

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 3:00

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 16, 2017

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

STEWARDSHIP IS A WAY OF LIFE

TITHING IS GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Income for July 9, 2017	\$ 2,154.98
Capital Improvements	\$ 75.00
Missionary Appeal	\$ 35.00
Tithe for July 9, 2017	\$ 215.00
Juniata County Food Pantry	

Please join us the weekend of July 22nd to hear Rev. Peter Lyons, T.O.R. speak at all the services about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.



Father Lyons will share personal witness about Food For The Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

Fr. Lyons was ordained to the priesthood in 1966. Fr. Peter is a member of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis. He has served as a teacher in colleges & seminaries. He has also served as a pastor of parishes in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, the Diocese of Ft. Worth & in Spring Grove, PA. Besides preaching for Food For The Poor, he teaches at St. Francis University in Loretto, PA.

FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 16, 2017

“Thus says the Lord: Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows, and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth, my word shall not return to me void...achieving the end for which I sent it.”

As our own gardens are bursting with colorful flowers and the vegetable plants continue to grow, the image of the seed, fertility and fruitfulness are so appropriate. The prophet Isaiah, writing six centuries before the Christian era, used the same example as the parable of the seed, but also the need for water, warmth and care for the word to achieve its purpose.

We listen to the Word of God, we open the text and reflect upon it, we are so familiar with what is written and read. A more important step must be taken. The rain and snow must penetrate the earth to provide the necessary support for growth. The water cannot just run off as often happens with the sudden summer downpour.

A soft, penetrating shower offers the condition necessary to accomplish its end. So too, does reflection upon the word, weighing and pondering its meaning for me today. May my listening heart allow that growth to take place today.

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Just as the rain and snow water the earth and make it fruitful, so does the word of God bring forth good seed.

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Reminding all that the trials and sufferings of this life are “as nothing,” Paul says that the glory we shall receive will overshadow all things.

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus tells the parable of the sower and the seed. The seed that landed on the footpath, on rocky ground, or among thorns withered and died; the seed that fell on good ground -- “the man who hears the message and takes it in” ... “bears a yield of a hundred-fold.”



Eucharistic Devotions

Celebration of Evening Prayer and Eucharistic Devotions will be held at Saint Jude on Sunday, July 30th at 5:00pm. Following the service there will be a covered dish meal in the social hall. Sign up sheets are in the social hall for adoration times and also for the meal.



Summer Cursillo Weekends

Men's: July 20-23, 2017

with Bishop Gainer

Women's: July 27-30

with Bishop Gainer

Both weekends at St. Pius X Church in Selinsgrove. For more information, contact Fr. Bill at the Parish Office.

LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*
And Weekly Reading



Saturday, July 15: Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7; Matthew 10:24-33

5:00 PM Maggie Sander

Sunday, July 16: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23

9:15 AM Kathleen Palumbo

Monday, July 17: Weekday

Exodus 1:8-14, 22; Psalm 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Matthew 10:34-11:1

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, July 18: Weekday

Exodus 2:1-15a; Psalm 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday, July 19: Weekday

Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12; Psalm 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7; Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday, July 20: Weekday

Exodus 3:13-20; Psalm 105:1 & 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27; Matthew 11:28-30

Friday, July 21: Weekday

Exodus 11:10-12:14; Psalm 116:12-13, 15 & 16bc, 17-18; Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday, July 22: Saint Mary Magdalene (Memorial)

Exodus 12:37-42; Psalm 136:1 & 23-24, 10-12, 13-15; John 20:1-2, 11-18

5:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, July 23: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43

9:15 AM People of the Parish

Calendar of Events

Saturday: 7/15

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

Sunday: 7/16

Mass / 9:15am/ Church

Monday: 7/17

Mass/9:00am/ Church

Youth Kayak Trip/ after 9:00am Mass

Bible School/ 6-8pm/social hall

Tuesday: 7/18

Bible School/ 6-8pm/social hall

Wednesday: 7/19

Bible School/ 6-8pm/ social hall

Thursday: 7/20

Bible School/ 6-8pm/ social hall

Friday: 7/21

No Event

Saturday: 7/22

Gospel Reflections/ 7:30am/ social hall

Mass/ 5:00pm/ Church

Sunday: 7/23

Mass / 9:15 am / Church

Minister Schedule

July 22 & July 23, 2017

Saturday, July 22, 2017: 5:00pm

EMHC: J. & A. Zarnowski

Lector: J. Fitzgerald

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: J. & A. Flores

Gift Bearer: People of the Parish

Greeter: P. Thompson

Ushers: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, July 23, 2017: 9:15am

EMHC: D. Treaster T. Ober

Lector: C. Fitzgerald

Cantor: S. Connell

Servers: E. & D. Zeigler

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: Best Family

Ushers: R. Auker W. Nash



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*

Welcome Back!

Join us this week as we welcome back former pastor Fr. John Bateman. Fr. Bateman will celebrate Mass at St. Jude on Saturday, July 15th and on Sunday at 11 AM at Sacred Heart.



