

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 10, 2019**

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"
"Here I am, "I said, "send me!"



MOST HOLY TRINITY PARISH

Parish Office located at:
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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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check it out and don't forget to "Like & Share"



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.

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: @ 607-761-3843 (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.

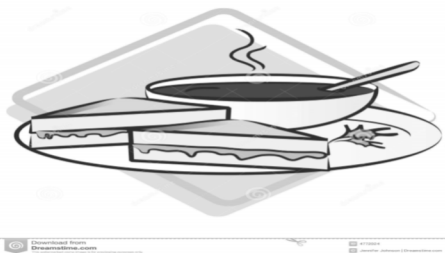
The **SANCTUARY LIGHT** burns for our Most Holy Trinity Parish



The St. John's Woman's Club will meet on March 12th.

Free Soup and Sandwich Luncheon
Wednesday, February 20th 12Noon-1:30PM
Held in St. John's Parish Hall. Eat in..no deliveries.

All welcome!!!!



In Us, Among Us, Despite Us

For I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecute the church of God.

Corinthians 15:9

The three men highlighted in today's readings have one thing in common: They were all aware of their sinfulness. Isaiah's lips were touched with a hot coal, giving him the courage to volunteer for God's service: "here I am..send me!" (Isaiah 6:8). Paul confesses that he is the least of all the apostles. Nevertheless, "the Grace of God" has been at work in him. After seeing the extraordinary catch of fish, Peter falls on his knees before Jesus and cries, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man" (Luke 5:8). But Jesus tells Peter, "...from now on you will be catching men" (Luke 5:10).

The lesson for us is clear: God's grace works despite us. We have no excuse for not responding to God's call, do we?

Merciful God, help me to put aside all my excuses and respond to your call today.

Stewardship—St. John's

February 2nd & 3rd, 2019

Offering: \$ 2,135.00 Loose: 98.00 Fuel: 185.00 Camp. Human Dev: 5.00 Care & Edu; 200.00 **Total: \$ 2,664.00**

Please make all checks payable to Most Holy Trinity Parish

Ministries—St. John

Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019 5:30PM

A. Nieradka (Servers)
L. Buffington (Lector) (EM) J. Schell, L. Stone,
C. Barnes

Sunday, Feb. 17, 2019 8:30PM

L. Hilling, J. Paytner (Servers)
M. Cook (Lector) (EM) B. Cook, V. Mulligan, J. Bucci



NEW FACEBOOKPAGE:@mostholyltrinitynepa
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!

Winter Weather Reminder: If school is closed no weekday morning mass. If delayed, weekday morning mass is delayed.

We are in desperate need of Center Volunteers and Meals on Wheels drivers in the Susquehanna area. It's only a couple hours a day and they can pick the day or days they could help out. Please call 570-278-7667.

"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.

RUMMAGE SALE: So they say..One man's junk is another man's treasure. Please donate to our annual February Rummage Sale, **NO CLOTHES PLEASE**.

Held in the St. Lawrence Trinity Center

Sale Dates: Feb. 15th, 9AM-5PM. Feb. 16th 9AM-12.

Drop Off Dates:

You can drop off items anytime there is mass at St. Lawrence. Feb. 11-13th times are 9AM-5PM for drop off.

9AM-5:30PM

PLEASE..ALL DROP OFFS ARE AT THE TRINITY CENTER NOT THE RECTORY! Pick up is available by calling Barb: 570-879-4333 or Lorraine: 570-465-3393. Anyone that has a favorite soup, chili, cake, etc.. That you could make for our food sale would be greatly appreciated.

THIS SATURDAY

Knights of Columbus # 356-Great Bend

Spaghetti & Homemade Meatball Dinner

Saturday, Feb. 9th, 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 Live Music by Carl Tanner & Friends

"God is only as far away as we place him and never as far away as we think. For it is in him that we live, move, and have our being." *Matthew Kelly*

Stewardship- St. Lawrence

February 2nd & 3rd, 2019

Offering Env: \$ 2,107.00 Loose: 196.00 Fuel: 16.00

Insurance: 78.00 Maint: 13.00 Camp. Human Dev:

41.00 **Total: \$ 2,676.00**

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Online Giving is no longer available to our parishes.

