

# St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church

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## Parish Staff

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**January 7, 2018**

**The Epiphany of The Lord  
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  
**The Epiphany of the Lord  
January 7, 2018**

**“You have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for your benefit...it was not made known to people in other generations as it now has been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.”**

We hear the story of the visitors from the east, the magi, remember the three gifts and the guidance of the star. But St. Paul offers us something more for our consideration. God in His goodness has sent His Son, for the salvation of all people. Paul explained it clearly, as revealed now.

The ‘now’ in our time tells us the same awesome and meaningful message. We are 1) Coheirs, - something special is offered to us. 2) Members of the same body – we belong to the Lord and His church, a holy people and 3) copartners, called to do our part as Missionary Disciples.

These gifts have been given to us for our benefit, to be treasured and used for the building of His kingdom.

**First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6**

Isaiah speaks poetically of the coming of the Lord. He describes how “darkness covers the earth” but light and glory appear over God’s chosen people.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6**

Paul tells the Ephesians that the Jews and Gentiles are now co-heirs of the promises God has made. He explains that both groups are now members of one body through Jesus Christ.

**Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12**

After Jesus’ birth, three astrologers from the east came to Jerusalem and inquired about the newborn king of the Jews. King Herod became greatly angered, and asked the astrologers to bring him more information about the child once they had found him, so that he too could pay homage to the infant. However, Herod’s true plan was to kill Jesus. The wise men were warned in a dream not to return to him and they took a different route to return home.

<b><u>Tithing is God’s Plan for Giving:</u></b>	
Income for December 31, 2017	\$ 2,068.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 180.00
Christmas	\$ 50.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 250.00
Tithes for Dec. 31	
Crossroads Pregnancy Center	\$ 225.00

***Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America and Africa. This collection supports the Church in over 25 countries that are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of communist rule and are challenged by high rates of poverty, illiteracy and poor education. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in these regions. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week.***



Dear Friends,

On behalf of Shelter Services, Inc., I would like to thank you for your support of \$302.00. It is because of your compassion and goodwill that our organization can continue our important work providing food, beds, warmth and shelter to the homeless of Mifflin County and surrounding areas.

Sincerely,

Jane Neff, Executive Director



## LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass  for the  
Intentions  Week  
And Weekly Reading



### Saturday, January 6: Christmas Weekday

1 John 5:5-13; Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mark 1:7-11

5:00 PM Fr. William Weary

6:30 PM People of the Parish

### Sunday, January 7: 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 Charles Joseph Ames

### Monday, January 8: The Baptism of the Lord (Feast)

Isaiah 5:1-11; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mark 1:7-11

9:00 AM People of the Parish

### Tuesday, January 9: Weekday

1 Samuel 1:9-20; 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mark 1:21-28

### Wednesday, January 10: Weekday

1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Psalm 40: 2, 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mark 1:29-39

### Thursday, January 11: Weekday

1 Samuel 4:1-11; Psalm 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mark 1:40-45

### Friday, January 12: Weekday

1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Psalm 89:16-17, 18-19; Mark 2:1-12

### Saturday, January 13: Weekday

1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Psalm 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mark 2:13-17

5:00 PM Fr. Jayaseelan A.

### Sunday, January 14: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42

9:15 AM Ben Davis

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday: 1/06

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/ social hall

Mass/5:00pm/ Church

Spanish Mass/6:30pm/ Church

### Sunday: 1/07

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

CCD After Mass

### Monday: 1/08

Mass/9:15 am/ Church

### Tuesday: 1/09

Knights of Columbus/7:00pm/ Social Hall

### Wednesday: 1/10

No Event

### Thursday: 1/11

No Event

### Friday: 1/12

No Event

### Saturday: 1/13

Gospel Reflections/ 7:30am/ social hall

Mass/ 5:00pm/ Church

### Sunday: 1/14

Mass / 9:15 am / Church

CCD after Mass

## **Minister Schedule**

### **January 13 & January 14, 2018**

Saturday, January 13, 2018: 5:00pm

EMHC: J. & A. Zarnowski

Lector: Y. Melara

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: K. & Y. Melara

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeter: People of the Parish

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, January 14, 2018: 9:15am

EMHC: D. Parson K. Graham

Lector: Z. Ames

Cantor: R. Perez

Altar Servers: Dave, Daryl, and Jim

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: People of the Parish

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**

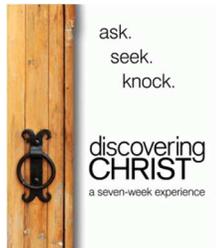


## Attn: EMHC- Time to Re-Certify

Re-training for extraordinary minister of Holy Communion will be **9:30 AM – 11:00 AM Saturday, January 20, 2018** in Sacred Heart Church for those in need of re-certification.

## ASK, SEEK and KNOCK –

*Looking for answers? Why are we here? What is the meaning of life? Is God real? Who is Jesus?* Starting **Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 5:00 PM**, St. Jude's parish will be hosting in their social hall, a seven week



course titled **Discovering Christ**. The course will include a day retreat to be held on March 10. At each of the sessions dinner will be served beginning at 5:00 PM, continuing with a video and small group discussion. For registration, please see Ralph Perez after Mass, or hand in registration form in the office.

