

# St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church

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## Parish Staff

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 24, 2017**  
**Fourth 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  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**December 24, 2017**

**“Do not fear, Mary. You have found favor with God. You shall conceive and bear a son, and give Him the name Jesus. Great will be His dignity and He will be called Son of the Most High.”**

The great moment in the history of salvation, began with the visit of the angel Gabriel and the invitation to be the mother of Jesus. It is not surprising that Mary hesitated, questioned and then consented. Wouldn't you? Her response 'I am the maidservant of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say' redirected the course of human history.

The celebration of the Bethlehem event tonight, allows us not just to recall what happened, but to imitate Mary and permit the Lord to touch our lives in a truly special way. Our traditions and customs are rich as we relive Jesus' entering our lives again. The Simbang Gabi celebration of Filipino Catholics or Las Posadas of Latin Catholics lead us to the stable cave to meet and adore the Lord of history, the Lord of today. We have been praying 'Come Lord Jesus' for the four weeks of advent. Today, we welcome Him with joy.

As we celebrate this special night, may we be ready to open our door not just to Joseph and Mary, but Christ who comes to us.

**First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16**

King David plans to build a temple to honor God. But God tells Nathan the Prophet that instead he will give David rest from his enemies, and ensure that both his house and community will be protected forever.

**Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27**

In this letter of Paul to the Romans, he explains that the gospel reveals the mystery that had been hidden for many ages. Now it has been made known to all, so that they may believe, obey, and give glory through Jesus Christ forever.

**Gospel: Luke 1:26-38**

The Virgin Mary is approached by the angel Gabriel, who tells her that she has been chosen to bear the Son of God. Mary is first afraid, yet shows her unquestioning faith when she simply says, "Let it be done to me as you say."

**Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:**

Income for December 17, 2017	\$ 2,340.96
Immaculate Conception	\$ 50.00
Retirement for Religious	\$ 65.00
Christmas	\$ 200.00
Tithe for December 17, 2017	\$ 260.00
Juniata Meals On Wheels	



**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,

Those of us at Saint Vincent de Paul Society want to thank you for making Christmas a bit brighter for our families. God is good and we can't thank you enough for your help with this project. Merry Christmas !

Board Secretary

Joey Heroux



## LITURGICAL NOTES:

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



### 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

### Monday, December 25: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18

9:15 AM Walter Treaster

### Tuesday, December 26: St. Stephen, the First Martyr (Feast)

Acts of the Apostles 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Psalm 31:3cd-4, 6 & 8ab, 16bc & 17; Matthew 10:17-22

### Wednesday, December 27: St. John, Apostle & Evangelist (Feast)

1 John 1:1-4; Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; John 20:1a, 2-8

### Thursday, December 28: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (Feast)

1 John 1:5-2:2; Psalm 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Matthew 2:13-18

### Friday, December 29: Fifth Day within the Octave of the nativity of the Lord

1 John 2:3-11; Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Luke 2:22-35

### Saturday, December 30: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 John 2:12-17; Psalm 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Luke 2:36-40

5:00 PM People of the Parish

### Sunday, December 31: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 9-9; Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Luke 2:22-40

9:15 AM Fred Mitchell

### Monday, January 1: Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Numbers 6:22-17; Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Galatians 4:4-7; Hebrews 1:2-12

9:15 Harry Chapman

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday: 12/23

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/ social hall

Mass/5:00pm/ Church

### Sunday: 12/24

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

Mass/ 6:00pm/ English

Mass/7:30pm/ Spanish

### Monday: 12/25

Mass/9:15 am/ Church

### Tuesday: 12/26

No Event

### Wednesday: 12/27

Blood Drive/ 12:30pm-6:00pm/ Social Hall

### Thursday: 12/28

No Event

### Friday: 12/29

No Event

### Saturday: 12/30

Gospel Reflections/ 7:30am/ social hall

Mass/ 5:00pm/ Church

### Sunday: 12/31

Mass / 9:15 am / Church

## **Minister Schedule**

### **December 30 & December 31, 2017**

Saturday, December 30, 2017: 5:00pm

EMHC: J. & A. Zarnowski

Lector: Y. Melara

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: K. & Y. Melara

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeter: P. Thompson

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, December 31, 2017: 9:15am

EMHC: J. Fitzgerald T. Ober K. Graham

Lector: G. Treaster

Cantor: M. Miller

Altar Servers: Daryl, Mike, and Dave

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: Ginger and Gale

Ushers: R. Auker M. Eberts





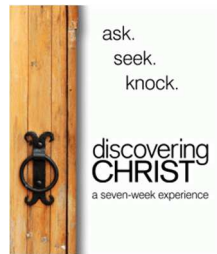
**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**  
 National Council of the United States  
 Seeking Charity and Justice

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*

**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.

**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 March 10. At each of the sessions dinner will be served beginning at 5:00 PM, continuing with a video and small group discussion. For registration, please see Ralph Perez after Mass, or hand in registration form in the office.



**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.

**BIBLE STUDY**

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



**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.

**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.**



## 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](mailto:jdise@HersheyPA.com). **Deadlines for orders is Monday, January 29, 2018.**



**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.**

## 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](http://retrouvaille.org) or email [retrouvaillehbg@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvaillehbg@gmail.com).



## Respect Life Mass

The Respect Life Mass will take place on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at Good Shepherd Church, 3435 Trindle Road in Camp Hill. This Mass is celebrated every year to commemorate the lives lost to abortion since 1973 and to pray for the building of a culture of life in our nation from conception to natural death. Those who are not able to attend the annual march for life in Washington are especially encouraged to attend. Mass begins at 11:30 AM. Reverend Paul Scheneck will be the celebrant and homilist. All are welcome! For additional information contact the Respect Life Ministry at 717-657-4804 ext. 317 or email [KNeri@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:KNeri@hbgdiocese.org).

## 2018 Men's Conference Save-the-Date

**"Men of Mary, Mercy and The Eucharist"** is

the theme for the Diocese of Harrisburg's Men's Conference which will be held on **March 10, 2018** at Bishop McDevitt High School. Principal Celebrant and Homilist will be the Most Reverend Bishop Gainer and keynote speaker will be Father Chris Alar, MIC, Director of the Association for Marian Helpers. Registration materials will soon be available at the parish office and on the diocesan website.



## 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.



Please remember in your prayers parishioner Michael Swartz who passed away on Sunday, December 17.