

St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church

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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 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 5, 2020
The Epiphany 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

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:	
Income for December 29, 2019	\$2, 513.00
Christmas	\$ 145.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 25.00
Christmas December 24 & 25	\$2,468.98

“God’s secret plan, as I have briefly described it, was revealed to me, unknown to men in former ages, but now revealed by the Spirit to the holy apostles and prophets. It is no less than this: in Christ Jesus the Gentiles are now coheirs with the Jews, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise through the preaching of the gospel.”

This great day in the life of the church, tells us more than the jealousy of a threatened king, the ardent search of the wise men from the east, and their discovery of the Savior and Mary His Mother. The event has allowed so many rich traditions to develop to enhance our faith. The number of visitors with three gifts for royalty, priesthood and eventual anointing in death, the star directing them like a GPS, and the humility of these rich visitors coming before the infant.

The message to use Paul’s words is ‘no less than this’. I am included as a coheir; I have life in the Lord because He is my Savior. I am sent, like them on a different route to bring my experience of Jesus Christ to others. It is no less than this. May I offer the gift of self, the richness of my faith, and travel the journey with others in this new year.

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem is extolled as a place of glory and splendor because the Lord has come to His own city.

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

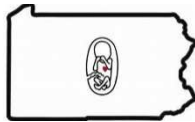
Paul tells the Ephesians that his special mission is to make the Gentiles co-heirs with the Jews in Christ — “members of the same body and sharers of the promise.”

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Herod learns that Wise Men from the East are searching for the newly born Christ Child. He instructs them to find the Child and to report His whereabouts to him. The Wise Men follow a star to the place where Mary and Jesus are and offer the Child gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They do not return to Herod but follow another route to their own country.

Pennsylvania March for Life – May 18
Join us for the first-ever Pennsylvania March for Life next May! Both sides of the abortion debate agree that the issue is now moving to the states.

Recently, a few states have passed some of the most pro-life laws in the country, while others have sought to legalize abortion up to the very moment of birth. Pennsylvania is an extremely important state in this regard because we have one of the strongest pro-life histories in the nation, a tradition that is now at risk. Recognizing this reality, the March for Life is teaming up with the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference and the Pennsylvania Family Institute to host the first-ever Pennsylvania March for Life on **Monday, May 18, 2020**. The March will give pro-life Pennsylvanians the opportunity to pray, march, and lobby their representatives for the legal protection of the unborn. We hope to have 8,000 people there. Make sure that you and your group are counted on that day! Details: Mon., May 18, 2020, PA State Capitol, Harrisburg, PA, 11 AM Rally, 12 PM March



LITURGICAL NOTES:

*Mass for the
Intentions of the Week*

And Weekly Readings



Saturday, January 4: St Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious (Memorial)

1 John 3:7-10; Psalm 98:1, 7-8, 9; John 1:35-42

5:30 PM People of the Parish

6:45 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, January 5: 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 People of the Parish

Monday, January 6: Christmas Weekday

1 John 3:22-4:6; Psalm 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Matthew 4:12-17,
23-25

9:00 AM Ruth Hower

Tuesday, January 7: Christmas Weekday

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

Wednesday, January 8: Christmas Weekday

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

Thursday, January 9: Christmas Weekday

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

Friday, January 10: Christmas Weekday

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

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

Calendar of Events

Saturday: 1/04

Mass/5:30pm/ Church

Spanish Mass/6:45PM/Church

Sunday: 1/05

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

CCD/10:30AM

Monday: 1/06

Mass/9:00am/Church

Tuesday: 1/07

No Event

Wednesday: 1/08

No Event

Thursday: 1/09

No Event

Friday: 1/10

No Event

Saturday: 1/11

Mass/5:30pm/ Church

Sunday: 1/12

Mass/9:15am/Church

CCD/10:30 AM

Minister Schedule

January 11 & January 12, 2020

Saturday, January 11, 2020: 5:30 pm

EMHC: A. Zarnowski

Lector: C. Fitzgerald

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: J. Zarnowski

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, January 12, 2020: 9:15am

EMHC: T. Ober J. Price D. Treaster

Lector: J. Kelly

Cantor: K. Fitzgerald

Altar Servers: T. Kelly S. Kelly D. Miller

Ushers: D. Ames P. Ames



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

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 or 717-356-2185.**



Hawaiian Paradise

The torches are lit; the theme is set! We're having a Luau you'll never forget! The 11th 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. 24th and **\$70** Jan. 25th thru Feb. 1st.



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!



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 or stop at the parish office for an order form.



SHS Job Opportunity

SHS is seeking a Substitute Cafeteria Employee who would work on an "as needed" basis to cover for our cook in her absence, but a minimum of once a month. Training will be provided. Duties include: Cooking for students (breakfast and lunch), updating student accounts, and some data entry and paperwork related to the National School Lunch Program. Must have clearances, including PA State Police, Childline and FBI. Please contact Sue Parzanese at 717-447-2002 or shfinance@sacredheartlewisstown.com if interested.

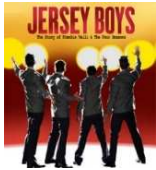
Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

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.



Jersey Boys the Musical

Centers in Motion presents the musical *Jersey Boys, The Story of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons* on Tuesday, January 28th 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. 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.

BE A CENSUS TAKER IN 2020

Apply online to be a census taker in 2020. The job includes the opportunity to make extra income, flexible hours, weekly pay, and paid training. There are posters in the narthex and social hall with details.

To apply, go online to 2020.census.gov/jobs. For more information call 1-888-job-2020.

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.

May the God of hope fill you all with joy and peace as you trust in him *Romans 15*. We at St Vincent DePaul wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy, Healthy 2020! In reflection of 2019 we wish to remember all of you who were so very generous and helpful to our charity. Many wish to be anonymous which we respect and quietly thank from the bottom of our hearts. We also want to recognize those who made this year a success. First and foremost, a big Christmas Hug to our St Vincent Board of Directors, to Jodi Peters who keeps our appointments and is such a help to us, to Rich and Kathy Graham, Ruth Hower, Rich & Carol Reardon,



Kim Miriello, Dottie Peiffer, Ashley Henry, Sandy & Steve Dedmon, Doug Parson, Ron Myers, Marta Recalde, Steve Dalton, Gail Treaster,

Anne Marie Showers, Kathie Tice, Father Jay, and Father Weary. We also want to recognize and thank Cathy & Jeff Borger who along with Boy Scout Troop #2, Jeremy and David Ciota, Phil Stout, Bob and Jacob Rehorst, Ian Thomas and his friend Morgan who helped to pick up needed furniture that was donated for our clients. God Bless you! In addition, we thank First Quality for their generous donation of diapers, Gary Parzanese for delivering them for us, Martin Smith, Career Link and SAM, Inc. for helping with our Christmas Basket Project, Sheetz and Wal Mart for their grants, and of course a wonderful thank you and blessings to the generous and giving parishioners at Sacred Heart and St Jude Thaddeus. God Bless each of you!! If we missed any of our "elves" please know it was unintentional. ***Extend mercy toward others, so that there can be no one in need whom you meet without helping!***