

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 23, 2017

Sixteenth 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 16, 2017	\$ 2,874.00
Votives	\$ 35.00
Tithe for July 16, 2017	\$ 287.00
Mifflin-Juniata Energy Bank	

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.

"As often as you did it to one of the least of My brothers and sisters, you did it to Me." Matthew 25:40

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.

MY SISTER, ELEANOR

Things may be different by the time you read this, as I write on Monday morning, July 17, my sister's birthday. As you know, she is very ill with biliary tract cancer, which wrapped a tumor around her pancreas. Half that organ was removed in April, 2016 surgery.

Since this was all discovered somewhat early, at Stage 2, we were hopeful for recovery, following her rigorous chemotherapy and radiation regimen, but such is not to be. She is now on hospice care at home, with transfer to a hospice unit near her Chester County, Pa., home; no date set yet.

I have been by her side for days, but am now back in Lewistown, as I write this, for a funeral, with full intention to return to her Downingtown home tomorrow.

Lying in her hospital bed, in her beloved living room, Eleanor is very weak now, although she is speaking to us. Her husband, John, is caring for her, along with me. The two sons, both in their early thirties, are closeby, with Matthew, the youngest, now living in the house, and Michael in his apartment, coming in for visits when he can. Hospice nurses visit twice a week now, along with some neighbor friends, who minister to her needs as well.

We all had a double birthday party yesterday, Sunday, which was my birthday, with Eleanor's being the next day. Yes, we're a year and a day apart and when we were growing up, many people thought we were twins.

So, we got out the cupcakes, stuck lighted candles in them, and sang happy birthday, gathered around Eleanor, and posed for pictures. She just ate the icing – her birthday prerogative, she said, a brief return to childhood, when frosting ruled. In act, she has great difficulty eating and sleeping, and is constantly exhausted and often nauseous. John, Michael, and I are taking turns sleeping in the living room through the night with her.

Eleanor and I have had wonderful conversations together. What a blessing! We have re-professed our love for one another and I have asked her forgiveness for any offenses I committed against her. When younger, I could be a bother at times; not real bad, but not always real good either. She said "Of course I forgive you, it was just brother-sister stuff."

She was always a sweet, cheerful saint, throughout her life. I told her that she was the best sister anyone could hope for. She has promised to intercede for me before the Divine Throne, God willing, when she gets to Heaven. Continue to keep Eleanor and the family in your prayers. Thank you.

Fr. Bill

LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week
And Weekly Reading



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 Eleanor Angstadt

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 Eleanor Angstadt

Monday, July 24: Weekday

Exodus 14:5-18; Exodus 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6; Matthew 12:38-42

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, July 25: Saint James, Apostle (Feast)

2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Psalm 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Matthew 20:20-28

Wednesday, July 26: Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)

Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15; Psalm 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28; Matthew 13:1-9

Thursday, July 27: Weekday

Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Matthew 13:10-17

Friday, July 28: Weekday

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Matthew 13:18-23

Saturday, July 29: Saint Martha (Memorial)

Exodus 24:3-8; Psalm 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; John 11:19-27

5:00 PM Maggie Sander

Sunday, July 30: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52

9:15 AM People of the Parish

Calendar of Events

Saturday: 7/22

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/ social hall

Mass/ 5:00pm/ Church

Sunday: 7/23

Mass / 9:15am/ Church

Monday: 7/24

Mass/9:00am/ Church

Tuesday: 7/25

No Event

Wednesday: 7/26

No Event

Thursday: 7/27

No Event

Friday: 7/28

No Event

Saturday: 7/29

Gospel Reflections/ 7:30am/ social hall

Mass/ 5:00pm/ Church

Sunday: 7/30

Mass / 9:15 am / Church

Eucharistic Devotions and Adoration

Closing of Devotions at 5:00pm followed by Covered

Dish Dinner in Social Hall

Minister Schedule

July 29 & July 30, 2017

Saturday, July 29, 2017: 5:00pm

EMHC: J. & A. Zarnowski

Lector: C. Fitzgerald

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: K. & Y. Melara

Gift Bearer: People of the Parish

Greeter: G. Curdo

Ushers: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, July 30, 2017: 9:15am

EMHC: T. Ober D. Parson

Lector: Garry W. Price

Cantor: R. Perez

Servers: St. Michael's Guard

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: G. Best G. Treaster

Ushers: T. Newcamp A. Thawley



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*

BLOOD DRIVE

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



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

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.

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.



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 Ciota at 247-4382 or mciota51@gmail.com for more information.



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.



Summer Cursillo Weekends

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.

RCIA Retreat Dates for 2017-2018

The dates for the RCIA Retreats for the 2017-2018 calendar are:

- Fall Retreat – Saturday, November 4, 2017
- Spring Retreat - Saturday, March 24, 2018
- Rite of Election – Sunday, February 18, 2018

Additional Information to follow.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Do you remember a time when things were so bad you had no where to turn? A time when you could see no way out, no idea how you would make it until the next day

or the next month? We have

parishioners and community members who are in this state who come to ask for our help. As stated in **Romans 15:1** "We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves". Won't you help those in need?

Please make a monetary donation to the **St.**

Vincent DePaul Society. Donations may be

placed in the collection basket or dropped off or mailed to the parish office at 9 N. Brown Street, Lewistown, PA 17044. If a monetary donation is not possible, think about personal care items such as shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorant, diapers, baby wipes etc. These items may be dropped off in the office or placed in the box in the church vestibule. Our email is

stvincentdepaullewisstown@gmail.com.

Note, we do not have an organized program at Saint Jude that we can help those from our community that need a helping hand. Joey and Nancy at Sacred Heart run a very organized program and clients must meet certain criteria before help is given. Records are kept on those who use the program and they also work with other organizations in the area to assure that the system is not being abused. At Saint Jude, I occasionally refer someone from our area to them. For this reason, I do occasionally tithe to them. If you wish to donate material items as listed, I will see that they arrive to their office. If you have any questions about their work, you may call Jodi, Nancy, or Joey at 242-2781. Thanks, Gale