

**Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
November 25, 2018**

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth.— *Revelation 1:5*



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Joint Parish Office located at:

15 E. Church St., Susquehanna, Pa. 18847

Phone Number 570-853-4634 Office Email: jointoffice3@gmail.com

Fax: 570-853-3356. www.saintslawrencemartinjohn.com

JOINT Website: 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 Wednesday's at 3PM at St. Lawrence Church.

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's at 2:30PM. 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 the deceased members of our churches.



We ask for all gifts to be returned by Saturday, December 8th, Evening Mass. The location of the trees will be in the back 3 entrance ways. (Everyone is so generous each year and we are always able to see all the names fulfilled. If all ornaments are taken, and you were not able to

take one and wish to donate, please contact Kim or Jackie, we are given a list and have to estimate numbers each year to make sure all tags are taken, there are several names still left on this list that we can still pull from. Also, if you are a member of a organization/business looking to donate, and not sure where to go, please contact Jackie by phone or email jmgow@hotmail.com and I will assist in coordinating with the supplier of our names).

As always, thank you again for your support!! We wish everyone a happy holiday season.

Kim Marco (570-727-3304) Jackie Gow (570-396-6022)

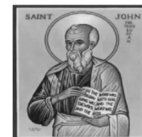
Shoe Boxes Needed: This years Christmas project for CCD family day is a Nativity Box. If anyone has gently used shoe boxes. Please drop them at any church.

As you may know, St. John's started their annual **Fuel Raffle**. This is specifically to help our church with the high cost of heating our big church. It is a church fund raiser and maybe you can be a winner as well! Send in your raffle tickets today!



"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." ..

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Susquehanna, PA 18847



Stewardship—St. John's

November 17th & 18th 2018

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Ministries—St. John

Saturday, Dec. 1st, 2018 5:30PM

A. Nieradka (Servers)

L. Buffington (Lector) (EM) S. Decker, M. Snyder, C. Barnes

Sunday, Dec. 2nd, 2018 8:30PM

J. Paytner (Servers)

(Lector) M. Mazikewicz (EM) J. McNamara, J. Schell, B. Cook

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CCD is every Sunday so PLEASE be cautious behind the wheel and watch for our children.

Breakfast with Santa will be held in the St. John's Hall on Saturday, December 1st. 8AM.



Confession: December 12th from 6-7PM at St. John's

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, Kathy Roe, Cheryl Butchta, Jim Malonis, John Vasina & Eddie Reddon.

*** 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.

Divine Mercy Wednesday's at 3:00PM at St. Lawrence Church during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The service will include hymns, prayers from St. Faustina's diary. Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet, as well as Veneration of the relic of St. Faustina. Please join us.

St. Lawrence is looking for someone to take over the job of caring for our church linens. This is changing/washing the altar linens Call the parish office if interested.

St. Lawrence Church will change it's Sunday Mass time back to 9:30AM starting Sunday, Dec. 2nd.



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"

Calling all angels, donkeys, sheep and of course, Mary and Joseph!

St. Lawrence will be having their annual Children's Mass on Christmas Eve (5PM Mass) Contact Brenda Pruitt or Irene McCarthy. You can also call the parish office at 853-4634.

Stewardship– St. Lawrence

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MINISTERIES—ST. LAWRENCE

"A Disciple's Response of Time and Talent"

Saturday Dec. 1st, 2018 5:00PM

F. O' Connor (lector) S. O'Connor, D. Maida (EM)

Sunday, Dec. 2nd, 2018 8:00AM

K. Mead (lector) A. McLaud (EM)

Greeters: 11/24: B. Vaseleck **11/25:** I. McCarthy

The **SANCTUARY LIGHT** burns for the deceased members of our churches.



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) **ALL** gifts **MUST** be returned by Dec. 9th. Contact Stephanie Roe at 607-232-4456.

Confessions: Wednesday, December 5th 6-7PM at St. Lawrence Church

CHRIST IS KING

On the final Sunday of the liturgical year we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. It's easy to understand today's scriptures as events that happened long ago and far away, or predictions that will come true somewhere, some day. But they invite us to claim Christ as our King here and now. Jesus' words to Pilate in the Gospel remind us that his kingdom transcends time and place. And the prophecies from Daniel and Revelation give us reason to be faithful to Christ our King right here and right now.

