

**Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 4, 2018**

You shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. *Deuteronomy 6:5*



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

Joint Parish Office located at:

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**JOINT Website: [www.saintslawrencemartinjohn.com](http://www.saintslawrencemartinjohn.com)**

**Emergency Phone Number at St. Lawrence Rectory: 570-267-1366 or Fr. Dave at 570-604-0819**

**BAPTISM:** The Church, as a norm, celebrates baptism on Sunday, the Lord's Day. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** We always welcome new members to our parishes. Registration is important so that we may serve your spiritual needs. Call the office to register. You must be registered to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism and Marriage or be granted letters of eligibility for sponsoring a Baptism or Confirmation.

**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.

**PENANCE:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturday at St. John's after Mass, St. Lawrence at 4:15PM, and at 3:15 to 3:45PM at St. Martin's. Individual Confessions can also be arranged at another time by calling the parish office for an appointment.

**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 parish are available to bring communion to the sick and the homebound each Sunday.

**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.

**CHURCH NEWS DEADLINE:** Information for our weekly bulletin, inserts, and church announcements should be submitted to the parish office by **TUESDAY 11:00 AM**. If you or your organization has an announcement or prayer request to be read by the lector at mass, please have it to the parish office by our Tuesday deadline as well.

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**Joint Mission Statement**

We, the Roman Catholic Parishes of St. John the Evangelist, St. Lawrence and St. Martin of Tours, are committed to enriching our faith in Jesus Christ and our Catholic heritage through prayer, the celebration of the Sacraments, and devotion to the Eucharist. We joyfully proclaim the Gospel to all through word and deed and encourage our faith community to share God's gifts by serving others in works of hospitality and love.

Rev. David Cramer, Pastor  
Deacon Ron Maida  
Mrs. Vickie Mulligan, Pastoral Associate/Joint DRE  
Mrs. Judi Salinkas, Joint Secretary

**Bible Study:** Friday evenings at 7PM, in the St. Lawrence Trinity Center.

**Divine Mercy Service** Is postponed until further notice.

**Email Prayer Chain,** please send us your email! This prayer chain is not replacing the phone chain, it's just getting the prayers said to more people! jointoffice3@gmail.com

**Eucharistic Devotions:** Are held at St. John's on Sunday evenings at 6:00PM. All are welcomed.

**Grief Support Group:** Call the parish office for more information.

**Holy Hour:** Will be held after the Thursday morning Mass at St. Martin's. The hour will include the Mass and 30 minutes of private adoration. At 8:45 the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be recited.

**Nigerian Mission Collection:** Will take place on the 3rd weekend of each month.

**Novena at St. Lawrence:** Every Monday evening at St. Lawrence there will be a Novena and Adoration after the 7:00PM Mass.

**Patriotic Rosary** is said at St. John's Chapel every Thursday at Noon. All welcome to join us.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** If you know of anyone who is in need of one of these special lap shawls/quilts please call Toni Romanofski @ 853-4715 (St. John's), RoseMary Cosentino @ 756-2557 (St. Martin's) and Cheryl Tomeo: @ 879-4364 (St. Lawrence) or call the parish office at 853-4634. **Next meeting** is November 8th, 2018. We have given out over **250** quilts/shawls. We make these for our joint baptisms as well! Quilters and knitters always needed.

**Pro-Life Ministry:** Call parish office for more information.

**Special Novena:** On Thursday mornings at the 8:00 AM Mass at St. Martin of Tours there is a special novena after Mass to St. Peregrine, patron saint of cancer victims and those suffering from serious illness. There is a prayer box by St. Peregrine's statue where you can enter the name of a suffering loved one or yourself to be remembered. The box is emptied January 1st and July 1st. You are welcome to reenter names for those still suffering. Anyone in need of the Sacrament of anointing can receive the anointing that evening by calling the rectory at 570 853-4634.

**THE GREATEST NEED**

The world's greatest need is not more Christians but more Christians who practice their Christianity.

# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

## Food Bank Collections (Susq. Food Pantry)

Items may be left in the vestibule. All monetary gifts may be placed in an envelope marked "FOOD BANK" (cash only) and dropped in the collection. Canned veggies, soup & cereal.

We are still collecting rosaries for our troops. Please place them in the back of church.

**Need a lift to Church?** St. John's has a transportation Committee to help out parishioners who need a ride to church. Call JoAnn Barnes at 570-647-0833.

The **SANCTUARY LIGHT** burns for all the unborn.



