

St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church

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Liturgy Schedule

SATURDAY: 5:30 PM

First Saturday 6:45 PM

Hispanic Mass

SUNDAY: 9:15 AM

MONDAY: 9:00AM

HOLY DAYS: AS ANNOUNCED

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 4:30-5:15 PM

Parish Office Hours:

Monday: 9:00 to 12:00

Wed. : 9:00 to 12:00

CLOSED HOLIDAYS



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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.

Knights of Columbus – Meets the 1st Wednesday 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 18, 2019

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 18, 2019

“Jeremiah ought to be put to death: he is demoralizing the soldiers that are left in the city, and all the people, by speaking such things to them; he is not interested in the welfare of the people, but in their ruin.... let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith.”

Jeremiah, the prophet, spoke for God. The role of the prophet is to disturb the comfortable and calm the disturbed. Unlike our current political promises, he was calling people back to the Lord. It is not easy to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, as our culture of selfishness, greed, and consumerism, are the cause of detours and distraction, of sadness and division.

As a missionary disciple, I am counter cultural, seeking to walk with others in pursuit of the values of the gospel. In this way I work for the wellbeing of all. Where are your eyes and efforts directed?

First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Jeremiah urged the people of Jerusalem to surrender to the enemy. This angered the princes, who then requested that Jeremiah be put to death. The king allowed the princes to leave him in a cistern without food or water. But after Ebed Melech pleaded for Jeremiah's life, the king decided to free him.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4

This letter to the Hebrews inspires all Christians to persevere, in spite of the trials they may face. Jesus endured much suffering and was rewarded by God. Despite our struggles, we must remember Jesus' ability to endure and maintain strong faith in him.

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

Jesus tells his disciples that his message will not bring peace to the earth. Instead, even families will become sharply divided because some members will embrace him, while others condemn him.



Register Now

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church will begin **Adult Bible Study on Sept. 10th at 7:00 PM** in the parish office on N. Brown St. We will be studying the Patriarchs. You may pick up your books at the parish office or get them at the first lesson on Sept. 10th. **A donation of \$10 is appreciated.**

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Income for August 11, 2019	\$2,535.50
Capital Improvements	\$ 35.00
Feast of the Assumption	\$ 15.00

Tithe for August 11, 2019	\$ 259.00
DeLauter Youth Center	



ANNIVERSARY

This past week was the one year anniversary of the release of the PA Grand Jury report regarding clergy sexual abuse. The Diocese of Harrisburg has made significant steps to address, prevent and support abuse survivors during this time. An information sheet detailing these steps is included in today's bulletin. Fr. Weary encourages everyone to review this information and to continue to offer prayers for the survivors of clergy abuse.

LITURGICAL NOTES:

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



Saturday, August 17: Weekday

Joshua 24:14-29; Psalm 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8, 11; Matthew 19:13-15

5:30 PM Helen Rosamond Wolk

Sunday, August 18: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Psalm 40:2, 3, 4, 18; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53

9:15 AM Mike and Karen Johnson

Monday, August 19: Weekday

Judges 2:11-19; Psalm 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab & 44; Matthew 19:16-22

9:00 AM People of the Parish

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

Judges 6:11-24a; Psalm 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 21: St Pius X, Pope (Memorial)

Judges 9:6-15; Psalm 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Matthew 20:1-16

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

Judges 11:29-39a; Psalm 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Matthew 22:1-14

Friday, August 23: Weekday

Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Psalm 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday, August 24: St Bartholomew, Apostle (Feast)

Revelation 21:9b-14; Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; John 1:45-51 5:30 PM Woodrow Montrey

Sunday, August 25: 21st Sunday in Ordinary

Time Isaiah 66:18-21; Psalm 117:1, 2; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30

9:15 AM Jean Giarratana

Calendar of Events

Saturday: 8/17

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/social hall
Mass/5:30pm/ Church

Sunday: 8/18

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

Monday: 8/19

Mass/9:00am/Church

Tuesday: 8/20

No Event

Wednesday: 8/21

No Event

Thursday: 8/22

No Event

Friday: 8/23

No Event

Saturday: 8/24

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/social hall

Mass/5:30pm/ Church

Sunday: 8/25

Mass/9:15am/Church

Minister Schedule

August 24 & August 25, 2019

Saturday, August 24, 2019: 5:30 pm

EMHC: A. Zarnowski

Lector: M. Tonge

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: J. Zarnowski

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, August 25, 2019: 9:15am

EMHC: D. Treaster G. Best T. Ober

Lector: J. Fitzgerald

Cantor; R. Perez

Altar Servers: E. & D. Zeigler C. Murphy

Ushers: R. Auker 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*

Mark Your Calendars

Diocesan Women's Conference - Oct. 12, 2019

Please mark your calendars for the 5th Annual Diocesan Women's Conference at Bishop McDevitt High School, **October 12, 2019**. Keynoter is Helen Alvare---popular speaker, author, and Catholic personality. There will be 30+ workshops, Confession available, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction, beautiful music, many vendors, good food, Mass celebrated by Bishop Gainer, and fellowship with up to 1,000 women.

Registration information coming soon.



CCD NEWS

We are registering the students Please register your child on the sheet in the social hall as soon as possible, so we know what books and materials we will need. Thank you for all your help. If you have any questions call Ginger Best at 717-734-3048. Please leave a message if I don't answer and I will call you back.

CEMETERY OF INNOCENTS

During the months of July and August we will be working to expand our pro-life project, the Cemetery of Innocents.

