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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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Respect Life Sunday

October 3rd, 2010

Respect Life Sunday

Respect Life Sunday was begun in 1972 by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (now the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops). The purpose is to raise consciousness and provide resources on various issues that affect the dignity of human life, from conception to natural death.

October
Month of
Our Lady of
the Rosary

"To pray the rosary is to hand over our burdens to the merciful hearts of Christ and His Mother"

Pope John Paul II



Original text found at United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

Part 3, Section 2,
Article 5, paragraphs
2271 - 2275)



2273 The inalienable right to life of every innocent human individual is a constitutive element of a civil society and its legislation:

"The inalienable rights of the person must be recognized and respected by civil society and the political authority. These human rights depend neither on single individuals nor on parents; nor do they represent a concession made by society and the state; they belong to human nature and are inherent in the person by virtue of the creative act from which the person took his origin. Among such fundamental rights one should mention in this regard every human being's right to life and physical integrity from the moment of conception until death."⁸⁰

"The moment a positive law deprives a category of human beings of the protection which civil legislation ought to accord them, the state is denying the equality of all before the law. When the state does not place its power at the service of the rights of each citizen, and in particular of the more vulnerable, the very foundations of a state based on law are undermined. . . . As a consequence of the respect and protection which must be ensured for the unborn child from the moment of conception, the law must provide appropriate penal sanctions for every deliberate violation of the child's rights."⁸¹

Gospel: On the surface it appears that Jesus' response to his apostles' plea for an increase of faith is met with a rebuke. Yet, upon closer reflection it appears that Jesus points to the apostles' experience as a place of hope and encouragement for the growth of faith. Jesus suggests that little faith, the size of a mustard seed, combined with a desire to serve the Lord with humility, will yield faith's increase.

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

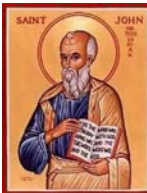
Listen to Catholic Radio
JM7 750 AM

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



*ST. MARTIN

OF TOURS



Pro-Life collection after Masses this weekend

Men's Club Meeting—Tuesday, October 4th, 7:00pm

St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day Blessing of Animals,
Monday, October 4th, 4:30pm at St. John's church grounds.

Altar & Rosary Meeting, Monday, October 11, 6:30pm

Pro-Life Meeting, Thursday, October 14, after morning Mass.

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Men's Club Rigatoni and Meatball Dinner, Saturday, October 23rd, 4:00-7:00pm. Take Out is Available. Call 853-4787

The Legion of Mary has found another home right here at St. John's Parish family. Fr. Dave is our spiritual director. The name of our group is "*Mary, the New Eve*". Presently our meetings are held after the 8:30am Mass on **Tuesdays** at St. John's hall. All are welcome to attend and light refreshments will be available.

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 is every Thursday in St. John's choir loft at 6:30 PM.

Welcoming Committee:

Oct. 9 Judy Boerner, Nancy Boughton
Oct. 10 Nicole Lesser, Cathy Grausgruber
Oct. 16 Michele, Grace, Kelly, & Olivia Snyder
Oct. 17 John & Diane Dunn
Oct. 23 Linda Bedford, Shirley Decker
Oct. 24 Sue Rowe, Don DeWitt
Oct. 30 Ella Mae Laude, Lenore Spoonhower
Oct. 31 Stuart, Crystal, Veronica, Martin Gorka

MINISTRIES—ST. JOHN

Sat. Oct. 9th, 5:30 PM

Michael Armitage, Troy Maby, Ben Kane (Altar Servers)
Mary Snyder, Chet Walker, Mike DeWitt (Eucharistic Min.)
Marti Stanford (Lector)
Barb & Carolyn (Cantors)

Sun. Oct. 10th, 8:30 AM

Mary C. Walker, Payton Cowperthwait, Aaron Cook (Altar Servers)
Carol Bushong, Vickie Mulligan, Bob Burns (Eucharistic Min.)
Shirley Decker (Lector)
Jeffrey Keyes (Cantor)

*STEWARDSHIP—ST. JOHN'S

Sat./Sun. September 25-26, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,901.00
Loose	269.00
Candles	30.00
Church Dues	27.00
Diocesan Charity	103.00
Religious Ed	10.00
Improvements	5.00
Care & Education of Priests	20.00
Total:	\$2,365.00

Our Basket Raffle is underway! Sixteen beautifully decorated baskets are displayed in the foyer. Chances are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. There are holiday and autumn baskets; ones for men, children, and ladies. Drawing will be on **Sunday, November 14** at our Holiday Bingo--Mark your calendars!

