

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.

March 11, 2018
Fourth Sunday of Lent
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
Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 11, 2018

“God who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ – by grace you have been saved, raised us up with him and seated us with him...for by grace you have been saved, and this is not from you it is the gift of God.”

Perhaps a great difficulty for us, is to appreciate the need we had for Jesus’ saving work. Because we have been redeemed by Him, and experience His presence and love, we forget the great need which existed for all time for a Savior. Maybe we should change the words of St. Paul, and write ‘the great love He has for us.’

We might place on a back burner, the effects of Super storm Sandy, the earthquake in Mexico, the hurricanes of last fall, the California wild fires, while the devastating effects are still being felt. So too our sinfulness and need for redemption today.

Our Lenten practices call us to acknowledge our need today and through prayer, good works, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist, we are to move ourselves closer to the Lord. Remember, it is God’s gift to us and we open our hearts today to receive it. May we seek forgiveness and grace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, making it to confession before Easter.

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

The people of Judah practiced many abominations, even polluting God’s temple in Jerusalem. They mocked the messengers he sent among them, until he grew so angry he delivered them to the King of the Chaldeans. Those who weren’t killed were exiled and became servants for seventy years. Cyrus, King of Persia, was ordered to build a temple to God in Jerusalem, and he freed the servants as God had inspired him to do.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Paul declares that God brought us to life in Jesus, though we had been dead from our sins. He reminds us that it was not a reward for our good service so no one should take credit. Instead, we must remember that it was not our doing, but a sign of God’s mercy and love for us.

Gospel: John 3:14-21

God so loved the world, he sent us his only Son so that all who believed would have eternal life in him. The light came into the world, but those who were wicked avoided it, for fear that their evil deeds would be exposed. But those who believed were unafraid of the light, where it would be clear that their deeds were done in God.



Tithing is God’s Plan for Giving:

Income for March 4, 2018	\$ 3,220.23
Poor Missions	\$ 10.00
Votives	\$ 73.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 185.00
Tithe for March 4, 2018	
Crossroads Pregnancy Center	\$ 329.00

Love Made Visible
Bishop’s Annual Lenten Appeal
March 11, 2018

Saint Jude Thaddeus Lenten Appeal Update

Total gifts and pledges---	\$ 9,385.00
Total Received-----	\$4,555.00
Total To Reach Assessment--	\$ 4,315.00

Please give prayerful consideration to what you can contribute to this year’s Bishop’s Annual Lenten Appeal, and respond by making a pledge of support. Remember, all gifts that exceed our goal will be returned to our Church. Our assessment this year is \$ 13, 700.00.



LITURGICAL NOTES:

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



Saturday, March 10: Lenten Weekday

Hosea 6:1-6; Psalm 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Luke 18:9-14
5:00 PM Jack and Patricia Marshall

Sunday, March 11: Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6;
Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21
9:15 AM John Pacini

Monday March 12: Lenten Weekday

Isaiah 65:17-21; Psalm 30:2 & 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b; John
4:43-54
9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, March 13: Lenten Weekday

Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; John 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 14: Lenten Wednesday

Isaiah 49:8-15; Psalm 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; John 5:17-30

Thursday March 15: Lenten Weekday

Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; John 5:31-47

Friday, March 16: Lenten Weekday

Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; Psalm 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 & 23; John
7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 17: Lenten Weekday

Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; John 7:40-
53

5:00 PM Matthew Tornambe

Sunday, March 18: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15; Hebrews
5:7-9; John 12:26
9:15 AM Alexandrina Palumbo

Calendar of Events

Saturday: 3/10

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

Sunday: 3/11

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church
CCD After Mass
Christ Life/5:00pm/ Social Hall

Monday: 3/12

Mass/9:00 am/ Church

Tuesday: 3/13

Knights of Columbus/7:00pm/ Social Hall

Wednesday: 3/14

No Event

Thursday: 3/15

No Event

Friday: 3/16

Fish Dinners/ 4:00pm/ Social Hall
Stations of the Cross/ 7:30pm/ Church

Saturday: 3/17

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

Sunday: 3/18

Mass / 9:15 am / Church
CCD after Mass
Christ Life/ 5:00pm/ Social Hall

Minister Schedule

March 17 & March 18, 2018

Saturday, March 17, 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, March 18, 2018: 9:15am

EMHC: D. Treaster

Lector: T. Ober

Cantor: S. Connell

Altar Servers: C. Murphy E. & D. Zeigler

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: Daryl & Ginger Best

Ushers: D. & Z. 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*



LENTEN FISH DINNERS

St. Jude Knights' Friday evening Lenten fish dinners will begin on February 9, 2018 and end March 23, 2018, from 4-7PM. In the church social hall. Please join us for a delicious, all-you-can-eat meal that includes fried and baked fish, popcorn shrimp, fried clams, French fries, macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, corn, green beans, coleslaw, applesauce, rolls, puddings, and a selection of homemade desserts.

Pay at the door: Adults- \$12.00: Ages 6-12- \$6.00:
Under 6-free **Please come often and enjoy a great meal !**

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEK-END

The Beginning Experience Team for the Harrisburg Diocese has booked Camp Hebron in Halifax, Pa, for the week-end of May 4-6, 2018.

The ecumenical Beginning Experience week-ends are an approved program designed for those suffering through the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation. Hundreds of persons have been helped to move towards successful, productive, happy lives by attending one of these week-ends.

