

# 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



[www.stjudemifflintown.org](http://www.stjudemifflintown.org)

**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.

**March 18, 2018**  
**Fifth 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  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**March 18, 2018**

**“Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip who was from Bethsaida in Galilee and asked him ‘Sir we would like to see Jesus.’ Philip went and told Andrew, then Philip and Andrew went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them ‘the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat, but if it dies, it produces much fruit.’”**

It is not rare for someone to use another to get help to get a job, admission to school, or even just to meet someone of importance. In the political field we call them lobbyists. Today we find some Gentiles using Philip, and he another apostle to gain access to Jesus. The same Andrew is the one who told Peter he had met Jesus and we know how important that meeting was.

How many other persons are seeking Jesus, today without knowing it or Him? They have need for access to the Lord. Our restless world turns, but people do not know to whom to turn. Each one of us can assume the role of Philip or Andrew, to bring them to Jesus or Jesus to them. The grain of wheat will then produce much fruit.

**First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

The Lord comforted his people, who were exiled to Babylon, by telling them of the new covenant he planned to make with them. The Lord declared he would write his law upon their hearts, and that he would forgive their evil and forget the sins they had committed in the past.

**Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9**

Though God could have heeded his Son's prayers and spared him suffering, Jesus accepted his Father's will. Through his suffering, he learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation for all people.

**Gospel: John 12:20-33**

Jesus was afraid of the suffering he knew he must face. Yet he explained just as a grain of wheat must die to be harvested, he had to face his hour of suffering to glorify his Father's name. Jesus explained that once he was lifted from earth, he could draw all people to himself, lifting them to eternal life.

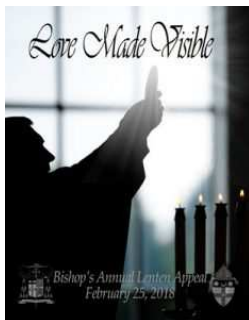
<b><u>Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:</u></b>	
Income for March 11, 2018	\$ 2,522.48
Holy Land	\$ 50.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 65.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 250.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 121.00
Easter	\$ 5.00
Tithe for March 11, 2018	
PA Pro-Life Federation	\$ 259.00

**Love Made Visible**  
**Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal**  
**March 18, 2018**

**Saint Jude Thaddeus Lenten Appeal Update**

Total gifts and pledges--- \$ 10,785.00  
 Total Received on pledges----- \$5,380.00  
 Total To Reach Assessment--\$ 2,915.00

**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.**



**HELP *Jesus* IN DISGUISE**

*“Behold, I stand at the door and knock”*  
*-Rev. 3:20*

This week, we are taking up The Catholic Relief Service Collection to respond to **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

## LITURGICAL NOTES:

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



### 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

### Monday March 19: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

9:00 AM People of the Parish

### Tuesday, March 20: Lenten Weekday

Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; John 8:21-30

### Wednesday, March 21: Lenten Wednesday

Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; John 8:31-42

### Thursday March 22: Lenten Weekday

Genesis 17:3-9; Psalm 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; John 8:51-59

### Friday, March 23: Lenten Weekday

Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm 18:2-3a, 3bc-4,5-6, 7; John 10:31-42

### Saturday, March 24: Lenten Weekday

Ezekiel 37:21-28; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; John 11:45-56

