

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.

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.

December 30, 2018

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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 30, 2018

“Because you are God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt mercy, with kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another; forgive whatever grievances you have against one another. Forgive as the Lord has forgiven you. Over all these virtues put on love, which binds the rest together and makes them perfect... Joseph went to the region in Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth.”

We are still admiring the many gifts of Christmas. The packages have been opened and their contents displayed. There are gifts you still have to be shared with others. You did not deliver them yet. They are the virtues enumerated by St. Paul in his letter. Surely there is someone waiting to receive your gift of patience, humility and kindness. It is not too late to make sure they receive it. The gift of love is the gift wrap, bow or ribbon to bring everything together.

Can't you see the Holy Family, settling down after their journey from Bethlehem to Egypt, happy to take a few minutes to relax and be glad that they have a home. As this special family began to accustom themselves to a new experience, they surely must have been glad the infant Son was with them. As we settle, as we approach a new year, may we find the same Lord as the center of our attention with our family in our home.

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Sirach emphasizes the importance of honoring one's parents. He explains that spiritual riches will come to those who are kind to their mother and father.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Paul advises us to treat each other with kindness and mercy and to forgive as God forgives us. His words remind families to always love and respect one another and let Christ's peace reign in their hearts and in their homes.

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

When Jesus was twelve years old, the Holy Family traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate the feast. Jesus did not return with the company. Instead, he stayed in Jerusalem, sitting among the teachers while amazing them with his understanding and questions. When found by his concerned parents, Jesus reminded them that he must be in the house of his Father. Returning together, Mary kept these things in her heart.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Income for December 23, 2018	\$ 2,315.13
Capital Improvements	\$ 50.00
Christmas	\$ 120.00
Tithe for December 23, 2018	\$ 249.00
Juniata County Food Pantry	
Income For December 24-25, 2018	\$ 350.00
Christmas	\$ 3,094.00
Tithe For December 24-25, 2018	\$ 344.00
Paul W. DeLauter Youth Center	

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Mass will be celebrated at Saint Jude Church on Tuesday, January 1, 2019 at 10:00 am.

Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart in Lewistown on Monday, December 31 at 4:00pm and also on Tuesday, January 1 at 10:00am.

Thank You

We want to thank Brown Funeral Home of Mifflintown for once again sponsoring the Catholic Art Calendars for Saint Jude Church. They have done this for many years and we greatly appreciate their generosity.



LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week
And Weekly Readings



Saturday, 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
5:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, December 30: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28; Psalm 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24; Luke 2:41-52

9:15 AM Fr. William Weary

Monday, December 31: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 John 2:18-21; Psalm 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; John 1:1-18
7:00 AM Intentions of Fran Hartman from Anne Marie Showers

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, 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 1:1-2

Wednesday, 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

Thursday, January 3: Christmas Weekday

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

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

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

9:00 AM People of the Parish

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

1 John 3:11-21; Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; John 1:43-5

5:00 PM Margaret Kalinoski

Sunday, January 6: 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 Jesusa Vega

Calendar of Events

Saturday: 12/29

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

Sunday: 12/30

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

Monday: 12/31

Mass/9:00 am/ Church

Tuesday: 1/01

New Year's Day/Mass 10:00am/ Church

Wednesday: 1/02

K of C Meeting/7:00pm/Social Hall

Thursday: 1/03

No Event

Friday: 1/04

No Event

Saturday: 1/05

Gospel Reflections/ 7:30am/ social hall

Mass/ 5:00pm/ Church

Sunday: 1/06

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

CCD after Church

Epiphany Celebration Dinner/5:00pm/social hall

Minister Schedule

January 5 & January 6, 2019

Saturday, Jan 5, 2019: 5:00pm

EMHC: A. Zarnowski

Lector: T. Kromel

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: J. Zarnowski

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: People of the Parish

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, Jan. 6, 2019: 9:15am

EMHC: J. Price T. Ober D. Parson

Lector: J. Kelly

Cantor: A. Arnold

Altar Servers: D. Treaster D. Best M. Fitzgerald

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: People of the Parish

Ushers: T. Newcamp A. Thawley



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*

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.



2019 Respect Life Mass

The annual diocesan Respect Life Mass will take place on **Sunday, January 20, 2019 at 9:30 AM at Good Shepherd Church in Camp Hill.** This Mass is celebrated every year to commemorate the lives lost to abortion since 1973 and to pray for the building up of a culture of life in our nation from conception to natural death. Reverend Stephen Kelley, chaplain to our diocese's Rachel's Vineyard post-abortion ministry, will be the celebrant and homilist. Both he and Tom O'Neill will greet Respect Life leaders and volunteers from around the diocese in the narthex after the Mass. All are welcome!



