

# St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church

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## Parish Staff

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## Liturgy Schedule

SATURDAY: 5:30 PM

First Saturday 6:45 PM

Hispanic Mass

SUNDAY: 9:15 AM

MONDAY: 9:00AM

HOLY DAYS: AS ANNOUNCED

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 4:30-5:15 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.

**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 22, 2019**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**STEWARDSHIP IS A WAY OF LIFE**  
**TITHING IS GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS  
**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**December 22, 2019**

**“Through him we have been favored with apostleship that we may spread his name and bring to obedient faith all the Gentiles among whom are you who have been called to belong to Jesus Christ. To all in Rome, beloved of God and called to holiness, grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”**

Do you ever count how many Christmas cards you receive? Do you classify some as religious, family pictures, or strictly secular? A card sometimes expresses how people feel about you, or even the Christmas season. We are about to celebrate the birth of Christ. Is not this passage of Paul to the Romans a great Christmas wish? We may not be in Rome, but his care for those loved by God is quite clear. We 1. Belong to Jesus Christ 2. Are called to holiness 3. Grace is his wish for us and 4. Peace is the result of the presence of the Lord.

May the blessings of Christ be with you and yours.

**First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14**

Ahaz receives from Isaiah a prophecy that he will be successful in war and is urged to ask for a sign that the prophecy is true. The sign is “The virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.”

**Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7**

Paul greets the Romans by pointing out that Jesus is the Christ who was promised to them in Scripture. He, Paul, is the apostle favored with the task of spreading the name of Christ to all.

**Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24**

In a brief, straightforward, simple narrative, Matthew recounts the events leading to Jesus’ birth. He details the appearance of the angel in a dream to Joseph and stresses that “All this happened to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophets.”

<b>Tithing is God’s Plan for Giving:</b>	
Income for December 15, 2019	\$2,904.48
Christmas	\$ 100.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 50.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 25.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 10.00
Tithe for December 15, 2019	\$ 300.00
DeLauter Youth Center	

***What is the Advent Wreath?***

*The Advent Wreath is one of our most popular Advent traditions. Its origin is in pre-Christian Germany and Scandinavia where the people gathered to celebrate the return of the sun after the winter solstice. The circular wreath made of evergreens with four candles interspersed represented the circle of the year and the life that endures through the winter. As the days grew longer, people lit candles to offer thanks to the “sun god” for the light. For us, the lighting of the Advent candles represents the promise of the coming of Jesus, the light of the world.*



## LITURGICAL NOTES:

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



### Saturday, December 21: Advent Weekday

Song of Songs 2:8-14; Psalm 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Luke 1:39-45

5:30 PM William Tonge

### Sunday, December 22: Fourth Sunday of

#### Advent

Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

9:15 AM Suffering Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.

### Monday, December 23: Advent Weekday

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Psalm 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 & 14; Luke 1:57-66

9:00 AM Ruth Hower

### Tuesday, December 24: The Nativity of the Lord

#### (Christmas): At the 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 Phyllis Davis

### Wednesday, 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

10:00 AM Edward Bolger

### Thursday, 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

### Friday, 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

### Saturday, 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

5:30 PM James Fitzgerald

### Sunday, December 29: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Colossians 3:12-21; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

9:15 AM People of the Parish

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday: 12/21

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/social hall

Mass/5:30pm/ Church

### Sunday: 12/22

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

No CCD/ Holiday Break

### Monday: 12/23

Mass/9:00am/Church

### Tuesday: 12/24

Christmas Eve./Mass/6:00pm/Church

### Wednesday: 12/25

Christmas Day

Mass/10:00am/Church

### Thursday: 12/26

No Event

### Friday: 12/27

No Event

### Saturday: 12/28

Mass/5:30pm/ Church

### Sunday: 12/29

Mass/9:15am/Church

No CCD/Holiday Break

## **Minister Schedule**

### **December 28 & December 29, 2019**

Saturday, December 28, 2019: 5:30 pm

EMHC: A. Zarnowski

Lector: C. Fitzgerald

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: J. Zarnowski

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, December 29, 2019: 9:15am

EMHC: G. Best J. Price T. Ober

Lector: M. Tonge

Cantor; K. Fitzgerald

Altar Servers: E. & D. Zeigler D. Miller

Ushers: R. Aufer 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**



### Hawaiian Paradise

The torches are lit; the theme is set! We're having a Luau you'll never forget! The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Sacred Heart School Gala, **Hawaiian Paradise**, will be held on Saturday, **Feb. 1, 2020** at the **Lewistown Country Club**. Tickets are now available at the Parish Office; prices are **\$60** per person through Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> and **\$70** Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> thru Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.



