

# St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church

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## Parish Staff

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## Liturgy Schedule

SATURDAY: 5:30 PM

First Saturday 6:45 PM

Hispanic Mass

SUNDAY: 9:15 AM

MONDAY: 9:00AM

HOLY DAYS: AS ANNOUNCED

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 4:30-5:15 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 12, 2020

### Baptism of the Lord

STEWARDSHIP IS A WAY OF LIFE

TITHING IS GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly

The Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2020

“You know the word that he sent to the Israelites, as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is the Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.”

The sights and sounds at the Jordan river are so familiar. The conversation of Jesus with His cousin, His desire to show full unity with humankind, the dripping water, the peace dove, the voice from the cloud. But the baptism did not end there. Jesus climbed up the bank and began His ministry.

One day when we were baptized, we began our missionary journey. Baptism for us is not an event, but our own first encounter with Jesus Christ. We were anointed with holy chrism, Christened, with power became dwelling places of the Holy Spirit and we move from the baptismal font to do the same work as Jesus 'to go about doing good.' Unfortunately, like a battery that is not used, it loses its power if not used, but like Jesus, God is with us to restore and enable that latent power.

May we renew our lives and our baptismal call.

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

This reading is a brief passage from the Songs of the Suffering Servant. The Servant will establish justice on the earth and open the eyes of those who live in darkness.

#### Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

In this reading, Peter gives his first sermon to pagans. Asked by a Roman centurion to preach the Gospel to his household, Peter is initially astounded by the request, but after a dream, Peter preaches and baptizes the entire household.

#### Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

After initially protesting his unworthiness, John baptizes Jesus. After the baptism, the Spirit of God descended upon Jesus and a voice said, "This is my beloved Son. My favor rests on him."

<b>Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:</b>	
Income for January 5, 2020	\$3,378.65
Christmas	\$ 20.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 490.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 140.00
Tithe for January 5, 2020	\$ 389.00
Saint Vincent de Paul Society	



Marian Kerchusky is looking for a daytime seasonal receptionist. Call 717-994-0821 if interested.



### **A HUGE WOMEN'S GUILD THANK YOU**

Our 2019 COOKIE WALK was a success. The St. Jude Women's Guild would like to thank everyone who helped in any way towards the Cookie Walk. Many, who helped with baking cookies, candy, making crafts, giving white elephant items and thoughtful donations. We hope to continue the event next year. Those who helped had plenty of fun Christmas spirit, starting at 7:00am and finishing by 11:30am. Our profit was over \$2,300.00 that will go towards projects for our parish.

Thank you again and Happy New Year!



**On February 10th, Father Jay will be returning to India to renew his Visa and will be gone for approximately three weeks. Please pray that he has a safe journey and that the renewal process goes smoothly**

## LITURGICAL NOTES:

*Mass for the  
Intentions of the Week*

*And Weekly Readings*



### Saturday, January 11: Christmas Weekday

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

### Sunday, January 12: The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Acts of the  
Apostles 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17

9:15 AM Donald Thome

### Monday, January 13: Weekday

1 Samuel 1:1-8; Psalm 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19; Mark 1:14-  
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9:00 AM People of the Parish

### Tuesday, January 14: Weekday

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

### Wednesday, January 15: Weekday

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

### Thursday, January 16: Weekday

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

### Friday, January 17: St Anthony, Abbott

#### (Memorial)

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

### Saturday, January 18: Weekday

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

5:30 PM Leo Fitzgerald

### Sunday, January 19: Second Sunday in

#### Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Corinthians  
1:1-3; John 1:29-34

9:15 AM Louise Treaster

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday: 1/11

Mass/5:30pm/ Church

### Sunday: 1/12

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

CCD/10:30AM

### Monday: 1/13

Mass/9:00am/Church

### Tuesday: 1/14

No Event

### Wednesday: 1/15

No Event

### Thursday: 1/16

No Event

### Friday: 1/17

No Event

### Saturday: 1/18

Mass/5:30pm/ Church

### Sunday: 1/19

Mass/9:15am/Church

CCD/10:30 AM

Adult Bible Study/5:00pm/social hall

## **Minister Schedule**

### **January 18 & January 19, 2020**

Saturday, January 18, 2020: 5:30 pm

EMHC: A. Zarnowski

Lector: T. Kromel

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: J. Zarnowski

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, January 19, 2020: 9:15am

EMHC: D. Swigart D. Parson J. Price

Lector: T. Ober

Cantor; R. Perez

Altar Servers: St. Michael's Guard

Ushers: A. Thawley T. Newcamp



**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***

## COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Hawaiian Paradise

The torches are lit; the theme is set! We're having a Luau you'll never forget! The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Sacred Heart School Gala, **Hawaiian Paradise**, will be held on Saturday, **Feb. 1, 2020 at the Lewistown Country Club**. Tickets are now available at the Sacred Heart Parish Office; prices are **\$60** per person through Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> and **\$70** Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> thru Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.