Beginning Experience is your Church at work to provide help, healing and spiritual restoration. Visit the Diocese of Harrisburg's Web site, www.hbgdiocese.org, and go to the marriage and family link. Information can also be obtained by contacting Harrisburg beginning Experience Team members, Julie, at 717-379-0800, or Eva, at 717-495-9586.

Reminder: If you ordered Pellman's Cheesecakes from any Sacred Heart student they will be in on March 13th.



LENTEN TEAS

The annual Women's Lenten Teas will begin on Wednesday, February 14 and continue throughout Lent. Each week, fellowship begins at 9:30am with Bible study at 10:00am.

**March 14 Aldersgate United Methodist
March 21 St. Jude Catholic Church**

All women are invited to attend. If you have any questions, please see Kathy Graham.



Cross.

Stations of the Cross will be held each **Friday during Lent** in the church at 7:30 PM. Journey with Jesus and Mary as they follow the Way of the



The Crucifixion

Dr. Jose Acosta, MD, will give a presentation on the medical aspects of our Lord's crucifixion at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, March 14th in the Sacred Heart school cafeteria. As a Lenten exercise, come and hear, from a scientific standpoint exactly what our Lord went through for the salvation of the world.



Hersheypark Discount Ticket Offer!

Discount tickets to *Hersheypark* are available to the friends and families of the parish at **significant savings.** Gate admission for Regular admission is \$67.80; our price is **\$34.85 (ALL ages 3+)**. *ADD-ON discount Hersheypark Meal Tickets at a savings of up to 30% off retail prices - **\$11.99 each** and ADD-ON Snack Vouchers - **\$3.25 each**. Orders must be received at the parish by **Monday, April 30, 2018.** Parishes will receive tickets by Friday, May 25. Order forms are available in the Parish office.

RCIA Lent Retreat

On **Saturday, March 24, 2018**, Fr. Joshua Brommer will lead the Spring/Lenten retreat for the RCIA. The day will include prayer, music, spiritual talks, time for conversation and discussion, private reflection, and refreshment.



This day is intended for those traveling through the RCIA process, including the Elect, candidates for Full Communion, sponsors, and team members. **Registrations are due March 15, 2018.** Questions, contact Connie Egan at (717) 232-2169 ext. 222 or cegan@hbqdiocese.org.

Marriage Annulments

The Tribunal of the diocese of Harrisburg will be giving 2 presentations within the diocese concerning marriage, divorce and annulment according to Church teaching. These presentations will be helpful for divorced Catholics, those divorced who wish to marry Catholics, those parish leaders involved in the RCIA process and any others who may have a vested interest because of family or friends. Dates of the presentations are **March 12 – St. Joseph Parish, York, 7 PM** and **March 19 – Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg, 7 PM.** For information call 717-657-4804 ext. 304 or email tribunal@hbqdiocese.org



Upcoming Event

Sacred Heart School will hold a Spring Academic Fair and Open House on Thursday, March 15 from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. Enrolling now for the 2017-2018 school year.

Auction Time- Mark your Calendars for the Spaghetti Dinner Preview Night!

This year's auction will be held on Sunday, April 29th, at the Mifflin County Youth Park, from 11 AM – 4 PM. **Come and preview the auction items and have a great meal at the Spaghetti Dinner Preview Night, held at the Youth Park on Saturday, April 28th, from 5 – 7:30 PM. Tickets will be \$5 per adult; \$3 per child.** More details on ticket sales will be announced soon. If you would like to be involved with this year's 20th Annual Benefit Auction, please contact Ashley Henry at the



Parish Office or by emailing at development@sacredheartshcool.com.

The Anniversary of our Diocese – Part 1 by Father Edward Quinlan

This year we will observe the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Harrisburg. It is a good time to ask how we got here. In one sense the story always begins with Jesus' call of the Apostles and the founding of the Church. But what about the Church in our country?

The first parish in what will later become the United States is founded in the city of St. Augustine in Florida. With the arrival of Spanish settlers and accompanying priests, Mass is offered and a church built. Both the city and the church are named for the saint on whose feast day the voyagers first sighted land a little further down the Florida coast. The first Mass will be celebrated with land fall there on Sept. 8, 1565, the birthday of Mary.

In the original 13 colonies the story is different. Many early settlements were created by different Protestant groups fleeing persecution in England and Europe. The most familiar were the Pilgrims who settled in Massachusetts. Unfortunately, while seeking religious freedom for themselves they were not often prepared to extend it to others. Catholics were decidedly not welcome in these settlements, and the presence of the Catholic Church was formally forbidden by English law. The exceptions to this were in Maryland, the colony founded by the Calvert family, who were devout Catholics and other places Catholics were welcome was in our own state of Pennsylvania. William Penn and the Quakers who established our state were very respectful and tolerated other faiths.

In 1720 a Jesuit priest was sent to Maryland for Catholics in the central colonies. Eventually he will move to Philadelphia in order to establish missions for Catholic families in Pennsylvania and beyond. He will build what is affectionately called "Old St. Josephs" near Independence Hall in 1733. This is the first public Catholic church in the colonies and remains in operation today. A few years later he will request the assistance of German speaking Jesuits to help with the significant German Catholic population in the state. St. Mary's Church in Lancaster and Sacred Heart Church in Conewago, both started as mission chapels, also date to the mid 1700's and will serve as bases for the wide ranging missions extending throughout central and western Pennsylvania.