

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 4, 2018
Third 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
Third Sunday of Lent
March 4, 2018

“Brothers and sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to the grace in which we stand and we boast in hope of the glory of God... ‘If you knew the gift of God.’”

One of the most dangerous liabilities in our lives is found in the area of presumption. So many things are taken for granted. Don't let that happen this Lent. We have been gifted with faith allowing us to experience great peace. Through this gift we have a strong relationship with God and a loving relationship with others. God's grace, His very life which flows and fills us, is a gift offered over and over through the sacraments. Ask for it.

Besides being an unmerited gift of God, it is something offered, but must be accepted. It is hard to receive a gift if my hands are closed or formed into a fist. I begin this third week of Lent, opening my hands and heart to the gift of God's grace that He is offering me today. Reach out for it. Like the Samaritan woman, I want to discover this great gift in my life. Perhaps as I shake someone's hand this week, or reach for a doorknob, I will remember to reach out and ask for God's amazing grace.

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Through Moses, God passed on the commandments he wished all people to follow. He tells us not to worship idols or take the name of the Lord in vain. All the laws God gave to us, if followed, would ensure that we could live in peace and harmony with one another as he had planned.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Paul tells the Corinthians that Christ is the power and the wisdom of God. Although they claimed to possess wisdom, "God's folly is wiser than men, and his weakness is more powerful than men."

Gospel: John 2:13-25

Jesus went to the temple of Jerusalem to find merchants there selling sheep and doves. He knocked over their tables and drove the animals away. The merchants asked him for a sign that he was authorized to do this. He told them to "destroy this temple (referring to his body) and in three days I will raise it up." The merchants misunderstood, and did not believe he could rebuild in three days what had taken nearly 50 years to build. Still many believed in him, after seeing the miracles he had performed.



Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Income for February 25, 2018	\$ 2,971.23
Poor Missions	\$ 40.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 25.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 25.00
Tithe for February 25, 2018	
Saint Vincent de Paul Society	\$ 302.00

Love Made Visible
Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal
March 4, 2018

The 2018 Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal is off to a great start. Thank you to all whom have pledged to this year's appeal. To date, we have received \$ 2,655.00 in gifts/pledges towards this year's Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal. Still, we need all of you to contribute. If you have not yet made a gift to the Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal, we invite you to do so today. Every dollar raised to make our goal supports important Diocesan ministries and services and every dollar raised over our goal will be kept in the Parish to help us.



LITURGICAL NOTES:

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



Saturday, March 3: Lenten Weekday

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

5:00 PM Stella Sander

6:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, March 4: Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

9:15 AM Michael Swartz

Monday March 5: Lenten Weekday

2 Kings 5:1-15b; Psalm 4:2, 3; 43:3,4; Luke 4:24-30

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, March 6: Lenten Weekday

Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9; Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 7: Lenten Wednesday

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Psalm 17:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday March 8: Lenten Weekday

Jeremiah 7:23-28; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Luke 11:14-23

Friday, March 9: Lenten Weekday

Hosea 14:2-10; Psalm 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 & 17; Mark 12:28-34

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

Friday: 3/09

Fish Dinners/ 4:00pm/ Social Hall

Stations of the Cross/ 7:30pm/ Church

Saturday: 3/10

Gospel Reflections/ 7:30am/ social hall

Mass/ 5:00pm/ Church

Sunday: 3/11

Mass / 9:15 am / Church

CCD after Mass

Christ Life/ 5:00pm/ Social Hall

Minister Schedule

March 10 & March 11, 2018

Saturday, March 10, 2018: 5:00pm

EMHC: J. & A. Zarnowski

Lector: Y. Melara

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: K. & Y. Melara

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeter: People of the Parish

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, March 11, 2018: 9:15am

EMHC: K. Graham

Lector: G. Treaster

Cantor: A. Arnold/ C. Ames

Altar Servers: Dave, Daryl. And Jim

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: People of the Parish

Ushers: R. Auken M. Eberts

Calendar of Events

Saturday: 3/03

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/ social hall

Mass/5:00pm/ Church

Spanish Mass/ 6:30pm/ Church

Sunday: 3/04

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

CCD After Mass

Christ Life/5:00pm/ Social Hall

Monday: 3/05

Mass/9:00 am/ Church

Tuesday: 3/06

No Event

Wednesday: 3/07

No Event

Thursday: 3/08

No Event



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 !

Diocesan Men's Conference – March 10, 2018



Men of the Diocese of Harrisburg may now register online at www.hbgdiocese.org/men, for the **7th Annual**

Diocesan Men's Conference, Saturday, March 10, 2018, at Bishop McDevitt High. Theme: *Men of Mary, Mercy, and the Eucharist*. Keynote Speaker: Father Chris Alar, MIC, noted speaker and expert on Divine Mercy. The title of his keynote address is *Mary, Mercy, and the Eucharist*. Besides the keynote, the conference includes 34 workshops from a blue-ribbon panel of speakers, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction, many Priests available for Confession, beautiful music, good food, Catholic vendors, Mass with Bishop Gainer as Principal Celebrant and Homilist, and fellowship with up to a thousand men from around the diocese. Last year we had 1,100 men attend. We expect another large crowd this year. We'd love to see you there! Register now!

LENT



*Doing Good Deeds for
Jesus*



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 7 St. Stephen's Lutheran
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@hbgdiocese.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@hbgdiocese.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.

Just Who is St. Vincent?



St. Vincent dePaul was a French Roman Catholic priest who dedicated himself to serving the poor. He is venerated as a saint in the Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion. He was canonized in 1737. We here at Sacred Heart started in 1999 with a few hundred dollars and the desire to help our parishioners and community members in the same way that St. Vincent taught us "Extend mercy toward others, so that there can be no one in need whom you meet without helping". What an awesome and monumental task to undertake. Yes, it was a difficult and limited charity at the beginning, however, thanks to our determined, focused and driven volunteer Board of Directors, at present we help more than 500 people each year. Nine months out of the year we serve a monthly free community meal. We also serve parishioner and community members on a one to one basis two days a week with food, gas, some electric bills, and other personal care items like diapers, shampoo, deodorant, soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes. We continue to provide over 80 Christmas food baskets during the holidays and for the past 4 years we have moved a family from the shelter into their own place...all with donations, tithes and most recently a grant. We work with other churches and human service agencies to help meet needs in the best way without duplicating efforts! So please be Vincentians and make a donation, volunteer to serve on the Board, help with the meals, or offer your gently used furniture, linens, lamps, and other household items. We also need gift cards to places like Ollies, Wal Mart and Dollar General. Thank you Sacred Heart friends for being Sainly.

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