5:00 PM John Kromel

### Sunday, March 25: Palm Sunday of the passion of the Lord

Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

9:15 AM Matthew Tornambe

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday: 3/17

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/ social hall

Mass/5:00pm/ Church

### Sunday: 3/18

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

CCD After Mass

Christ Life/5:00pm/ Social Hall

### Monday: 3/19

Mass/9:00 am/ Church

Finance Committee/6:00pm/Parish House

Parish Council/7:00pm/ Parish House

### Tuesday: 3/20

No Event

### Wednesday: 3/21

Women's Lenten Tea at Saint Jude/ 9:30am

### Thursday: 3/22

No Event

### Friday: 3/23

Final Fish Dinner/ 4:00pm/ Social Hall

Stations of the Cross/ 7:30pm/ Church

### Saturday: 3/24

Gospel Reflections/ 7:30am/ social hall

Mass/ 5:00pm/ Church

### Sunday: 3/25

Mass / 9:15 am / Church

CCD after Mass

Christ Life/ 5:00pm/ Social Hall

## **Minister Schedule**

### **March 24 & March 25, 2018**

Saturday, March 24, 2018: 5:00pm

EMHC: A. Zarnowski

Lector: Y. Melara M. Tonge

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: K. & Y. Melara and Joe

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeter: People of the Parish

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, March 25, 2018: 9:15am

EMHC: T. Ober

Lector: T. Kromel and G. Treaster

Cantor: R. Perez

Altar Servers: Dave, Jim, and Daryl

Gifts: People of the Parish



Greeters: Ginger Best

Ushers: R. Auken M. Eberts



**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 dinner 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](http://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.



## 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.

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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

## **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.

## EASTER EGG HUNT

The Women's Guild will be sponsoring their annual Easter Egg Hunt after the 9:15am Mass on Easter Sunday. We are asking for filled Easter eggs. Donations may be left in the kitchen of the social hall. We also need 4 volunteers to help with the activity. Please contact Joyce Price at 717-994-0209. Their will also be an Easter social at this time. All are welcome !



## 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@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:cegan@hbgdiocese.org).



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

This year's auction will be held on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Auction, please contact Ashley Henry at the Parish Office or by emailing at [development@sacredheartshcool.com](mailto:development@sacredheartshcool.com).



**Were you married in 1968?** In honor of your 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, there will be a special Mass and reception on **Sunday, July 8, 2018 at 2:00 PM** at Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill. Bishop Ronald W. Gainer will be the celebrant. **To receive an invitation, please contact the parish office at 717-242-2781.**



## The Anniversary of our Diocese – Part II by Father Edward Quinlan

Pastoral care for Catholics settling in the original 13 colonies was first entrusted to Jesuit priests from England and later some from Germany. Parishes and missions were under the supervision of the Diocese of London as these were English colonies. With the end of the Revolutionary War and our official separation from England, as memorialized in the Treaty of Paris in 1783, the time was ripe for the formal foundation of the church in our new country. Pope Pius VI in 1790 will create the Diocese of Baltimore and appointed Father John Carroll as the first bishop. The diocese included all of the United States at the time. The new diocese was estimated by Bishop Carroll to have 25,000 Catholics and he had 25 priests to serve them. The US population was about 4 million at that time.

The new country was open for business and by 1830 began to grow rapidly. Immigration was slow at first then significantly increased in the 1830's. Many Germans were among those arriving in this wave. By 1845 large numbers of Irish were coming to the US to flee starvation in their native land. With succeeding decades, the new arrivals were coming from central and southern Europe as well. This was significantly increasing the Catholic population in the country.

By 1808 Pope Pius VII created Baltimore as an Archdiocese, dividing it to form the dioceses of Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Bardstown (Ky). Philadelphia at this time encompasses the whole state of Pennsylvania. Our central Pennsylvania homeland is part of this early diocese, and we are blessed to be able to account as one of our bishops, Saint John Neumann. By way of note, his relics are encased in our main altar. In time, the state will see other dioceses created from western counties, Pittsburgh (1843) and Erie (1853).

On March 3, 1868 Pope Pius IX will direct that the dioceses of Scranton and Harrisburg be created from the territory of Philadelphia. A young priest, assigned as the rector of the minor seminary in Philadelphia, will be appointed as the first Bishop of Harrisburg, Father Jeremiah Shanahan.

## Thank You



2019.

The SHS Gala Committee would like to thank everyone who attended the Uptown Hoedown Gala at the Lewistown Country Club. **We raised \$13,000 for the school.** Save the date for our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala, Saturday, Feb. 2,