

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



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.

Knight of Columbus – Meets the 2nd Tuesday 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.

February 18, 2018

First Sunday of Lent

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

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“Beloved, Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit... This prefigured baptism, which saves you now... ‘The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel.’”

Lent, often described as a journey, is the opportunity for all to come closer to the Lord. In a baptismal sermon Peter tells us that the suffering of Christ, which we recall during these days of prayer, has but one purpose to lead us to God. It is not what I do, but the work of the Lord, bringing me on my desert journey. The gospel tells us Jesus was led by the Spirit for His desert experience to announce that the kingdom is at hand.

God's word spoke of a special moment in time, a moment which speaks to me today. Lent is that special time for me to meet the Lord in a new and different way. Through the threefold steps of prayer, sacrifice and good works, the kingdom becomes more present for me.

My journey began on Wednesday. Be honest, where is the Spirit leading you?

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

God made a promise to Noah that he would never again devastate the entire planet with a flood. He also told Noah that the symbol of this promise would be a rainbow in the clouds.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

This letter from Peter reminds all people that Christ died for us so that we might be led to God. We have been saved by our baptism; not a physical cleansing, but a promise to continually strive to obey God.

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

Mark briefly tells of Jesus' stay in the desert, where he was tested by Satan. He did not give in to temptation, but reappeared in Galilee to proclaim the good news.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Income for February 11, 2018	\$ 2,029.98
Poor Missions	\$ 25.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 200.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$ 25.00
Tithe for February 11, 2018	
Juniata Meals on Wheels	\$ 223.00

Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal Love Made Visible

Dear Friends in Christ,

Lent is often seen as a time of penance and self-sacrifice as in "giving up something for Lent." These are worthy practices, yet Lent is also a time to reflect upon the magnanimous love of God for each one of us in sending His own divine Son to suffer and die for us so that we might be freed from sin and death. This is why the Cross of Christ will always be a symbol of divine love both to the world and for each one of us as individuals.

Our whole Lenten season is a continuous reflection on the power of Christ's love for us and how we are to return that love to Him. Jesus shows us that love is selfless sacrifice, and sacrifice is the language of love. That is why the Holy Eucharist is source and summit of our Christian life-because it is the Lord's fullest expression of love for us. In the Eucharist we see "Love Made Visible," the theme for this year's Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal. Love for neighbor is a decision that we make to treat others with respect and concern, to put the interest and needs of our neighbors on a level with our own. Still, love demands a practical and concrete expression. This is exactly what our annual Lenten Appeal tries to demonstrate each year.

The commitment that you will make through your gift will touch thousands of lives in ways we many never know. The Lenten Appeal enables ministries that individual parishes cannot supply.

I deeply appreciate the expression of your love and your generosity to this year's Appeal. May your Lenten sacrifice deepen your love for Christ and His Church!

Sincerely in Christ,
Most Reverend W. Ronald Gainer, Bishop of Harrisburg



Please remember to keep reverential silence in Church before and after Mass. Speak softly so that others can pray in preparation and in thanksgiving, adoring the Real Presence in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Thank You.

LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*
And *Weekly Reading*



Saturday, February 17: Saturday after Ash

Wednesday

Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Luke 5:27-32

5:00 PM Linda and Patrick Marshall

Sunday, February 18: First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9:8-15; Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Peter 3:18-22;

Mark 1:12-15

9:15 AM Ken Fike

Monday, February 19: Lenten Weekday

Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Matthew

35:31-46

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, February 20: Lenten Weekday

Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Matthew

6:7-15

Wednesday, February 21: Lenten Wednesday

Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Luke 11: 29-32

Thursday, February 22: The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle (Feast)

1 Peter 5:1-4; Psalm 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Matthew 16:13-19

Friday, February 23: Lenten Weekday

Ezekiel 18:21-28; Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Matthew

5:20-26

Saturday, February 24: Lenten Weekday

Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Matthew

5:43-48

5:00 PM Joe Madl

Sunday, February 25: Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17,

18-19; Romans 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10

9:15 AM Joseph and Elizabeth Saia

Calendar of Events

Saturday: 2/17

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/ social hall

Mass/5:00pm/ Church

Sunday: 2/18

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

CCD After Mass

Christ Life/5:00pm/ Social Hall

Monday: 2/19

Mass/9:00 am/ Church

Finance Committee/ 6:00pm/ Parish House

Parish Council/ 7:00pm/ Parish House

Tuesday: 2/20

No Event

Wednesday: 2/21

No Event

Thursday: 2/22

No Event

Friday: 2/23

Fish Dinners/ 4:00pm/ Social Hall

Stations of the Cross/ 7:30pm/ Church

Saturday: 2/24

Gospel Reflections/ 7:30am/ social hall

Altar Server Training/8:00am/ Sacred Heart

Mass/ 5:00pm/ Church

Sunday: 2/25

Mass / 9:15 am / Church

CCD after Mass

Penance Service/3:00pm/ Church

Christ Life /3:00pm/ Social Hall

Minister Schedule

February 24 & February 25, 2018

Saturday, February 24 2018: 5:00pm

EMHC: J. & A. Zarnowski

Lector: M. Tonge

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: K. & Y. Melara

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeter: People of the Parish

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, February 25, 2018: 9:15am

EMHC: J. Fitzgerald

Lector: T. Ober

Cantor: R. Perez

Altar Servers: Dave, Mike, and Daryl

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: Ginger and Gale

Ushers: R. Auken 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*



LENTEN FISH DINNERS

St. Jude Knights' Friday evening Lenten fish dinners will begin on February 9, 2018 and end March 23, 2018, from 4-7PM. In the church social hall. Please join us for a delicious, all-you-can-eat meal that includes fried and baked fish, popcorn shrimp, fried clams, French fries, macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, corn, green beans, coleslaw, applesauce, rolls, puddings, and a selection of homemade desserts.

