

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 25, 2018
Second 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
Second Sunday of Lent
February 25, 2018

“Then Peter said to Jesus in reply ‘Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them, from the cloud came a voice, ‘This is my beloved Son, Listen to him.’ Suddenly looking around they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.”

Today we join the three apostles, the two prophets and Jesus on the Mount of the Transfiguration. A mountain in the bible is where God meets His people. The two great persons representing the law and the prophets, and Jesus, have a new experience of God's presence.

Like Peter today, it is good we are here for worship, or for private time reading, or reflecting on this scripture account. Like Peter we may not know what to say in the awesome presence of the Almighty. Following the voice from the cloud, we pause to listen. What is the Lord asking of me as I begin this second week of Lent? Is He offering me words of comfort and consolation in my life as I struggle to draw closer to Him? Is He wishing that I consider how special it is to spend some time apart to grow in holiness this Lent? As I descend from the mountain is it time for me to invite others to experience the great love Jesus has for us?

He is the Father's beloved and so am I. As I look around may I too see only Jesus.

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

God ordered Abraham to take his beloved only son to Moriah and offer him as a sacrifice. Abraham built an altar and took out a knife to sacrifice his son Isaac. But God called out to him and told him of blessings that would be bestowed on him and his descendants because he had been willing to do what God had asked.

Second Reading: Romans 8:31b-34

Paul reminds the people that God did not spare his only Son, but gave him up for the sake of all people. This proves God views us all as his children, and that no person can harm or condemn us because God will protect us.

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Jesus led Peter, James and John up a high mountain, where he conversed with Elijah and Moses. A voice proclaimed ‘This is my Son, my beloved. Listen to him.’ Then Jesus was alone and warned them not to tell anyone what they had seen until he had risen from the dead.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Income for February 18, 2018	\$ 3,775.43
Poor Missions	\$ 181.00
Tithe for February 18, 2018	
Juniata County Food Pantry	\$ 378.00

Love Made Visible
Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal
February 25, 2018

Today is Commitment Weekend for the Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal. Hopefully everyone has taken time to reflect upon all the information that has been shared. I ask that all Parishioners prayerfully consider the opportunity today to offer a gift to the Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal extends your generosity beyond our Parish to reach those in our larger Catholic family. We would like everyone to participate and help our Parish reach its goal of \$34,300. Those who have given before know we are grateful. We need your help again this year. Those who have not given before, please make this year your first gift to the Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal. Everyone's help is needed. Sacred Heart of Jesus receives full credit for your gift. Please also remember that any amount raised above our goal stay in our Parish. Thank you for being a part of the Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal.



LITURGICAL NOTES:

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



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

Monday, February 26: Lenten Weekday

Daniel 9:4b-10; Psalm 79:8, 9, 11 & 13; Luke 6:36-38

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, February 27: Lenten Weekday

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Psalm 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23; Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday, February 28: Lenten Wednesday

Jeremiah 18:18-20; Psalm 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday March 1: Lenten Weekday

Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Luke 16:19-31

Friday, March 2: Lenten Weekday

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Psalm 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, March 3: Lenten Weekday

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

5:00 PM Stella Sander

6:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, March 4: Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

9:15 AM Michael Swartz

Calendar of Events

Saturday: 2/24

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/ social hall

Mass/5:00pm/ Church

Sunday: 2/25

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

CCD After Mass

Penance Service/ 3:00pm/ Saint Jude

Christ Life/3:00pm/ Social Hall

Monday: 2/26

Mass/9:00 am/ Church

Tuesday: 2/27

Women's Guild/ 6:30pm/ Social hall

Wednesday: 2/28

No Event

Thursday: 3/01

No Event

Friday: 3/02

First Friday Mass/9:00am/ Church

Fish Dinners/ 4:00pm/ Social Hall

Stations of the Cross/ 7:30pm/ Church

Saturday: 3/03

Gospel Reflections/ 7:30am/ social hall

Mass/ 5:00pm/ Church

Spanish Mass/ 6:30pm/ Church

Sunday: 3/04

Mass / 9:15 am / Church

CCD after Mass

Christ Life/ 5:00pm/ Social Hall

Minister Schedule

March 3 & March 4, 2018

Saturday, March 3, 2018: 5:00pm

EMHC: J. & A. Zarnowski

Lector: M. Tonge

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: J. & A. Flores

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeter: P. Thompson

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, March 4, 2018: 9:15am

EMHC: D. Treaster

Lector: Garry W. Price

Cantor: M. Miller

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

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: Ginger and Gale

Ushers: A. Thawley T. Newcamp



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 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 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



The Crucifixion

Dr. Jose Acosta, MD, will give a presentation on the medical aspects of our Lord's crucifixion at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, March 14th in the Sacred Heart school cafeteria. As a Lenten exercise, come and hear, from a scientific standpoint exactly what our Lord went through for the salvation of the world.



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!



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 the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Harrisburg go to www.hbgdiocese.org/150.**

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@hbgdiocese.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



Marriage Annulments

The Tribunal of the diocese of Harrisburg will be giving 2 presentations within the diocese concerning marriage, divorce and annulment according to Church teaching. These presentations will be helpful for divorced Catholics, those divorced who wish to marry Catholics, those parish leaders involved in the RCIA process and any others who may have a vested interest because of family or friends. Dates of the presentations are **March 12 – St. Joseph Parish, York, 7 PM** and **March 19 – Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg, 7 PM.** For information call 717-657-4804 ext. 304 or email tribunal@hbgdiocese.org

PRAYER LIST

It was discussed at Parish Council about having a prayer list in the bulletin. If you wish to include someone on the list please contact Gale at Mass or call the office. You may also send an e-mail at the address in the bulletin.