

# St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church

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## Parish Staff

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**June 24, 2018**

**The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**

**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

**The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**

**June 24, 2018**

“From this man’s descendants God, according to his promise, has brought to Israel a savior, Jesus. John heralded His coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel; and as John was completing his course, he would say, ‘What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals on His feet. My brothers, children of the family of Abraham, and those others among you who are God-fearing, to us this word of salvation has been sent.’”

The church celebrates the birth of three persons – Mary, Jesus and John the Baptist. We spend time with John, especially during advent, recalling his conception, the meeting of his mother with Mary, and his ministry in the desert, preparing the way of the Lord. St. Paul today, in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles, helps us focus on the role of John.

He was a ‘herald’ announcing the coming of the Messiah, an arrow pointing out the One he would call the ‘Lamb of God.’ The church today is the herald of the Good News. In the ‘Joy of the Gospel’, Pope Francis points out that the kerygma, the announcement or proclamation of the Good News is vital for us today. We are to be like John the Baptist, announcing, being the herald that we have salvation in the person of Jesus Christ. ‘Hear ye, hear ye.’

**First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-6**

Isaiah tells how the Lord called to him from birth and gave him his name. He explains that although he thought he toiled in vain, his strength is in the Lord in Whose sight he has been made glorious. God made him a light to the nations so that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

**Second Reading: Acts 13:22-26**

John heralds the coming of Jesus by proclaiming a baptism of repentance. He says, “Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.” The children of the family of Abraham and those who are God-fearing have received the word of salvation.

**Gospel: Luke 1:57-66, 80**

Elizabeth gave birth to a son whom she named John. On the eighth day, when her neighbors and relatives came to circumcise the child, they wanted to call him Zechariah, after her father, but Elizabeth’s husband wrote on a tablet, “His name is John.” Immediately he spoke blessing God and the people became afraid. All who heard of the incident knew that the hand of the Lord was with John.



**Tithing is God’s Plan for Giving:**

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| Income for June 17, 2018 | \$ 2,644.28 |
| Catholic Communications  | \$ 165.00   |

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| Tithe for June 17, 2018 |           |
| Shelter Services, Inc.  | \$ 264.00 |

**MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES**

**Saturday, July 14, Mass will be moved to 5:30pm**

**July 4 Mass will be celebrated at Saint Jude and at**

**Sacred Heart at 9:00am**

**GO TAKE A HIKE!!**

**Join us TODAY Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> for a Family Hike and Picnic at Trough Creek State Park. We will leave from St. Jude’s at 10:30 AM.** Picnic food



and drinks will be provided. After enjoying a picnic of fried chicken with all the fixings we will tackle one or more of the various trails around the park. Bring a side dish or snack to share (optional). Contact Julie Jarabeck at 717-694-3546 with any questions.



**MJRSC Senior Farmers Market Vouchers**

Mifflin-Juniata Regional Services still has vouchers available to provide low income seniors with fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown fruits, vegetables, and herbs from farmers’ in Pennsylvania. Vouchers will be distributed at the main office on 249 W. Third St., Lewistown, on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1:00 – 3:00 PM until resources run out. To pick-up vouchers in Juniata County please call 717-436-6847 to make arrangements. You can also contact any local senior center for vouchers while their supplies last. Identification for age verification is required. Income guidelines apply.



