questions call Vickie Mulligan at 278-3286.

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

- Aug 30-Sept. 5 Pasta, rice, noodles
- Sep 6-Sept. 12 Canned fruit, canned 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*

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

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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 |
| Brian W. O'Connor | Joe Canini |
| Daniel Kovitch | |

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

PARISHES' CALENDAR

S/Sun.	8/28-29	Joint CCD registration after the weekend Masses Second collection for Central & Eastern Europe
Mon.	8/30	Joint CCD Teachers' Meeting, 7pm, St. John's Parish Hall
Fri.	9/3	First Friday Mass & Adoration at St. John, 8:30am-12 Noon
F,S,S,	9/3-5	St. Martin's Flea Market & Bake Sale, 9am—4pm
Sat.	9/4	First Saturday Mass, 8:30am, St. John followed by the Fatima Prayer Group
S/Sun	9/4-5	Gourmet Hoagie Sale at St. Martin's, 12 Noon
Sun.	9/5	St. Martin's 1st Annual Cow -Plop Bingo
Tues.	9/7	St. John's Men's Club Meeting, 7:00pm, Parish Hall
Wed.	9/8	Red Cross Blood Drive at St. John's Parish Hall, 12:30pm-5:30pm Implementation Team Meeting, 7:00pm at St. Martin's Hall
Thurs.	9/9	St. John's Pro-Life meeting, after morning Mass
Fri.	9/10	Knights of Columbus 4th degree Meeting, 7:00pm, St. John's Parish hall
Sat.	9/11	Legion of Mary meeting, 11:00am, St. John's Hall
Sun.	9/12	CCD Classes begin at all Churches, Book Bag Mass at St. John and St. Martin.
Mon.	9/13	RCIA Inquiry Session , 7:00pm @ St. John's Hall St. John Altar & Rosary Meeting, 6:30pm, church hall
Wed.	9/15	Joint Parish Council Meeting, 7:00pm @ St. John's
Sun.	9/19	Book Bag Mass at St. Lawrence 9:30am.
Mon.	9/20	Joint Confirmation Class 6:30pm @ St. John's
Mon.	9/27	Joint Parent Meeting for 2nd Grade CCD students, 7:00pm at St. John's Hall
Sat.	10/2	Bus trip to National Shrine of Divine Mercy, Stockbridge, MA

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