

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



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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.

January 13, 2019
The Baptism 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 Baptism of the Lord
January 13, 2019

“The grace of God has appeared, saving all, and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly and devoutly in this age, and to await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and of our savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people of his own, eager to do what is good.”

How fortunate for Titus to receive an encouraging letter from Saint Paul. As we bring the Christmas season to a close as Jesus' baptism takes place, we too are encouraged to make the instruction our own. Yes, Jesus has come and still lives among us. We are challenged each day to abandon godless ways and focus on keeping our eyes on Jesus.

If life was difficult for Paul's friends, how much more challenging it is for us, surrounded by the internet, porn, material and consumer attractions, drawing us in a different direction. How clear are Paul's words asking us to live temperately, when so many have nothing, to live justly, in a society which wishes to get ahead and put others down, and devoutly, when many look down on people with religious devotion, customs and traditions.

Paul knew his society and we are so aware of ours. Why not take the virtues Paul recommends and meditate on one each day? May this help us to become eager to do what is good.

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

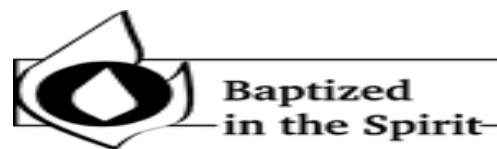
Isaiah tells of the Lord's Servant, who will be inconspicuous, but will not rest until justice is established. The Lord then tells his servant that he was formed to be "a light for the nations."

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Peter speaks to a group of pagans for the first time. He explains to them that any person who follows God's will is acceptable to God, regardless of nationality.

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

John the Baptist had claimed one would come far more powerful than himself, one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit rather than water. When Jesus came to John and was baptized, the Spirit descended on him and a voice said, "You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests."



Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Income for January 6, 2019	\$ 3,716.58
Capital Improvements	\$ 365.00
Christmas	\$ 25.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 410.00
Tithe for January 6, 2019	\$ 415.00
Saint Vincent de Paul Society	

I would like to thank everyone who so graciously gave me gifts and cards of appreciation at Christmas. I offer my prayers for each of you by name and all of the parishioners at Sacred Heart and St. Jude. I will be offering a mass on Tuesday, Jan. 15th for your intentions.

-Father Jay

Mifflin-Juniata Cursillo Group's January Ultreya will be held on **Thurs., Jan. 17th at 5:00 PM** in the Sacred Heart Parish Office.



The Saint Jude Council of the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a blood drive on Thursday, January 17, 2019 in the church social hall. Please see any Knight for details.

LITURGICAL NOTES:

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



Saturday, January 12: Christmas Weekday

1 John 5:14-21; Psalm 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; John 3:22-30

5:00 PM Louis DiGiulio

6:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, January 13: The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalm 1-4:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30;

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

9:15 AM Fred Mitchell

Monday, January 14: Weekday

Hebrews 1:1-6; Psalm 97:1 & 2b, 6 & 7c, 9; Mark 1:14-20

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, January 15: Weekday

Hebrews 2:5-12; Psalm 8:2ab & 5, 6-7, 8-9; mark 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 16: Weekday

Hebrews 2:14-18; Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mark 1:29-39

Thursday, January 17: St. Anthony, Abbot

(Memorial)

Hebrews 3:7-14; Psalm 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11; Mark 1:40-45

Friday, January 18: Weekday

Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Psalm 78:3 & 4bc, 6c-7, 8; Mark 2:1-12

Saturday, January 19: Weekday

Hebrews 4:12-16; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mark 2:13-17

5:00 PM Edwin A. Sander

Sunday, January 20: Second Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Corinthians

12:4-11; John 2:1-11

9:15 AM Louise Treaster

Calendar of Events

Saturday: 1/12

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/ social hall

Mass/5:00 pm/ Church

Spanish Mass/6:30pm/Church

Sunday: 1/13

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

CCD after Mass/10:30 am

Monday: 1/14

Mass/9:00 am/ Church

Tuesday: 1/15

No Event

Wednesday: 1/16

No Event

Thursday: 1/17

Blood Drive/Social Hall

Friday: 1/18

March For Life/ Washington, DC

Saturday: 1/19

Gospel Reflections/ 7:30am/ social hall

Mass/ 5:00pm/ Church

Sunday: 1/20

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

CCD after Mass/10:30am

Minister Schedule

January 19 & January 20, 2019

Saturday, Jan 19, 2019: 5:00pm

EMHC: J. & A. Zarnowski

Lector: Y. Melara

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: K. & Y. Melara

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: People of the Parish

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019: 9:15am

EMHC: J. Fitzgerald T. Ober D. Parson

Lector: J. Kelly

Cantor: M. Miller

Altar Servers: T. & S. Kelly Dayton Miller

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: D. & G. Best

Ushers: T. Newcamp A. Thawley



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*

Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

Men's Cursillo Weekend will be

January 24-27, 2019 at the Christian

Retreat Center, East Waterford, PA. The Women's

Cursillo Weekend will be **February 21-24, 2019** at

the Mariawald Renewal Center, Reading, PA.



