

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.

August 19, 2018

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 19, 2018

“Brothers and sisters. Watch carefully then how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise, making the most of the opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not continue in ignorance, but try to understand what is the will of the Lord...but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and playing to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks always...”

The apostle Paul knew his people well. With encouraging words, he taught them, corrected them, and warned them. Do I realize that they are also directed to me today?

We are careful about many, many things each day. We fastened our seat belts, placed the infants in their car seats, make sure the smoke alarms are functioning and lock the door securely. We should also show the same care for our spiritual lives. We would promise in the prayer of contrition to ‘avoid the near occasion of sin.’ In our day and age, as well as that of the Ephesians, it is not easy. We are bombarded from every side, challenged, tempted, yes assaulted by the evil one.

Only through a strong, vibrant prayer life can we both resist evil and not fall at times of temptation. For the gift of grace, we are able to express our thanks.

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

A rich woman invites many guests to her home to eat and drink. She appeals to those who lack understanding to forsake foolishness and “advance in the way of understanding.”

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

Paul advises the Ephesians to abandon foolish ways and evil deeds. All Christians should concentrate on doing God’s will before all other things. He reminds them to always give thanks to God in the name of Jesus Christ.

Gospel: John 6:51-58

Jesus had just told the crowd that anyone who ate of the bread he planned to give would live forever, and that this bread was his flesh, which he would give up for the sake of the world. The people do not understand, but Jesus reassures them that his flesh is real food and that “those who feed on this bread shall live forever.”



Tithing is God’s Plan for Giving:

Income for August 12, 2018	\$ 2,025.40
Feast of the Assumption	\$ 50.00
Tithe for August 12, 2018	\$ 208.00
Juniata Meals on Wheels	

Dates to Remember

**Saturday, September 1 - Blood Drive
Knights of Columbus-Social Hall**

**Tuesday, August 28, 2018-Women’s Guild
First meeting of the new year at 6:30pm.
Come and join us as we begin planning
activities for the current year. See Cathy
Fitzgerald for more information.**



CCD TEACHERS

C.C.D. will be starting on September 16th. We need teachers! We are having a meeting on August 19th. Please consider helping out by being a teacher. If we do not get enough teachers, the students will have to attend class at Sacred Heart. We would really like to keep our children here. Any questions you can call Ginger Best at home at 717-734-3048. Please leave a message and I will return your call. Thank You!

LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*
And *Weekly Readings*



Saturday, August 18: Weekday

Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19;
Matthew 19:13-15

5:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, August 19: 20th Sunday in Ordinary

Time

1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Ephesians 4:30-5:2; John 6:41-51

9:15 AM Mike and Karen Johnson

Monday, August 20: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

Ezekiel 24:15-24; Deuteronomy 32:18-19, 20, 21; Matthew 19:16-22

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, August 21: St. Pius X, Pope (Memorial)

Ezekiel 28:1-10; Deuteronomy 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 22: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)

Ezekiel 34:1-11; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday August 23: Weekday

Ezekiel 36:23-28; Psalm 51:2-13, 14-15, 18-19; Matthew 22:1-14

Friday, August 24: St. Bartholomew, Apostle (Feast)

Revelation 21:9b-14; Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; John 1:45-51

Saturday, August 25: Weekday

Ezekiel 43:1-7ab; Psalm 89:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Matthew 23:1-12

5:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, August 26: 21st Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Psalm 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69

9:15 AM Kenneth Sowers

Calendar of Events

Saturday: 8/18

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/ social hall

Mass/5:00 pm/ Church

Sunday: 8/19

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

CCD Parent meeting after Mass

Monday: 8/20

Mass/9:00 am/ Church

Tuesday: 8/21

No Event

Wednesday: 8/22

No Event

Thursday: 8/23

No Event

Friday: 8/24

No Event

Saturday: 8/25

Gospel Reflections/ 7:30am/ social hall

Mass 5:00pm/ Church

Sunday: 8/26

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

Minister Schedule

August 25 & August 26, 2018

Saturday, August 25, 2018: 5:00pm

EMHC: J. & A. Zarnowski

Lector: Y. Melara

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: K. & Y. Melara

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeter: G. Curdo

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, August 26, 2018: 9:15am

EMHCD. T. Ober D. Parson

Lector: T. Kromel

Cantor: M. Miller

Altar Servers: Dave, Jim, and Mike

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: People of the Parish

Ushers: R. Auken 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*

SACRED HEART JOB OPENING

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish has an immediate opening for a part-time custodian. This is a year-round position, approximately 29 hours per week. Includes paid lunch and some holidays. Successful candidate requires cleaning experience and basic maintenance skills a plus. Must be hard-working, able to work independently, a team player, and have a heart for our school and parish. Some heavy lifting and physical exertion required, such as climbing ladders, shoveling snow, operating lawn equipment, vacuuming, etc. Must provide PA State Police Background Check, Child Abuse History Check and FBI Check, as well as mandatory trainings through the Diocese of Harrisburg. Interested candidates should contact the parish office for application and clearances requirements



Cemetery of Innocents

We are once again inviting parishioners to take part in the pro-life project, Cemetery of Innocents located here on the lawn at St. Jude. We once again will be placing crosses that will be displayed during the month of October, Respect Life Month. This display will represent the number of lives lost to abortion each month in Pennsylvania. Parishioners are welcome to purchase a cross or crosses for this display. The price is \$2.00. After last year's campaign, we have approximately 795 crosses and would love to see the display grow. A portion of each cross purchase will be donated to Rachel's Vineyard. www.rachelsvineyard.com If you have any questions, please contact Megan Miller(527-4426) or Colleen Hazard (527-9914). Crosses will be for sale after the 9:15 masses or there is a box in the vestibule. Checks may be made payable to Women's Guild.

