

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.

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.

February 17, 2019

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 17, 2019

“Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is in the Lord. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: It fears not the heat when it comes, its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit.... ‘And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said...’”

We are so familiar with the Sermon on the Mount, and the beatitudes of St. Matthew. They summarize the entire message of Jesus and provide the pattern for a healthy examination of conscience.

Today we meet St. Luke's teaching, the Sermon on the Plain, addressed to the disciples and to us. Instead of eight positive directives, we are given four, and then four warnings to help us move from the now to the promised reward. How helpful for us to fix our eyes on what the Lord has in store for us, to make us less complacent, eager to 'rejoice and leap for joy on that day!'

We know well the obstacles, barriers and challenges of the Christian life. St. Ignatius asks us to discern both the positive and negative to help us make good decisions.

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Jeremiah compares a man who seeks strength in flesh but abandons God to a bush in the desert, bereft of nourishment and unable to grow. Yet a man who trusts in God is like a tree beside a river, fed & strengthened by it even during times of drought.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Paul addresses those who believe in Christ's teachings, but are not convinced that he rose from the dead. He calls their faith worthless, because they have not been freed from their sins. Paul then emphatically declares that Jesus did rise up again, as will all those who truly believe in him.

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

Jesus tells his followers that those who are insulted in this life because of him will be rewarded richly in heaven. Yet those well received by all will despair in heaven, since people had often respected false prophets and mistreated true prophets. Those who hunger, perhaps for spiritual knowledge, shall be filled. Yet those who are full in this life will be hungry.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Income for February 10, 2019	\$ 2,669.98
Propagation of the Faith	\$ 10.00
Tithe for February 10, 2019	\$ 267.00
Shelter Services, Inc.	



ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers this week were placed in remembrance of Gertrude Donaldson , mother of Marie Dawson.



Next Saturday, February 23 Father Jay will be saying all masses at both churches. Due to time limitations, Mass at St. Jude will be at 5:30pm with no confessions being heard that day. Regular Mass schedules will return the following week-end.

Adult Bible Study



Sacred Heart of Jesus Church will begin **Adult Bible Study on Tuesday, February 26th at 7:00 PM** in the parish office on N. Brown St. We will be studying "The After Life". You may pick up your books at the parish office or get them at the first lesson on February 26th. **A donation of \$20 is appreciated. All are welcome to attend.**



LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

And Weekly Readings



Saturday, February 16: Weekday

Genesis 3:9-24; Psalm 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mark 8:1-10
5:00 PM Bob Fitzgerald

Sunday, February 17: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 17:5-8; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26
9:15 AM Ben Davis

Monday, February 18: Weekday

Genesis 4:1-15, 25; Psalm 50:1 & 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mark 8:11-13
9:00 AM Donald Thome

Tuesday, February 19: Weekday

Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Psalm 29:1a & 2, 3ac-4, 3b & 9c-10; Mark 8:14-21

Wednesday, February 20: Weekday

Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22; Psalm 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mark 8:22-26

Thursday, February 21: Weekday

Genesis 9:1-13; Psalm 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 & 22-23; Mark 8:27-33

Friday, February 22: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle (Feast)

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

Saturday, February 23: St Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr (Memorial)

Hebrews 11:1-7; Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11; Mark 9:2-13
5:30 PM Bert Williams

Sunday, February 24: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38
9:15 AM Donald Thome

Calendar of Events

Saturday: 2/16

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/ social hall
Mass/5:00 pm/ Church

Sunday: 2/17

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church
CCD after Mass/10:30 am
Wild Goose Series/4:30pm/ Social Hall

Monday: 2/18

Mass/9:00 am/ Church

Tuesday: 2/19

Finance Committee/6:00pm/Parish House
Parish Council/7:00pm/Parish House

Wednesday: 2/20

No Event

Thursday: 2/21

No Event

Friday: 2/22

No Event

Saturday: 2/23

Gospel Reflections/ 7:30am/ social hall
Mass/ 5:30pm/ Church

Sunday: 2/24

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church
CCD after Mass/10:30am

Minister Schedule

February 23 & February 24, 2019

Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019: 5:30pm

EMHC: J. & A. Zarnowski

Lector: T. Kromel

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: K. & Y. Melara

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: P. Thompson

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019: 9:15am

EMHC: K. Graham G. Best J. Price

Lector: G. Treaster

Cantor; A. Arnold

Altar Servers: D. Treaster D. Best J. Fitzgerald

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: People of the Parish

Ushers: D. Ames Z. Ames



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National Council of the United States

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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*

Wild Goose Series-Part 2 –Final Sessions

The Wild Goose Series-study of the Holy Spirit. The sessions for Sunday, February 17 will run from 4:30pm to 7:30pm and are entitled “The Spirit Gives Witness’ and “ The Spirit Remembers”. Join us for this wonderful series even if you have not attended the prior sessions. At each session we share a potluck dinner and watch a video, reflection and discussion. There is no cost for the sessions, we ask that you let us know if you plan to attend the next session so we have sufficient materials and we know what you will be bringing for the potluck. To register or if you have any questions, please contact Ralph Perez 717-543-1905.