Pay at the door: Adults- \$12.00: Ages 6-12- \$6.00:

Under 6-free **Please come often and enjoy a great meal !**

Diocesan Men's Conference – March 10, 2018



Men of the Diocese of Harrisburg may now register online at www.hbgdiocese.org/men, for the 7th Annual

Diocesan Men's Conference, Saturday, March 10, 2018, at Bishop McDevitt High. Theme: *Men of Mary, Mercy, and the Eucharist*. Keynote Speaker: Father Chris Alar, MIC, noted speaker and expert on Divine Mercy. The title of his keynote address is *Mary, Mercy, and the Eucharist*. Besides the keynote, the conference includes 34 workshops from a blue-ribbon panel of speakers, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction, many Priests available for Confession, beautiful music, good food, Catholic vendors, Mass with Bishop Gainer as Principal Celebrant and Homilist, and fellowship with up to a thousand men from around the diocese. Last year we had 1,100 men attend. We expect another large crowd this year. We'd love to see you there! Register now!



LENTEN TEAS

The annual Women's Lenten Teas will begin on Wednesday, February 14 and continue throughout Lent. Each week, fellowship begins at 9:30am with Bible study at 10:00am.

- February 21** Westminster Presbyterian
- February 28** Trinity United Methodist
- March 7** St. Stephen's Lutheran
- March 14** Aldersgate United Methodist
- March 21** St. Jude Catholic Church

All women are invited to attend. If you have any questions, please see Kathy Graham.

Lenten Penance Service will be held on Sunday, **Feb. 25th at 3:00PM** at Saint Jude.. Sacred Heart will hold theirs at 7:00PM. What a wonderful way to begin your Lenten journey than by receiving the special graces only forgiveness can bring!



Cross.

Stations of the Cross will be held each **Friday during Lent** in the church at 7:30 PM. Journey with Jesus and Mary as they follow the Way of the

New Altar Server Training Classes

Altar server training for new altar servers will be held **Saturday mornings from 8-9:30 AM, Feb. 24th and March 17th & 24th**. A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex. See Dave Treaster with any questions. First class will be held at Sacred Heart.



Opening Mass for the 150th Anniversary Year will be held on March 3, 2018 at 10:00 AM at Holy Name of Jesus Church, Harrisburg. Please join Bishop Gainer as celebrant and Homilist to begin the anniversary year

celebration. A reception, featuring a sampling of ethnic foods from various ethnic and cultural groups that comprise the faithful of the Diocese, will be held immediately following the Mass.

Save the Date – November 3, 2018

As part of the events celebrating the 150th anniversary of the diocese of Harrisburg, **Bishop Gainer will lead a diocesan pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, on Saturday, November 3, 2018.** This will be the first time Bishop Gainer will lead our diocese to Washington since he was installed in 2014. The schedule includes Mass and plenty of time for confessions, private prayer, touring the Shrine, and visiting the spacious book & gift shops or having a bite to eat in the cafeteria. **Sacred Heart has reserved a bus for this special day.** More information will be forthcoming in the bulletin. **For more information about upcoming events for**

RCIA Lent Retreat

On **Saturday, March 24, 2018**, Fr. Joshua Brommer will lead the Spring/Lenten retreat for the RCIA. The day will include prayer, music, spiritual talks, time for conversation and discussion, private reflection, and refreshment. This day is intended for those traveling through the RCIA process, including the Elect, candidates for Full Communion, sponsors, and team members. **Registrations are due March 15, 2018.** Questions, contact Connie Egan at (717) 232-2169 ext. 222 or cegan@hbqdiocese.org.



Do You Want to Fast this Lent?

In the words of Pope Francis

- **Fast** from hurting words and say kind words
- **Fast** from sadness and be filled with gratitude
- **Fast** from pessimism and be filled with hope
- **Fast** from worries and have trust in God
- **Fast** from complaints and contemplate simplicity
- **Fast** from pressures and be prayerful
- **Fast** from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy
- **Fast** from selfishness and be compassionate to others
- **Fast** from grudges and be reconciled
- **Fast** from words and be silent so you can listen



Auction Time- Mark your Calendars for the Spaghetti Dinner Preview Night!

This year's auction will be held on Sunday, April 29th, at the Mifflin County Youth Park, from 11 AM – 4 PM. **Come and preview the auction items and have a great meal at the Spaghetti Dinner Preview Night, held at the Youth Park on Saturday, April 28th, from 5 – 7:30 PM. Tickets will be \$5 per adult; \$3 per child.** More details on ticket sales will be announced soon. If you would like to be involved with this year's 20th Annual Benefit Auction, please contact Ashley Henry at the Parish Office or by emailing at development@sacredheartshcool.com. **The next auction committee meeting will be held on Wed. February 21st at 6:30 PM in the SHS Faculty room.**