Parishioners are welcome to purchase a cross or crosses for \$2.00 per cross.

Checks may be made payable to the Women's Guild The Cemetery of Innocents will be put up for display during October, Respect Life Month. If you have any questions, please contact Megan Miller or Colleen Hazard.

A Hispanic Healing of Families Recollection Day will be held on Sunday, September 8th at St. Jude Thaddeus Church in Mifflintown. The day will begin at 1:00 PM, concluding with a Mass at 5:00 PM. This will be followed by a covered dish meal. All are welcome!

Run Baby Run For Life

Run Baby Run 5K & mile walk is back again. Lace-up your running shoes and invite your friends to come, run, and support Crossroads Pregnancy Center on Sept. 14, 2019 at 1449 William Penn Highway (across from the Midway Drive-in, Mifflintown, PA). Pre-register before Aug. 20th for a free t-shirt. Pre-registration is \$25 each or \$20 per person for a team of 3 or more. Children under 1- are \$15. Race day registration begins 8:30 AM and is \$30. The 5K/Mile Walk begins at 9:30 AM. Awards ceremony will follow. Go to cpcfornlife.org/run-baby-run to register online.



Charismatic Day of Renewal

This year's theme is *The Beginning and the End: The Healing of Past Soul Wounds* with the Keynote Address by Fr. Paul C.B. Schenck, EdD. **The Day of Renewal will be held on Saturday September 21 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.** at the Diocesan Center 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111. A breakout session is also planned: "Unleashing the Gifts of the Holy Spirit". Registration includes lunch and is \$20 per adult and \$10 per student (age 16 through college). Register online at www.hbgdiocese.org/renewal. Questions, contact Joyce at (717) 308-7245.

National Catholic Youth Conference 2019

We are very excited to inform you that we will once again travel by motor coach to **NCYC 2019 in Indianapolis, IN. Our departure will be Wednesday, November 20, 2019 after school and our expected return will be early Sunday morning, November 24, 2019.** As we work out the details for our pilgrimage of faith, we invite you and others from your parish to prayerfully consider participating. This conference will be a dynamic and high energy encounter with our loving God and over 25,000 teens, plus chaperones, priests and bishops from all over the country. A past teen participant from the Diocese of Harrisburg has said, **"I have reconnected with God in a new way. I would definitely come back to the next one!"** We are extending this invitation to the youth of your parish or Catholic high school, who will be entering 9th through 12th grade in the fall. We are looking forward to all that God has in store for us in and through this conference. Please check the bulletin for further details.

The body of Christ, or the people that are the whole of humanity, are a team. The body is not supported by one person, but by all of us. We are one, we are strongest working together in unity. Teamwork is the key to living life in harmony, so that we can do God's will. (1 Corinthians 12:14) This is so true of our Sacred Heart and St Jude's parishes! By working together as a team with our St. Vincent dePaul



charity we have been able to make a difference in the lives of many in need. With your help, we assist with food, personal care items, medications, emergencies, fire victim's needs, clothing, bedding, school supplies, etc. **Teamwork** is definitely the key! We would like to say thank you to all who have

helped with our special circumstances projects! Special thanks to John Bell who donated in memory of his mother Margaret and brother Tom. We also want to recognize Ashley Henry and the Henry family, Sue Parzanese, Randy & Lorraine Tewksbury, Ruth & Larry Hower, Ron Myers, Father Jay, Carol & Rich Reardon, Marianne Thomas, Jodi Peters, Martha Cullen, Bill & Kim Napikoski, Rob White, Marta Recalde, Deanna Briner, Tom Soccio, Steve & Sandy Dedmon, Kathie Tice, Mario & Norma Andrie, Vince Caprio, Marcie & Jeremy Ciota, Rose Weyer and those wishing to remain anonymous. Our most recent project is for a young family with three children (one with special needs) whose mother passed away at age 42. As this family is already struggling financially, we hope our Sacred Heart and St Jude's team will help the MK family. We hope to get some JC Penney's, Walmart and Super Shoes Gift cards to help with school clothes and shoes, as well as food, and cash donations. Losing their mother is a tragic loss. Let's continue to work together **in unity** and do God's work in our parish and in our community.

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Mifflin-Juniata Cursillo Group's
August Ultreya will be held on
Sunday, August 18th at 5:00 PM at
Kish Park, Electric Ave., Burnham.



FALL ADULT BIBLE STUDY

“ Our Father’s Plan”, a Bible Study of Salvation History, will be our fall series for St. Jude’s Parish beginning on Sunday, September 22, 2019 from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

This popular program that features videos by Scott Hahn and Jeff Cavins, provides an opportunity through individual study, study aides, small group discussions, and video to get a better understanding of the wonderful gift given us in His Word! The study helps to learn the order and significance of events in the Bible as God speaks to us, as well as how it can help us realize the fullness of our faith and God’s plan for us as His children.

The program is open to anyone who wants to enrich their understanding and knowledge of the Bible and our Catholic faith. As with our other Sunday programs, we will share a meal at the beginning of each session. **Please register for the program by completing the signup sheet that has been placed in the back of the church/social hall.**

Surviving Divorce – Hope & Healing for Catholics

This autumn St. Catherine Laboure parish in Harrisburg will be starting a new session *Surviving Divorce*, the Catholic divorce survivors program. This program is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. It will help them answer their questions, restore hope, and begin authentic healing. The program will be held on Tuesdays, September 3 – November 26 from 6:45-8:15 PM. For more information or to register contact Deb at 717-564-1321 or dsalldin@sclhbg.org.