## LITURGICAL NOTES:

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



### Saturday, June 23: Weekday

2 Chronicles 24:17-25; Psalm 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34;  
Matthew 6:24-34

5:30 PM People of the Parish

### Sunday, June 24: The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalm 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15; Acts of the Apostles 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80

9:15 AM Ray and Rosalie Blehar

### Monday, June 25: Weekday

2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15A, 18; Psalm 60:3, 4-5, 12-13; Matthew 7:1-5

9:00 AM People of the Parish

### Tuesday, June 26: Weekday

2 Kings 19:9B-11, 14-21, 31-35A, 36; Psalm 48:2-3AB, 3CD-4, 10-11; Matthew 7:6, 12-14

### Wednesday, June 27: Weekday

2 Kings 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Psalm 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40;  
Matthew 7:15-20

### Thursday June 28: St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr (Memorial)

2 Kings 24:8-17; Psalm 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Matthew 7:21-29

### Friday, June 29: Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles (Solemnity)

Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11; Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;  
Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19

### Saturday, June 30: Weekday

Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Psalm 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21; Matthew 8:5-17

5:00 PM Mary Zangrilli

### Sunday, July 1: 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13; 2  
Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mark 5:21-43

9:15 AM People of the Parish

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday: 6/23

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

### Sunday: 6/24

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

Youth Event: Trough Creek State Park

### Monday: 6/25

Mass/9:00 am/ Church

### Tuesday: 6/26

No Event

### Wednesday: 6/27

No Event

### Thursday: 6/28

No Event

### Friday: 6/29

No Event

### Saturday: 6/30

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

### Sunday: 7/01

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

## **Minister Schedule**

### **June 30 & July 1, 2018**

Saturday, June 30, 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, July 1, 2018: 9:15am

EMHC: D. Treaster J. Price J. Fitzgerald

Lector: Garry W. Price

Cantor: M. Miller

Altar Servers: C. Murphy E. & 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*

### Missing Bibles

There were 2 Bibles called " Break Through A Bible for Young Catholics " in a plastic bag on a table in the social hall. If you mistakenly picked them up, please return or give back to Elizabeth Armstrong ASAP.

Thank You.



## Vacation Bible School

Shane and Elizabeth are happy to announce this years VBS 2018. Come “ Get S’MORE of Jesus” at St. Jude’s Camp VBS July 23-26. From 6-8 pm. The week will end with a family bonfire, hotdog roast and fun family games on Friday, July 27. More details to come. Anyone interested/willing to help in anyway, please see Elizabeth or Shane Armstrong [searmstrong@pa.net](mailto:searmstrong@pa.net) or 717-994-0831.

Women’s 96<sup>th</sup> Cursillo weekend will be held July 19-22, 2018 at St. Pius X Parish in Selinsgrove, PA. The Men’s 100<sup>th</sup> Cursillo weekend will be held on July 26-29, 2018, also at St. Pius X Parish, Selinsgrove.

### UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The following activities are in the planning stages for the youth of Sacred Heart and St. Jude.

- **July 31<sup>st</sup>** – 9:00AM Mass at St. Jude followed by kayak trip on the Juniata. Gather at Buttonwood Campground launch site and end at Saner’s picnic area where there will be a picnic/cookout along the river.
- **August 13<sup>th</sup>** – 9:00AM Mass at St. Jude followed by a trip to Emmitsburg, MD. A pilgrimage will be made to the shrine of Elizabeth Ann Seton and Mt. Saint Mary’s.

Watch the bulletin for more details to follow.

### THANK YOU

Thank you so much for your kind support of the Summer Backpack Program of the Juniata County Food Pantry. Many families will benefit from you generosity by receiving this nutritious food for their children during the summer months. Your aid is such a blessing.

Sincerely, Patricia Brown  
Summer Backpack Program Coordinator  
Juniata County Food Pantry  
Board of Directors

