

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 27, 2019

Third 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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“Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eye witnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received.”

Our weekly reflections are entitled ‘His Word Today.’ Week after week we hear the gospel proclaimed, we spend time reading the daily meditations, and today we are reminded where this good news originates.

St. Luke addresses a Lover of God, as his name is translated and he writes to him and for us. He informs us with the what and why, what he intends to do and why. The church then jumps to chapter four introducing us to the mission of Jesus as He proclaimed it in His own town of Nazareth.

As He unrolls the prophet of Isaiah telling of liberty for captives, recovery from blindness, freeing the oppressed and announcing the good news, He says in our words ‘this is happening today.’ The mission of Jesus is the mission of the church today, calling all to carry out what Pope St. John Paul II says ‘is still far from completion.’ As Jesus was sent, so are we as Missionary Disciples.

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Ezra gathered the people and read to them from the book of the Law of God. He interpreted the law clearly, so that everyone understood what he had read. He then told them to go and rejoice in the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Paul explains that a body is composed of many different parts, and that each part has its' own purpose and is important. He compares this to the Church, describing how we are one body composed of many members. All members should show concern for each other and understand that we are all vital to the body as a whole.

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Luke discusses his decision to write about the events he and the other disciples had witnessed. He begins by telling of Jesus reading a passage from the book of Isaiah, where the anointed one is portrayed. Jesus finished by telling the people that they had seen that passage fulfilled in their hearing.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Income for January 20, 2019	\$ 1,460.60
Tithe for January 20, 2019	\$ 146.00
PA Pro-Life Federation	



ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers for the week of January 27 were placed by Marie Dawson in memory of her sister Gert Leonard and her aunt Marie O'Brien.

Blessing of Throats

On the weekend of February 2nd & 3rd, In honor of the Feast of St. Blaise, throats will be blessed immediately after Mass in place of a closing hymn.



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, January 26: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops (Memorial)

2 Timothy 1:1-8; Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; Mark 3:20-21

5:00 PM Donald Thome

Sunday, January 27: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

9:15 AM Ted Kalinoski

Monday, January 28: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

Hebrews 9:15, 24-28; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mark 3:22-30

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, January 29: Weekday

Hebrews 10:1-10; Psalm 40:2 & 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 30: Weekday

Hebrews 10:11-18; Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mark 4:1-20

Thursday, January 31: St. John Bosco, Priest (Memorial)

Hebrews 10:19-25; Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Mark 4:21-25

Friday, February 1: Weekday

Hebrews 10:32-39; Psalm 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mark 4:26-34

9:00 AM People of the Parish

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

Calendar of Events

Saturday: 1/26

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

Sunday: 1/27

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

CCD after Mass/10:30 am

Wild Goose Series/5:30pm/ Social Hall

Monday: 1/28

Mass/9:00 am/ Church

Tuesday: 1/29

No Event

Wednesday: 1/30

No Event

Thursday: 1/31

No Event

Friday: 2/01

First Friday Mass/9:00am/Church

Saturday: 2/02

Gospel Reflections/ 7:30am/ social hall

Mass/ 5:00pm/ Church

Spanish Mass/6:30pm/ Church

Sunday: 2/03

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

CCD after Mass/10:30am

Wild Goose Series/5:30pm/Social Hall

Minister Schedule

February 2 & February 3, 2019

Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019: 5:00pm

EMHC: A. Zarnowski

Lector: T. Kromel

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: J. Zarnowski D. Treaster

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: People of the Parish

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019: 9:15am

EMHC: J. Price T. Ober D. Parson

Lector: J. Fitzgerald

Cantor; A. Arnold

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

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: People of the Parish

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*

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 27th 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.

"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.

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!!

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.



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 interested 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@hbgdiocese.org.

Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God. –Proverbs

14:31. As we enter into this new year, let us remember that the needy are here all year around!



Many like to help at Christmas, which is a blessing, but the needs continue with the cold winter season. We continue to see a rise in the number of parishioners and community members who have needs. Many are working and trying so hard to make ends meet. Some have no heat, others no food. Some have to decide between paying for their medication or their food. Some can't pay their electric. As we sit in our warm homes and fill our bellies, let us remember the parishioners with six children who can't afford to pay their oil bill. Or a parishioner who needed glasses but with all his medical bills couldn't come up with the funds. Or the elderly gentleman who was ashamed to ask, but needed some personal care items to prepare him for a job interview at age 68. Or the single dad with three girls who needed hats, gloves and scarves to keep them warm at the bus stop. Or the veteran who was without electric service for three days until a neighbor called us. Also our Kelly C, age 18, who is dealing with cancer and needed help with transportation costs to the hospital and other related expenses. This is just a sample of people who come to us. We need to remember **"whoever is kind to the needy honors God"**. Christmas time allowed for the distribution of **87** food boxes. We also adopted a family of 6 who had just moved and the rent and security deposit took every penny they had. So we helped with food, Christmas gifts and gas for their car to get to work. This was done with our parishioners' generous help, the donations from Career Link, Overhead Door, the Barnabas Brothers Charity from St. John's Lutheran Church, the Sacred Heart School Children, our CCD classes, St. Jude Thaddeus Parish, as well as anonymous donations, all working together to meet the needs of many. So if you feel the calling to work with us and be kind to the needy, we are in need of blankets, sheets (full

and twin), hats, scarves, gloves and personal care items. Please remember the needs of others continue throughout the year. Please be giving, be humble, be compassionate, and be kind to the needy to honor God. Hoping you and your families feel the presence of God in your lives as we move into the New Year.

Extend mercy toward others, so that there can be no one in need whom you meet without helping! [stvincentdepaullewis@gmail.com](mailto:stvincentdepaullewis@stvincentdepaullewis.org).

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.

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.

