

St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church

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Liturgy Schedule

SATURDAY: 5:00 PM

First Saturday 6:30 PM

Hispanic Mass

SUNDAY: 9:15 AM

MONDAY: 9:00AM

HOLY DAYS: AS ANNOUNCED

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 4 – 4:45 PM

Parish Office Hours:

Monday: 9:00 to 12:00

Wed. : 9:00 to 12:00

CLOSED HOLIDAYS



Registration – All parishioners should be properly registered in the parish. Please contact the parish office.

Sacrament of Marriage – Contact the parish office as soon as possible, before establishing a date for the wedding. The Diocese requires 12 months advance notice and preparation for Marriage.

Baptism, Sacrament of the Sick, Shut-ins – Please contact the parish office to register for Baptism. One sponsor (Godparent) should be a practicing Catholic (if married, married in the church; attending Mass every weekend; moral life; etc.). One sponsor may be a practicing Protestant (called a Christian witness). We strive to visit parishioners homebound and those in the hospital. Please call the parish office if you would like us to visit, or if you are preparing for surgery.

Mass Cards & Memorial contributions – Mass cards in memory of the deceased and for special intentions are available after masses at the Religious Articles Corner. To make a memorial contribution, please contact the parish office.

CCD – Religious instruction for children meets after the 9:15 Mass until 11:45 from September to May. These classes are necessary before children receive First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please contact the parish office for more information or registration.

Parish Pastoral Council – Meets the 3rd Monday of each month, from September to May. Please call the parish office for information.

Knight of Columbus – Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

Women's Guild – Meets the last Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the social hall.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) – These are classes for those desiring to join the Catholic Church. Please contact the Pastor for more information.

NFP (Natural Family Planning) – This is the only Catholic-approved means of regulating birth. Classes are offered frequently and are free to all who want to learn about this spiritual & effective way to plan a family. For information, call Martin & Mary Smith, 717-935-5256.

Prayer Chain – Prayers for all who are in need of prayers for whatever reason. Please contact the parish office for more information.

April 8, 2018
Divine Mercy Sunday
STEWARDSHIP IS A WAY OF LIFE
TITHING IS GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
Sunday of Divine Mercy
April 8, 2018

“In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey His commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith...Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’”

One day a sign outside a church read ‘God gave us commandments; they are not suggestions.’ As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, we are well aware of the Lord’s desire to give us His peace, to offer us His mercy. There are two requirements for this to happen, 1. We ask for His gift of peace and pardon and 2. We acknowledge our dependence upon the Lord to be so blessed.

The ten commandments of Exodus were the requirement of the covenant. The great commandment of Jesus, love of God and neighbor, allows me to focus more clearly on what I need to do. In both cases I must act. The question ‘how well am I doing?’ is answered when I look at the beatitudes of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount to discover that I am poor in spirit, meek, humble, working for justice, being a peacebuilder. Yes, love the children of God and keep His commandments.

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

This passage describes the actions of the first community of Christians. They were of “one heart and one mind.” They had no rich or poor among them, for they shared all necessary items with one another.

Second Reading: I John 5:1-6

John explains that we become God’s children by believing in Jesus. When we love God and concern ourselves only with pleasing God, our faith is strong enough to conquer the evil in our world.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Jesus appeared to the disciples despite locked doors, breathed on them so that they could receive the Holy Spirit, and gave them the power to forgive sins in his name. Thomas, who was not present, refused to believe without seeing Jesus for himself. Jesus appeared again when Thomas was present, and told him, “Blest are they who have not seen and have believed.”

Tithing is God’s Plan for Giving:

Income for April 1, 2018	\$ 2,806.25
Easter Flowers	\$ 40.00
Easter Offering	\$ 1,155.00
Holy Land	\$ 190.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 275.00
Tithe for April 1, 2018	
Saint Vincent de Paul Society	\$ 396.00

Love Made Visible
Bishop’s Annual Lenten Appeal
April 8, 2018

Saint Jude Thaddeus Lenten Appeal Update

St. Jude Assessment for 2018 \$ 13,700.00
 Total Gifts and Pledges received....\$ 14,085.00
 Total pledged over assessment... \$ 385.00

Thanks to everyone who gave so generously to this year’s Annual Lenten Appeal. Once again you made it possible for us to reach our assessment. Remember that all funds collected over our goal will be returned to the parish. May God bless you all !



LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*
And Weekly Reading



Saturday, April 7: Saturday within the Octave of Easter (Solemnity)

Acts of the Apostles 4:13-21; Psalm 118:1 & 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mark 16:9-15

5:00 PM Joe Madl

6:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, April 8: Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35; Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

9:15 AM People of the Parish

Monday April 9: The Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity)

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Luke 1:26-38

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, April 10: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-37; Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; John 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 11: Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr (Memorial)

Acts of the Apostles 5:17-26; Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; John 3:16-21

Thursday April 12: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 5:27-33; Psalm 34:2 & 9, 17-18, 19-20; John 3:31-36

Friday, April 13: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 5:34-42; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14; John 6:1-15

Saturday, April 14: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7; Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; John 6:16-21

5:00 PM Thomas Lusk

Sunday, April 15: Third Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19; Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9; 1 John 2:1-5a; Luke 24:32