Mark Your Calendar

VBS will be held at Saint Jude Church July 17-July 20 from 6pm to 8pm each evening. All children ages 4 and up are welcome to join us. You do not need to be a member of St. Jude to attend. More information to come. If you are able to help in any way, please see Shane or Elizabeth Armstrong searmstrong@pa.net or call them at 717-994-0831. Monetary donations are also welcome.



Birthday wishes go out to Father Bill who celebrates on Sunday, July 16.



Youth Kayak Event

On Monday, July 17, there will be a youth event beginning with Mass at Saint Jude at 9:00am. Following a river adventure, there will be a picnic at Saner's Campground, returning home around 2:00pm. Sign up sheets are in the social hall. If you have any questions, see Ralph Perez.



Cemetery of Innocents

This display will be erected in October, Respect Life Month, in the church yard. Parishioners now have the opportunity to purchase a cross or crosses for \$2 each. This display will represent the number of lives lost to abortion each month in Pennsylvania. If you have any questions, please contact Megan Miller (527-4426) mfitzzy6@hotmail.com or Colleen Hazard (527-9914) chazard@live.com. Crosses will be for sale after 9:15 masses. Checks may be made payable to Women's Guild. In addition, a portion of each cross purchase will be donated to Rachel's Vineyard. www.rachelsvineyard.com

The Catholic Witness Readership Survey



The Catholic Witness newspaper is conducting a survey of its readers, and parishioner participation is encouraged. The survey is anonymous and will provide staff with information on how readers experience the diocesan newspaper, as well as their impressions of its content and distribution. It will also allow readers to share comments via open-ended questions. Responses will help guide decisions on future developments and refinements, and how to best serve its readers. The survey is available online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TheCatholicWitness2017> and via a link on *The Catholic Witness* page of the diocesan website, www.hbgdiocese.org. A number of hard copies are available for readers who wish to participate but who do not have computer access; call 717-657-4804, ext. 208, with your name and address.

Mass Times for Traveling Catholics



Don't forget to include Mass in your travel plans. Weekend, week day and Holy day Mass times for virtually all U.S. parishes and those in many other countries are listed. When you are planning your travels go to www.MassTimes.org and enter a zip code, city, state, country or area code for Catholic Church locations and Mass times.



SCHOOL NEWS

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS Tue., Wed., & Thur. 9AM-

1PM

**If assistance is needed in between office hours, leave a message on the school answering machine or contact the Parish Office at 9 N. Brown St.
Ph: (717) 242-2781

Kids ages K thru entering 5th Grade please join us!

Cave Quest – Sacred Heart’s Vacation Bible School will be held **Sun., Aug. 6 - Thurs., Aug. 10 from 6-8:15 PM at Sacred Heart Church.** Confirmation Classes/Parents/Parishioners – we are looking for any help you can or want to provide. Please contact Marcie Cirotta at 247-4382 or mcirotta51@gmail.com for more information.

Annual Workshop on the Sacred Liturgy



An invitation is extended to all interested parishioners to attend the Annual Diocesan Liturgical Workshop. The workshop, **“Unlocking the Power and Influence of the Sacred Liturgy,”** will be held on **Saturday, August 12 from**

8:30-12:30 PM. It will be at the Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg. There is NO registration fee but registration is required to ensure that we have sufficient materials. The registration form is available on the diocesan website www.HbgDiocese.org events calendar at www.HbgDiocese.org.

BLOOD DRIVE

Saint Jude Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on Saturday September 2, from 9am-2pm.

First Diocesan Encuentro of Hispanic Ministry
Please save the date of **September 23, 2017** for the Diocesan Encuentro at Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg. Keynote Speaker: Auxiliary Bishop of Newark and Regional Lead for V Encuentro, **Bishop Manuel Cruz.** Day begins with the Diocesan Hispanic Heritage Mass with **Bishop Ronald W.**



Gainer as the Principal Celebrant and Homilist. The **free** event (offered in Spanish) includes: 3 workshops, worship music, Priests available for Confession, and lunch. **Due to limited spaces available, please contact the parish office to request tickets!** For more information visit www.hbgdiocese.org/hispanicministry. All are welcome to be part of a day of prayer, worship, catechesis and fellowship!



The 3rd Annual Diocesan Women’s Conference will be October 14, 2017 at Bishop McDevitt High School. This year’s conference theme is **“Lead All Souls to**

Heaven...”: *Mary’s Message to Us from Fatima.* Susan Brinkmann, award winning journalist and Catholic author and presenter will be the Keynote Speaker. Registration information will be online on the diocesan website by mid-July. More information to follow.

Annual Pilgrimage for World Peace

Join us and our pilgrimage leader, Rev. John M. Kuchinski, Parochial Vicar, Saint Francis Xavier Parish, Gettysburg, for the 30th Annual Pilgrimage for World Peace through Conversion of Heart at the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes, Mount St. Mary’s University, Emmitsburg, MC.



This wonderful day of prayer, reflection, and spiritual growth will take place on Thursday, August 3, 2017. The day runs from 10 AM to 4 PM. No registration needed. No transportation is provided. Car pools and parish buses are encouraged. Bring your own lunch. For information go to DTLang@hbdiocese.org. The schedule can be found in the events calendar section of www.hbgdiocese.org.