St. Martin's Feast Day will be celebrated on **Sunday, November 7th**, at the 11:00am Mass followed by a **Pot-luck dinner**.

Ministry Schedule—there are copies of the ministry schedule for **Sept– thru Nov.** available in the sacristy if you did not receive one.

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

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

Church Greeters:

Sat. Oct. 9th Racheal Gilleran
Sun. Oct. 10th Alfie Lambert
Sat. Oct. 16th Diane Frye
Sun. Oct. 17th Kim Marco
Sat. Oct. 23rd Marilyn Czachor
Sun. Oct. 24th Beatrice Frye
Sat. Oct. 30th Helen Castronova
Sun. Oct. 31st The Maloney's

MINISTRIES—ST. MARTIN'S

Sat. Oct 9th, 4:00 PM

Olivia & Nicholas Klein (Altar Serv.)
Mirian Pepe, Marilyn Czachor (Euch. M.)
Bob Klein (Lector)

Sun. Oct. 10th, 11:00AM

Anja Whitehead, Katherina Kempa (A.S.)
Betsy Supancik, Charlene Kempa
Katherine Kempa (Euch. Min.)
Eileen Hartman (Lector)

**!!We are in need more Altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers!
Please call the rectory if you would like to serve your church!!**

NOTE: If you cannot reach someone at St. John's rectory this week, please leave a message and someone will return your call asap. If an emergency, please call St. Lawrence's rectory at 267-1366.

*STEWARDSHIP—ST. MARTIN'S

Sat./Sun. September 25-26 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$977.00
Loose	183.00
Total:	\$1,160.00

* PARISHES' MASSES

*MASS INTENTIONS—ST. JOHN Oct. 2-10, 2010

Sat. 10/02	5:30 PM	Benny Ficarro (Mary Ficarro)
Sun 10/03	8:30 AM	Cardinal John O'Connor (St. John's Pro Life)
Mon 10/04	8:30 AM	Mark J. & Louis C. Stella (The Family)
Tues. 10/05	8:30 AM	Luciana, Parks & Euli Families (Joanne McIntyre)
Wed. 10/06		NO MASS
Thur 10/07	8:30 AM	Annette & Kenneth Ivey (The Family)
Fri 10/08	8:30 AM	Virginia Evans (St. John Altar & Rosary)
Sat 10/02	5:30 PM	All Parishioners
Sun. 10/03	8:30 AM	John Callahan (Carl & Darlene Drechsler)

MASS INTENTIONS—ST. LAWRENCE Oct. 2-10, 2010

Sat. Oct. 02	4:15 PM	Confession
Sat. Oct. 02	5:00 PM	John W. Salinkas req. by wife Cheryl and Family
Sun Oct. 03	9:30 AM	For our parish community
Mon Oct. 04	7:00 PM	Joey Franks req. by Irene McCarthy and family
Tues. Oct. 05	7:00 PM	Adoration & Evening Prayer (No Mass)
Wed Oct. 06	8:00 AM	Thomas Maholick req. by his parents
Thur. Oct. 07		NO MASS
Fri. Oct. 08	7:00 PM	Joey Franks req. by Joe Persons
Sat. Oct. 09	4:15 PM	Confession
Sat. Oct. 09	5:00 PM	Rex and Rita Jacques req. by Dick and Nancy Pelicci
Sun. Oct. 10	9:30 AM	For our parish community