9:15 AM Dave & Gale Treaster's 49th Wedding Anniversary

Calendar of Events

Saturday: 4/07

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/ social hall

Mass/5:00pm/ Church

Sunday: 4/08

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

CCD After Mass

Monday: 4/09

Mass/9:00 am/ Church

Tuesday: 4/10

K OF C Meeting/ 7:00pm/social hall

Wednesday: 4/11

No Event

Thursday: 4/12

No Event

Friday: 4/13

No Event

Saturday: 4/14

Gospel Reflections/ 7:30am/ social hall

Mass/5:00pm/Church

Sunday: 4/15

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

CCD After Mass

Minister Schedule

April 14 & April 15, 2018

Saturday, April 14, 2018: 5:00pm

EMHC: J. & A. Zarnowski

Lector: Y. Melara

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: K. & Y. Melara

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeter: People of the Parish

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, April 15, 2018: 9:15am

EMHC: K. Graham T. Ober

Lector: Z. Ames

Cantor: A. Arnold/ C. Ames

Altar Servers: Dave, Daryl, and Mike

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: People of the Parish

Ushers: R. Aufer M. Eberts



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

National Council of the United States

Seeking Charity and Justice

If you are in need of some help or know of someone who is in need of assistance. Please contact St. Vincent de Paul at 242-2781. *Requests for help are kept confidential*



Shane and Elizabeth are happy to announce this years VBS 2018. Come "Get S'MORE of Jesus" at St. Jude's Camp VBS July 23-26. From 6-8 pm. The week will end with a family bonfire, hotdog roast and fun family games on Friday, July 27. More details to come. Anyone interested/willing to help in anyway, please see Elizabeth or Shane Armstrong searmstrong@pa.net or 717-994-0831.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEK-END

The Beginning Experience Team for the Harrisburg Diocese has booked Camp Hebron in Halifax, Pa, for the week-end of May 4-6, 2018.

The ecumenical Beginning Experience week-ends are an approved program designed for those suffering through the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation. Hundreds of persons have been helped to move towards successful, productive, happy lives by attending one of these week-ends.

Beginning Experience is your Church at work to provide help, healing and spiritual restoration. Visit the Diocese of Harrisburg's Web site, www.hbgdiocese.org, and go to the marriage and family link. Information can also be obtained by contacting Harrisburg beginning Experience Team members, Julie, at 717-379-0800, or Eva, at 717-495-9586.

Hersheypark Discount Ticket Offer!

Discount tickets to *Hersheypark* are available to the friends and families of the parish at **significant savings**. Gate admission for Regular admission is \$67.80; our price is **\$34.85 (ALL ages 3+)**. *ADD-ON discount Hersheypark Meal Tickets at a savings of up to 30% off retail prices - **\$11.99 each** and ADD-ON Snack Vouchers - **\$3.25 each**. Orders must be received at the parish by **Monday, April 30, 2018**. Parishes will receive tickets by Friday, May 25. Order forms are available in the Parish office.

Save the Date – November 3, 2018



As part of the events celebrating the 150th anniversary of the diocese of Harrisburg, **Bishop Gainer will lead a diocesan pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in**

Washington, DC, on Saturday, November 3, 2018.

This will be the first time Bishop Gainer will lead our diocese to Washington since he was installed in 2014. The schedule includes Mass and plenty of time for confessions, private prayer, touring the Shrine, and visiting the spacious book & gift shops or having a bite to eat in the cafeteria. **Sacred Heart has reserved a bus for this special day.** More information will be forthcoming in the bulletin. **For more information about upcoming events for the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Harrisburg go to www.hbgdiocese.org/150.**

Were you married in 1968? In honor of your 50th Wedding Anniversary, there will be a special Mass and reception on **Sunday, July 8, 2018 at 2:00 PM** at Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill. Bishop Ronald W. Gainer will be the celebrant. **To receive an invitation, please contact the parish office at 717-242-2781.**



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Enroll Now

SHS is currently enrolling for Grades K-5 for the 2018-2019 school year. If you or someone you know has a child ready for Kindergarten or looking to transfer, come and visit or encourage them to take a look at SHS. We are currently offering a tuition transfer grant to any child going into grades 1st through 5th for the 2018-2019 school year. Any public, private, charter or home-school student who transfers to SHS is eligible to receive a Tuition Transfer Grant. Each student will receive \$1,500 in grants over the course of 2 years (\$1,000 in year 1 and \$500 in year 2). Restrictions apply and no financial aid forms are required.

Spaghetti Dinner Tickets Now on Sale!

Mark your Calendars for the Spaghetti Dinner Preview Night! This year's auction will be held on Sunday, April 29th, at the Mifflin County Youth Park, from 11 AM – 4 PM. **Come and preview**

SPAGHETTI DINNER



the auction items and have a great meal at the Spaghetti Dinner Preview Night, held at the Youth Park on Saturday, April 28th, from 5 – 7:30 PM. Tickets will be \$5 per adult; \$3 per child ages 3-12. Children 2 and under eat for free. Tickets are now available at the Parish Office or by contacting Ashley Henry at development@sacredheartshcool.com.

The Shroud of Turin

Burial cloth of Jesus or Medieval fake? Proof of the Resurrection, or art hoax? **Tuesday, April 17th at 7-9 PM, in the Sacred Heart School cafeteria, the DVD “CSI: Jerusalem” will be shown.** It's a fascinating look at the history and science of the Shroud. Call the Parish Office at 717-242-2781 to register, admission is free of charge.

AT SACRED HEART CHURCH-LEWISTOWN



Divine Mercy Sunday

Today, Sunday, April 8th is Divine Mercy Sunday, commemorating Our Lord's appearances to Sister Faustina in the 1930's where He emphasized God's great mercy over all humankind. **We will honor His Divine Mercy on Sunday with a Holy Hour in church, 3-4 PM,** with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