MINISTERIES-ST. LAWRENCE

"A Disciple's Response of Time and Talent"

Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019 5:00PM

A. Mydlinski (lector) F. & S. O'Connor (EM)

Sunday, Feb. 17, 2019 9:30AM

K. Mead (lector) D. Maida, D. Horn (EM)

Greeters: 2/10: M. Holtzman **2/16:** I. McCarthy **2/17:** J. Persons **2/23:** M. Jorgenson **2/24:** T. Rychlewski



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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.

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!

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.

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We can really use a couple of lectors, especially for Saturday's. Consider serving *YOUR* church.

St. Martin's Update

As you all know the winter months are here, we are looking forward to spring and warmer weather. In May of 2017 the steeple had to be taken down. We started the process for the new steeple but with water in the basement took top priority.



So, in the fall of 2018 the work began to fix the drainage problem around the outside of the church, with that, a oil smell was found. With the help and direction of the Diocese and the engineers, this project was completed at the end of December. We are now under way with the plans to complete the steeple project, along with taking care of the dirt in the back lot, and repaving the parking lot.

Thank you for your concern and patience in these matters.

Prayer for Hope

I pray today for **HOPE** that I will never give up.

I pray today for **Strength** even though I may be in despair.

I pray today for **Peace** To accept the things I cannot change.

STEWARDSHIP ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

February 2nd & 3rd, 2018

Offering Env: \$ 973.00 Loose: 100.00 Care & Edu: 179.03 Initial: 5.00 Fuel: 45.00 Total: **\$ 1,302.27**

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

MINISTERIES-ST. MARTIN'S

Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019 4:00PM

(Lector) D. Shreffler (EM) M. Czachor

Sunday, Feb. 17, 2019 11:00AM

G. Whitehead (server) A. Dalikas (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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The box is emptied, please resubmit your names of loved ones for prayers.



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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! The next blessing will be the weekend of March 16th/17th.

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 Thursday morning and weekend masses.

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!

Military Names Wanted: *If you have a loved one in the Military and would like our parish community to pray for them, you may submit their name to the office. We will place them on our new military board on the altar.*

Wedding Anniversary Mass: Couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2019 are invited to celebrate at the diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 30th, 2019. Held at 2:20PM in St. Peter's Cathedral. Call the parish office.

There has been interest expressed in having a **men's choir**. This would involve men from all 3 churches. Liturgies would rotate among all 3 churches. If interested, contact Kathy at 315-877-5815, email kmatis14@gmail.com or call the parish office at 570-853-4634 and leave your contact info.

We will no longer have the Nigerian Collection or Pro-Life collection.

Free Soup and Sandwich Luncheon

Wednesday, February 20th 12Noon-1:30PM
Held in St. John's Parish Hall. Eat in..no deliveries.

All welcome!!!!

Name _____
Address _____
Pick up _____ Mail _____
Church _____
Circle name of church St. John's St. Lawrence St. Martin's
2018 End of Year Tax Statement Request

Sat. Feb. 9 St. Martin's St. Lawrence St. John's	4:00PM 5:00PM 5:30PM	Poor Souls in Purgatory Ernest Megali req. by Joe Persons Anna Salvato req. by Gino Testa
Sun. Feb. 10 St. John's St. Lawrence St. Martin's	8:30AM 9:30AM 11:00AM	Marie Osterhaut req. by Joe and Ruth Burke Lena and Jack Williams req. by Kirk, Kathleen & Jake Hinkley Poor Souls in Purgatory
Mon. Feb. 11 St. Lawrence	7:00PM	Harold O'Connor req. by Frank and Sharon O'Connor
Tues. Feb. 12 St. John's	8:00AM	Mary Ann Testa req. by Chet Walker and Susie Wilmont
Wed. Feb. 13 St. Lawrence	8:00AM	Thomas Maholick req. by his wife Marcy
Thurs. Feb. 14 St. Martin's	8:00AM	Bishop Theodore McCarrick's public confession req. by John Mann
Fri. Feb. 15 St. John's	8:00AM	Mary Ann Testa req. by Sister Paula Gallagher IHM
Sat. Feb. 16 St. Martin's St. Lawrence St. John's	4:00PM 5:00PM 5:30PM	Angelo Petriello req. by his family Terry Rafferty req. by Bill and Dolores Kane Nick Nataline req. by his loving wife Patsy
Sun. Feb. 17 St. John's St. Lawrence St. Martin's	8:30AM 9:30AM 11:00AM	Mary Cizike req. by Joe and Ruth Burke Evelyn Woolbaugh req. by Kate Treible Lillian Jainnini req. by Alfred Jainnini

Confession:

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

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!

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