

# 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



[www.stjudemifflintown.org](http://www.stjudemifflintown.org)

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**December 2, 2018**

**First 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

**First Sunday of Advent**

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**“The days are coming, says the Lord, when I fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, at that time, I will raise up for David, a just shoot, he shall do what is right and just in the land.... May the Lord increase you and make you overflow with love for one another and for all, even as our love for you.”**

The Holy Season of Advent has begun. A time of yearning, of expectation, of longing that things can be better. As the prophet told of God fulfilling His promise, may we participate in allowing that to happen today.

The advent time is brief, but offers a great opportunity to do two things. Consider what it was like before the coming of the Messiah, the chaos, the desire, the need for the Father to send someone.

Consider our time, when the same disturbing chaos dominates our thinking with wars, poverty, hate expressed in so many ways. The expected Messiah, would bring that injustice to an end, and will if we but seriously live these special days in prayer, reflection and signs of love and support of others. In this time of commercialism, may we pause to consider those who are hurting in any way, those who are poor, those who do not know our Savior.

**First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

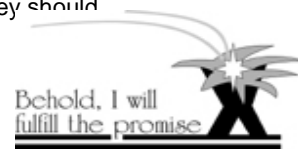
The Lord tells of fulfilling the promise he had made to Israel. He will send a replacement for David, someone who "shall do what is right and just in the land," believed by most to mean Jesus.

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2**

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be ready for the coming of the Lord. He explains that although they are conducting themselves in a way that would please God, they should always strive to do even better.

**Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**

Jesus warns his followers to be prepared for the end of the world. He reminds them not to be preoccupied with unimportant events, or they will be caught unaware rather than being on watch as they should



**Rectory Open House Christmas Party**

Father Weary's Rectory Open House Christmas Party will be held on **Sunday, December 2nd from 3-5 PM**. All are welcome to join us for this annual celebration. Snacks and drinks will be provided.



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

Income for November 25, 2018	\$ 1,474.00
Matthew 25	\$ 50.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 70.00
Tithe for November 25, 2018	\$ 147.00
PA Pro – Life Federation	



**BLESSING OF CRECHE**

This Wednesday, December 5 at 7:00pm, the Knights of Columbus will be blessing our outdoor creche at the front of the Church. All parishioners are welcome to attend.



**Saint Jude Women's Guild Christmas Dinner will be held at the Juniata Valley Winery on Wednesday, December 12 at 6:00pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the social hall until December 9, with the cost of \$25.00 payable at sign-up.**

Advent Penance Service will be on **Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 PM. Confessions will be heard that afternoon at 3:00 PM at Sacred Heart.



## LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass  for the  
Intentions *for the Week*

*And Weekly Readings*



### Saturday, December 1: Weekday

Revelation 22:1-7; Psalm 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab; Luke 21:34-36

5:00 PM Catherine Cloutier

6:30 PM People of the Parish

### Sunday, December 2: First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1

Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

9:15 AM Jesusa Vega

### Monday, December 3: St. Francis Xavier, Priest (Memorial)

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Matthew 8:5-11

9:00 AM People of the Parish

### Tuesday, December 4: Advent Weekday

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Luke 10:21-24

### Wednesday, December 5: Advent Weekday

Isaiah 25:6-10a; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Matthew 15:29-37

### Thursday December 6: Advent Weekday

Isaiah 26:1-6; Psalm 118:1 & 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Matthew 7:21, 24-27

### Friday, December 7: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

Isaiah 29:17-24; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14; Matthew 9:27-31

9:00 AM People of the Parish

7:00 PM People of the Parish

### Saturday, December 8: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Patronal Feast day of the United States of America

Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38

5:00 PM People of the Parish

### Sunday, December 9: Second Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5:1-9; Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6

9:15 AM People of the Parish

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday: 12/01

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/ social hall

Mass/5:00 pm/ Church

Spanish Mass/6:30 pm/ Church

### Sunday: 12/02

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

CCD After Mass/10:30 AM

### Monday: 12/03

Mass/9:00 am/ Church

### Tuesday: 12/04

No Event

### Wednesday: 12/05

Knights of Columbus/7:00PM

Blessing of the Creche

### Thursday: 12/06

Healing Mass/6:00PM/ Church

### Friday: 12/07

First Friday Mass/9:00am/Church

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Mass/7:00pm/ Church

### Saturday: 12/08

Gospel Reflections/ 7:30am/ social hall

Cookie Walk/8:00am/ Social Hall

Mass/ 5:00pm/ Church

### Sunday: 12/09

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

CCD After Mass/10:30am

Penance Service at St. Jude/7:00pm/ Church

## **Minister Schedule**

### **December 8 & December 9, 2018**

Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018: 5:00pm

EMHC: J. & A. Zarnowski

Lector: Y. Melara

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: K. & Y. Melara

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: People of the Parish

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018: 9:15am

EMHC: T. Ober K. Graham J. Price

Lector: M. Tonge

Cantor: M. Miller

Altar Servers: Dave, Daryl, and Mike

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: People of the Parish

Ushers: R. Auken 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*



## ATTENTION COOKIE BAKERS

St. Jude Women's Guild is in need of as many bakers as possible for our **Annual Christmas Cookie Walk on December 8, 2018**. Ruth Hower has been making phone calls, but in the event we missed you on our list, please consider helping us out by baking cookies for our fundraiser. We ask bakers to bake 12 dozen of their best cookie recipe. **The 12 dozen should be all the same kind.** The social hall will be open for cookie drop off on Friday, December 7, 2018 from 9:00am to 6:30pm. Cookies can also be dropped off on Saturday morning, between 7:00am and 8:00am. If you have any questions or if you are unable to deliver your cookies, please call Joyce Price, 717-994-0209. She will arrange for someone to pick your cookies up. Thanks to all our expert cookie bakers.

