

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.

January 6, 2019
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 6, 2019

“Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart will throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you...all from Sheba shall come, bringing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord...Then they spread their treasures and offered him gifts of gold frankincense and myrrh.”

The season of holiday visiting is drawing to a close. Lights still shine, the manger scene is special today, and unwrapped gifts are still to be seen. The memories of visits, carols and delicious traditional foods are still fresh and happy. But what happens now?

Like the magi we have waited, searched and found the Christ. It's our turn to bring gifts, not the three mentioned in Isaiah and Matthew, but a more precious gift, a more valued gift, the one that the Lord Jesus is waiting to receive from us. It is the gift of ourselves.

We bring joy, hope and happiness. Joy - because we have a Savior, hope - because our world can become better, happiness - because He has chosen me to bring Him to others. We bring an awareness that this Jesus comes again and wishes to accompany us in this new year. He can't wait for us to get started. We can choose this route, or just simply take the decorations and put them away to gather dust for another year. The choice is quite clear. "They departed for their own country by another way."

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah rejoices over the light and glory that will shine upon Jerusalem. He describes how the wealth of nations will be brought to Jerusalem, and travelers will arrive bearing gifts and praising God.

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

Paul explains to the Ephesians that the Gentiles are now co-heirs with the Jews. Through Jesus, they became members of the same body. Therefore, they would receive everything God had promised the Jewish converts if they followed Christ's teachings.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Astrologers from the east came looking for the newborn king of the Jews, which greatly disturbed King Herod. Herod wanted to kill Jesus, and asked the astrologers to return and tell him where Jesus was. The astrologers found Jesus and brought him gifts, but received a message in a dream telling them not to return to Herod.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Income for December 30, 2018	\$ 2,004.50
Capital Improvements	\$ 50.00
Christmas	\$ 140.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 30.00
Tithe for December 30, 2018	\$ 222.00
Crossroads Pregnancy Center	



THANK YOU

By now, most parishioners have noticed the beautiful white altar furnishings that made their first appearance on Christmas Eve. A huge **THANK YOU** goes to the St. Jude Women's Guild and St. Jude Knights of Columbus for their very generous contributions that enabled us to purchase these lovely linens, with the very eye-catching tapestry panels. Included were the altar cloth, chalice veil, Ambo hanging, Rear Altar hanging, Tabernacle curtains, and a Chasuble and stole for the priest.



LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*
And Weekly Readings



Saturday, January 5: St. John Neumann, Bishop (Memorial)

1 John 3:11-21; Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; John 1:43-5
5:00 PM Margaret Kalinoski

Sunday, January 6: 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 Jesusa Vega

Monday, January 7: Christmas Weekday

1 John 3:22-4:6; Psalm 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Matthew 4:12-17,
23-25
9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, January 8: Christmas Weekday

1 John 4:7-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday, January 9: Christmas Weekday

1 John 4:11-18; Psalm 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mark 6:45-52

Thursday, January 10: Christmas Weekday

1 John 4:19-5:4; Psalm 72:1-2, 14 & 15bc, 17; Luke 4:14-
22a

Friday, January 11: Christmas Weekday

1 John 5:5-13; Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Luke 5:12-16

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

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

Calendar of Events

Saturday: 1/05

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

Sunday: 1/06

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church
CCD after Mass/10:30 am
Epiphany Celebration Dinner/5:00pm/Social Hall

Monday: 1/07

Mass/9:00 am/ Church

Tuesday: 1/08

No Event

Wednesday: 1/09

No Event

Thursday: 1/10

No Event

Friday: 1/11

No Event

Saturday: 1/12

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Mass/ 5:00pm/ Church

Sunday: 1/13

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

Minister Schedule

January 12 & January 13, 2019

Saturday, Jan 12, 2019: 5:00pm

EMHC: A. Zarnowski T. Ober

Lector: C. Fitzgerald

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: J. Zarnowski D. Treaster

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: People of the Parish

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, Jan. 13, 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. Auker M. Eberts



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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*

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!