### Auction Time

The **22nd Annual SHS Benefit Auction** will be held on **Sunday, April 26, 2020**, with an Auction Preview and Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, April 25. The auction committee is looking for handmade, new, or gently used items to be auctioned off. If you would like to donate an item, please contact Ashley Henry at the Parish Office at 717-242-2781 and don't forget to mark your calendars now, and keep an eye out for more details regarding planning, volunteering, and the event activities!



### Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

Men's Cursillo Weekend will be **January 23-26, 2020** at the Christian Retreat Center, East Waterford, PA. The Women's Cursillo Weekend will be **February 20-23, 2020** at the Mariawald Renewal Center, Reading, PA.



### Upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend

Not willing to let go of your marriage? Many couples continue to struggle in a marriage but are not willing to give up on each other. There is hope. Retrouvaille is a program designed to help struggling marriages regain their health. It helps a husband and a wife rediscover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. **For more information about the January 17-19, 2020, Weekend for couples, contact the registration team at [retrouvaillehbq@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvaillehbq@gmail.com) or 717-356-2185.**



### Fun Night with the Hershey Bears!

Celebrate Catholic Schools' Week with the Hershey Bears Hockey Team vs. Lehigh Valley Phantoms at the Giant Center in Hershey, for the **Annual Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg Night on Saturday, February 1, 2020** at 7 p.m. It's a fun-filled action packed night at the Giant Center. Open to all, this night is a great way to celebrate our Catholic Schools! Discounted tickets are available for **\$16.50** each for all ages (regular admission price is \$20). **Deadline to order is Friday, January 24, 2020.** For more information or contact [jdise@HersheyPA.com](mailto:jdise@HersheyPA.com) or stop at the parish office for an order form.



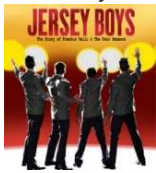
### HSA Salad Fundraiser

Sacred Heart School HSA is selling **Sliced Deli Salad coupons**. Coupons are \$5 each and can be redeemed from Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> thru March 31<sup>st</sup>. Contact Sharina Harshbarger at 814-441-4361 or stop at the Parish Office and purchase a few!



## Jersey Boys the Musical

Centers in Motion presents the musical *Jersey Boys, The Story of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons* on Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at the Eisenhower



Auditorium, Penn State University. Admission is free (\$68.00 value) and open to anyone 60 and older! Spots are limited, sign up today! To register, please contact Chad Sample at 717-320-8224 or email

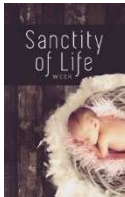
[csample@mymjrsc.com](mailto:csample@mymjrsc.com). A \$10 donation for transportation is suggested. Centers in Motion is affiliated with the Mifflin/Juniata Area Agency on Aging and Mifflin /Juniata Regional Services.

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

**The Bible Study group that began in the fall will continue with the series on Sunday, January 19 at 5:00PM. See Ralph Perez with any questions.**

### 2020 Vision For Life

The saying goes, "Hindsight is 20/20", but we all know that's not the case when looking forward. Our way is unclear and our vision is fuzzy. Although we cannot offer future-seeing goggles, **Crossroads Pregnancy Center** can provide insight and advice to inform clients facing unexpected pregnancies.



We can also offer Biblical-healing for women, who lose their vision for a future that included a baby, by helping them see that an abortion is never beyond His forgiveness and mercy. Please join us in sharing this vision of hope and life on

**January 19, 2020 – Sanctity of Human Life Sunday**, by setting aside time to remember the lives lost to abortion and the women and men hurt by abortion. We can focus our sight on a day when abortion and all life-destroying actions will be unthinkable in America.



### God Loves A Cheerful Giver – So Be One!

To all our friends and supporters of our St Vincent dePaul Charity we wish you a happy, healthy,

and giving New Year. 2020 has brought to light so many of our old needs along with news of more devastating stories of those so desperate. Our Lord said in **2 Corinthians 9:6-8** **Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.** We were blessed beyond words for the out pouring of help we received during the holidays. Your most generous donations helped to change situations and give families full bellies and Christmas Cheer, where there had been such great need. Many of those needs continue. We are not only helping those who run short for the monthly food

necessities but those who must choose meds or bills over nourishment. We have a woman who is only 61 whose cancer battle has left her cold and hungry. Another family who has had a child with special needs can't make their rent due to medical expenses. We have a 19-year-old who is trying so very hard to survive cancer, work and get to all her medical appointments. This is just a small sample of those we are working to help. By the Grace of God,



in cooperation with other churches and agencies, we are trying to meet the needs in our parishes and community. We need your generosity to reap! We thank those who help at the holidays, and hope you will continue to do your part all year long. We ask you to consider a financial monthly commitment, or whatever your heart sees fit. If not financial we always need shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste, bar soap, baby wipes, disposable razors, shaving cream, pasta and sauce, mac and cheese, and other canned goods. Please help us to help those who are homeless, or living in poverty, or have a hardship that is devastating. Together we please God and make a difference! **Extend mercy toward others, so that there can be no one in need whom you meet without helping!**