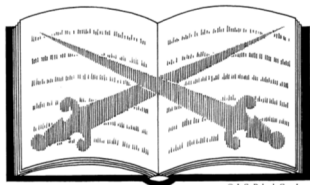


**Twenty-eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 14, 2018**

The word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword Hebrews 4:12a



**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 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: Watch the bulletin or call the parish office for time and dates.

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.

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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. Rice, canned fruit, mac & cheese, cereal and hamburger helper are needed.

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.



2018 Public Square Rosary Crusade: Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Please join us in praying for our nation on October 13, 2018 at 12 Noon. The local Public Square Rosary Rally will take place at St. John's Church, Susquehanna. Refreshments to follow.

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



The CCD Parent Activity Committee, in conjunction with St. John's Women's Club, will be sponsoring a Family Fun Fall Festival on October 21st following CCD class. Bounce house, games, cider and donuts, and free fun for all! **All students received a flyer in class.** *Please* return to your child's CCD teacher or the parish office. For more information, contact Kathy Matis at kmatis14@gmail.com

15 E. Church St.
Susquehanna, PA 18847



Stewardship—St. John's

October 6th & 7th 2018

Offering Env: 1,974.00 Loose: 95.00.00 Care & Edu: 232.00
Hurricane Relief: 210.00 **Total: 2,511.00**
3 families used WeShare.

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Online giving by WeShare.

Ministries—St. John

Saturday, Oct. 20, 2018 5:30PM

A. Herbert, J. Burke (Servers)
S. Decker (Lector) (EM) M. Snyder, J. Schell,
L. Stone

Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018 8:30PM

J. Paytner, L. Dooley (Servers)
(Lector) L. Norris (EM) B. Burns, J. McNamara, J. Bucci.

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

St. John's Me's Club 150 Club Awards Update:

September winners

1st Place: David Cina (\$225.00)

2nd Place: Justo Reyes (100.00)

3rd Place: Matt Frailey (25.00)

Next Awards will be December 1st.

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, Mary (Beth) McGuire, Al Maholick, Barry Corrigan jr. J. Gill, Elle Mae Laude & Bernard Kovitch.

*** when adding a person to the prayer list, PLEASE let us know when we should take off 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 step up and take over the job of caring for our church linens. This is changing/washing the altar linens and having them cleaned when necessary, (at our expense).

**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! You can clean it on any day or evening to have it looking nice for weekend masses. It's mostly dusting and vacuum. If interested in any of the above, call the parish office at 570-853-4634.

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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".

*Happy Anniversary
50th*

Paulette and Bill Allen

Your love, dedication and commitment to one another is truly and inspiration to all who know you.



Stewardship- St. Lawrence

October 6th & 7th, 2018

Offering Env: Loose: Insurance:Maint.:Fuel:

Total: \$ _____ 1 families used WeShare.

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MINISTERIES-ST. LAWRENCE

"A Disciple's Response of Time and Talent"

Saturday, Oct. 20, 2018

5:00PM

D. Shreffler (lector)

B. & K. Ragard (EM)

Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018

8:00AM

K. Mead (lector)

R. Maida, D. Horn (EM)

Greeters: 10/20: J. Persons **10/21:** M. Smith **10/27:** B. McGoldrick **10/28:** J. Burton **11/3:** C. Oliver **11/4:** B. McKetta **11/10:** D. Vogel **11/11:** C. Salinkas.



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If anyone would like to send a card or note to Al and Marcy Maholick, here is their daughters address: Nancy Kelso 2249 Hieter Rd. Quakertown, Pa. 18951

SAVE THE DATE:

Pampered Chef BINGO:

Friday, November 2nd held in the St. Lawrence Trinity Center.

Limited seating. 2 hours of fun and laughs. 20 games for \$20.00. Each prize is worth **AT LEAST \$50.00.**

Homemade soups available.