Retired State Police Captain to Oversee Diocese's Youth Protection Programs



We are announcing that Captain Janet McNeal, who is retired from the Pennsylvania State Police, will oversee our Youth Protection programs. Captain McNeal has 26 years of law enforcement investigative and policy development experience, including serving as the chief administrator for the Megan's Law Sexual Offender Registry for the entire Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Deeply Rooted Family Workshop

For parents seeking to deepen their family's spiritual life and lead their children to holiness. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Mechanicsburg is hosting a family workshop for parents, grandparents and children on **January 12, 2019 from 9 AM to 1 PM**. Workshop sessions, children's programming and lunch will be provided for a **\$30 registration fee**. Workshops being offered are: ***In the World, but not of the World*** presented by Eva Gontis; ***The Selfie Generation, Mass and the None-ers*** presented by Kent Smithmyer; ***The 21st Century Family's Guide to Pro-Life*** presented by Maria Gallagher; ***The Liturgy of the Domestic Church*** presented by Mike & Kristine Creavey; ***Youth, Culture and Faith*** presented by Tom Fertal and ***Making the Works of Mercy Your Bucket List*** presented by Sister Emily Vincent. Visit www.steas.net/family to register OR check with the parish office for a paper registration form.



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!!



Bishop Ronald Gainer will host listening sessions throughout the Diocese of Harrisburg in January and February of 2019. He encourages anyone with questions regarding the Grand Jury Report, the Diocese's response to abuse, our path forward, or any other questions or concerns to attend one of these sessions. Each session will include



We Pledge...

opening remarks from Bishop Gainer and retired Pennsylvania State Police Capt. Janet McNeal, recently hired to oversee the youth protection efforts of the Diocese. Following their brief remarks, the floor will be opened for questions. **Saint Jude's scheduled listening session will be held on Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019 at 7:00 PM at Saint Catherine Laboure Parish, 4000 Derry Street, Harrisburg, PA**. If you are unable to attend one of these sessions but would still like to ask Bishop Gainer a question, please email your question to AskBishopGainer@hbgdiocese.org.

Love and Support Shown to Others



Advent lays out the direction of the season. We renew our spirit as we focus on God's good plan for us. Lamentations 3:22-23 tells us "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Just as the moon on the new fallen snow, the beauty of the season renews each of us. The love and support shown to others in need renews our St. Vincent spirit and guides us into the new year with hope and joy. We thank you for your kindness, your generous donations and your realization that we are indeed here to aid our brothers and sisters in need. As we continue to follow God's plan in 2019, please remember those who are less fortunate who just require some help with basic needs, many that we take for granted. The St. Vincent dePaul Board of Directors hope you



have a Happy New Year full of joy and hope in the faithfulness of our Lord. ***Extend mercy toward others, so that there can be no one in need whom you meet without helping!***

Contact us at:

stvincentdepaullewistown@gmail.com.



Please plan to join us for the St. Jude's Parish Epiphany of our Lord Celebration dinner to be held on Sunday, January 6, 2019 at 5:00pm. A special program that includes music and a visit by the Three Kings is planned. The parish will be providing the meats and beverages. Each family is asked to bring a covered dish and a dessert.

Wild Goose Series- Please mark your calendars and join us Sunday evenings at 5:30pm, January 20-February 24, 2019 for the second half of this beautiful series on the Holy Spirit. Please join us even if you have not attended the prior sessions. Each session begins with a pot-luck dinner followed by a video, reflection and discussion. Our next segment on January 20 is Fruits of the Holy Spirit. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self control... If we live in the Spirit, let us also follow the Spirit." While there is no cost for the sessions, we ask that you register for the series to help in preparing the materials. A sign-up sheet is available in the back of the social hall 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." Please contact Ralph Perez with questions, 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 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."

