

The Epiphany of the Lord January 6, 2019

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

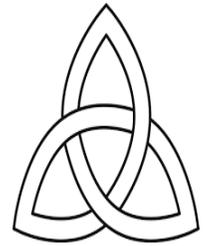


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MOST HOLY TRINITY PARISH

Parish Office located at:
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www.saintslawrencemartinjohn.com

In case emergency call 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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Parish Statement

We, the Most Holy Trinity Parish, 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/ DRE
Mrs. Judi Salinkas, Secretary

Bible Study: Is off for the winter months. We will start up in April.

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 March 7, 2019**. 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 15 E. Church St. Susquehanna, PA 18847



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 our Most Holy Trinity Parish

Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Luke 2:19

We are still in the throes of celebrating the arrival of the Light of the World, our newborn savior, Jesus Christ. But in most of the northern hemisphere, we have more darkness than light at this time of the year. Some become depressed and lethargic and can suffer from seasonal affective disorder (also known as SAD). Solutions often include taking supplements or undergoing light therapy to make up for the diminished sunshine. While this is a very real problem, we can also remind ourselves that we have an eternal source of light therapy within us that doesn't diminish, despite the season or the trials of our lives. Even in the midst of these dark days, our task is to remember that we have that light—and that it is meant to be shared!

Let people see the divine light that shines from within you. Let them know that you know the Light of the World—all year long!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Monday of this week is Christmas Day in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Caesar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called "pontiffs" were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named "The Last Year of Confusion." The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia's Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

Stewardship—St. John's

December 22nd & 23rd 25th & 25th. 2018
Offering: \$ 2,326.00 Loose: 130.00 **Total: \$ 2,456.00.**
Christmas: Offering: \$ 7,583.00 Loose: 336.00
Christmas Total: 7,919.00

IMPORTANT: Online Giving is NO longer available.

As of January 1st, 2019 all checks are made payable to Most Holy Parish

Ministries—St. John

Saturday, Jan. 5, 2018 5:30PM

J. Burke, A. Nieradka (Servers)
K. Matis (Lector) (EM) C. Walker, M. Snyder,
L. Norris

Sunday, Jan. 6, 2018 8:30PM

J. Paynter, L. Hilling (Servers)
G. Chianese (Lector) (EM) B. Burns, C. Barnes, J.
Schell

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

The Susquehanna Community Chorus needs you! Do you like to sing? Do you live in the community or close by? Have you ever wanted to make friends who share the same interest? If you answered yes to these questions, this Chorus is for you. Accompanied by Jeffrey Keyes and directed by Brenda Tiffany, this Chorus will sing a wide variety of Choral works. Practices will begin on Thursday, March 7 at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's Church. The concert will be held on Sunday, May 5 at 3:00 p.m. at the Susquehanna Community High School auditorium. We are very excited to have this group and fill the community with music. However, the existence of the chorus depends on YOU! We need at least 25 singers in order to have a concert. If we do not have enough people, we will not be able to have a concert. Anyone wishing to sing must contact Jeffrey Keyes or Brenda Tiffany via phone or text. You have until the first practice to commit to this group. Join us! You'll be glad you did!

Don't forget the St. John's Lucky Calendar Fundraiser. Calendars are still available at the parish office. \$ 20.00 ea.

"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." ..

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, Nancy Rychlewski, Rita Reavey & Carla Larson.

*** 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: Is *not* scheduled for the winter months. We will resume in April.

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.

Meals on Wheels Drivers Needed

B/S/S/T Area Agency on Aging, Inc. delivers hot, nutritious meals out of the Lanesboro Senior Center five days a week, Monday through Friday. A volunteer can choose as little as one day or all five days to deliver meals to those in the community. Delivery hours are usually between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. Volunteer drivers are reimbursed \$.50 per mile and training is provided. B/S/S/T Area Agency on Aging, Inc. humbly asks that you consider serving your community by becoming a volunteer Meals on Wheels driver. For more information or to become a volunteer, please call Kelly Allen at 1-800-634-3746.

The Giving Tree was a success! Thank You to all who took tags and returned the tags with their gifts on time! Your support of this very important program is appreciated by many families.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, LECTORS & ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Have you ever thought about becoming a Eucharistic Minister, Lector or Altar Server?? Now is the time to act! It remains clear that there is a growing need for participants in these ministries. Criteria towards becoming an EM is to be 18 yrs of age and taking a training class before starting. Prayerfully consider serving!

Stewardship— St. Lawrence

Dec. 22nd & 23rd., 24th & 25th 2018

Offering Env: 1,705.00 Loose: 254.00 Candle: 157.00

Fuel: 176.00 Holy Day: 78.00 Christmas: 2,522.00

Total: \$ 4,892.00.

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MINISTERIES—ST. LAWRENCE

"A Disciple's Response of Time and Talent"

Saturday, Jan. 5, 2018 5:00PM

F. O' Connor (lector) B. & K. Ragard (EM)

Sunday, Jan. 6, 2018 8:00AM

A. Mydlinski (lector) D. Horn, B. McGuire (EM)

Greeters: 1/5: J. Persons **1/6:** M. Smith **1/12:** B. McGoldrick
1/13: J. Burton **1/19:** C. Oliver **1/20:** B. McKetta **1/26:** D. Vogel
1/27: A. Rudick



The **SANCTUARY LIGHT** burns for Most Holy Trinity Parish

Manifest ... Your light has come, the glory of the LORD shines upon you. Isaiah 60:1

On this feast, we remember the journey of those seekers from the east, the Magi longing to see the newborn king of Jews. Yet this feast celebrates not only their long-ago quest, but also our searching, our longing, right here and now. Not only a journey unfolding and evolving in the present.