By concluding the year with this feast we are proclaiming our faith that Jesus Christ is the one and only King over all seasons, all peoples, and all of creation. No matter what nation we belong to or what language we speak, he "has made us into a kingdom" (Revelation 1:6)—one people united in love and peace for all eternity.

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 the deceased members of our churches.

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 in 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 or Martina 756-2879 e-mail Martina@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.

Giving Tree: We ask for all gifts to be returned by Saturday, December 8th, Evening Mass. (Everyone is so generous each year and we are always able to see all the names fulfilled. If all ornaments are taken, and you were not able to take one and wish to donate, please contact Kim or Jackie, we are given a list and have to estimate numbers each year to make sure all tags are taken, there are several names still left on this list that we can still pull from. Also, if you are a member of a organization/business looking to donate, and not sure where to go, please contact Jackie by phone or email at jmgow@hotmail.com and I will assist in coordinating with the supplier of our names). As always, thank you again for your support!! We wish everyone a happy holiday season.
Kim Marco (570-727-3304) & Jackie Gow (570-396-6022)

Eat and Greet at St. Martin's on Wednesday, November 28th. The theme is "Hidden Treasures of Susq. County" will explore lesser known and unique landmarks in our area. The menu is meatloaf, mashed potatoes, veg. Call 1-800-982-4346 to make your reservation. Call by Nov. 26th.

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

MINISTERIES-ST. MARTIN'S

Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018 4:00PM

M. Fallon (Lector) M. Czachor (EM)

Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018 11:00AM

G. Whitehead (server) A. Dalickas (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 570 280-2264 or Betsy Supancik at 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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Confession: *Wednesday, December 19th 6-7PM at St. Martin of Tours Church.*

PARISH CLUSTER NEWS

Prayer Shawl Ministry: All welcome to come!!! Baptism blankets/quilts as well as regular sizes and colors are appreciated. We have given away over 250!

NEW TIME: **Eucharistic Devotions** are held at St. John's on Sunday's at 2:30PM. All are welcomed.

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*.

HELP NEEDED: 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!

NO 1st Saturday Mass in Dec.

Shoe Boxes Needed: This years Christmas project for CCD family day is a Nativity Box. If anyone has gently used shoe boxes..Please drop them at any church.

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.**

Philadelphia Flower Show: Thursday, March 7th 2019. The theme is Flower Power and how flowers affect peoples lives. Contact Dee Shreffler :570-434-3029, Irene McCarthy:570-789-1837 or Maria Cina 607-242-4239.

St. Lawrence Church will change it's Sunday Mass time back to 9:30AM starting Sunday, Dec. 2nd.



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

Sat. Nov. 24 St. Martin's	4:00PM	Joseph and Mary Ann Farley req. by their family
St. Lawrence	5:00PM	Elizabeth Sobuto req. by her family
St. John'	5:30PM	Deceased members of the Basso and Ahearn families req. by Tom and Anne Dooley
Sun. Nov. 25 St. Lawrence	8:00AM	Darlene McGuane req. by Kirk, Kathleen and Jake Hinkley
St. John	8:30AM	Marie Osterhaut req. by John and Betty Kane
St. Martin's	11:00AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Mon. Nov. 26 St. Lawrence	7:00PM	Catherine Battisti req. by Suzanne Brown
Tues. Nov. 27 St. John's	8:00AM	Marie Osterhout req. by Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kosko
Wed. Nov. 28 St. Lawrence	8:00AM	Al Maholick req. by Bob and Carol McNamara
Thurs. Nov. 29	8:00AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Fri. Nov. 30 St. John's	8:00AM	Catherine Battisti req. by the Kilmer family
Sat. Dec. 1 St. Martin's St. Martin's St. Lawrence	4:00PM 5:00PM 5:30PM	NO 1st Saturday Mass Justin Soden req. by Tom and Anne Dooley Jack Vaseleck req. by his wife Bobbi and family Deceased members of the Dooley and Kerrington families req. by Tom and Anne Dooley
Sun. Dec. 2 St. John's	8:30AM	Mary Ahearn req. by Joe and Linda Schell
St. Lawrence	9:30AM	Stanley Bogusinski req. by Helene Shibley and family
St. Martin's	11:00AM	Robert and Jean Hopkins req. by Barry and Annette Corrigan

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.