

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.

Knight of Columbus – Meets the 2nd Tuesday 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.

July 29, 2018

Seventeenth 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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 29, 2018

” But his servants objected, ‘How can I set this before a hundred people?’ Elisha insisted, ‘Give it to the people to eat, for thus says the Lord, they shall eat and there shall be some left over.’ And when they had eaten, there was some left over, as the Lord had said... When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip ‘Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?’ He said this to test him.”

The selections from the book of Kings and from Mark are quite similar, - a hungry people, a compassionate prophet and a tremendous sign. May we move from the first testament and the mountain miracle to today.

People today are starving throughout the world. Wasteful living traps us and blinds us to this reality. Community food banks, parish pantries, Catholic Relief Services address countless needs. We are asked to respond. We bring not the twenty barley loaves, but what has been offered to us as gift. We are asked to give not of our surplus, but of our selves.

There is another hunger as well, a hunger for the Lord. How many are seeking, and will find His satisfaction, only through our word, our example. Who fed you, bringing the Lord to you? Are you ready to be like the tested Philip and extend your hand of compassion? Maybe I can be the boy Andrew presented and give something of myself.

First Reading: II Kings 4:42-44

A man brought twenty loaves of bread to Elisha the prophet, who told his servant to distribute it to the people. The servant asked how he could offer twenty loaves to one hundred people. Elisha replied that God had said, “They shall eat and there shall be some left over.” After all the people had eaten, there was bread left over as God had said.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Paul implores the Ephesians to live a life worthy of their calling by preserving unity among all of Christ’s followers. He reminds them that there is one body, one Spirit, and one God who works through all people.

Gospel: John 6:1-15

Jesus fed a crowd of five thousand people with five loaves of bread and a couple of dried fish. After everyone present had enough to eat, twelve baskets of leftover bread were collected. Jesus then realized the people would want to make him king so he fled alone.

Tithing is God’s Plan for Giving:

Income for July 22, 2018	\$ 1,795.50
Capital Improvements	\$ 50.00
Missionary Co-op	\$ 30.00
Tithe for July 22, 2018	
Mifflin-Juniata Energy Bank	\$ 180.00

Dates to Remember

Friday, August 3 9:00am First Friday Mass

Saturday, August 4 6:30pm Hispanic Mass

**Tuesday, August 14 7:00pm Vigil Mass
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Saturday, September 1 - Blood Drive
Knights of Columbus-Social Hall**



THANK YOU FROM PA PRO-LIFE

Dear Friends of Life,
Thank you so much for your May 18, 2018 donation to the PA Pro-Life Federation. Your gift helps make it possible for us to educate the public through television, radio, print media, the internet, and other means on the truth about abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia.

All this is important in building a culture of life, and in preparing Pennsylvania for the overturn of Roe v. Wade. With your continued support, we will one day see an end to legalized abortion on our State. Sincerely for LIFE,

Michael V. Ciccocioppo
Executive Director



LITURGICAL NOTES:

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



Saturday, July 28: Weekday

Jeremiah 7:1-11; Psalm 84:3, 4, 5-6a & 8a, 11; Matthew 13:24-30

5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, July 29: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15

9:15 AM People of the Parish

Monday, July 30: Weekday

Jeremiah 13:1-11; Deuteronomy 32:18-19, 20, 21; Matthew 13:31-35

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, July 31: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest (Memorial)

Jeremiah 14:17-22; Psalm 79:8, 9, 11 & 13; Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday, August 1: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21; Psalm 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18; Matthew 13:44-46

Thursday August 2: Weekday

Jeremiah 18:1-6; Psalm 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Matthew 13:47-53

Friday, August 3: Weekday

Jeremiah 26:1-9; Psalm 69:5, 8-10, 14; Matthew 13:54-58

9:00 AM Harry Chapman III

Saturday, August 4: St. John Vianney, Priest (Memorial)

Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24; Psalm 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Matthew 14:1-12

5:00 PM People of the Parish

6:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, August 5: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Psalm 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54;

