

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 3, 2019

Fourth 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

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“When the people in the synagogue heard this they were filled with fury. They rose up and drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But Jesus passed through their midst...They will fight against you but not prevail over you, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.”

The call of the prophet Jeremiah and the prophetic voice of Jesus can be the source of comfort, as well as concern. A prophet is sometimes described as one who comforts the disturbed and disturbs the comfortable. Surely the mission of the Old Testament prophet and the challenge of Jesus can arouse anxiety or produce a calm, as He with us to deliver us. The word of God is designed to help us discern how we can grow in our Christian lives, to know the Lord better, to love Him in the most trying circumstance, and to serve Him in the most vulnerable and marginalized.

We do not have to look far to discover where this challenge can be put into action. We so admire those who seemingly give of themselves for the good of others. Remember when a wealthy admirer told a Missionary of Charity that he wouldn't dress the wound of a suffering leper for a million dollars. The Sister replied 'I wouldn't either.'

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

God tells Jeremiah that he was chosen to be a prophet to the nations before he had even been born. He also promises him strength and protection, providing Jeremiah does as God asks.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13

Paul discusses the importance of love and claims that one who possesses any gift, but lacks love, has nothing. He explains that true love never fails, although knowledge or other talents can fail to endure in the same manner. Paul says that three things last: "faith, hope, and love, the greatest of these being love."

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

Jesus spoke in the synagogue at Nazareth, at first appealing to all who were present. But he knew that they would be expecting him to do the things he had already done in other towns. He reminded them of other prophets who had preached and gained acceptance in foreign places instead of their home towns. This angered the people, who expelled him from town.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Income for January 27, 2019	\$ 2,320.98
Rental Income from Empire-Kosher	\$ 1,200.00
Tithe for January 27, 2019	\$ 352.00
Juniata Meals on Wheels, Inc.	

Society for the Propagation of the Faith Membership Sunday – February 3

By our baptism, we are called to share our faith with our family and friends, with our neighbors, indeed, with the whole world.

This Sunday, we are invited to make a special commitment as missionaries. We are invited to join in the worldwide mission of Jesus by joining the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, reaching out to the people of the world in more than 1,100 mission dioceses.

In making this commitment, we pledge to...**PRAY** daily for the missionary work of the Church, offering our personal crosses for missionaries and those they serve. **OFFER REGULAR FINANCIAL HELP** in support of those who bring the "Good News" of Jesus to our brothers and sisters in the missions.

Please say "yes" to this special missionary call this weekend.

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 2: The Presentation of the Lord (Feast)

Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

5:00 PM Fr. Jayaseelan A.

6:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, February 3: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17; 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Luke 4:21-30

9:15 AM Wilson Zeigler

Monday, February 4: Weekday

Hebrews 11:32-40; Psalm 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24; Mark 5:1-20

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, February 5: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr (Memorial)

Hebrews 12:1-4; Psalm 22:26b-27, 28 & 30, 31-32; Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday, February 6: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs (Memorial)

Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15; Psalm 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mark 6:1-6

Thursday, February 7: Weekday

Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24; Psalm 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11; Mark 6:7-13

Friday, February 8: Weekday

Hebrews 13:18; Psalm 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc; Mark 6:14-29

Saturday, February 9: Weekday

Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mark 6:30-34

5:00 PM William Tonge

Sunday, February 10: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8; Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

