

St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church

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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



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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 15, 2019
Third 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

Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2019

“Be patient my brothers until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer awaits the precious yield of the soil. He looks forward to it patiently while the soil receives the winter and spring rains. You too must be patient. Ready your hearts because the coming of the Lord is at hand.”

We have met the prophet Isaiah, listened to the announcement of John the Baptist and joined with Mary as the third figure of advent. All have reminded us to prepare, ready our hearts, and reflect on what the coming of the Savior means for us today.

A restless world pays little attention to the need for and presence of a Savior. Many good people pay only lip service to the Bethlehem birth as a fond memory. Hurting people are looking for the presence and mercy of Jesus, which we are able to bring, but somehow, we forget our role.

We do not seek a blown reed, someone luxuriously dressed, but a prophet calling us to make the Lord's presence known and felt.

Let's use the example given to us by James. The stores and florists are filled with poinsettias, bright reds, whites and some hybrids. The farmer must prune, water, and then cover them for specific hours to have them bloom at the proper moment. When you see a plant, remember the patient care of the farmer preparing, and then prepare yourself.

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Isaiah tells us that when Christ comes, the weak will be made strong, the deaf will hear, the blind will see, and, above all, "sorrow and mourning will flee."

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

As the farmer waits patiently through winter and spring for the "yield of the soil" so, too, must we wait patiently for the coming of the Messiah.

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

While in prison, John sends a messenger to Jesus to ask, "Are you He who is to come or do we look for another?" Jesus replies by citing the miracles he has performed for the blind, the deaf, and the crippled. He concludes by identifying John as the messenger He has sent to prepare the way.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Income for December 8, 2019	\$2,945.48
Retirement for Religious	\$ 80.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 105.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 85.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 710.00
Tithe for December 8, 2019	\$ 366.00
Saint Vincent de Paul	



2020 CALENDARS

The Catholic Art Calendars for 2020 are now in the Narthex. The calendars are made possible due to the generosity of the Brown Funeral Home. We thank Dan, Kathy, and Nick Brown for sponsoring the calendars for St. Jude again this year. Please pick up your copy this week-end.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

December 24 Mass at 6:00pm

December 25 Mass at 10:00am

January 1 Mass at 10:00am



LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*
And Weekly Readings



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

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

5:30 PM Alma Berrocal

Sunday, December 15: Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; James 5:7-10;
Matthew 11:2-11

9:15 AM Dorothy Meoli

Monday, December 16: Advent Weekday

Numbers 242-7, 15-17a; Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9;
Matthew 21:23-27

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 17: Advent Weekday

Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Matthew
1:1-17

Wednesday, December 18: Advent Weekday

Jeremiah 23:5-8; Psalm 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Matthew 1:18-
25

Thursday, December 19: Advent Weekday

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Psalm 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Luke
1:5-25

Friday, December 20: Advent Weekday

Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Luke 1:26-38

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.

Thursday: 12/19

No Event

Friday: 12/20

No Event

Saturday: 12/21

Mass/5:30pm/ Church

Sunday: 12/22

Mass/9:15am/Church

No CCD/Holiday Break

Minister Schedule

December 21 & December 22, 2019

Saturday, December 21, 2019: 5:30 pm

EMHC: A. Zarnowski

Lector: J. Fitzgerald

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: J. Zarnowski

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, December 22, 2019: 9:15am

EMHC: D. Treaster D.Swigart D. Parson

Lector: T. Ober

Cantor; R. Perez

Altar Servers: Saint Michael's Guard

Ushers: D. Ames P. Ames

Calendar of Events

Saturday: 12/14

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/social hall

Mass/5:30pm/ Church

Sunday: 12/15

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

CCD/10:30am

Monday: 12/16

Mass/9:00am/Church

Tuesday: 12/17

No Event

Wednesday: 12/18

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*



Hawaiian Paradise

The torches are lit; the theme is set! We're having a Luau you'll never forget! The 11th 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. 24th and **\$70** Jan. 25th thru Feb. 1st.



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.



3rd SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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, Kim Miriello, 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.