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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

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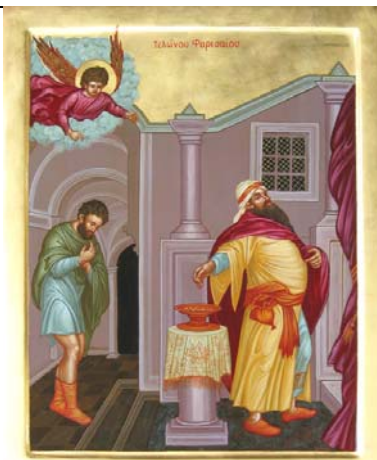
**St. Lawrence Rectory: 267-1366**



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

**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
World Mission Sunday**

**October 24th, 2010**



By Baptism, all Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church, called to share their faith as missionaries. *World Mission Sunday* gathers support for the pastoral and evangelizing programs and needs of more than eleven hundred mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the Pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith—a Pontifical Mission Society.



**Second Reading:** Paul attests to the saving presence of God that has enabled him to pour out his life in the service of the Lord and so to receive a crown of glory. Even though he desires to know the support and companionship of fellow believers in times of trial, the absence of their support will not weaken his faith in the Lord who accompanies and sustains him in every trial.

**St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles**

Thursday, October 28

St. Simon is also referred to as the Zealot, and there is little record of him apart from the lists of apostles in the Gospel. He is depicted with a saw, which is thought to have been the instrument of his martyrdom.

Armenian Christians hold fast to the tradition that it was St. Jude who first evangelized them, bearing with him an image of the face of Jesus. St. Simon and Jude share a feast day because of a tradition that they evangelized as a team.

**Gospel:** Both the Pharisees and the tax collectors in Jesus' parable are portrayed as honest men of prayer. Each express to God the truth of his heart; yet only the heart of the tax collector is fertile ground for right relationship with God. For only his heart is formed with the hospitality that honors that God's virtue is expressed in mercy for those whose holiness will ever approach his own.

**First Reading:** God's fervor is not won by the economic or social status of a petitioner, but by the virtuous person who humbly seeks God with his whole heart. This teaching shatters the equation of wealth with divine favor and challenges each of us to look beyond externals to the virtue that lives in the heart of a person and finds expression in petition directed to God, the source and fulfillment of our hope.

*Weekend Masses*

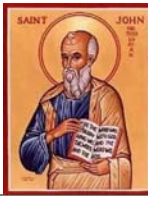
	<u>St. John</u>	<u>St. Lawrence</u>	<u>St. Martin</u>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>

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Pregnancy Counseling 1-800-550-4900

# \*ST. JOHN

## THE EVANGELIST



**St. John's Rigatoni and Meatball Dinner, this Saturday, October 23rd, 4:00-7:00pm.** \$8 Adult, \$4 Children. Take Out is Available. Call 853-4787

**St. John's Pro-Life Committee** will be sponsoring a **\$1,000 Scholarship Award** to a graduate, he/she must be an active member of St. John's Church, attends Mass weekly, has received the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation.

Must be used for continuing education. An essay stating your beliefs on Pro-Life must accompany the application.

Applications may be picked up at the St. John's Rectory (M, Tues, Thur.) or at the guidance office of Susquehanna Community High School.

**Finance Council Meeting**—Wed., November 3rd, 7:00pm

**Altar & Rosary Meeting,** Monday, November 8, 6:30pm

**The Legion of Mary** 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. 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. 30th 5:30 PM**

Miranda Romanofski, Nicole Barnes, Brandon Gow (Altar Servers)  
 Carol Barnes, Mike DeWitt, George Napolitano (Eucharistic Min.)  
 Mary Mazikewicz (Lector)  
 Marti Stanford (Cantor)

#### **Sun. Oct. 31st, 8:30 AM**

Matt Kane, Michael Armitage, Mary C. Walker (Altar Servers)  
 Joe Schell, Joe King, Bob Burns (Eucharistic Min.)  
 Linda Norris (Lector)  
 Jeffrey Keyes (Cantor)