## Gala Tickets

Sacred Heart School's Annual Gala tickets will go on sale **December 1, 2017**. This year's gala, **Uptown Hoedown, will be held on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>** at the Lewistown Country Club from 5:00 PM until Midnight. Ticket prices are \$50 until 1/14/18 and \$60 from 1/15/18 till sold out. Tickets will be available at the Sacred Heart Parish Office.



## Items Needed

Do you have a unique talent like woodworking, painting, cross-stitching, quilting etc? If so, we would love to have your handmade donation as part of our growing list of items to be auctioned off at this year's Benefit Auction event, scheduled for **Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**. Each year, these items have proven to be the most sought after and cherished by our generous bidders. If you are willing to share your talent with us, please contact Ashley Henry at the Sacred Heart Parish Office.

## Auction Time

If you would like to be involved with this year's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Auction, please contact Ashley Henry at the Sacred Heart Parish Office for the next meeting date and time. **This year's auction will be held on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Mifflin County Youth Park.**



## Hershey Bears Hockey

Celebrate Catholic Schools' Week with the Hershey Bears hockey team vs. Charlotte Checkers at the Giant Center in Hershey, for the Annual **Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg Night on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 7 PM**. Tickets are discounted to \$15.00 each for all ages from the regular admission price of \$23.00. For tickets get an order from Sacred Heart School, the Parish Office or contact Janet Dise at [jdise@HersheyPA.com](mailto:jdise@HersheyPA.com). **Deadlines for orders is Monday, January 29, 2018.**



## Retrouvaille Weekend

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille provides marriage help! **The next Retrouvaille weekend is scheduled for January 12-14, 2018**. For more information and to register, please visit [retrouvaille.org](http://retrouvaille.org) or email [retrouvaillehbq@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvaillehbq@gmail.com).



## Respect Life Mass

The Respect Life Mass will take place on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at Good Shepherd Church, 3435 Trindle Road in Camp Hill. This Mass is celebrated every year to commemorate the lives lost to abortion since 1973 and to pray for the building of a culture of life in our nation from conception to natural death. Those who are not able to attend the annual march for life in



Washington are especially encouraged to attend. Mass begins at 11:30 AM. Reverend Paul Schneck will be the celebrant and homilist. All are welcome! For additional information

contact the Respect Life Ministry at 717-657-4804 ext. 317 or email [KNeri@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:KNeri@hbgdiocese.org).

## 2018 Men's Conference Save-the-Date

### ***"Men of Mary, Mercy and The Eucharist"***

is the theme for the Diocese of Harrisburg's Men's Conference which will be held on **March 10, 2018** at Bishop McDevitt High School. Principal Celebrant and Homilist will be the Most Reverend Bishop Gainer and keynote speaker will be Father Chris Alar, MIC, Director of the Association for Marian Helpers. Registration materials will soon be available at the parish office and on the diocesan website.



### **Dancing into the New Year at St. Mark's**

When we are in the grip of winter – the nights are long and the days are short. Wouldn't it be fun either to practice ballroom dancing or learn to dance the all-American classics like the waltz,

foxtrot, rumba, and maybe a little salsa or swing? A series of four one hour classes are being offered in the parish house of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 21 S. Main St., Lewistown. Kevin Fee, Certified Ballroom Dance Teacher will be offering classes on Sundays, January 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 2-3:00 PM. Cost is \$100 per couple (\$25 per couple, per lesson). The class is open to couples only. Call the Sacred Heart parish office if interested.

## Catholic Charities Counseling

Catholic Charities Counseling Service – Outpatient Behavioral Health Care is dedicated to providing access to high quality outpatient counseling for



children, adolescents, and adults in a small, friendly, confidential office. Services include individual and family therapy, marital counseling, and parent-child counseling. Services are provided regardless of religious affiliation. Visit [www.cchbg.org](http://www.cchbg.org) for more information. Brochures are available in the vestibule.

## Happy New Year

As we look to the New Year, The St. Vincent DePaul Society feels blessed to be part of such a generous and caring parish. Our Parishioners really opened their hearts and their wallets to help lessen the needs of our fellow parishioners as well as community members who were in need. We are very grateful and thank you from the bottom of our heart. As St. Vincent stated "Extend mercy toward others, so that there can be no one in need whom you meet without helping." As we move on to 2018, we hope you will help us meet the ever growing needs of others. We are still in desperate need of baby wipes and diapers (our supply from First Quality is almost depleted) as well as baby shampoo, baby lotion, Q-Tips, shampoo, bar soap, deodorant, body wash, toothbrushes and toothpaste. As you are shopping, please chose a few items to donate. "It is in giving that we receive". Happy New Year and God Bless each of you and thank you for being a part of our St. Vincent DePaul family.

Email: [stvincentdepaullewistown@gmail.com](mailto:stvincentdepaullewistown@gmail.com).

## Winter/Spring Adult Faith Formation

The Diocesan Institute schedule of Winter/Spring adult education offerings is now available. Visit [www.hbgdiocese.org/institute](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/institute) to access the schedule and registration information. Courses and sessions are available via live webinar, allowing you to participate remotely, and recordings of sessions enable you to access formation at your convenience. Contact Ryan Bolster at [rbolster@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:rbolster@hbgdiocese.org) or 717-657-4804 ext. 225 for information.