2019 Respect Life Mass

The annual diocesan Respect Life Mass will take place on **Sunday, January 20, 2019 at 9:30 AM at Good Shepherd Church in Camp Hill.** This Mass is celebrated every year to commemorate the lives lost to abortion since 1973 and to pray for the building up of a culture of life in our nation from conception to natural death. Reverend Stephen Kelley, chaplain to our diocese's Rachel's Vineyard post-abortion ministry, will be the celebrant and homilist. Both he and Tom O'Neill will greet Respect Life leaders and volunteers from around the diocese in the narthex after the Mass. All are welcome!

Wild Goose Series-Part 2

Please mark your calendars and join us **Sunday evenings at 5:30 PM, January 20th-February 24th at St. Jude Thaddeus** for the second half of this beautiful series on the Holy Spirit.



Please join us even if you did not attend the prior sessions. Each session begins with a pot-luck dinner followed by a video, reflection and discussion. Our next segment on January 20th is Fruits of the Holy Spirit. While there is no cost for the sessions, we ask that you register for the materials. **A sign-up sheet is available in the vestibule** for those planning to attend the January 20th session in order that we may prepare materials and to let us know of your contribution for the "pot luck" meal. Please contact Ralph Perez at 717-543-1905 with any questions.

Mifflin/Juniata Citizens Concerned for Human Life will host the **Annual Lewistown March for Life on Sunday, January 20, 2019 beginning at 1:00 PM.**



All are invited to walk with us from Sacred Heart Church, 3rd and Dorcas Streets, Lewistown, to Bethel AME Fellowship Hall, 23 N. Juniata St., Lewistown. Speakers, music, and prayer will be offered by local pastors with light refreshments to follow, until approximately 2:30 PM. Those unable to walk may meet us at the Bethel AME Fellowship Hall for the program. Help us celebrate the gift of all stages of life, from conception to natural death. For more information, contact Mary Smith at 717-994-1941.

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.



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.

Tickets Are Now on Sale!!

Puttin' on the Glitz, the 10th Annual Sacred Heart School Gala, will be held on February 2, 2019 at the Lewistown Country Club.

Tickets are NOW available at the Sacred Heart Parish Office, \$60 until January 20th and \$70 from January 21st till sold out. Tickets will be available after Masses in January. Join us for a night of great food, music and dancing, door prizes and special games of chance!!



Sacred Heart School will hold an Open House on Thursday, January 24th from 6:00-7:30 PM. All are invited to attend.

There will be activities on every floor for the children, tours of the school, faculty & staff will be on hand to answer questions, and a bake sale to benefit the missions will be held. Enrollment is now open for the 2019-2020 school year.

Kick Off Catholic Schools Week!

The Knights of Columbus will be having their Annual Catholic Schools Week Pancakes & More Breakfast on **Sunday, January 27th from 8:00-1:00 PM.** Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 3-12 Yrs. of age. Ages 2 and under are free. Come join us in the Sacred Heart School cafeteria for a great breakfast as we kick off Catholic Schools Week.



THE DECLARATION OF LIFE

The inalienable right to life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception to natural death. From the first moment of existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person by a civil society and political authority. The "Right to Life" is inherent in a person by virtue of the creative act from which the person took their origin.

The moment a law deprives a category of human beings of the protection which civil legislation ought to accord them, the state is denying the equality of all before the law. When the state does not place its power at the service of the rights of each citizen, and in particular the more vulnerable, the very foundation of a state based on law is undermined.

Legislators that oppose the protection of human life are complicit in every act and unworthy to hold office.

Let these facts be submitted to a candid world:

1. Abortion is the intentional and direct killing of innocent human life and therefore is a form of homicide. The child is always an innocent human life and no law may permit the taking of this life.

2. Those whose lives are diminished or weakened deserve special respect. Sick or handicapped persons should be helped to lead lives as normal as possible. Direct euthanasia consists of putting an end to the lives of handicapped, sick or dying persons is morally unacceptable. Choosing euthanasia over life does not change the nature of killing an innocent person.

3. A human embryo is human life. Respect for the dignity of the human being excludes all experimental manipulation or exploitation of the human embryo as disposable biological material. Recent scientific advances show that any medical cure that might arise from experimentation on fetal stem cells can be developed by using umbilical cords and adult stem cells. There is no longer a medical argument in favor of using fetal stem cell s.

4. Cloning is in moral opposition to the dignity both of human procreation and of the conjugal union. Any form of creating human life without a connection with sexuality is contrary to the moral law.

5. True marriage is the union of one man and one woman. Any other definition of marriage

undermines true marriage and is opposed to God's natural law.

All believing Christians and legislators should endorse the above which promotes God's natural and moral laws and are for the common good of all the people.

"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 or text Kathy Kokoski at 717-448-8899 or Debbie Black 717-514-8815, or email them at kakoko120@comcast.net or mvd01@verizon.net to register. The registration deadline is Sunday, February 10, 2019."



**Respect
Life
Sunday**