### **\*STEWARDSHIP—ST. JOHN'S**

#### **Sat./Sun. October 16-17, 2010**

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,962.00
Loose	238.00
Candles	37.00
Church Dues	9.00
Diocesan Charity	23.00
World Missions	15.00
Improvements	14.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,298.00</b>

# \*ST. MARTIN

## OF TOURS



**Our Christian Women's Meeting has been re-scheduled for this Tuesday, Oct. 26th, 7:00pm.**

**St. Martin Finance Council Meeting**—Wednesday, November 3rd, 5:00pm

**We Need Your Help**--Would you like to help with our next fundraiser? Our second annual Holiday Bingo will be on Sunday, November 14th from 1 to 5 PM. To plan properly for success of this event, we need the following:

\*Crockpots of soup for our "Souper Bowl" bar — call JoAnn 727-3441

\*Pies and Cakes—call JoAnn at 727-3441

\*Donations of new items for Door Prizes call Chris at 756-2887

\*Monetary donations to defer the price of prizes—Please put in collection basket, marked "**Bingo**"

Make plans to join us for an afternoon of great prizes and fun.

**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!

**Choir Rehearsals:** Please add these dates to your calendars. We will be practicing for Feast Day, Bishop's Visit, Christmas, and Night of Music. If you can't attend rehearsals, please call or text Sue's cell phone: 607-427-7066. Thanks!

Wednesday, October 20 and 27, 7pm

Tuesday, Nov. 2 after the 7pm Mass for All Souls Day

Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 7pm (We have an Implementation Team meeting on that Wednesday)

Wednesday, November 17th at 7pm

December: We will rehearse at St. Martin's on Wednesday Dec. 1.

Additional rehearsals will be scheduled for the Bishop at the Combined Choir Director's discretion (Holly Snitzer).

Tuesday, Dec. 7th after the 7pm Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Wednesday, Dec. 15th and Dec. 22nd at 7pm

We may need additional rehearsals for the Night of Music

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

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

### **Church Greeters:**

Sat. Oct. 23rd Marilyn Czachor

Sat. Oct.30th Helen Castronova

Sun. Oct. 24th Beatrice Place

Sun. Oct. 31st The Maloney's

### **MINISTRIES—ST. MARTIN'S**

#### **Sat. Oct 30th, 4:00 PM**

RJ & John Klein (Altar Serv) Anja Whitehead, Katherina Kempa (Altar S.)  
 Diane Frye, Miriam Pepe (Euch. Min) Betty Kwader, Alfie Lambert  
 Bonnie Klein (Lector) Katherine Kempa (Euch. Min.)

#### **Sun. Oct. 31st, 11:00AM**

Frank Kwader (Lector)

### **\*STEWARDSHIP—ST. MARTIN'S**

#### **Sat./Sun. October 16-17, 2010**

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,394.75
Loose	244.00
Candles	2.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,640.75</b>

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

# \* PARISHES' MASSES

\*MASS INTENTIONS—ST. JOHN Oct. 23-31, 2010

Sat. 10/23	5:30 PM	Danny Mullen (Lorrie Grande)
Sun 10/24	8:30 AM	For our Parishioners
Mon 10/25		NO MASS
Tues. 10/26	8:30 AM	Special Intention (Anonymous)
Wed. 10/27		NO MASS
Thur 10/28	8:30 AM	Marty Wood (Marge Wood)
Fri 10/29	8:30 AM	Edmond J. Ahearn (Missy & Mike Wayne)
Sat 10/30	5:30 PM	William & Louise Canini (Joe Canini)
Sun. 10/31	8:30 AM	John J. Bosch (Carl & Darlene Drechsler)