### Auction Time

The **22nd Annual SHS Benefit Auction** will be held on **Sunday, April 26, 2020**, with an Auction Preview and Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, April 25. The auction committee is looking for handmade, new, or gently used items to be auctioned off. If you would like to donate an item, please contact Ashley Henry at the Parish Office at 717-242-2781 and don't forget to mark your calendars now, and keep an eye out for more details regarding planning, volunteering, and the event activities!



### Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

Men's Cursillo Weekend will be **January 23-26, 2020** at the Christian Retreat Center, East Waterford, PA. The Women's Cursillo Weekend will be **February 20-23, 2020** at the Mariawald Renewal Center, Reading, PA.



### Overflowing Blessings

As we prepare to distribute this year's Christmas baskets, the St. Vincent dePaul Society, along with their board members, would like to thank everyone at Sacred Heart for their kindness, their generous donations and their realization that we are indeed here to aid our brothers and sisters in need. Just as it says in **Malachi 3:10: *Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house; and thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.*** Again this year the blessings were overflowing with an abundance of donations that allowed us to fill over 80 Christmas baskets that will help feed 326 individuals over the holidays. Our gratefulness extends to not only you, our parishioners, but to the staff and students at Sacred Heart School, Sacred Heart CCD students, KimMiriello, Saint Jude Church, DelGrosso Foods Inc., and Class 1 Trucking who's generosity helped "*bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house.*" St. Vincent dePaul wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and 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!***



### CHURCH WINDOWS

There are twelve old windows from the church that are in very good condition. If you are interested, please see Joe Zarnowski or call him at 908-892-0271.



## COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend

Not willing to let go of your marriage? Many couples continue to struggle in a marriage but are not willing to give up on each other. There



is hope. Retrouvaille is a program designed to help struggling marriages regain their health. It helps a husband and a wife rediscover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. **For more information about the January 17-19, 2020, Weekend for couples, contact the registration team at [retrouvaillehbq@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvaillehbq@gmail.com) or 717-356-2185.**

### Fun Night with the Hershey Bears!

Celebrate Catholic Schools' Week with the Hershey Bears Hockey Team vs. Lehigh Valley Phantoms at the Giant Center in Hershey, for the **Annual Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg Night on**



**Saturday, February 1, 2020** at 7 p.m. It's a fun-filled action packed night at the Giant Center. Open to all, this night is a great way to celebrate our Catholic Schools! Discounted tickets are available for **\$16.50** each for all ages (regular admission price is \$20). **Deadline to order is Friday, January 24, 2020.** For more information or contact [jdise@HersheyPA.com](mailto:jdise@HersheyPA.com) or stop at the parish office for an order form.

### SHS Job Opportunity

SHS is seeking a Substitute Cafeteria Employee who would work on an "as needed" basis to cover for our cook in her absence, but a minimum of once a month. Training will be provided. Duties include: Cooking for students (breakfast and lunch), updating student accounts, and some data entry and paperwork related to the National School Lunch Program. Must have clearances, including PA State Police, Childline and FBI. Please contact Sue Parzanese at 717-447-2002 or [shfinance@sacredheartlewisstown.com](mailto:shfinance@sacredheartlewisstown.com) if interested.



## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS MASS SCHEDULE

### December 24: Christmas Eve.

**Saint Jude: 6:00PM**

**Sacred Heart: 4:00pm, Children's Mass  
10:00pm Vigil Mass**

### December 25: Christmas Day

**Saint Jude: Mass 10:00am**

**Sacred Heart: 10:00am**

### New Year's

### December 31: New Year's Eve.

**Sacred Heart: 4:00pm**

### January 1: New Year's Day

**Saint Jude: 10:00am**

**Sacred Heart: 10:00am**

