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



**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Grandparents Day**

**September 12th, 2010**



**"...Rejoice...your brother was lost and has been found"**

**Gospel:** A woman diligently searches for a lost coin, and a shepherd searches for a lost sheep. A father waits in hope for the return of his lost son. Jesus spoke these parables to the religious authorities as he dined among the tax collectors and sinners. Yes, in Jesus, God has come to seek out what is lost, and in our being found God rejoices!

**First Reading:** God's promise protects his chosen people even in the midst of their infidelity. Moses appeases God's wrath against the idolatry of Israel not by proposing a plan of repentance, but by the recollection of God's promise of prosperity to Abraham, Isaac, and Israel. The embrace of God's fidelity invites us to gratitude and imitation.



**Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Tuesday, Sept. 14

This day commemorates two events: the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem built by Constantine on the sites of Calvary and the tomb of Jesus (rebuilt by the Crusaders in 1149); and the discovery of the true cross by St. Helena, the mother of Constantine, on Sept. 14, 320.

In 348 at Jerusalem, an account by St. Cyril in his Catechesis IV tells us that a small relic of the cross of Christ was venerated because by then, little pieces of the cross had "been taken by a crowd of believers," so that the wood of the cross "has been distributed in splinters all over the world".

**St. Robert Bellarmine, bishop  
Doctor of the Church**

Friday, Sept. 17th

St. Robert Bellarmine was an Italian Jesuit and cardinal. He became a Jesuit in 1560 and studied at Padua and Leuven, especially delving into the teachings of Protestantism. On his return to Italy in an attempt to restore his health, which he had undermined by asceticism, Pope Gregory XIII assigned him to teach at new Roman College (later the Pontifical Gregorian University). He was instrumental in the post-Reformation reform of the Church, and was especially critical of non-resident bishops, setting an example by going to Capua within four days of being named archbishop there.

*Weekend Masses*

	<u>St. John</u>	<u>St. Lawrence</u>	<u>St. Martin</u>
<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>

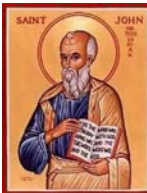
**Listen to Catholic Radio  
JMJ 750 AM**

Men/Women Wounded By Abortion 1-800-5-WE-CARE  
Pregnancy Counseling 1-800-550-4900

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

# \*ST. JOHN

## THE EVANGELIST



**Men's Club Oktoberfest**—this Sunday, September 12th at PJ O'Hare's, Noon to 4:00pm, \$15.00 per person. All you can eat German Food.

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

**SNF Mass**—Wednesday, at Barnes Kasson, 2:00pm

**St. John's Choir**—anyone interested in singing at St. John's, either as a cantor or choir member is asked to contact Marti Stanford at 570-853-3017.

Practice for the choir will begin on Thursday, Sept. 9, 2010 in St. John's choir loft at 6:30 PM.

**Padre Pio Celebration**, Saturday, Sept. 25th, 2010 at the Rosa Mystica House of Prayer, Edmeston, NY. Fr. Martin Mannion, St. Louis, MO will be the celebrant and speak of the miracles he received from Padre Pio. Cost \$15pp (\$25 per couple which includes lunch. For bus transportation, call Trudy Stroney, 570-587-3449. For reservations, call 516-624-9033;

**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. 18 Theresa Witney, Carol Dubas  
 Sept. 19 Miranda Romanofski, Nicole Barnes, Tayrn Tross  
 Sept. 25 Mary, Amanda, Victoria, & Alexandra Iveson  
 Sept. 26 John Hilling, Christian Miller, Bill Reddon

### **MINISTRIES—ST. JOHN**

#### **Sat. Sept. 18th, 5:30 PM**

Michael Armitage, John & Matt Hilling (Altar Servers)  
 Linda Norris, Mike DeWitt, Mary Snyder (Eucharistic Min.)  
 Shirley Decker (Lector)  
 Folk Group (Cantor)

#### **Sun. Sept. 19th, 8:30 AM**

Carol Barnes, George Napolitano, Bob Burns (Eucharistic Min.)  
 Linda Norris (Lector)  
 Barb Wolf, Carolyn Rinker (Cantors)

# \*ST. MARTIN

## OF TOURS



### **Labor Day Weekend Fundraiser:**

#### **Income:**

Cow Plop Bingo: \$2,740.00  
 Hoagie Sale: \$1,581.00  
 Flea Market: \$1,401.40  
 Donations: \$690.00  
 Bake Sale: \$516.15

#### **Expenses:**

Cow Plop Bingo Prize Money: \$1,000.00  
 Hoagie Sale: \$596.00

**Total Profit: \$5,332.55**

**Thank you** to all those who donated to the flea market and bake sale and to all those who purchased raffle tickets and hoagies. Special thanks to all who set up and worked the events.