MASS INTENTIONS—ST. MARTIN Oct. 2-10, 2010

Sat. 10/02	4:00 PM	All Parishioners
Sun 10/03	11:00 AM	Martin Sr, Helen & Martin, Jr. Petroski (Dennis & Flo Downton)
Mon 10/04		NO MASS
Tues. 10/05	8:00 AM	Rev. Donald Knamburgh (Al & Alberta Green)
Wed. 10/06	8:00 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thurs. 10/07	8:00 AM	Helen Marichak (Estate)
Fri 10/08		NO MASS
Sat 10/09	4:00 PM	All Parishioners
Sun. 10/10	11:00 AM	Richard & Matthew Gralewski (Margaret 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



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.

Come Pray the Rosary with our children Our CCD children will be praying the rosary **THIS Sunday** at 10:15 A.M. right after mass at St. Lawrence. All are welcomed and encouraged to come.

Altar Flowers: The flowers that decorate our altar are in memory of John McCarthy by his wife, Irene.

September Raffle Tickets: The Sept. Fund Raiser Raffle Tickets are **due back by THIS WEEKEND!!!** PLEASE take a *chance* to win some great prizes! The drawing will be held at the Oct. 16th at our Halupki Dinner. Don't wait any longer!!!!

Our Lady of the Rosary:

Come pray the Rosary outside with Fr. Alphonse on **Oct. 7th at 6:00 P.M.** at St. Lawrence.

Mark Your Calendar

St. Lawrence will hold their **3rd Annual Halupki Dinner**

Saturday, October 16th. If anyone is interested in helping in any way, PLEASE call **Barb at 879-4333 or Lorraine at 465-3393.**

Wanted: The Trinity Center is in need of a stand mixer. If anyone has one they don't use and would like to donate it to a great cause, just drop it off at the rectory. The ladies who work so hard making our fund raising dinners would greatly appreciate it.

Knights of Columbus: The Knights will be outside of our church this weekend handing out ligature to help recruit new members .

**Sanctuary Candle
Burns in memory of
John Olsa
by his daughter Anna Forsyth**

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

Young Adults Mass and Halloween Party:

Oct. 23rd at St. Martins. Our children can come to mass in costume and go to the joint Halloween party. Please come out and support our CCD program. It's important to keep the program and special events alive.

St. Lawrence Church Greeters

Oct. 9 Ann Rudick Oct. 16 Sheila Guinan Oct. 23 Lorraine James
Oct. 10 Barb McGoldrick Oct. 17 Mark Kotar Oct. 24 Cheryl Salinkas

MINISTRIES—ST. LAWRENCE

"A Disciple's Response of Time and Talent"

Sat. Oct. 9th, 5:00 PM

Sun. Oct. 10th, 9:30 AM

C. Lake & A. Button (Altar Servers) M. & E. Mangel (Altar Servers)
F. O'Connor (Eucharistic Min.) R. & D. Maida (Eucharistic Minister)
A. Kerr (Lector) D. Maida (Lector)

***STEWARDSHIP— ST. LAWRENCE**

Sat./Sun. September 25-26, 2010

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,932.00
Loose	97.00
Candle	18.00
Fuel	57.00
Care & Education of Priests	20.00
Insurance	218.00
Total:	\$2,342.00

****St. Lawrence Church Needs Lectors AND Altar Servers**** PLEASE consider serving **your** church.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Grand Knight- Glenn Shreffler, Great Bend Council #356

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

* PARISH CLUSTER NEWS

2nd Collection for Education and Care of Priests—
this weekend, Oct. 2-3rd

There will be a **Live Rosary** after this Sunday Masses at all 3 churches, October 3rd.

RCIA Meeting @ St. John's parish hall, Monday, October 4th, 7:00pm

St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day Blessing of Animals, Monday, October 4th, 4:30pm at St. John's church grounds.

VIRTUS Training—Thursday, October 7 at St. the Evangelist Parish Hall, **6:30pm-9:30pm.** The VIRTUS Program is a mandatory three-hour training session for all employees and adult volunteers who work with children throughout the Diocese of Scranton. All employees and adult volunteers who work with children are required to attend a training session. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend. **Please call 570-853-4634 to register.**

Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting, Friday, October 8th, 7:00pm at the Holy Name of Mary Parish Center in Montrose.

