

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 25, 2019

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

STEWARDSHIP IS A WAY OF LIFE

TITHING IS GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

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Income for August 18, 2019	\$1,809.50
Memorials	\$ 470.00
Feast of the Assumption	\$ 225.00
Tithe for August 18, 2019	\$ 203.00
Mifflin-Juniata Energy Bank	

SAVE THE DATE

Save the date! Tuesday October 8th for the annual Women's Guild Ladies Nite Out. More details will follow, but we are excited to have Jim Gontis as a speaker. We don't know his topic, but we know he is an excellent speaker. We hope you will join us.

James F. Gontis' primary vocation is as husband and father. He and his wife, Eva Marie, are blessed to be parents of eight children, six boys and two girls.

Jim is beginning his 15th year as Diocesan Director of Religious Education for the Diocese of Harrisburg. During his tenure with the Diocese, he has delivered approximately 1,200 workshops on approximately 150 topics pertaining to the Catholic Faith.

Jim has a weekly radio show called Coffee and Catholicism that runs weekly on 720 AM, Holy Family Radio in Harrisburg as well as on Catholic Perspectives on various radio stations in the mid-state area.

More on Jim Gontis will be featured in future bulletins.

FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 25, 2019

"Jesus passed through many towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, 'Lord, will only a few people be saved?' He answered them, 'Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough... He will say, I do not know where you are from...'"

Because of the generosity of our God in coming, redeeming and saving us, we tend to become lazy and indifferent, forgetting that Jesus entrusts a task to us. St. Paul tells us 'He wants all people to be saved and come to knowledge of the truth.' But His wish is also that we STRIVE, make a concerted effort, to gain the gift of salvation.

Through our life of prayer, we stay in communication with our God. Through our service to one another with the works of mercy, we grow in our love of our neighbor. Through our active participation in the life of the church and community, we make the gospel known.

Among the challenges of our day is legislation denying the right to life, mercy killing, closing the door to immigrants and refugees. The horrible laws are passed by Catholic legislators who seem to miss the point of the gospel.

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Isaiah portrays a time when people from many nations will gather in Jerusalem and proclaim God's glory. God's messengers will teach many nations about God. Just as the Israelites bring offerings, these messengers will bring people from all nations to worship.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

The Hebrews are told that God disciplines those he loves. When a parent disciplines a child, the child usually learns what is expected of him. The Hebrews are encouraged to face life's trials as a form of discipline, and attempt to learn something from them.

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Jesus warns that the door to God's kingdom will be locked for those who ignored his wishes. Many people will come from all nations and take their place in God's kingdom. Others will not be recognized by God, and he will reject them.



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.**

LITURGICAL NOTES:

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



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

Monday, August 26: Weekday

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10; Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 7 9b; Matthew 23:13-22

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, August 27: St Monica (Memorial)

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Psalm 139:1-3, 4-6; Matthew 23:23-26

Wednesday, August 28: St Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Psalm 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday, August 29: The Passion of St. John the Baptist (Memorial)

1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Psalm 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 & 17; Mark 6:17-29

Friday, August 30: Weekday

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Psalm 97:1 & 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday, August 31: Weekday

1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Psalm 98:1, 7-8, 9; Matthew 25:14-30

5:30 PM Heather Baade

Sunday, September 1: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 3:18-18, 20, 28-29; Psalm 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a; Luke 14:1, 7-14

9:15 AM Randy Hafer

Calendar of Events

Saturday: 8/24

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/social hall

Mass/5:30pm/ Church

Sunday: 8/25

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

Monday: 8/26

Mass/9:00am/Church

Tuesday: 8/27

Women's Guild/6:30pm/social hall

Wednesday: 8/28

No Event

Thursday: 8/29

No Event

Friday: 8/30

No Event

Saturday: 8/31

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Mass/5:30pm/ Church

Sunday: 9/01

Mass/9:15am/Church

Minister Schedule

August 31 & September 1, 2019

Saturday, August 31, 2019: 5:30 pm

EMHC: A. Zarnowski

Lector: M. Tonge

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: J. Zarnowski

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, September 1, 2019: 9:15am

EMHC: J. Price G. Best D. Parson

Lector: T. Kromel

Cantor; M. Miller

Altar Servers: St. Michael's Guard

Ushers: T. Newcamp A. Thawley



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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



**2019 Women's Conference
Registration Now Open!**

now at www.hbgdiocese.org/women for the **Women of Light, Sisters in Christ** Diocese of Harrisburg's 2019 Women's Conference on Saturday, October 12, 2019 at Bishop McDevitt High School, Harrisburg, PA. The conference will include Keynote Speaker Helen Alvare, well known Catholic speaker/author/personality, Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction and Rosary, Sacrament of Confession, Holy Sacrifice of the mass, Principal Celebrant, Bishop Ronald Gainer, and 40 plus workshops over 3 sessions. Go online for a registration form, workshop descriptions, bios, conference schedule and cost. Please register for this great conference and please bring other women with you!



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.

FALL ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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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“ 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.



Saint Jude Parish Office will be **closed Monday, Sept. 2nd in observance of Labor Day**. Normal office hours will resume on

Tuesday, Sept. 3rd.