MASS INTENTIONS—ST. LAWRENCE Oct. 23-31 2010

Sat. Oct. 23	4:15 PM	Confession
Sat. Oct. 23	5:00 PM	For our parish community
Sun Oct. 24	9:30 AM	Franks/Edgell families req. by Barbara Franks
Mon Oct. 25	7:00 PM	Joey Franks req. by Skip and Maryann Jorgenson
Tues. Oct. 26	7:00 PM	Adoration & Evening Prayer (No Mass)
Wed Oct. 27	8:00 AM	Deceased members of the Reed family req by John and Catherine Battisti
Thur. Oct. 28		NO MASS
Fri. Oct. 29	7:00 PM	Ana Stiles req. by Al & Marcy Maholick
Sat. Oct. 30	4:15 PM	Confession
Sat. Oct. 30	5:00 PM	For our parish community
Sun. Oct. 31	9:30 AM	Louise Tessier req. by Shirley DeLucia

MASS INTENTIONS—ST. MARTIN Oct. 23-31, 2010

Sat. 10/23	4:00 PM	All Parishioners
Sun 10/24	11:00 AM	Mary Ann & Joseph Farley (The Family)
Mon 10/25		NO MASS
Tues. 10/26	8:00 AM	Dennis & Florence 52nd Anniversary & Family (The Family)
Wed. 10/27	8:00 AM	James Fowler (Al & Alberta Green & Family)
Thurs. 10/28	8:00 AM	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
Fri 10/29		NO MASS
Sat 10/30	4:00 PM	Ethel & Joe Gallagher (Miriam & Russ Pepe)
Sun. 10/31	11:00 AM	For our 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.

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy:** Every Wednesday at 3:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. we will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at St. Lawrence church. There will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers and veneration of the relic of St. Faustina. Please join us. Anyone who would like a home visit to pray the Chaplet **please** contact Irene Belcher at 570-434-3660.

**Sunday Morning Social:** 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 for coffee and good company.

**Altar Flowers:** The flowers that decorate the altar at St. Lawrence are for **Anna Stiles** by Terry and Paulette Rafferty.

**Best Wishes....** To **Jenny and Gene Paumgardhen** as they move to North Carolina. May God's blessings and the love of each of us be with you always. You will be missed.

**2nd Annual Rummage Sale:** Going south for the winter? Before you leave you can bring your "rummage" goods to the Trinity Center before each mass or leave it in the enclosed porch of the rectory. This is our Feb. fund raiser. **PLEASE..NO CLOTHES!!!**

**September Raffle:** Easter Wreath: Diane Shreffler, Xmas Basket: Evelyn Woolbaugh, 1 night Holiday Inn: Angie Conarton, \$15.00 Tedeschi's: D> Maida and the Creative Cuts: June Sienko. THANK YOU all for taking a "chance".

**Halupki Dinner:** Thank you to all who came out and supported this dinner by purchasing tickets, preparing food, and just volunteering your time. It is greatly appreciated. \$ 1,100.00 was made!!!!!!

**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

Oct. 30 D. Maida Nov. 6 Dixie Russell Nov. 13 K. Ragard  
Oct. 31 Marylou Rood Nov. 7 Margaret Smith & Nov. 14 J.& M. Riecke  
Maryann Jorgenson

## MINISTRIES—ST. LAWRENCE

"A Disciple's Response of Time and Talent"

**Sat. Oct. 30th, 5:00 PM**

D. Maida (Altar Serv)  
F. O'Connor (Eucharistic Min.)  
I. McCarthy (Lector)

**Sun. Oct. 31st, 9:30 AM**

M. & E. Mangel (Altar Servers)  
A. Maholick (Eucharistic Minister)  
M. Maholick (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

**\*\*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. October 16-17, 2010**

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,562.00
Loose	311.00
Candle	17.00
Fuel	303.00
Maintenance	25.00
Insurance	10.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,228.00</b>

# \* PARISH CLUSTER NEWS

**World Mission Sunday**—2nd collection this weekend, October 23 & 24th will be for the **World Missions**. World Missions provides an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the suffering and the poor in more than 1150 mission dioceses throughout the Developing World.