Sign Up Today – 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 from 9:00AM to 4:00PM.** This will be the first time Bishop Gainer will lead our diocese to Washington since he was installed in 2014. **Scheduled events for the day include:** *Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with the Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer as Celebrant and Homilist, Eucharistic Adoration, Celebration of the Luminous, Mysteries of the Rosary and Sacrament of Penance.* There will be free time for Lunch, Private Prayer, Shopping at the Shrine Gift Shop and a Self-Guided Tour of the Basilica. **Sacred Heart has reserved a bus for this special day. Cost is \$25/per person.** Departure and return times to be determined. **A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex.** For more information about upcoming events for the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Harrisburg go to www.hbgdiocese.org/150.

Centralia Pilgrimage with Bishop Gainer

All are invited to a Pilgrimage at the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Centralia, PA on Sunday, August 26. It begins at noon with Divine Liturgy with Bishop Andriy, of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia. Bishop Ronald Gainer will give a reflection and lead the praying of a Living Rosary at 2:00 PM before the historic and jeweled 18th century copy of the Icon of Our Lady of Pochaiv. The Sacrament of Reconciliation, religious goods and food service will be available. For information please contact 570-339-0650.

Washington DC Pilgrimage

A generous parishioner has offered 4 “scholarships”, to aid those who would like to take part in the pilgrimage to Washington, DC in November, and are unable to finance the \$ 25.00 bus fee. Please contact Gale in the office for details.

Stewardship: A Mission of Faith,

invites you to join Fr. Michael Gaitley, Jason Evert, Msgr. John Esseff, Bishop Alfred Schlert and many more, for an adult conference this fall.

The event will be held on Wed., Sept. 19th and Thur., Sept. 20th.

One and two-day tickets are available. The conference will be held in Elizabethtown, PA, at the beautiful Stone Gables Estates which features the historic Star Barn Village and Ironstone Ranch. In between the 6 keynote talks, 24 workshops, daily Mass and evening adoration, you can enjoy 275 acres of God's creation including horseback riding, wagon rides, campfires, an outdoor stations of the cross, Marian grotto, vineyard and more! For complete information, visit us at www.stewardshipmission.org and click on the Fall Conference link. We'll see YOU in September!



REGULAR SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 7:30 – 3:30PM

The school will be closed Monday, August 20 for Staff Retreat Day.

First day of school for SHS students is 8/22/18!

Back to School Night will be held on Sunday, August 19th from 6-7 PM.



Back to School Night for grades K-5 is a great opportunity for the parents to meet the teachers and learn all

about the school year that lies ahead.

Scholarship Available

There is one full scholarship available for any child entering kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year. If you know anyone who would be interested, please contact the school office during office hours or the parish office.

Enroll Now for the 2018-19 School Year!

SHS still has openings 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 1 through 5 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. Restrictions apply and no financial aid forms are required.

WISHING YOU A SAFE TRIP

Fr. Jay will be away from the parish on business from Sept. 3rd-13th visiting in India to sign documents for his school.

Be Gracious to the Lord and to His People

I remember when shopping for back to school was fun! Back in the 1960's it meant deciding which Saturday morning cartoons would adorn my metal lunchbox. Pencil boxes, folders and notebooks were all fresh and ready for customizing with our own art work and stickers. For the next generation it meant which superhero or princess or crazy patterns would be on our backpacks. It was not only fun, it meant a fresh beginning to a new year, new friends and was definite proof that one was growing older. Now for the parents though, this time of year is just a steady ka-ching, ka-ching, ka-chinging of new expenses. New clothes, haircuts, shoes and an annual reminder that we are getting older too. While we can somewhat appreciate the joy in our kids or grandkids, we mostly just see the bills and wait to hear about the lost lunchboxes, backpacks and clothing items. As I reflect on the present condition of our community and clients in need I know that back to school brings more pressure and heartache trying to meet those needs as well as the responsibility of bills and meals. As you go about your every day shopping and are "out and about" be gracious to those in need by picking up a back to school item to donate. **"One who is gracious to a poor man lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his good deed." Proverbs 19:17.**



We accept donations at the parish office daily. We are looking for pencils, pens, notebook paper, folders, tissues, disinfecting wipes, lunch bags, drink boxes, and pouches as well as our usual need of shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, bar soap, deodorant, and other personal care items. We also welcome monetary donations, furniture (especially dressers) and gift cards to help those in need purchase items for their children. Our prayers for those in need shows we are made to live by charity. We also continue to support Kelly C. our young friend who is battling cancer. She is ready to start her second round of chemo in Danville. She visited today to bring us up to date on her treatments. Please keep Kelly in your prayers and if you can help with her expenses for gas to Danville or monetary help for her grandmother to stay near by as she faces another week long stay. Please pray for God to ease her physical pain. Our email address is stvincentdepaullewistown@gmail.com.