"Women of the Diocese are warmly invited to the 8th Prayer Shawl Retreat, hosted by The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. It is **Saturday, February 23, 2019, at Good Shepherd Parish, 3435 Trindle Road, Camp Hill, PA.** The day begins with Mass at 9:30 a.m., followed by knitting / crocheting, praying the Rosary, fellowship and lunch. The Retreat will conclude at 2:30 p.m. Beginners are welcome to this day of sharing and fellowship in this special ministry. The cost of \$10 includes lunch, advance registration is required. Please call Kathy Kokoski at 717-448-8899 or Debbie Black 717-514-8815.



Items Needed

The auction committee is looking for handmade, new, or gently used items to be auctioned off at our **Benefit Auction on April 28, 2019.** If you would like to donate an item, please contact Ashley Henry at the Parish Office at 717-242-2781.



LENTEN FISH DINNERS

St. Jude Knights' of Columbus Lenten fish dinners will be March 1, 2019 through April 12, 2019, from 4-7 PM 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!



ADULT HELP NEEDED FOR LENTEN FISH DINNERS!

The Knights of Columbus are in need of adult volunteers to help out with their fish dinners on Fridays from March 1, 2019 through April 12, 2019. Proceeds from the dinners pay for improvements and maintenance of our parish buildings, so that when you give your time, you are helping our parish. If you can help for any amount of time, for one or two Fridays or on a regular basis, please contact Joe Zarnowski at 908-892-0271 or 717-436-9627. We appreciate any time you can give.



Join Us

It is time to start planning the **21st Annual SHS Benefit Auction.** This year's auction will be held on **Sunday, April 28, 2019** at the Mifflin County Youth Park. A Spaghetti Dinner will be held the night before on Saturday, April 27th.

St. Vincent dePaul Raffle Calendars

The St Vincent DePaul Society is holding a fundraising Calendar Raffle for the month of March. We will be selling the calendars for \$10 each which will give you 31 days in March for a chance to win! For your \$10 purchase, you will be eligible to win a prize equal to or greater than \$25. Special Sunday drawings will have prizes totaling \$50 or more. **Starting Feb. 12th, calendars will be available at the Sacred Heart Parish Office, from any St. Vincent board member and after all Masses at Sacred Heart & St. Jude on Feb. 23rd-24th.** Winners will be announced in the bulletin, on the St. Vincent Facebook page and the St. Vincent link on the parish website. Thank you in advance for your support of St. Vincent dePaul.



Contact us: stvincentdepaullewistown@gmail.com.



SAINT FRANCIS LENTEN RETREAT

Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 30, 2019 from 9:00am to 6:00pm. Our parish will be holding a day-long retreat that will include teachings of St. Francis, prayer and reflection, opportunity for confession and Mass. More details soon !

40 Days for Life

From **March 6 through April 14**, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood 151 N 2nd Street Harrisburg, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information-and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Paul Dadowski at 412-849-1592 or email him at dadowski@yahoo.com, or the local website 40daysforlife.com/HARRISBURG.



Holy Family Radio Benefit Dinner-March 1

Support the New Evangelization, enjoy a great meal and listen to a very special speaker. That is what is planned for Friday, March 1 when Holy Family Radio, AM 720 WHYF present Bill Donaghy as the Keynote for their Spring Benefit Dinner. Tom Russell of CBS 21 will emcee the evening, prayers will be offered by Bishop Ronald Gainer. Donaghy is a popular Catholic speaker and author and is with the Theology of the Body Institute.

150th Anniversary Closing Mass

Please join Bishop Ronald W. Gainer as Celebrant and Homilist to conclude the 150th anniversary celebration of the founding of the Diocese of Harrisburg. 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. The Closing Mass will be held at Good Shepherd Church at 3:00 PM on March 3, 2019. For additional information, visit www.hbdjdiocese.org/150.



Don't Get Scammed

Scammers are now posing as priests and other clergy. In this latest scam, you might receive an email or a text message that appears to be from your Pastor or another priest that you may know. The scammer asks you to help someone in need by purchasing gift cards and to provide the codes on that card. Here's how to protect yourself from being scammed. **-Know that scammers are out there. Be suspicious of any request for funds of any type via an email message or a text message. -Verify any request with a call to the person who supposedly sent it or a call to the phone number or the text that you received. -Know that any email from a priest should be from a diocesan or parish email account. Messages sent from free services, such as Gmail or Yahoo, are more likely to be scammers. -Many clergy do not share their cell phone numbers publicly. If you receive a text message from someone not on your phone's contact list, be suspicious. -Know that priests will NEVER ask for financial transactions via email or text messages.**