**American Girl BINGO:** Saturday, November 10th at St. John's Hall.

**Blood Drive:** St. John's Hall on November 15th 12:30-5:30PM



Pack 81 cub scouts will be holding there scouting for food collection on Sunday, November 11th, in the town of Susquehanna. Please put non perishable food items in a bag by and leave it at your front door, either Saturday night or early Sunday morning. *Thank you.*

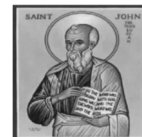
## GOD'S LAWS

God's laws are not intended to burden or torment us. Instead they are guideposts that point us in the direction of good living. Accordingly, good living requires loving God and loving one another. We should not follow God's laws out of fear of what might happen if we don't, but rather view them as a foundation for building relationships and trust with one another and with God.

The *Shema* prayer of Orthodox Jews is based on the reading from Deuteronomy today, "Hear, O Israel." Every morning people recite the prayer as a profession of their love for God and pledge their obedience to God throughout the day. They pass on their love of God to their children, from one generation to the next.

**"Individual commitment to a group effort-- that is what makes a team work, a company work, a church work, a society work, a civilization work." ..**

15 E. Church St.  
Susquehanna, PA 18847



## Stewardship—St. John's

October 27th & 28th 2018  
Offering Env: 2,182.00 Loose: 78.00 World Mission: 206.00  
Care & Edu: 2.00. **Total: 2,468.00**  
3 families used WeShare.

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## Ministries—St. John

**Saturday, Nov. 10, 2018 5:30PM**

A. Nieradka, K. Snyder (Servers)  
S. Decker (Lector) (EM) M. Snyder, C. Walker,  
C. Barnes

**Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018 8:30PM**

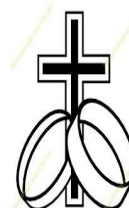
J. Burke (Servers)  
(Lector) K. Hilling (EM) L. Norris, B. Wolf, B. Burns

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check it out and don't forget to "Like & Share"

CCD has begun. Be cautious behind the wheel and watch for our children.



*Congratulations to  
Ambrose Mulligan &  
Autumn Whitehead  
on their wedding last Saturday*



**IHM Silver Circle:** For \$ 25.00 you can participate in 324 drawings from Oct. 2018 to June, 2019, in which the lowest prize is \$ 50.00. There is also a \$ 1,000.00 prize drawing. In addition, Silver Circle members share in the daily prayers and works of the Sisters of IHM, Scranton, Pa. and are remembered in a monthly Mass for benefactors. All proceeds from Silver Circle Program benefit the IHM Retirement Fund. For an application and or additional information, please contact:  
Sr. M. Rosella Salvato, IHM St. Clare Convent  
2201 N. Washington Ave. Scranton, Pa. 18509  
phone # 570-346-3359

# ST. LAWRENCE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

380 FRANKLIN STREET GREAT BEND, PA. 18821



We at St. Lawrence ask you to PLEASE pray for those who have been placed on our prayer chain:

*Jerry Stahl, Lorraine Smith, Karen Hartt, Cathy Johnson, Barry Corrigan Jr. J. Gill, Bernard Kovitch, Kathy Roe, Jeannie Grassman, Cheryl Butchta, Jim Malonis, John Vasina.*

*\*\* when adding a person to the prayer list, **PLEASE** let us know when we should remove their name.*

**Food Pantry:** You can leave non perishable food items in the cry room for the Great Bend Food Pantry. All items are needed and greatly appreciated.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Will be on Friday evenings at 7PM in the St. Lawrence Trinity. All Welcome and encouraged to come.

St. Lawrence is looking for someone to take over the job of caring for our church linens. This is changing/washing the altar linens \*\*Paulette will be leaving before the snow arrives so please consider stepping up so she can show you a few things.

Call the parish office if interested. SOON!  
If interested call the parish office at 570-853-4634 or see Paulette.

## Harvesting Our Blessings Food Drive

To benefit the Great Bend Methodist Food Pantry. All Food STAYS LOCAL. Items needed are..pasta & sauce, peanut butter and jelly, canned fruits & vegetables, toilet paper and cleaning supplies. And of course, cash donations can be dropped into collection basket marked "Judi"



**No Saint Left Behind** After this I had a vision of a great multitude...from every nation, race, people, & tongue. Revelation 7.9

Flanked by Halloween, giddy and often obscene, and All Souls' Day, fantasized in the 2017 animated movie *Coco*, the sober feast of All Saints threatens to disappear. But for the Church, it's the centerpiece of the triptych. All Saints Day is a paschal feast. Having washed their robes in blood of the Lamb, the saints are safe at home! In Honduras, the novenario-nine days of prayer-marks the transition for a family from their loved one's death to a vision of their mansion in heaven. In praying the novena, family members are also interceding, praying for the repose of the soul of their loved one. They are demonstrating their faith in a loving God, knowing that their prayers will help their loved one. Recently, when my adopted son Chemo's grandma Natalia, died suddenly, we needed every one of those nine days to free us from her death's hard blow, to turn our tears to grace. "Santa Natalia (third century martyr of Nicomedia), pray for us!"