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Calendar of Events

Saturday: 7/28

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/ social hall

Mass/5:30 pm/ Church

Sunday: 7/29

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

Eucharistic Reflection & Benediction/5:00PM

Dinner to follow in Social Hall

Monday: 7/30

Mass/9:00 am/ Church

Tuesday: 7/31

No Event

Wednesday: 8/01

No Event

Thursday: 8/02

No Event

Friday: 8/03

First Friday Mass/9:00 am/ Church

Saturday: 8/04

Gospel Reflections/ 7:30am/ social hall

Mass 5:00pm/ Church

Hispanic Mass/6:30 pm/ Church

Sunday: 8/05

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

Minister Schedule

August 4 & August 5, 2018

Saturday, August 4, 2018: 5:00pm

EMHC: J. & A. Zarnowski

Lector: C. Fitzgerald

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: J. & A. Flores

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeter: P. Thompson

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, August 5, 2018: 9:15am

EMHCD. D. Treaster J. Price J. Fitzgerald

Lector: Garry W. Price

Cantor: M. Miller

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

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: Ginger Best

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*



Vacation Bible School

This past week the annual Vacation Bible School was held at Saint Jude. Shane and Elizabeth Armstrong put many months of planning into this fun week for the young people of the parish, and again it was a huge success, with many of our young parishioners, as well as many from the community joining in the fun and learning S'more about Jesus. There were also many parishioners who volunteered their time and talents to assist in any way needed from helping with crafts, games, and donating snacks to help make this a memorable experience for all who attended. **THANKS AGAIN!**

UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES

St. Jude/Sacred Heart Family Pilgrimage

Join us on **Monday, August 13th** for 9AM Mass at



St. Jude followed by a trip to Emmitsburg, MD. A pilgrimage will be made to the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine and Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto. An itinerary and sign-up sheet is available in the vestibule. **Deadline to sign-up is Aug. 5th.** For more information contact Heather Kelly at 717-315-5438.



Summer Schedule

Fr. Bill attended the National Courage Conference held at Villanova University from July 10th-July 15th. He also attended the National Priest's Scripture Conference in West Virginia on July 16th-19th. The weekend of July 21st-22nd he will be in Downingtown, PA commemorating the 1st anniversary of his sister's death. Fr. Jay will be in Lancaster preaching the Missionary Cooperative Appeal. That weekend, both parishes will be served by Fr. Luc Martel of the Augustinians of the Assumption. Fr. Baker will be the main celebrant of the Sacred Heart Saturday July 21st 4PM Mass. Fr. Bill will be assisting with the Men's Cursillo weekend, along with Bishop Ronald Gainer, July 26th-29th, at St. Pius X Selinsgrove, with Fr. Jay doing all of our Masses, both parishes, that weekend. St. Jude Saturday Mass will be at 5:30PM. Fr. Bill will then be on vacation Sunday, Aug. 5th to Friday, Aug. 10th.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Today we conclude our annual Eucharistic Devotions and Benediction.

Adoration will continue throughout the day on Sunday, with our concluding service taking place at 5:00pm.

Following the service, dinner will be served in the social hall. All are invited to attend.

SACRED HEART JOB OPENING

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish has an immediate opening for a part-time custodian. This is a year-round position, approximately 29 hours per week. Includes paid lunch and some holidays. Successful candidate requires cleaning experience and basic maintenance skills a plus. Must be hard-working, able to work independently, a team player, and have a heart for our school and parish. Some heavy lifting and physical exertion required, such as climbing ladders, shoveling snow, operating lawn equipment, vacuuming, etc. Must provide PA State Police Background Check, Child Abuse History Check and FBI Check, as well as mandatory trainings through the Diocese of Harrisburg. Interested candidates should contact the parish office for application and clearances requirements



Enroll Now for the 2018-19 School Year!