## COOKIE WALK AND BAZAAR

This year's walk is on Saturday, December 8, 2018 in the church social hall from 9:00am to Noon ( or while supplies last). Doors open at 8:00am sharp.

Purchase an empty container for \$10.00 and fill it with your choice from a wide variety of homemade Christmas cookies. Each container will hold 3-4 dozen cookies, depending on the size and shape of the cookies selected. You can also shop for unique Christmas gifts from a selection of homemade candies, hand crafted items and needlework, and a White Elephant table.

Come early to get the best selection and enjoy a **free** cup of coffee while you browse. For more information, contact Joyce Price at 717-994-0209.

## Survivors' Compensation Program

Bishop Ronald W. Gainer announced this past week that the Diocese of Harrisburg is moving forward with the development of a Survivors' Compensation Program for victims of clergy sexual abuse. The Diocese has engaged attorney Kenneth Feinberg and his associate, Camille Biros, to administer the program. Mr. Feinberg specializes in administering similar programs and has successfully run the Archdiocese of New York's Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Fund, as well as the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund. The Diocese pledges that the resources for this fund will not come from the money you so generously donate to Sacred Heart of Jesus and to the Diocese. The money for this program will come from the Diocese's reserve, unrestricted Diocesan accounts and the yield from the Diocese's investments. In his message he also announced a way for parishioners to send him questions. The press release can be viewed on line at <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/statement-regarding-survivors-compensation-program/>. To view a video message from Bishop Gainer on the Survivors' Compensation Program, please visit [www.youthprotectionhbg.com/survivor-assistance](http://www.youthprotectionhbg.com/survivor-assistance).



## Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

Men's Cursillo Weekend will be **January 24-27, 2019** at the Christian Retreat Center, East Waterford, PA. The Women's Cursillo Weekend will be **February 21-24, 2019** at the Mariawald Renewal Center, Reading, PA.



Support the Retirement Fund for Religious. A donor writes, "Your flyer touched my heart-seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced." Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next week's collection.



## Let's Make the Holidays Merry and Bright!

Beginning on Sunday November 25<sup>th</sup> and running thru December 2<sup>nd</sup>, the St Vincent dePaul Society will be collecting grocery items for the church's Christmas Baskets to be given out to those in need in our parish and community. Distribution of the baskets will be on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at the church from 10 am to 12 pm. **The following is a list of items needed by December 10<sup>th</sup>:**

- Canned Corn, Peas and Green Beans
- Cranberry Sauce
- Boxed Mashed Potatoes
- Boxes of Stuffing Mix or Bread Cubes
- Cake Mixes and Frosting
- Canned Pumpkin, Canned Sweet Potatoes and Canned Fruit (for making pies)
- Pie Shells

We are also in need of various size turkeys. If you have one to donate, please bring it to the Sacred Heart parish office. Canned goods and non-perishables can be placed in the boxes in the Narthex of the church or brought to the parish office at 9 N. Brown St. **We must have your donations no later than December 10<sup>th</sup>.** We will also be accepting monetary donations to purchase turkeys and any other food items necessary to fill our food baskets. Many thanks for your help and generosity to make the holidays a little merrier and brighter for those in need! Any questions may be made to us at [stvincentdepaullewis@stvincentdepaullewis.com](mailto:stvincentdepaullewis@stvincentdepaullewis.com). ***Extend mercy toward others, so that there can be no one in need whom you meet without helping!***

### Items Needed

The auction committee is looking for handmade, new, or gently used items to be auctioned off at our **Benefit Auction on April 28, 2019**. If you would like to donate an item, please contact Ashley Henry at the Parish Office at 717-242-2781.



### Join Us

It is time to start planning the **21<sup>st</sup> Annual SHS Benefit Auction**. This year's auction will be held on **Sunday, April 28, 2019** at the Mifflin County Youth Park. A Spaghetti Dinner will be held the night before on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. **The next auction planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM at SHS school.**

### *Puttin' on the Glitz, the 10<sup>th</sup>*

**Annual Sacred Heart School Gala will be held on February 2, 2019**

at the Lewistown Country Club. Tickets, \$60 until January 20<sup>th</sup> and

\$70 from January 21<sup>st</sup> till sold out, will be available soon. Watch future bulletins for additional information.



### Diocese Night with the Hershey Bears



Celebrate Catholic Schools' Week with the **Hershey Bears Hockey Team vs. Laval Rockets at the Giant Center in Hershey on**

**Saturday, January 26, 2019** at 7 PM. This fun-filled action packed night at the Giant center is open to all and is a great way to celebrate Catholic Schools! Discounted tickets are available for \$16.00 each for all ages, from the regular admission price of \$25.00. **Deadline to order is Friday, January 18, 2019.** For more information pick up an order form at the parish office or contact [jdise@HersheyPA.com](mailto:jdise@HersheyPA.com).

### FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Please remember that next Saturday, December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at St. Jude on Friday, December 7 at 7:00pm. Sacred Heart in Lewistown will have a vigil Mass on Friday at 7:00pm and also on Saturday, December 8 at 9:00am.