

# 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 29, 2019

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

STEWARDSHIP IS A WAY OF LIFE

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

Income for December 22, 2019	\$2, 006.55
Christmas	\$ 110.00
Retired Religious	\$ 100.00

### **Pennsylvania March for Life – May 18**

**Join us for the first-ever Pennsylvania March for Life next May!** Both sides of the abortion

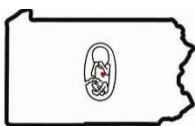
debate agree that the issue is now moving to the states.

Recently, a few states have passed some of the most pro-life laws in the country, while others have sought to legalize abortion up to the very moment of birth.

Pennsylvania is an extremely important state in this regard because we have one of the strongest pro-life histories in the nation, a tradition that is now at risk.

Recognizing this reality, the March for Life is teaming up with the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference and the Pennsylvania Family Institute to host the first-ever Pennsylvania March for Life on

**Monday, May 18, 2020.** The March will give pro-life Pennsylvanians the opportunity to pray, march, and lobby their representatives for the legal protection of the unborn. We hope to have 8,000 people there. Make sure that you and your group are counted on that day! Details: Mon., May 18, 2020, PA State Capitol, Harrisburg, PA, 11 AM Rally, 12 PM March



## **HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020**

I WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL MY FELLOW PARISHIONERS A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR. I VALUE YOUR FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT. A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO RALPH PEREZ FOR ALL HIS HELP WHEN I HAVE MY "COMPUTER ISSUES".

KEEPING ALL OF YOU IN MY PRAYERS.....

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A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY

READINGS

**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 29, 2019

**"Because we 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."**

As we conclude the calendar, praying for our family, we look to the family of Nazareth as a model. Surely they were tried by travel, poverty, oppressive government edicts, forced to take part in a census, flee a treacherous dictator, but united in the presence of the Christ.

Paul's teaching allows us to take stock of our own home and family life.

Each virtue he names is like a different room in our home, or steps we ascend daily. If one is missing, we can look for it as we begin a new year.

May we 'dedicate ourselves to thankfulness'; for all the blessings given our family this year and seek His blessings as we turn the page to 2020.

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

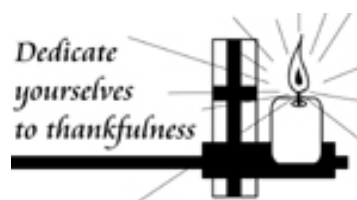
This passage from Sirach details the duties children owe to father and mother. Their life-long devotion will not be forgotten and "will take lasting root."

### **Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21**

Paul urges Christians particularly in the setting of the family, to "clothe" themselves with kindness, patience, humility, and mercy; to forgive; and, above all, to love!

### **Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23**

An angel of the Lord, appearing in a dream to Joseph, urges him to flee with Jesus and Mary to Egypt to escape the murderous schemes of Herod. Later, in another dream, an angel tells Joseph to go with Jesus and Mary to a town called Nazareth in the region of Galilee, thus fulfilling the Scriptures: "He shall be called a Nazarene."



## LITURGICAL NOTES:

*Mass for the  
Intentions for the  
Week*

*And Weekly Readings*



### 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

### Monday, December 30: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 John 2:12-17; Psalm 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Luke 2:36-40

9:00 AM People of the Parish

### Tuesday, 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

### Wednesday, January 1: Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Galatians 4:4-

10:00AM People of the Parish

### Thursday, January 2: Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church (Memorial)

1 John 2:22-28; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; John 1:19-28

### Friday, January 3: Christmas Weekday

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

9:00 AM People of the Parish

### Saturday, January 4: St Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious (Memorial)

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

5:30 PM People of the Parish

### Sunday, January 5: 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 People of the Parish

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday: 12/28

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/social hall

Mass/5:30pm/ Church

### Sunday: 12/29

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

No CCD/ Holiday Break

### Monday: 12/30

Mass/9:00am/Church

### Tuesday: 12/31

No Event

### Wednesday: 1/01

New Year's Day

Mass/10:00am/Church

### Thursday: 1/02

Healing Mass/6:00pm/Church

### Friday: 1/03

First Friday/Mass 9:00AM/Church

Followed by Exposition and Benediction

### Saturday: 1/04

Mass/5:30pm/ Church

Spanish Mass/6:45pm/Church

### Sunday: 1/05

Mass/9:15am/Church

CCD/10:30 AM

## **Minister Schedule**

### **January 4 & January 5, 2020**

Saturday, January 4, 2020: 5:30 pm

EMHC: A. Zarnowski

Lector: J. Fitzgerald

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: J. Zarnowski

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, January 5, 2020: 9:15am

EMHC: D. Treaster D. Swigart D. Parson

Lector: M. Tonge

Cantor; A. Arnold

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

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**



## 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.**



### 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!



### 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.



### 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.



### 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.



## NEW YEARS MASS SCHEDULE

### 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**

#### **Jersey Boys the Musical**

Centers in Motion presents the musical *Jersey Boys, The Story of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons* on Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at the Eisenhower Auditorium, Penn State University. Admission is free (\$68.00 value) and open to anyone 60 and older! Spots are limited, sign up today! To register, please contact Chad Sample at 717-320-8224 or email [csample@mymjrsc.com](mailto:csample@mymjrsc.com). A \$10 donation for transportation is suggested. Centers in Motion is affiliated with the Mifflin/Juniata Area Agency on Aging and Mifflin /Juniata Regional Services.



### BE A CENSUS TAKER IN 2020

**Apply online to be a census taker in 2020. The job includes the opportunity to make extra income, flexible hours, weekly pay, and paid training. There are posters in the narthex and social hall with details. If you have any questions, contact parishioner Jim Sander for more details.**

**May the God of hope fill you all with joy and peace as you trust in him** *Romans 15*. We at St Vincent DePaul wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy, Healthy 2020! In reflection of 2019 we wish to remember all of you who were so very generous and helpful to our charity. Many wish to be anonymous which we respect and quietly thank from the bottom of our hearts. We also want to recognize those who made this year a success. First and foremost, a big Christmas Hug to our St Vincent Board of Directors, to Jodi Peters who keeps our appointments and is such a help to us, to Rich and Kathy Graham, Ruth Hower, Rich & Carol Reardon,



Kim Miriello, Dottie Peiffer, Ashley Henry, Sandy & Steve Dedmon, Doug Parson, Ron Myers, Marta Recalde, Steve Dalton, Gail Treaster,

Anne Marie Showers, Kathie Tice, Father Jay, and Father Weary. We also want to recognize and thank Cathy & Jeff Borger who along with Boy Scout Troop #2, Jeremy and David Ciota, Phil Stout, Bob and Jacob Rehorst, Ian Thomas and his friend Morgan who helped to pick up needed furniture that was donated for our clients. God Bless you! In addition, we thank First Quality for their generous donation of diapers, Gary Parzanese for delivering them for us, Martin Smith, Career Link and SAM, Inc. for helping with our Christmas Basket Project, Sheetz and Wal Mart for their grants, and of course a wonderful thank you and blessings to the generous and giving parishioners at Sacred Heart and St Jude Thaddeus. God Bless each of you!! If we missed any of our "elves" please know it was unintentional. ***Extend mercy toward others, so that there can be no one in need whom you meet without helping!***