### **GIVING IS NOT ABOUT MAKING A DONATION...IT IS ABOUT MAKING A DIFFERENCE!**

This past week, thanks to many in our parish, **we made a difference!** We received a referral for a family of seven who were moving out of the Homeless Shelter into an apartment. This was a mother, father and five children who literally had nothing. Upon visiting them, **we sat on the floor in the middle of any empty apartment with no furniture, no beds, no toys and no food.** After just a few phone



calls, emails and social media postings, we were, within two days, able to provide beds, linens, living and dining room furniture, toys, food and many other

items that made this **once empty apartment a home!** The children were so happy, their smiles lit up the room as they played with their donated toys. Both parents work and had a hardship that put them in the Homeless Shelter, through no fault of their own. It took just a few days for the answer to prayers for this family to come to fruition. Our parish and our St. Vincent dePaul Society unselfishly gave and is still continuing to give **(we are still in desperate need of dressers).** **In the gospel of John, Jesus asks “what are you looking for?”** Often we are looking for happiness in very selfish ways, but we find that when we instead look for ways to make others happy, it is then that we truly become happy. The happiness expressed by those who banded together to assist this family is equal to the happiness that was brought to them. As you give to our St. Vincent dePaul charity, know that you are a sign of God’s love to those who are suffering and you give them reason to believe, to trust, and to be happy. **Help us to continue making a difference!**

Email: [stvincentdepaullewistown@gmail.com](mailto:stvincentdepaullewistown@gmail.com).

## All Aboard For the Queen of the Rosary Express!



Join us for Faith, Friendship and Fun as we “Ride the Rails” traveling from Joyful Mystery to Joyful Mystery of the Holy Rosary at Vacation Bible School. This will be held at Sacred Heart Church in Lewistown. We will encounter our Blessed Mother & Saints on our summer adventure so mark your calendar for **July 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 PM**. Mr. Rich, our Seminarian, will be the conductor and is looking for volunteers! Call or email the parish office if interested in helping. A sign-up sheet is available in the vestibule. Check upcoming bulletins for additional information.

## Men’s Retreat Notice

**Retreat  
2018**

The annual men’s retreat, sponsored by Corpus Christi Parish, will be held on the campus of Mt. St. Mary’s University, Emmitsburg, MD on the weekend of August 3<sup>rd</sup> (Friday evening

until early Sunday afternoon). Included are 2 nights’ lodging and 6 good meals, which are incidental to a most enjoyable spiritual experience. If you’ve never attended a retreat, or it’s been a long time since your last one, why not take a chance and “treat” yourself this year? The Most Reverend Ronald Gainer, Bishop of Harrisburg will lead us this year and “satisfaction is guaranteed.” A minimum reservation deposit of \$60 will hold your room. **For more information, contact: Greg DeVecchis at 717-250-5029.**

## Sign Up Today – November 3, 2018

As part of the events celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> 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 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of Harrisburg go to [www.hbgdiocese.org/150](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/150).**

**Fiat Days...** is a retreat for young Catholic women ages 15-25 to learn more about consecrated life, to deepen their faith, and to better discern God’s call in their lives. The retreat will be held **July 1-3, 2018** at Mount Saint Mary’s University and Seminary Emmitsburg, MD. A \$50 registration fee is required. All other expenses are funded by the diocese of Harrisburg. **Deadline for registration is June 17, 2018.** For registration forms for either retreat please contact: The Diocese of Harrisburg’s Office of Vocations at 717-657-4804 ext. 282, email [vocations@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:vocations@hbgdiocese.org) or visit our website at [www.hbgdiocese.org/vocations](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/vocations).

## The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm – Author Unknown

**The Lord is my Shepherd – That’s Relationship!**  
**I shall not want – That’s Supply!**  
**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures – That’s Rest!**  
**He leadeth me beside the still waters – That’s Refreshment!**  
**He restoreth my soul – That’s Healing!**  
**He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness – That’s Guidance!**  
**For His name sake – That’s Purpose!**  
**Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death – That’s Testing!**  
**I will fear no evil – That’s Protection!**  
**For Thou art with me – That’s Faithfulness!**  
**Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me – That’s Discipline!**  
**Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies – That’s Hope!**  
**Thou annointest my head with oil – That’s Consecration!**  
**My cup runneth over – That’s Abundance!**  
**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life – That’s Blessing!**  
**And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord – That’s Security!**  
**Forever – That’s Eternity! AMEN**