**Charismatic Mass**—Thursday, September 16th, 7:00pm

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

**St. Martin's Christian Women Society** will be having a meeting on **Tuesday, September 21st, 7:00pm** in the church hall to discuss our upcoming events for the coming months of 2010 and early 2011. Anyone who is interested in joining our society, or would like to attend is welcome!

**St. Martin's Choir** will begin rehearsals on Wednesday **October 6** at 7pm. New members are welcome. If interested, please contact Susan Lee at [kjltl@nep.net](mailto:kjltl@nep.net). We will be preparing for the Feast of St. Martin.

### **Church Greeters:**

Sat. Sep. 18th Ruth Zeck  
 Sun. Sep. 19th Kathy Flor  
 Sat. Sep. 25th Marilyn Czachor  
 Sun. Sep. 26th The Maloney's

### **MINISTRIES—ST. MARTIN'S**

#### **Sat. Sept. 18th, 4:00 PM**

Christine Zeck (Altar Server) Anja Whitehead, Katherina Kempa (A.S.)  
 Ruth Zeck, Diane Frye (Euch. Min) Charlene Kempa, Alfie Lambert,  
 Rachael Gilleran (Lector) Kim Marco (Euch. Min.)

#### **Sun. Sept. 19th, 11:00AM**

Barry Corrigan (Lector)

**September Church Cleaning Team:** Helen & Joe Castranova

### **\*STEWARDSHIP—ST. JOHN'S**

#### **Sat./Sun. September 4-5, 2010**

Offertory Envelopes	\$2,455.00
Loose	434.00
Candles	62.00
Church Dues	264.00
Religious Ed	3.00
Diocesan Charity	1.00
Improvements	66.00
Care & Education of Priests	468.00
Central & Eastern Europe	35.00
Assumption of BVM	10.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,798.00</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.

### **\*STEWARDSHIP—ST. MARTIN'S**

#### **Sat./Sun. September 4-5, 2010**

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,572.00
Loose	512.00
Church Dues	12.00
All Saints Day	15.00
Fuel	20.00
Care & Education of Priests	139.00
Central & Eastern Europe	10.00
Picnic Fund Raiser	10.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,290.00</b>

**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 Sept. 11-19th, 2010

Sat. 9/11	5:30 PM	All Parishioners
Sun 9/12	8:30 AM	Gregory Maby (St. John's CCD )
Mon 9/13	8:30 AM	Virginia Evans (Marge Wood & Jean Mazikewich)
Tues. 9/14	8:30 AM	Special Intention (Anonymous)
Wed. 9/15	<b>2:00 PM</b>	Gladys Fish (Joanne McIntyre (SNF Mass)
Thurs. 9/16	8:30 AM	Benjamin Freeman (M/M David Scales)
Fri 9/17	8:30 AM	Dec'd Members of the King Family (Joe & Pat King)
Sat 9/18	5:30 PM	Dick & Judy McGuane (The Children)
Sun. 9/19	8:30 AM	All Parishioners

MASS INTENTIONS—ST. LAWRENCE Sept. 11-19th, 2010

Sat. Sep 11	4:15 PM	Confession
Sat. Sep 11	5:00 PM	For the parish community
Sun Sep 12	9:30 AM	Franks-Engell families req. by Barbara Franks
Mon Sep 13	7:00 PM	Louise Tessier req. by Anne & Yannone, and Tony & Lori Conarton
Tues. Sep 14	7:00 PM	Adoration & Evening Prayer ( <b>No Mass</b> )
Wed Sep 15	8:00 AM	Thomas Golden req. by Frank and Sharon O'Connor
Thur. Sep 16		NO MASS
Fri. Sep 17	7:00 PM	John McCarthy req by Bernarsky Family
Sat. Sep 18	4:15 PM	Confession
Sat. Sep 18	5:00 PM	Jack Vaseleck req by his wife, Bobbi, children and grandchildren
Sun. Sep 19	9:30 AM	For the parish community

MASS INTENTIONS—ST. MARTIN Set.. 11-19th, 2010

Sat. 9/11	4:00 PM	Betty Briar (Bob & Connie Panasevich)
Sun 9/12	11:00 AM	John & Pauline Corrigan (Barry & Annette Corrigan)
Mon 9/13		NO MASS
Tues. 9/14	8:00 AM	Helen Marichak (Estate)
Wed. 9/15	8:00 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thurs. 9/16	8:00 AM 7:00 PM	Helen Marichak (Estate) Poor Souls in Purgatory (Charismatic Mass)
Fri 9/17		NO MASS
Sat 9/18	4:00 PM	Ethel & Bill Trub (Miriam & Russ Pepe)
Sun. 9/19	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



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

**\*\*\*St. Lawrence Church Needs Lectors AND Altar Servers\*\*\***  
PLEASE consider serving **your** church. Call the rectory as soon as possible.