Questions call Judi at the parish office.853-4634. **Don't wait, get your ticket NOW!**



Knights of Columbus # 356-Great Bend
Spaghetti & Homemade Meatball Dinner
Saturday, October 13, 2018 4PM-7PM in the K of C Hall, Great Bend. Adults \$ 9.00, Children 6-12 \$ 4.00 & 5 & under free. Includes salad, dessert and bev. Take out available
LIVE music by Carl Tanner & Friends

The Knights of Columbus meetings are still on the first Sunday of the month after the 8:00AM mass. NO meeting until September.

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 of Tours

FREE Parish & Community Lunch

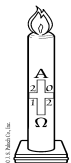
Stuffed Cabbage, roll, dessert & beverage. Wednesday, October 17th at 12Noon-1:30PM
Reservations required: Call Joanne at 570-727-3441 or Fran at 570-756-2468.

Come and enjoy a free meal with an afternoon of comradery. Good will offerings accepted.

let's do
lunch

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*Remember in your prayers
Andrew Genneken
who passed away.*

THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Knowledge, Fortitude, Piety, Fear of the Lord

STEWARDSHIP ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

October 6th & 7th, 2018

Sunday Offering: \$ 1,696.24 Loose: 275.00 Care & Edu: 127.03 Maint: 14.00 Hurricane Relief: 158.00.

Total: \$ 2,270.27 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, Oct. 20, 2018 4:00PM

(Lector) (EM)

Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018 11:00AM

(Server) (Lector) (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.

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.

Egg Cartons Needed: Please bring them to St. Martin's and leave them by the food baskets, or see Fran.

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!

RCIA: This years new session are underway on Sunday's at 9:30AM in the Parish Office. It's not to late!

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*.

Grief Ministry: Will be held on Oct. 15 & 22, 2018. Held in the parish office at 1PM. Call Vickie at 570-853-4634 for more information.

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!



The CCD Parent Activity Committee, in conjunction with St. John's Women's Club, will be sponsoring a Family Fun Fall Festival on October 21st following CCD class. Bounce house, games, cider and donuts, and free fun for all! **All students received a flyer in class. Please** return to your child's CCD teacher or the parish office. For more information, contact Kathy Matis at kmatis14@gmail.com

Rosary Crusade: Please join us in praying for our nation on October 13, 2018 at 12Noon, at St. John's Church, Susquehanna. Refreshments to follow.

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.

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

Sat. Oct. 13 St. Martin's	4:00PM	Joseph Kapcsandi Jr. req. by Chet Walker and Susie Wilmont
St. Lawrence	5:00PM	Deceased members of the Frailey family req. by their family
St. John's	5:30PM	Tom Robinson req. by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schell
Sun. Oct. 14 St. Lawrence	8:00AM	Tom Ragard req. by Bob and Kathy Ragard
St. John	8:30AM	John Bixby req. by Pat and Mary Beth Ahearn
St. Martin's	11:00AM	Elaine Hobart req. by Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kosko
Mon. Oct. 15 St. Lawrence	7:00PM	John Martin & Jerry McCarthy req. by Irene McCarthy
Tues. Oct. 16 St. John's	8:00AM	Amelia Box req. by Regina Lubbe
Wed. Oct. 17 St. Lawrence	8:00AM	Matthew Stanton req. by the Burton family
Thurs. Oct. 18 St. Martin's	8:00AM	For our parish community
Fri. Oct. 19 St. John's	8:00AM	Anna Salvato req. by the St. John's Woman's Club
Sat. Oct. 20 St. Martin's	4:00PM	Joseph Kapcsandi Jr. req. by Pat and Mary Beth Ahearn
St. Lawrence	5:00PM	Angie Conarton req. by Ann and Mike Yannone
St. John's	5:30PM	Roberta Robinson req. by Pat and Mary Beth Ahearn
Sun. Oct. 21 St. Lawrence	8:00AM	Christine Zick req. by her family
St. John's	8:30AM	Patricia Sienko Blazek req. by Shirley Silipo
St. Martin's	11:00AM	Chad Zembrzuski req. by Mike and Kathy Flor

Confession:

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

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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.