## Stewardship- St. Lawrence

October 27th & 28th, 2018

Offering Env: 1,373.00 Loose: 212.00 Maint: 12.00 Fuel: 40.00 Insurance: 150.00 World Mission: 132.00  
**Total: \$ 1,93.00** 0 families used WeShare.

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## MINISTERIES-ST. LAWRENCE

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

**Saturday Nov. 10, 2018 5:00PM**

I. McCarthy (lector) R. & K. Ragard (EM)

**Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018 8:00AM**

K. Mead (lector) R. & D. Maida (EM)

**Greeters: 11/3:** C. Oliver **11/4:** B. McKetta **11/10:** D. Vogel  
**11/11:** C. Salinkas.

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**Giving Tree :** It's that time of year to start preparing for our churches Giving Tree. If you know of a family in need we would like to know before Nov. 17th. (The trees go up on the 17th) Contact Stephanie Roe at 607-232-4456.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** St. Lawrence Trinity Center on Thursday, November 15th 10:30-2:30PM.



**Benefit for Cheryl Buchta:** Nov. 17th 5-8PM at the American Legion Post 357 Hallstead, Pa. Cheryl has spent the vast majority of her life helping others as a fellow Volunteer EMT on the Great Bend Hallstead Ambulance. Cheryl has small cell lung cancer.

Knights of Columbus # 356-Great Bend  
**Spaghetti & Homemade Meatball Dinner**  
Saturday, Nov. 10th, 2018 4PM-7PM in the K of C Hall, Great Bend. Adults \$ 10.00, Children 6-12 \$ 5.00 & 5 & under free. Includes salad, dessert and bev. Take out available

# ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

State Rts. 92 & 492



## St. Martin of Tours Mission Statement

United with the Holy Father, our Bishop, and our Pastor, we, the parish community of St. Martin of Tours, bring the Word of God alive through our Eucharistic celebrations and Works of Charity.



The **SANCTUARY LIGHT** burns for all the unborn.

The St. Peregrine prayer box: If you have a loved one who remains in need of prayer you are welcome to put your request in the prayer box.

**PLEASE JOIN US:** Each First Saturday Mass at 8:00AM at St. Martin of Tours.

First Saturdays in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary include the following elements, performed with the intention of reparation for blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart, for at least five consecutive months: Confession (Father will be available) Holy Communion received on the first Saturday of each month; the Holy Rosary, five decades recited sometime during the day; meditating for 15 minutes on the Mysteries of the Rosary.

St. Martin's of Tours will be making our annual "Hospitality Baskets and Flower" visits. We are looking for those in our parish and community who are need of a flower, fruit basket, or visit before the holiday season. You can submit the name of a person or family that might fit this situation. Dead line for names is November 18. Preparation date will be Saturday Dec. 1st. Please submit the names to Betsy 756-2586 e-mail [grannybets68@yahoo.com](mailto:grannybets68@yahoo.com) or Martina 756-2879 e-mail [Martin@nep.net](mailto:Martin@nep.net) We will also accept monetary donations to defray costs. Checks may be made to St. Martin's Women Society. Call if you have a question.

## **PRAY FOR THE DEAD**

Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and offer our prayers for them.

*Encourage, lift and strengthen one another. For the positive energy spread to one will be felt by us all. For we are connected, one and all.*

## STEWARDSHIP ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

October 27th & 28th, 2018

Sunday Offering: \$ 1,261.00 Loose: 44.00 All Saints: 5.00 **Total: \$ 1,310.00** 1 family used WeShare.

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*Time, Talent & Treasure: Think of giving not as a duty but as a privilege.*

## MINISTERIES-ST. MARTIN'S

**Saturday, Nov. 10, 2018 4:00PM**

M. Fallon (Lector) M. Pepe (EM)

**Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018 11:00AM**

G. Whitehead (server) Childrens Mass (Lector)

B. Kwader, B. Supancik, K. Kempa (EM)

St. Martin of Tours has an **Emergency Prayer Request** team that is ready to pray for the needs of her parishioners. Prayer requests can be made to Annette Corrigan at [corrigan@echoes.net](mailto:corrigan@echoes.net) 570 280-2264 or Betsy Supancik at [grannybets68@yahoo.com](mailto:grannybets68@yahoo.com) 570 756-2586.