**Mass Attendance Survey**—The Diocese of Scranton is conducting a Mass Attendance Survey during the month of October. We will take a survey (count) of mass attendance at weekend Masses in October. Please make sure you are here to be counted.

**2010 Diocesan Annual Appeal**  
Next weekend is commitment weekend for this year's annual appeal. Each of us will be provided the opportunity to make our pledge to help the thousands of people who directly benefit from our caring support. We will be providing you additional information on how your gift works in the community.

**RCIA Meeting**, Monday, October 25, 7:00pm in St. John's parish hall.

**The Legion of Mary** 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.

**Joint Religious Education Young People's Mass and Halloween Party**—there will be a young people's Mass and Halloween Party hosted by the religious education program of St. John, St. Lawrence, and St. Martin parishes. The Mass and party will be at **St. Martin's on Saturday, October 23rd starting with Mass at 4:00pm**. The Halloween party will start after Mass. Children can come to Mass dressed in their Halloween costume.. The students and their families and friends are invited to come. Please bring a bag of candy to share.

**St. John's Rigatoni and Meatball Dinner**, this Saturday, October 23rd, 4:00-7:00pm. \$8 Adult, \$4 Children. Take Out is Available. Call 853-4787

**All Saints Day**, Nov. 1st will not be a 'holy day of obligation this year.

**All Souls Day** Mass Schedule:

All Souls Vigil	Monday, Nov 1	7:00pm	St. Lawrence
All Souls Day	Tues., Nov. 2	8:30am	St. John
		7:00pm	St. Martin

**Joint Finance Council Reception**, Tuesday, November 9th @ St. John's Parish Hall, 7:00pm

**Implementation Team Meeting**—Wednesday, November 10, 6:30pm at St. John's Parish hall

**Hospice of the Sacred Heart Open House**, Wednesday, November 3rd, 6 Locust St. Montrose. Refreshments will be served from 12:00 to 4:00pm. Please RSVP by calling 800.657.6405.

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

Oct. 11-Oct 17	Peanut butter, jelly
Oct. 18-Oct 24	Cereal, juice
Oct. 25-Oct 31	Canned pie fruit, pie crust
Nov. 1-Nov. 7	Canned fruit, vegetables
Nov. 8-Nov.14	Stuffing, cake mixes, frosting
Nov. 15-Nov 21	Mac & cheese, soup

## 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	Nick Tokos

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

## PARISHES' CALENDAR

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
Mon.	10/25	RCIA Meeting @ St. John's hall, 7:00pm
Mon.	11/01	All Souls Day Vigil Mass @ St. Lawrence, 7:00pm
Tues.	11/02	All Souls Day Masses, 8:30am @ St. John, 7:00pm @ St. Martin of Tours Election Day— all day
Wed.	11/03	St. Martin's Finance Council meeting, 5:00pm St. John's Finance Council meeting, 7:00pm
Fri.	11/05	First Friday Mass & Adoration, St. John, 8:30am
Sat.	11/06	First Saturday Mass @ St. John, 8:30am followed by the Fatima Prayer Group rosary.
Sun.	11/07	St. Martin's Feast Day Mass 11am, Pot-Luck dinner afterwards
Mon.	11/08	St. John's Altar & Rosary Meeting, 6:30pm
Tues.	11/09	Joint Finance Council Reception, 7:00pm @ St. John's
Wed.	11/10	Implementation Team Meeting, 6:30pm @ St. John's parish hall
Sun.	11/14	St. Martin's Holiday Bingo and Basket raffle, 1-5pm
Thurs.	11/25	Thanksgiving Day Masses: 8:30am @ St. Lawrence, 9:30am @ St. John, 10:30am @ St. Martin

**Lectors, Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers.** If you are unable to serve on your assisted date and time, please call a substitute. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of your liturgy or the sacristan will assign a substitute alter servers, minister, or lector. Once a substitute is assigned, the substitute will serve, to avoid disruptions and confusion prior to the start of Mass.

**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