**Sunday Morning Social:** Will start up again October 3rd. Coffee and donuts, bagels and danishes 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.

**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 memory of **Albina Kovitch** by Irene McCarthy and family.

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

## St. Lawrence Church Greeters

Sept. 18th Bobbi Vaseleck Sept. 25 Al Maholick Oct. 2 Chuck & Joann Bower  
Sept. 19th Mary Tanner Sept. 26 Ann Litz Oct. 3 Brian & Theresa Hinkley

## MINISTRIES—ST. LAWRENCE

*"A Disciple's Response of Time and Talent"*

**Sat. Sept 18th, 5:00 PM** **Sun. Sept. 19th, 9:30 AM**  
D. Maida, C. Lake (Altar Servers) C. & J. Mills (Altar Servers)  
R. & D. Maida (Eucharistic Min.) S. Brown (Eucharistic Minister)  
F. O'Connor (Lector) 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. September 4-5, 2010**

Offertory Envelopes	\$1474.00
Loose	147.00
Candle	14.00
Clergy Care & Education	198.00
Maintenance	<u>123.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,956.00</b>

# \* PARISH CLUSTER NEWS

**Knights of Columbus Council #356 Spaghetti Dinner**, Saturday, September 11th, 4-7pm, \$7.00 per person, \$3 Children Age 6-13, under 5 is free. All are welcome!!

**St. John's Men's Club Oktoberfest**—this Sunday, September 12th at PJ O'Hare's, Noon to 4:00pm, \$15.00 per person. All you can eat German Food.

**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.

**RCIA Inquiry Session (RCIA) Rite of Christian Initiation** for Adults & young people, (3rd grade or older) sessions, **Monday, Sept. 13th, at St. John's hall**, 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. All are welcome. For further information or questions call Vickie Mulligan at 278-3286.

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

**Charismatic Mass**, Thursday, September 16th, 7:00pm at St. Martin.

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

**Joint Newly Formed Liturgical Committee Meeting**, Wednesday, Sept. 29th, 7:00pm @ St. John's Parish Hall.

**Bus Trip to National Shrine of Divine Mercy, Stockbridge, MA**, Saturday, **October 2nd**. Register by Wednesday, **Sept. 15th** by calling: Cathy Grasgruber 853-4573, Martina Lingo-bardo 756-2879, or Irene McCarthy 789-1837. Checks should be made out to St. John the Evangelist Church.

## **Kings College Fall Open House:**

**Sunday, Oct. 3rd & Sunday, Nov. 7th, 2010.**

Kings college (Wilkes-Barre) invites students and their families to attend our two Fall Open House Programs.

Registration will begin at 9:00 AM. In the William Scandlon Physical Education Center. Presentations on admissions, academic programs, financial aid, career planning and placement, student life and athletics will highlight the program. For more information or to register please call the Admissions Office at 570.208.5858. You may also email

[admissions@Kings.edu](mailto:admissions@Kings.edu) or online at [www.kings.edu](http://www.kings.edu)

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

- Sep 6-Sep. 12 Canned fruit, canned vegetables
- Sep 13-Sep. 19 Shampoo, deodorant
- Sep 20-Sep. 26 Crackers, sauce

## 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

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

Sat.	9/11	Knights of Columbus #356 Spaghetti Dinner, 4-7pm
Sun.	9/12	CCD Classes begin at all Churches, Book Bag Mass at St. John and St. Martin. St. John's Men's Club Oktoberfest @ PJ O'Hare's, 12-4pm
Mon.	9/13	RCIA Inquiry Session, 7:00pm @ St. John's Hall
Wed.	9/15	St. John Altar & Rosary Meeting, 6:30pm, church hall SNF Mass at Barnes Kasson, 2:00pm Joint Parish Council Meeting, 7:00pm @ St. John's
Thurs	9/16	Charismatic Mass, 7:00pm at St. Martin of Tours, Jackson
Sun.	9/19	Book Bag Mass at St. Lawrence 9:30am.
Mon.	9/20	Joint Confirmation Class 6:30pm @ St. John's Hall
Tues.	9/21	St. Martin's Christian Women's Meeting, 7:00pm, in the Church hall
Mon.	9/27	Joint Parent Meeting for 2nd Grade CCD students, 7:00pm at St. John's Hall
Wed.	9/29	Newly Formed Liturgical Committee meeting, 7:00pm in St. John's Hall
Sat.	10/2	Bus trip to National Shrine of Divine Mercy, Stockbridge, MA
Mon.	10/4	St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day Blessing of Animals, 4:00pm in St. John's parking lot.

**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 stipend 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