

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 9, 2018

Second 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
Second Sunday of Advent
December 9, 2018

"In every prayer I utter, I rejoice as I plead on your behalf at the way you all have continually helped promote the gospel from the very first day. I am sure of this much, that he who has begun the good work in you will carry it through to completion, right up to the day of Christ Jesus.... My prayer is that your love may more and more abound...that you may learn to value the things that really matter up to the very day of Christ."

How many are busy writing greeting cards to relatives, friends and acquaintances. The thoughts expressed, speak of a deep, deep concern for the joy of Christ's presence to touch their lives. At times we might not think twice about the reason for sending a card.

Consider the reasons St. Paul referred to as he wrote the Philippians. He wrote about his prayer for this new Christian community. He offered encouragement for them to grow in their lives as disciples of the Lord. That prayer motivates us as we begin this second week of Advent. Advent reminds of the past coming, but directs us to today and tomorrow where the Lord is leading us. May we find a quiet moment to reflect upon Paul's wish for us today as we anticipate the coming of Christ with His grace and peace. May we seek out the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of our advent.

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Baruch tells Jerusalem to rejoice because of God's plan to bring his exiled people back to Jerusalem. He emphasizes God's power and describes his plan to lower mountains and fill gorges to make their journey easier.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Paul encourages the Philippians to love each other completely. He hopes that their love and understanding will continue to grow so that they are prepared for the return of Christ.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Luke describes the work John the Baptist carried out to help people prepare for the birth of Jesus. Luke also discusses who was in power at the time, which helped historians to figure out the exact dates of certain events, including Jesus' birth.



The Mifflin-Juniata Cursillo Group

will hold their Nov./Dec. Ultreya on **Sunday, Dec. 9th at 12:30 PM** (following 11:00 AM Mass) in the Sacred Heart Church basement.



Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Income for December 2, 2018	\$ 3,803.18
Matthew 25	\$ 25.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 370.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 400.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 25.00
Tithe for December 2, 2018	\$ 380.00
Saint Vincent de Paul	



In your prayers, please remember former parishioner, **Louis DiGiulio**, who died on **November 20 in New York**. Lou and his wife **Jeanne** were long-time members of **St. Jude**, with his wife passing away in 1996. Lou was a member of the **Knights of Columbus**, and served as both a **lector and Eucharistic Minister**. He was also gifted with a musical talent, playing both the **piano and organ**, as well as the **bass fiddle**. His funeral services were held in **New York**.

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 9th** 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 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 Louis DiGiulio

Monday, December 10: Advent Weekday

Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 113-14; Luke 5:17-26

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 11: Advent Weekday

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 96:1-2, 3 & 10ac, 11-12, 13; Matthew 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 12: Our Lady of

Guadalupe

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Luke 1:39-47

Thursday December 13: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr (Memorial)

Isaiah 41:13-20; Psalm 145:1 & 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Matthew 11:11-15

Friday, December 14: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

Isaiah 48:17-19; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday, December 15: Advent Weekday

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Psalm 80:2ac & 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

5:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, December 16: Third Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

9:15 AM Michael Swartz

Wednesday: 12/12

No Event

Thursday: 12/13

No Event

Friday: 12/14

No Event

Saturday: 12/15

Gospel Reflections/ 7:30am/ social hall

Mass/ 5:00pm/ Church

Sunday: 12/16

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

CCD After Mass/10:30am

Minister Schedule

December 15 & December 16, 2018

Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018: 5:00pm

EMHC: A. Zarnowski

Lector: C. Fitzgerald

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: D. Treaster J. Zarnowski

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: P. Thompson

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018: 9:15am

EMHC: D. Treaster J. Fitzgerald D. Parson

Lector: J. Kelly

Cantor: A. Arnold/ C.Ames

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

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: D. & G. Best

Ushers: D. & P. Ames

Calendar of Events

Saturday: 12/08

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/ social hall

Cookie Walk/8:00am/ Social Hall

Mass/5:00 pm/ Church

Sunday: 12/09

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

CCD After Mass/10:30 AM

Penance Service/ 7:00PM/ Church

Monday: 12/10

Mass/9:00 am/ Church

Tuesday: 12/11

No Event



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

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.



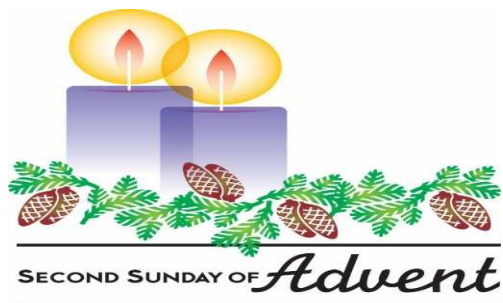
Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

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.



Sacred Heart School Christmas Musical

The students of Sacred Heart School invite you to their Annual Christmas Musical! They will be performing Miracle at Midnight on **Friday, Dec. 14th at 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM**, with a cookie social to follow the evening performance at the school. Snow Date, Monday, Dec. 17th.



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.**

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 contact jdise@HersheyPA.com.



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!!



The presence of God is felt all through the year here at St. Vincent dePaul.



In seeing our parish and community friends who come to us for help, in working with other churches and agencies in the area, to the many who come to help with our charity's many needs.

“How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you?” 1 Thessalonians 3:9.

It is that joy that truly shines through in the Christmas Season. **We are so grateful to our parish members, St. Jude's parish, the Rotary Club of Lewistown, Overhead Door, and our Friends at Career Link** who did not hesitate to donate funds, canned goods, turkeys and other items needed to fill over 80 Christmas Baskets for our Merry and Bright Project that will be distributed on Dec. 15th. In addition, our hearts are filled with gladness from all the donations that help sustain us throughout the year. Each of you are a blessing to us. We wish you quiet moments with friends and family this holiday season and peace and joy for the coming year. We also wanted to give an update on Kelly C who received surgery to remove her tumor and had a titanium hip, femur, knee and tibia replacement. She will be having intense physical therapy for 6 months in addition to 4 more rounds of chemo. Please continue to pray for this young girl as she begins this new phase of treatment. We will continue to take donations for her travel and other expenses. St. Vincent dePaul is still in need of shampoo, bar soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, mouthwash, and other personal care items along with hats, scarves and gloves/mittens as the cold weather is upon us. **Tis the season of giving, may you continue to be generous to our St. Vincent dePaul charity and to each other. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

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EWTN Announcement

Join EWTN each week this Advent Season for special programming and devotionals easily located on their website www.ewtn.com/advent. Remember, your purchase of holy reminders from the EWTN Religious Catalog guarantees quality and helps support the network. Visit the online Catholic store at www.ewtnreligiouscatalogue.com.



PCGG Symposium: Prison Christian Growth Group (PCGG), a Catholic organization which brings the message of Christ to inmates in prisons all throughout Pennsylvania, will be holding a Symposium on **Saturday, December 15, 2018** at the Diocese of Harrisburg, Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, PA. Internationally known motivational speaker, John Foppe will speak as well as our Bishop, Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer. Learn how you can be energized in your faith and hear how you can serve Jesus Christ by serving others. The registration fee of \$25.00 includes coffee, donuts and lunch. See flyer in back of the church for details.

Retirement Fund for Religious



Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little or no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's second envelope for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

A Time of Hope

Advent 2018

“I will call this to mind, as my reason to have hope: The favors of the Lord are not exhausted, his mercies are not spent; They are renewed each morning, so great is his faithfulness. My portion is the Lord, says my soul; therefore, will I hope in him. Good is the Lord to one who waits for him, to the soul that seeks him, it is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.”

-Lamentations 3:21-26