Like the Magi, we, too, are searching for the path that will lead us closer to the Holy One. We, too, share a desire to recognize the face of God in our midst. We, too, live in the hope of seeing Epiphany in the ordinary and the everyday. How does the presence of the Holy manifest itself in our time and place today? And how, when God is revealed, will we, like the Magi, express our joy at seeing that star?

Knights of Columbus # 356-Great Bend

Spaghetti & Homemade Meatball Dinner

Saturday, Jan. 12th, 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



The Knights of Columbus meetings are still on the first Sunday of the month after the 9:30AM mass.

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

State Rts. 92 & 492 Jackson, Pa. 18825



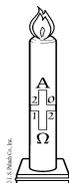
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The St. Peregrine prayer box: If you have a loved one who remains in need of prayer you are welcome to put your request in the prayer box.

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.

Thank You to all who took a change on our basket raffle. Your continues support of our parish is greatly appreciated. We will announce the winner next week.



*Remember in your prayers
Angelo Petriello
who passed away this week.*

Relying on God ‘...you can make me clean.’ Luke 5:12

One of the greatest challenges to faith is the belief that our day-to-day problems are insurmountable. We think we should solve them ourselves; we think we *need* to solve them ourselves. It’s said the root of sin is resisting relying on God—thinking we don’t need God. But before that, you have to think you *can* do it yourself, without God. And yet, we encounter dozens of characters in Scripture like the leper in our gospel reading. By all accounts, he should feel hopeless. But he doesn’t ask for strength to carry on in his struggles; he doesn’t ask how one might be made clean. No, he falls prostrate before Jesus and affirms, “You can make me clean.” And Jesus’ response to his audacity? “be made clean.”

Lord, grant me the humility to know I cannot, and need not, solve my problems myself; I turn them over to you.

STEWARDSHIP ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

December 22nd, 23rd 24th, 25th, 2018
Offering Env: 1,294.00 Loose: 111.00 Holy Day:25.00
New Yr: 25.00 Care & Edu: 30.00 Fuel: 50.00 Ret. for
Rel: 5.00 Weekend Total: **\$ 1,550.00.**
Christmas: Env: \$2,205.00, Loose: 206.00
Total: \$ 2,411.00

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

MINISTERIES-ST. MARTIN'S

Saturday, Jan. 5th, 2018 4:00PM

(Lector) (EM)

Sunday, Jan. 6th, 2018 11:00AM

G. Whitehead (server) (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 parish-ioners. 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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**COUNT YOUR
BLESSINGS.
NAME THEM ONE BY ONE.
COUNT YOUR
MANY BLESSINGS
SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE.**

Prayer Shawl Ministry: We are taking our winter break. Next meeting will be held on March 7, 2019. We use 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. Martin's is in 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!

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. There will be a pick up at Bingham's.

Have you moved? Have you changed your phone number? It is very important to your church that you contact us with your changes. We are constantly trying to keep our parish records up to date.

Going away? www.masstimes.com will help you find a Mass that fits your schedule.

Breakfast for Life 2019

January 19th, 2019 at the Montrose Bible Conference, Lake Ave, Montrose, Pa. Seating begins at 8:30AM. Register at cindiconatybreakfast@gmail.com OR call/text: 607-765-0484. A count is needed for food prep and seating. This is free to all. Donations accepted.

Make a decision today: "I am finished with upset and turmoil; peace is mine, and I am going to enjoy it now," and begin to live in peace. Keep conflict out of your life; out of your thoughts, words, and attitudes; out of your relationships. Choose life! Choose peace!

Sat. Jan. 5 St. Martin's St. Martin's St. Lawrence St. John's	8:00AM 4:00PM 5:00PM 5:30PM	Poor Souls in Purgatory Robert Klein req. by is daughter Olivia Klein Fr. Tom Crowley req. by Joe Persons Ann Salvato req. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schell
Sun. Jan. 6 St. John's St. Lawrence St. Martin's	8:30AM 9:30AM 11:00AM	Deceased members of the Healey, Fay and Rafferty families Thomas Maholick req. by Al and Marcy Maholick Lillian Jannini req. by Alfred Jannini
Mon. Jan. 7 St. Lawrence		NO MASS
Tues. Jan. 8 St. John's		NO MASS
Wed. Jan. 9 St. Lawrence		NO MASS
Thurs. Jan. 10 St. Martin's		NO MASS
Fri. Jan. 11 St. John's		NO MASS
Sat. Jan. 12 St. Martin's St. Lawrence St. John's	4:00PM 5:00PM 5:30PM	Robert Klein req. by Nicholas Klein Terry Rafferty req. by Irene McCarthy Marie Ousterhout req. by Tom and Anne Dooley
Sun. Jan. 13 St. John's St. Lawrence St. Martin's	8:30AM 9:30AM 11:00AM	Donald and Huguette Buyea req. by Daniel and Denise Buyea Katarzyna Skurzok req. by her husband Ziggy Poor Souls in Purgatory

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.