TV Needed at St. John's Hall: We are in need of a newer model 25", 30", or 36" color TV, to be used for CCD and meetings. The TV has to have " **video & audio line in connections**". If you have one and would like to donate it, please call the rectory. Thank you.

Great Bend Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner, Saturday, October 9th, 4-7pm. \$7.00 per person, \$3.00 ages 6-13, under 5 yrs free. Takeouts available. All are Welcome

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St. Lawrence 3rd Annual Halupki Dinner **Saturday, October 16th.** Price for the Halupki dinner is \$ 8.00, take outs will be available @ 4:00pm and sit down will be 5:00 to 7:00pm.

Joint Confirmation Class—Monday, October 18th, 6:30pm at St. Lawrence hall.

St. John's Men's Club Rigatoni and Meatball Dinner, Saturday, October 23rd, 4:00-7:00pm in St. John's Parish Hall. Take Out is Available.

Our Holy Name of Mary Church, Montrose, is having their **Harvest Moon Festival** Columbus Day Weekend, October 9th & 10th, Noon to 9:00pm. All kinds of ethnic food, bake sale, games for children & adults, music & entertainment, theme baskets, and much more.

Susquehanna County Literacy Program presents a workshop, *"Living with PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder)*, Saturday, October 16th, 9am-1pm, at the National Guard Readiness Center, Rt. 492, New Milford. Call 465-2880 for more information.

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

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| Sep 27-Oct 3 | Diapers, baby food, juice |
| Oct. 4-Oct 10 | Canned meat, tuna |
| Oct. 11-Oct 17 | Peanut butter, jelly |
| Oct. 18-Oct 24 | Cereal, juice |
| Oct. 25-Oct 31 | Canned pie fruit, pie crust |

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 | Nick Tokos |

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

PARISHES' CALENDAR

Sat/Sun	10/2/3	Care & Education of Priests 2nd collection
Sun.	10/3	Live Rosary after Sunday Masses at all churches
Mon.	10/4	St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day Blessing of Animals, 4:30pm in St. John's parking lot. RCIA Meeting @ St. John's hall, 7:00pm St. John's Men's Club meeting, 7:00pm
Tues.	10/5	St. Martin's Choir practice, 7:00pm
Wed.	10/6	Rosary recitation @ St. Lawrence, 6:00pm
Thurs.	10/7	VIRTUS Training, 6:30pm @ St. John's parish hall
Fri.	10/8	Knights of Columbus 4th Degree (BHA) Meeting, 7:00pm @ Holy Name of Mary parish hall, Montrose
Sat.	10/9	Knights of Columbus #356 Spaghetti Dinner, 4-7pm
Sun.	10/10	No CCD classes, Columbus Day weekend
Mon.	10/11	2nd grade Retreat to St. Gabriel's, 9:00am St. John's Altar & Rosary Meeting, 6:30pm, church hall
Sat.	10/16	Public Square Rosary Crusade, 12:00 Noon, Schneider's Plaza St. Lawrence Halupki Dinner, 5:00-7:00pm
Sun..	10/17	Joint Catholic Heritage celebration, Sunday, 1:00pm @ St. John's. Light refreshments will be available.
Mon.	10/18	Joint Confirmation Class @ St. Lawrence, 6:30pm Rite of Enrollment.
Tues.	10/19	RCIA Meeting, 7:00pm @ St. John's parish hall
Wed.	10/20	SNF Mass at Barnes Kasson, 2:00pm Joint Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 @ St. John's Hall
Thurs.	10/21	Charismatic Mass, 7:00pm @ St. Martin, Jackson
Sat.	10/23	St. John's Men's Club Rigatoni Dinner, 4-7pm, Parish Hall Joint Children's Mass, 4:00pm, @ St. Martin followed by a Halloween Party in the church hall

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