

# 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.

**Knights of Columbus** – Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 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 10, 2019**

**First 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

**First Sunday of Lent**

**March 10, 2019**

**“What does the Scripture say? ‘The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith that we preach), for if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”**

We have launched the Holy Season of Repentance and Reform. It is not just a change in the calendar, but a moment in which we are summoned to repentance, admit our need for the Savior. We are called in two directions, to re-form our own lives, and to walk the Lenten journey with others.

Our resolve to live Lent 2019 is truly important. The saving work of Jesus is at work in us, and through us, for others. Jesus' mission focuses on Calvary, His death and resurrection. The church too, in its mission to evangelize asks us to focus on Jesus, His cross, and our salvation. We are not just revisiting former Lents, or the first Good Friday, we ask that the paschal mystery touch, penetrate and transform us.

We move from the word on our lips to the belief in our hearts, that Jesus is here to save us today. ‘Lord, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free. You are the Savior of the world.’

**First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10**

Moses discusses the power God has displayed in freeing his people from oppression and leading them to a rich land. He tells the people that they should make offerings to God to show their gratitude, then celebrate over the great things he has given them.

**Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13**

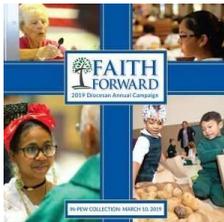
Paul tells us that if we proclaim, "Jesus is Lord" and truly believe that God raised him from the dead, we will be saved. For God shows his mercy toward everyone who calls upon his name.

**Gospel: Luke 4:1-13**

Jesus fasted in the desert for forty days, then Satan appeared to him and tempted him to turn stone into bread. After Jesus refused, Satan promised him great powers if Jesus would worship him. Jesus replied that he would worship God and no one else. Then Satan tried to persuade Jesus to put God to the test, but again Jesus resisted his temptation.

**Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:**

Income for March 3, 2019	\$ 3,984.98
Capital Improvements	\$ 180.00
Poor Missions	\$ 70.00
Tithe for March 3, 2019	\$ 398.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society	



*Today we begin the 2019 Diocesan Annual Campaign in-pew weekend. As a reminder, the ministries and programs that this campaign supports benefit us all. We partner with the Diocese to offer programs that our Parish could not financially support for the benefit of Parishioners like you and your family. Because we have been blessed with gifts, talents and strengths, we are called by God to be good stewards of those gifts. Please prayerfully consider a gift from your family that reflects the generosity that God has given to you. Each parish cannot take on the needs of the entire Diocese, but collectively and in partnership with other Parishes, we can support the important work that is happening throughout our communities. Please go to the Diocesan home page or to <https://youtu.be/hN90zfF6Hz4> on YouTube to view a video message from Bishop Gainer.*

**Journey to the Foot of the Cross: Ten Things to Remember for Lent**

*By Bishop David L. Ricken*

- ❖ For Lent, the Church gives us almost a slogan – prayer, fasting, and almsgiving – as the three things we need to work on during the season.
- ❖ It's a time of prayer. Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over forty days. As we pray, we go on a journey, one that hopefully brings us closer to Christ and leaves us changed by the encounter with him.



## LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass  for the  
Intentions *for the Week*

*And Weekly Readings*



### Saturday, March 9: Saturday after Ash

#### Wednesday

Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Luke 5:27-32

5:00 PM Donald Thome

### Sunday, March 10: First Sunday of Lent

Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15;

Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

9:15 AM Donald Thome

### Monday, March 11: Lenten Weekday

Sirach 17:20-24; Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mark 10:17-27

9:00 AM People of the Parish

### Tuesday, March 12: Lenten Weekday

Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Matthew 6:7-15

### Wednesday, March 13: Lenten Weekday

Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Luke 11:29-32

### Thursday, March 14: Lenten Weekday

Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Matthew 7:7-12

### Friday, March 15: Lenten Weekday

Ezekiel 18:21-18; Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Matthew 5:20-26

### Saturday, March 16: Lenten Weekday

Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Matthew 5:43-48

5:00 PM Donald Thome

### Sunday, March 17: Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14;

Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28b-36

9:15 AM Joe Madl

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday: 3/09

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/ social hall

Mass/5:00 pm/ Church

### Sunday: 3/10

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

CCD after Mass/10:30 am

### Monday: 3/11

Mass/9:00 am/ Church

### Tuesday: 3/12

No Event

### Wednesday: 3/13

Station of the Cross/7:00pm/ Church

### Thursday: 3/14

No Event

### Friday: 3/15

Lenten Fish Dinner/4-7pm/ Social Hall

### Saturday: 3/16

Gospel Reflections/ 7:30am/ social hall

Mass/ 5:00pm/ Church

### Sunday: 3/17

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

CCD after Mass/10:30am

## **Minister Schedule**

### **March 16 & March 17, 2019**

Saturday, March 16, 2019: 5:00 pm

EMHC: A. Zarnowski

Lector: C. Fitzgerald

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: J. Zarnowski D. Treaster

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: People of the Parish

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, March 17, 2019: 9:15am

EMHC: J. Fitzgerald T. Ober D. Parson

Lector: G. Treaster

Cantor; A. Arnold

Altar Servers: D. Treaster D. Best M.. Fitzgersald

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: People of the Parish

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*

## Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be said at St. Jude Church each Wednesday at 7:00pm. At Sacred Heart Church in Lewistown they will be said each Friday at 7:00pm.