SHS is currently enrolling for Grades K-5 for the 2018-2019 school year. If you or



someone you know has a child ready for Kindergarten or looking to transfer, come and visit or encourage them to take a look at SHS. **We are currently offering a tuition transfer grant to any child going into grades 1 through 5 for the 2018-2019 school year.** Any public, private, charter or home-school student who transfers to SHS is eligible to receive a Tuition Transfer Grant. Each student will receive \$1,500 in grants over the course of 2 years. Restrictions apply and no financial aid forms are required.

Don't Get Scammed!

Scammers are now posing as priests and other clergy. In this latest scam, you might receive an email that appears to be from your Pastor or another priest that you may know. The scammer would ask you to help someone in need by purchasing a gift card, and then providing the codes to that card



to the scammer who is posing as clergy. **Here's how to protect yourself from being scammed:**

1- Know that scammers are out there. Be suspicious of any request for funds of any type via an email message. Verify any request with a call to the person who supposedly sent it. **2-** Know that any email from a priest should be from a diocesan or parish email account. Messages sent from free services, such as Gmail or Yahoo, are more likely to be scammers. **3-** Know that priests will **NEVER** ask for financial transactions via email. For more information on how to protect yourself visit: <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0003-phishing>.

Sign Up Today – November 3, 2018

As part of the events celebrating the 150th anniversary of the diocese of Harrisburg, **Bishop Gainer will lead a diocesan pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, on Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 9:00AM to 4:00PM.** This will be the first time Bishop Gainer will lead our diocese to Washington since he was installed in 2014. **Scheduled events for the day include:** *Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with the Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer as Celebrant and Homilist, Eucharistic Adoration, Celebration of the Luminous, Mysteries of the Rosary and Sacrament of Penance.* There will be free time for Lunch, Private Prayer, Shopping at the Shrine Gift Shop and a Self-Guided Tour of the Basilica. **Sacred Heart has reserved a bus for this special day. Cost is \$25/per person. Departure and return times to be determined. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex.** For more information about upcoming events for the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Harrisburg go to www.hbgdiocese.org/150.

THANK YOU

A BIG thank you to the men who came in and cleaned the floor around the altar and placed the new carpet. They were Ralph Perez, Steve Graham, Mike Bueno, Dave Treaster, and Joe Zarnowski, who also cleaned the carpeting in the aisles.



Cemetery of Innocents

We are once again inviting parishioners to take part in the pro-life project, Cemetery of Innocents located here on the lawn at St. Jude. We once again will be placing crosses that will be displayed during the month of October, Respect Life Month. This display will represent the number of lives lost to abortion each month in Pennsylvania. Parishioners are welcome to purchase a cross or crosses for this display. The price is \$2.00. After last year's campaign, we have approximately 795 crosses and would love to see the display grow. A portion of each cross purchase will be donated to Rachel's Vineyard. www.rachelsvineyard.com If you have any questions, please contact Megan Miller(527-4426) or Colleen Hazard (527-9914). Crosses will be for sale after the 9:15 masses or there is a box in the vestibule. Checks may be made payable to Women's Guild.

Compassion and Collaboration Part II



Try to think back to your last year of high school. Now hold that memory and listen. She is 18, having just graduated from high school. She lost her mom to cancer in her sophomore year so for the past few years she has lived with her grandmother. She worked hard to make her mom proud. Life now was getting better. She had friends, she loved her grandma, was playing summer league softball, and looking forward to college. After a softball game she was feeling like she "had pulled something" in her leg, she thought a hot bath would make things better. The next day, still in pain, her grandma took her to the ER. That day her dreams "stopped"! After several tests, the terrible news was reported. She has a tumor in her left leg that is malignant...an aggressive carcinoma. She was taken to Danville for further testing. Now she faces many trips to Danville for treatments, possible amputation, and many other possible needs. Her family is asking area churches to help with gas to get to Danville, meals, meds. and other related expenses. St Vincent DePaul is taking donations to help with these expenses! We have met this young lady and her grandma. Prayers were said and we supplied a gas voucher! **Now we are asking you to help us further help her.** As we have written about before, **lets collaborate with compassion and help this family in this unimaginable time of crisis.**