Retired State Police Captain to Oversee Diocese's Youth Protection Programs



We are announcing that Captain Janet McNeal, who is retired from the Pennsylvania State Police, will oversee our Youth Protection programs. Captain McNeal has 26 years of law enforcement investigative and policy development experience, including serving as the chief administrator for the Megan's Law Sexual Offender Registry for the entire Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Deeply Rooted Family Workshop

For parents seeking to deepen their family's spiritual life and lead their children to holiness. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Mechanicsburg is hosting a family workshop for parents, grandparents and children on **January 12, 2019 from 9 AM to 1 PM.** Workshop sessions, children's programming and lunch will be provided for a **\$30 registration fee.** Workshops being offered are: ***In the World, but not of the World*** presented by Eva Gontis; ***The Selfie Generation, Mass and the None-ers*** presented by Kent Smithmyer; ***The 21st Century Family's Guide to Pro-Life*** presented by Maria Gallagher; ***The Liturgy of the Domestic Church*** presented by Mike & Kristine Creavey; ***Youth, Culture and Faith*** presented by Tom Fertal and ***Making the Works of Mercy Your Bucket List*** presented by Sister Emily Vincent. Visit www.steas.net/family to register OR check with the parish office for a paper registration form.



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 **21st 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 27th. **The next auction planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 28th at 6 PM at SHS school.**

Tickets Are Now on Sale!!

***Puttin' on the Glitz*, the 10th Annual Sacred Heart School Gala, will be held on February 2, 2019** at the Lewistown Country Club. **Tickets are NOW available at the Sacred Heart Parish Office, \$60 until January 20th and \$70 from January 21st till sold out.** Tickets will be available after Masses in January. Join us for a night of great food, music and dancing, door prizes and special games of chance!!



New Year's Day Ministry Schedule

EMHC: A. Zarnowski G. Best J. Fitzgerald
Lector: G. Treaster
Cantor: M. Miller
Servers; D. Treaster J. Zarnowski D. Best
Gifts: People of the Parish
Greeters: People of the Parish
Ushers; D. Ames P. Ames

Love and Support Shown to Others



Advent lays out the direction of the season. We renew our spirit as we focus on God's good plan for us. Lamentations 3:22-23 tells us **"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."** Just as the moon on the new fallen snow, the beauty of the season renews each of us. The love and support shown to others in need renews our St. Vincent spirit and guides us into the new year with hope and joy. We thank you for your kindness, your generous donations and your realization that we are indeed here to aid our brothers and sisters in need. As we continue to follow God's plan in 2019, please remember those who are less fortunate who just require some help with basic needs, many that we take for granted. The St. Vincent dePaul Board of Directors hope you



have a Happy New Year full of joy and hope in the faithfulness of our Lord. ***Extend mercy toward others, so that there can be no one in need whom you meet without helping!***

Contact us at:

stvincentdepaullewistown@gmail.com.



Please plan to join us for the St. Jude's Parish Epiphany of our Lord Celebration dinner to be held on Sunday, January 6, 2019 at 5:00pm. A special program that includes music and a visit by the Three Kings is planned. The parish will be providing the meats and beverages. Each family is asked to bring a covered dish and a dessert. Sign-up sheets asking for a listing of the number attending and the covered dish that you plan to bring are in the social hall. We hope to see you at this festive parish celebration.

Bishop's Listening Sessions

Bishop Gainer invites all members of St. Jude Thaddeus Parish to attend a Listening Session on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at Saint Catherine Laboure Parish, 4000 Derry Street, Harrisburg, PA at 7:00pm. Bishop Gainer will address concerns regarding the Grand Jury Report, the Diocese's response to abuse, our path forward, and any other questions or concern from parishioners. If you are unable to attend this or any other Listening Session, but would still like to ask Bishop Gainer a question, please email your question to AskBishopGainer@hbgdiocese.org.

Wild Goose Series- Please mark your calendars and join us Sunday evenings at 5:30pm, January 20-February 24, 2019 for the second half of this beautiful series on the Holy Spirit. Please join us even if you have not attended the prior sessions. Each session begins with a pot-luck dinner followed by a video, reflection and discussion. Our next segment on January 20 is Fruits of the Holy Spirit. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self control... If we live in the Spirit, let us also follow the Spirit." While there is no cost for the sessions, we ask that you register for the series to help in preparing the materials. If you have any questions please contact Ralph Perez at 717-543-1905.

HAPPY
New Year