We will be saying the St. Michael the Archangel Prayer during every Mass, at the order of the Bishop. This is to invoke God's protection over our parish and diocese against the devil's attacks in these difficult times. The prayer can be found on page 894 or on the back cover of the hymnal.



### LENTEN FISH DINNERS

St. Jude Knights' of Columbus Lenten fish dinners will be every Friday through April 12, 2019, from 4-7 PM 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!

### Lenten Penance Service

Lenten Penance Service will be held on Sunday, **March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** at Saint Jude. Sacred Heart's service will be at 3:00 PM. **What a wonderful way to begin your Lenten journey than by receiving the special graces only forgiveness can bring!**



A Lenten Retreat will be held all day **Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM to the 5 PM parish Mass, at St. Jude, Mifflintown, PA.** Videos on the life of St. Francis of Assisi will be shown, lunch will be served, prayers and devotions held. Please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule to help to obtain an accurate count for supplies. Lunch will be a pot luck, so we are asking that you indicate what dish you are planning to bring on the signup sheet. See Ralph Perez with any questions.



### CROSS TREE PROJECT

If you are wondering why there is a tree in the Narthex, the answer is that it is a cross tree. We are collecting desserts for our local food bank to hand out for Easter. These desserts are cake mixes and icing, canned pie filling along with the ready made graham cracker crust or some canned fruit for fruit salad. Please take a cross and return it with the suggested item by April 7. Thank you for your support! Any questions, see Ginger Best after Mass or call her at 717-734-3048.



### Week #1 Calendar Raffle Winners

- Day 1 – Rose Weyer
- Day 2 – Chuck Smyrk
- Day 3 – Bill Napikoski
- Day 4 – Marie Bender
- Day 5 – Mark Devecchis
- Day 6 – Jean Mank
- Day 7 – Sylvan Norris
- Day 8 – Gino Zannino



## 2019 Men's Conference

Men of the Diocese of Harrisburg and beyond...the **Diocesan Men's Conference** is Saturday, **April 6, 2019**, at Bishop McDevitt High School. The theme is **Men Called to be Saints**. The Keynote Speaker is **Dr. John Bergsma**, noted Catholic author, speaker, Bible expert, and theology professor at Franciscan University of Steubenville. The title of his keynote address is **The Top 3 Reasons I Became Catholic and Always Will Be: Perspectives from a Former Protestant Pastor**. Besides the keynote, the Men's Conference includes 40+ workshops from a blue-ribbon panel of speakers, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with benediction, opportunity for Confession, beautiful music, good food, numerous Catholic vendors, Mass with Bishop Gainer as Principal Celebrant and Homilist, and fellowship with up to 1,000 men from around the Diocese of Harrisburg and beyond. Each of the past two years we have had 1,000 men attend this conference. We expect another large crowd this year. Please register now at [www.hbgdiocese.org/men](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/men). We'd love to see you at the Men's Conference on April 6<sup>th</sup>!



## Join the 40 Day Lenten Challenge The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Women ask you to join the "40 Day Lenten Challenge".

Beginning Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, individuals or groups add one item from the list below to a bag or our St. Vincent dePaul box in the Narthex. At the end of each week or at the end of Lent, if you wish, you can take pictures of what you have collected and donated to our Sacred Heart Charity of St. Vincent dePaul Society and email the pictures to [hbghdccw@gmail.com](mailto:hbghdccw@gmail.com) or to us [stvincentdepaullewistown@gmail.com](mailto:stvincentdepaullewistown@gmail.com). St. Vincent will share your individual or group photos on their web page and Facebook page. Help us share your works of mercy! As we are told in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2462, "The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. **During Lent**, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means **donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity**. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, **almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity"** and **"a work of justice pleasing to God."** Suggested Items needed by St. Vincent dePaul are: toothpaste and toothbrushes, soap, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, shaving cream, baby wipes, diapers, canned tuna, chicken, salmon and vegetables, spaghetti and sauce, cereal, baby food, hat, scarves, gloves/mittens, towels/washcloths, pillows, toys and \$1, \$2 or more. Items may also be dropped off at the Parish Office. *"extend mercy toward others, so that there can be no one in need who you meet without helping"*

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

## 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Convention

The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women cordially invites all women of the Diocese to attend the **94<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, Saturday, May 11, 2019** from 9 AM – 4 PM at the Diocesan Center, Harrisburg, PA. Mass will be concelebrated by the Vicar General, Very Reverend David Danneker along with many Priests and Deacons of the diocese. Megan Murphy will be the Keynote Speaker. View [meganmurphyministries.com](http://meganmurphyministries.com) for more details. Cost of \$25 includes registration fee, continental breakfast and lunch. You may register by contacting Mary Ann Pitek, 1771 Wellington Dr., Middletown, PA 17057, [Maryannpitek@gmail.com](mailto:Maryannpitek@gmail.com) or 717-939-8852 (please no calls after 8:30 PM). **Registration deadline is April 24, 2019**. Cancellations must be received by May 1, 2019. For more details check <https://hdccw.webs.com/2019-hdccw-convention>.

## 40 Days for Life

From **March 6 through April 14**, you're invited to join other Christians for **40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion**. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 151 N 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Harrisburg, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information-and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Paul Dadowski at 412-849-1592 or email him at [dadowski@yahoo.com](mailto:dadowski@yahoo.com), or the local website [40daysforlife.com/HARRISBURG](http://40daysforlife.com/HARRISBURG).