**Holy Hour:** will be held after the Thursday morning Mass. The hour will include the Mass and 30 minutes of private adoration. At 8:45 the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be recited.

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**Our Rosary Garden** The prayerful can walk along the stepping stones to recite the Rosary for anyone in the need of healing or special intentions. It may be found in the front yard facing the statue of Our Lady of Fatima.

# PARISH CLUSTER NEWS

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** The next meeting is November 8th, 2018 in St. John's Parish Hall. All welcome to come!!! Baptism blankets/quilts as well as regular sizes and colors are appreciated. We have given away over 200!

If you cannot serve on your scheduled mass, please do your best to find a substitute. If you are a server, lector or EM, at one of our other two churches, please don't hesitate to help. After all, we are all *One Body of Christ*.

St. John's ~ St. Lawrence ~ St. Martin's  
**EACH** need of a person to shovel sidewalks this winter. This is for morning and weekend masses. PLEASE call the parish office ASAP is interested.



If you or a loved one are in the hospital or you are unable to attend Mass due to advanced age or sickness/disability and would like a home visit, please call the parish office at 853-4634. Fr. Dave is more than happy to pay you a visit!

**HEALING MASS:** Will be held at St. Martin of Tours on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 7:00PM.



**Coat Drive** Drop off GENTLY used coats in the blue barrel at each church.

**2018 Feed A Friend:** Susq. County Trehab, WNEP 16 and Susq. County Churches are teaming up for Thanksgiving Dessert. They are asking for canned pie filling, box pie crust, box cake mixes & prepared canned frostings. If you know of anyone in need of a Thanksgiving Basket contact the Trehab's Station House at 570-853-1109

\*\* The Barrels at St. Lawrence are for the Great Bend Food Bank ONLY.

<b>Sat. Nov. 3</b> St. Martin's	8:00AM	Dec'd members of our parish community Elaine Hobart req. by Frank and Betty Kwader Frank and Barbara McKetta req. by Barbara McKetta William and Louise Canini req. by Joe Canini
St. Martin's	4:00PM	
St. Lawrence	5:00PM	
St. John's	5:30PM	
<b>Sun. Nov. 4</b> St. Lawrence	8:00AM	Ernest Megali req. by Irene McCarthy Romolo Radicchi req. by his family Isabelle Plonski req. by Christine and Ilhan Sezer
St. John	8:30AM	
St. Martin's	11:00AM	
<b>Mon. Nov. 5</b> St. Lawrence	7:00PM	In Thanksgiving for prayers answered req. by Liz Landes
<b>Tues. Nov. 6</b> St. John's	8:00AM	Rev. Thomas Crowley req. by Mr. and Mrs. Clay Weaver
<b>Wed. Nov. 7</b> St. Lawrence	8:00AM	Catherine Battisti req. by Mr. and Mrs. Robert McNamara Jr.
<b>Thurs. Nov. 8</b> St. Martin's	8:00AM	William Puntar req. by Frank and Betty Kwader
<b>Fri. Nov. 9</b> St. John's	8:00AM	Victoria Space req. by the Mulligan family
<b>Sat. Nov. 10</b> St. Martin's St. Lawrence	4:00PM 5:00PM	Richard Fries req. by his family Frank and Alice Knapp req. by Barbara McKetta Roberta Robinson req. by Deb Zayas and Roy Williams
St. John's	5:30PM	
<b>Sun. Nov. 11</b> St. Lawrence	8:00AM	Thomas Maholick req. by his parents Deceased members of the Steigert family Terry Rafferty req. by Mr. and Mrs. Robert McNamara Jr.
St. John's	8:30AM	
St. Martin's	11:00AM	

**Confession:**

St. John: Saturday's after Mass  
 St. Lawrence: Saturday's 4:15-4:45PM  
 St. Martin: Saturday's 3:15-3:35PM

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings: Saturday evenings at 7:30PM in St. John's Hall. Call 1-800-640-7545 or TEXT: NEPAIG to # 85100 for more information.

**NO HARSHNESS**

Fight all error, but do it with good humor, patience, kindness, and love. Harshness will damage your own soul and spoil the best cause.

*We cannot accomplish all that we need to do without working together.*