

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



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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.

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.

December 17, 2017
Third Sunday of Advent
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
Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2017

“The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives, and release to prisoners. To announce a year of favor from the Lord and a day of vindication by our God.”
Remember when Jesus read this passage in His synagogue in Nazareth? St. Luke tells us He said ‘Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearings.’ We often associate this passage at the time of ordination or confirmation. Today it is directed to me and tells me what to expect when the longed for Savior comes. He was ‘anointed’, the name Christ means the anointed one. He had a mission, He was sent. He had a message ‘good news.’ He looked for the lowly, the hurting, those bound by addictions and desperation. He came to free and form missionary disciples.

The mission of Jesus is our mission, the mission of the entire church. We are comfortable, but consider fellow Christians throughout the world suffering from poverty, political oppression. Consider missionaries serving the most pitiable people, like Doctors with Borders, the Catholic Near East Welfare Society Workers, Medical Mission Sisters bringing Isaiah’s prompting to fulfillment.

Yes, the spirit of the Lord is upon all of us as we begin week three of Advent. Jesus has gifted us with His mission. ‘Come Lord Jesus.’

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

Isaiah describes the joy and salvation which will accompany the coming of Christ. He compares the plants which spring from a garden to the justice that will spring from all nations.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Paul reminds the Thessalonians to constantly ready themselves for Christ’s arrival. He tells them to “avoid any semblance of evil” so that they may be found irreproachable when Jesus does arrive.

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

John explains that he is only a messenger to the people for one more powerful than himself. John stresses to them that they must make a path for the one so powerful that he is not fit to unfasten the strap of his sandal.

<u>Tithing is God’s Plan for Giving:</u>	
Income for December 10, 2017	\$ 2,796.67
Immaculate Conception	\$ 172.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 45.00
Retirement for Religious	\$ 87.00
Christmas	\$ 4.00
Tithe for December 10, 2017	\$ 302.00
Shelter Services, Inc.	



St. Jude Christmas Mass Schedule

December 23- 5:00pm- Sunday Obligation

December 24-9:15am- Sunday Obligation

December 24-Christmas Eve. English Mass 6:00pm

Caroling begins at 5:30pm

Christmas Eve. Spanish Mass 7:30pm

December 25- Christmas Day- 9:15am

Tithing Thank You

Dear Saint Jude Church,

On behalf of the Paul W. Delauter Youth Center, Inc., I would like to thank you for your recent donation of \$229.00 on December 1, 2017. It will be used to support the youth of our community. Thank you again for sharing our commitment to our community youth.

Sincerely, Brent M. Miller, Treasurer



LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week
And Weekly Reading



Saturday, December 16: Advent Weekday

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Psalm 80:2ac & 3b, 15-16, 18-19;

Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

5:00 PM Pat Hanna

Sunday, December 17: Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1

Thessalonians 5:16-24; Isaiah 61:1

9:15 AM Fr. John Schmalhofer

Monday, December 18: Advent Weekday

Jeremiah 23:5-8; Psalm 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Matthew 1:18-25

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 19: Advent Weekday

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Psalm 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Luke 1:5-25

Wednesday, December 20: Advent Weekday

Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Luke 1:26-38

Thursday, December 21: Advent Weekday

Song of Songs 2:8-14; Psalm 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Luke 1:39-45

Friday, December 22: Advent Weekday

1 Samuel 1:24-28; 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Luke 1:46-56

Saturday, December 23: Advent Weekday

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Psalm 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 & 14; Luke 1:57-66

5:00 PM Suffering Souls in Purgatory and deceased members of F.O.S.S.

Sunday, December 24: Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

9:15 AM Phyllis Davis

Sunday, December 24: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas): Vigil Mass

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts of the Apostles 13:16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1:1-25

6:00 PM Fr. John Schmalhofer

7:30 PM People of the Parish

Calendar of Events

Saturday: 12/16

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/ social hall

Mass/5:00pm/ Church

Sunday: 12/17

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

CCD after Mass

Monday: 12/18

Mass/9:00am/ Church

Finance Committee/6:00pm/ Parish House

Parish Council/ 7:00pm/ Parish House

Tuesday: 12/19

No Event

Wednesday: 12/20

No Event

Thursday: 12/21

No Event

Friday: 12/22

No Event

Saturday: 12/23

Gospel Reflections/ 7:30am/ social hall

Mass/ 5:00pm/ Church

Sunday: 12/24

Mass / 9:15 am / Church

Christmas Eve. English Mass/ 6:00pm

Christmas Eve. Spanish Mass/ 7:30pm

Minister Schedule

December 23 & December 24, 2017

Saturday, December 23, 2017: 5:00pm

EMHC: J. & A. Zarnowski

Lector: M. Tonge

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: K. & Y. Melara

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeter: People of the Parish

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, December 24, 2017: 9:15am

EMHC: K. Graham D. Parson J. Fitzgerald

Lector: T. Ober

Cantor: R. Perez

Altar Servers: Dave, Mike, and Daryl

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: Ginger and Gale

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*

Attn: EMHC- Time to Re-Certify

Re-training for extraordinary minister of Holy Communion will be **9:30 AM – 11:00 AM Saturday, January 20, 2018** in Sacred Heart Church for those in need of re-certification.