9:15 AM Alicia Bray

Calendar of Events

Saturday: 2/02

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/ social hall

Mass/5:00 pm/ Church

Spanish Mass/6:30pm/Church

Sunday: 2/03

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

CCD after Mass/10:30 am

Wild Goose Series/4:00pm/ Social Hall

Monday: 2/04

Mass/9:00 am/ Church

Tuesday: 2/05

No Event

Wednesday: 2/06

Knights of Columbus/7:00pm/ Social Hall

Thursday: 2/07

Healing Mass/ 6:00pm/ Church

Friday: 2/08

No Event

Saturday: 2/09

Gospel Reflections/ 7:30am/ social hall

Mass/ 5:00pm/ Church

Sunday: 2/10

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

CCD after Mass/10:30am

Wild Goose Series/4:00pm/Social Hall

Minister Schedule

February 9 & February 10, 2019

Saturday, Feb. 9, 2019: 5:00pm

EMHC: A. Zarnowski J. Zarnowski

Lector: Y. Melara

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: K. & Y. Melara

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: P. Thompson

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, Feb. 10, 2019: 9:15am

EMHC: K. Graham G. Best D. Treaster

Lector: M. Tonge

Cantor; R. Perez

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

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: People of the Parish

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

Wild Goose Series-Part 2

The Wild Goose Series-study of the Holy Spirit. The sessions for the next two weeks will begin earlier in the afternoon. The session for Sunday February 3 entitled 'The Spirit and the Desert' will begin at 4:00pm with the study and meditation followed by the potluck dinner which will end at 6:00pm. The sessions for Sunday, February 10 will run from 4:00pm to 7:30pm and are entitled "The Spirit Convicts" and "The Spirit's Freedom". 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.



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.

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.

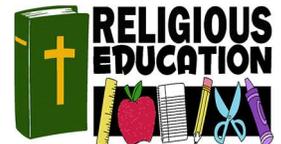


Volunteer Opportunity

How would you like to become a member of the Diocesan Building Commission (DBC)? The DBC is a commission consisting of professionals from the construction industry to include, but not limited to: Architects, electrical engineers/consultants, project managers, hvac engineers/consultants, site engineers/consultants, etc. The purpose of the Commission is to provide a constructability review of major capital projects as a schematic design and subsequent final design for the Diocese of Harrisburg. The DBC meets at the Diocesan Center (4) times per year. A typical meeting lasts 2 hours and is scheduled from 10 AM-12 noon and includes a catered lunch. If you are interest in becoming a member or have questions about this prestigious organization, please contact Terry Conner, Director of Buildings and Properties at 717-657-4804 x 358 or tconner@hbqdiocese.org.

Appreciate Your Catholic School

Father Jay reminds us that in India, the Hindus and Muslims appreciate Christian educational institutions for the quality education and discipline imparted on the students. Most Hindu and Muslim parents prefer their children to graduate from schools and colleges run by Christians. They use every possible influence, including political ones, to obtain admission for students from kindergarten up to college. Some Catholic students are denied admission because of the stiff competition between Catholics and non-Catholics. There are Hindu students currently living in Mifflintown who are enrolled at Sacred Heart because their parents appreciate the value of our school. I encourage parents to enroll their children in a Catholic school education.



As we look to February, we think of love and of giving to those we care about. Our hearts and our heads are full of kind, loving thoughts. We see it everywhere from the stores full of hearts and candy, to the floral ads in the newspaper and on TV, to our favorite artistry websites on how to craft your love! As we think of ways to show our love to others, let us also give our love to God. Paul said, ***“Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under***



compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” In these days of such hatred and despair in our country, let us start off the month of February with sharing our love to those who need it most; those who lack basic necessities. James 2:15-16 tells us ***“If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,” and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that?”*** We see and hear from those in our parish and those in our community who do not have the basic needs to survive. Things like food, shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, blankets, sheets, towels, and clothing; a warm coat, hats, gloves and socks are not available. Look around your home and think how we take for granted items like these. For many in our area, those are much needed items. Please think about helping others and show your love by making a donation to St. Vincent dePaul. Items may be brought to the Parish Office or placed in the box in the Narthex. Contact us: stvincentdepaullewistown@gmail.com.



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Bring Your Palms!



During the month of February please bring in last year’s palm fronds and place them in the box in the vestibule of the church. We will burn them to be the source of ashes on Ash Wednesday. Please remove all rubber bands or ties before placing the palms in the box as this makes the burning process more difficult.

SHS Needs Your Help!

Our Catholic Schools Week service project this year is the Jared Box Project where organizations fill boxes of children’s activities for those who are in the hospital, ER, chemo treatments, etc. **We are looking for donors to sponsor a caddy** so we can brighten the day of children that are seen at the Geisinger-Lewistown Hospital. **Caddies cost \$6** and checks can be made payable to Kim Miriello. If you would like to sponsor a caddy, please drop checks or cash off to the Sacred Heart Parish Office Attn: SHS Catholic Schools Week Service Project by **Wednesday, February 13th**.



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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.hbdgiocese.org/150.

