

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.

December 31, 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
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 31, 2017

“They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regards to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: ‘Now Master you can let your servant go in peace.’”

How often we have attended a baptism, as parent, godparent, big brother or sister, relative or friend. Some assumed the role of Joseph and Mary, others that of Simeon, or Anna who prayed. Whatever our role, we are called to recognize the special presence of the Christ as they did. Joseph protected, Mary reflected, Simeon prayed and praised. We do too.

Pope Francis in his exhortation ‘The Joy of Love’ provides a terrific teaching as we bring one year to a close and turn the page to a new year of grace. He says, ‘Family prayer is a special way of expressing and strengthening this paschal faith. A few minutes can be found each day to come together before the living God to tell him of our worries, to ask for the needs of our family, to pray for someone experiencing difficulty, to ask for help in showing love, to give thanks for life and for its blessings and to ask Our Lady to protect us beneath her maternal mantle. With a few simple words, this moment of prayer can do immense good for our families.’

As we hear of all the new year’s resolutions, may we see this as our priority.

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6, 21: 1-3

Abram shows us the Lord keeps His promises, for his offspring were indeed many, like the stars in heaven. We, too, must trust in the Lord, so like Abram, our families might prosper.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

By faith Abraham and Sarah were blessed with Isaac, and through him, many descendants because they trusted in God’s promise and believed in what they could not see. We see that faith, trust and prayer bring forth God’s miracles in our lives.

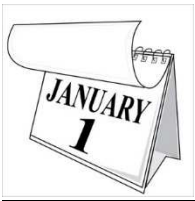
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Jesus was brought to Jerusalem to be consecrated according to the law of Moses. A man named Simeon had learned he would not die until he had seen God’s anointed. Upon seeing Jesus, he immediately declared he had witnessed “the glory of your people of Israel.” The prophetess Anna also gave thanks and spoke of Jesus



Tithing is God’s Plan for Giving:

Income for December 24, 2017	\$ 2,518.00
Votives	\$ 90.00
Christmas Dec. 24 & 25	\$ 3,584.00
Tithes for Dec. 24 and 25	
Juniata County Food Pantry	\$ 276.00
Saint Vincent de Paul Society	\$ 343.00



NEW YEARS MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 31 Mass at 9:15AM

There will be no Mass on New Year’s Eve.

Monday, January 1, 2018 Mass at 9:15AM



THANK YOU

The 2018 Calendars are in the Narthex. This year the theme is Feasts and Saints. We wish to thank Brown Funeral Home in Mifflintown for once again sponsoring these lovely calendars. Thanks to Dan, Kathy, and Nick Brown and Kirk Freed, Supervisor at the McAlisterville location who have sponsored the calendar for many years.

LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week
And Weekly Reading



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 AM Harry Chapman

Tuesday, January 2: Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church (Memorial)

1 John 2:22-28; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; John 1:19-28

Wednesday, January 3: Christmas Weekday

1 John 2:29-3:6; Psalm 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; John 1:29-34

Thursday, January 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious (Memorial)

1 John 3:7-10; Psalm 98:1, 7-8, 9; John 1:35-42

Friday, January 5: St. John Neumann, Bishop (Memorial)

1 John 3:11-21; Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; John 1:43-51
9:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, January 6: Christmas Weekday

1 John 5:5-13; Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mark 1:7-11
5:00 PM Fr. William Weary

6:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, January 7: The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:2

9:15 AM Charles Joseph Ames

Calendar of Events

Saturday: 12/30

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/ social hall
Mass/5:00pm/ Church

Sunday: 12/31

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

Monday: 1/01

Mass/9:15 am/ Church

Tuesday: 1/02

No Event

Wednesday: 1/03

No Event

Thursday: 1/04

Healing Mass/ 6:00PM/ Church

Friday: 1/05

First Friday Mass/ 9:00AM/ Church

Saturday: 1/06

Gospel Reflections/ 7:30am/ social hall
Mass/ 5:00pm/ Church
Spanish Mass/6:30pm/ Church

Sunday: 1/07

Mass / 9:15 am / Church
CCD after Mass

Minister Schedule

January 6 & January 7, 2018

Saturday, January 6, 2018: 5:00pm

EMHC: J. & A. Zarnowski

Lector: M. Tonge

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: J. & A. Flores

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeter: P. Thompson

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, January 7, 2018: 9:15am

EMHC: J. Fitzgerald T. Ober D. Treaster

Lector: Garry W. Price

Cantor: M. Miller

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

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: Ginger and Gale

Ushers: A. Thawley T. Newcamp



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*

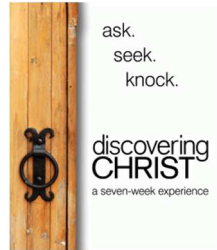


Attn: EMHC- Time to Re-Certify

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.



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 Sacred Heart 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 Sacred Heart 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 Sacred Heart 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. **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.



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@hbqdiocese.org.



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@hbqdiocese.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.



Dancing into the New Year at St. Mark's



When we are in the grip of winter – the nights are long and the days are short. Wouldn't it be fun either to practice ballroom dancing or learn to dance the all-American classics like the waltz, foxtrot, rumba, and maybe a little

salsa or swing? A series of four one hour classes are being offered in the parish house of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 21 S. Main St., Lewistown. Kevin Fee, Certified Ballroom Dance Teacher will be offering classes on Sundays, January 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 2-3:00 PM. Cost is \$100 per couple (\$25 per couple, per lesson). The class is open to couples only. Call the Sacred Heart parish office if interested.

Catholic Charities Counseling

Catholic Charities Counseling Service – Outpatient Behavioral Health Care is dedicated to providing access to high quality outpatient counseling for children, adolescents, and adults in a small, friendly, confidential office. Services include individual and family therapy, marital counseling, and parent-child counseling. Services are provided regardless of religious affiliation. Visit www.cchbg.org for more information. Brochures are available in the vestibule.



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