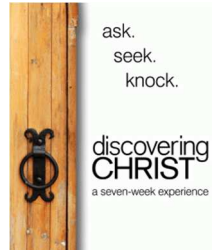


Gala Tickets

Sacred Heart School's Annual Gala tickets will go on sale **December 1, 2017**. This year's gala, **Uptown Hoedown**, will be held on **Saturday, February 3rd** at the Lewistown Country Club from 5:00 PM until Midnight. Ticket prices are \$50 until 1/14/18 and \$60 from 1/15/18 till sold out. Tickets will be available at the Parish Office.

ASK, SEEK and KNOCK –

Looking for answers? Why are we here? What is the meaning of life? Is God real? Who is Jesus? Starting **Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 5:00 PM**, St. Jude's parish will be hosting in their social hall, a seven week



course titled **Discovering Christ**. The course will include a day retreat to be held on February 25th. At each of the sessions dinner will be served beginning at 5:00 PM, continuing with a video and small group discussion. Please call the St. Jude office at 717-436-6722 and leave your name and phone number to register.

Items Needed



Do you have a unique talent like woodworking, painting, cross-stitching, quilting etc? If so, we would love to have your handmade donation as part of our growing list of items to be auctioned off at this year's Benefit Auction event, scheduled for **Sunday, April 29th**. Each year, these items have proven to be the most sought after and cherished by our generous bidders. If you are willing to share your talent with us, please contact Ashley Henry at the Parish Office.

Auction Time

If you would like to be involved with this year's 20th Annual Benefit Auction, please contact Ashley Henry at the Parish Office for the next meeting date and time. **This year's auction will be held on Sunday, April 29th at the Mifflin County Youth Park.**



Date Change for Rectory Open House Christmas Party!!

Father Weary's Rectory Open House Christmas Party will be held on **Friday, December 29th from 6-8 PM**. All are welcome to join us for this annual celebration. Snacks and drinks will be provided.



Sacred Heart Christmas Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 24th is both the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve. There is **still an obligation** to attend **both** 4th Sunday of Advent and one of the Christmas Masses. You can fulfill the 4th Sunday of Advent obligation by attending the regular 4:00 PM Saturday evening Mass, Dec. 23rd or the 9:30 AM Sunday, Dec. 24th Mass (**no other Masses that Sunday**). Christmas may be fulfilled at 4:00 PM (preferably families with children only) or, 10:00 PM Dec. 24th Masses or the 10:00 AM Christmas Day Mass.

BIBLE STUDY

Please note that the study on Mary being conducted by Julie Jarabek during the Women's Guild meetings will restart during the January meeting .

Cookie Walk Thank You

Our 2017 Cookie Walk was a huge success. Thank you to all the cookie bakers, craft makers, those who donated white elephant sale items, and those who made monetary donations. Thanks to all who helped to set up Friday, and all who helped on Saturday during the cookie walk. We hope to see you all again next year. Don't forget to pick up your cookie containers, they are in the kitchen.



Please remember that on Christmas Eve. prior to the 6:00pm Mass there will be Christmas music and carols sung by the choir. This will begin at 5:30pm. Please come and enjoy the sounds of the Season.

CHRISTMAS MINISTRY SCHEDULES

December 24 6:00pm

EMHC: J. & A. Zarnowski
Lector: G. Treaster
Cantor: Saint Jude Choir
Altar Servers; Jim, Mike, Daryl, and Dave
Gifts; People of the Parish
Greeters; Ginger Best and Family
Ushers; R. Auker, D. Ames, Z. Ames, T. Kerchusky

December 25 9:15am

EMHC: A. Zarnowski
Lector: T. Ober
Cantor; R. Perez
Altar Servers; Joe and Dave
Gifts: People of the Parish
Greeters; People of the Parish
Ushers: T. Newcamp A. Thawley

Hershey Bears Hockey

Celebrate Catholic Schools' Week with the Hershey Bears hockey team vs. Charlotte Checkers at the Giant Center in Hershey, for the Annual **Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg Night on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 7 PM.** Tickets are discounted to \$15.00 each for all ages from the regular admission price of \$23.00. For tickets get an order from Sacred Heart School, the Parish Office or contact Janet Dise at jdise@HersheyPA.com. **Deadlines for orders is Monday, January 29, 2018.**



Retrouvaille Weekend

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille provides marriage help! **The next Retrouvaille weekend is scheduled for January 12-14, 2018.** For more information and to register, please visit retrouvaille.org or email retrouvaillehbg@gmail.com.



Blood Drive

A Blood Drive sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will be held on Wednesday, December 27 from 12:30pm to 6:00pm in the social hall. Please see Joe Zarnowski or call him at 908-892-0271 with any questions.