

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



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.

Knights of Columbus – Meets the 1st 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 17, 2019

Second 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

Second Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2019

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Income for March 10, 2019	\$ 1980.01
Capital Improvements	\$ 250.00
Poor Missions	\$ 133.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 75.00
Tithe for March 10, 2019	\$ 231.00
Mifflin-Juniata Energy Bank	

“Brothers and sisters, join with others in being witnesses of me, and observe those who conduct themselves according to the model you have in us... but our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Saint Paul had no trouble in encouraging others to follow his example, clearly saying ‘do as I do, and do as I say.’ Many would hesitate to offer such a directive.

The mount of transfiguration and Paul's witness can assist us in our commitment to Christ and the church, especially in these moments of scandal and discouragement. Paul knew what he was about and invited others to be part of his mission.

His invitation is extended to us, as we join with Peter, James, and John, to experience the love of the Father and His affirmation of His Son. We descend from the mountain aware of God's love and our ongoing journey to Calvary and resurrection.

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

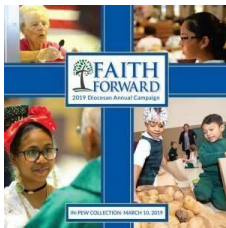
God told Abram that he would give him the land of Egypt and his descendants would become a great people. Abram then made sacrifices to God, cutting them in half. A torch passed between the pieces, as a visible sign to Abram of God's promise.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17—4:1

Paul urges the Philippians to avoid becoming too interested in material possessions. He reminds them that their most important wealth is their faith in Jesus, which will lead them to eternal life.

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

Jesus took Peter, John and James to a mountain to pray. When his clothes grew incredibly white, Moses and Elijah appeared. They spoke of the scripture he was to fulfill. Then a cloud came down and a voice said, “This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him.” The disciples who had seen Jesus' glory did not disclose this experience to anyone until much later.



This week we continue the 2019 Diocesan Annual Campaign with our second in-pew weekend. The success of the Diocesan Annual Campaign relies on Parishes to achieve their individual goal so that the overall Diocesan goal is met. If the overall Diocesan goal is not met, support for ministries may be limited, services suspended and those in need many not get the support and guidance that they need. Throughout the calendar year, there will be articles in The Catholic Witness highlighting the work that is accomplished because of the generosity of others. These articles will also be on the Diocesan website. 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

- ❖ It's a time to fast. Lent is the only time many Catholics these days actually fast. It's almost a game for some of us, but fasting is actually a form of penance, which helps us turn away from sin and toward Christ..
- ❖ It's a time to work on discipline. The forty days of Lent are also a good time to work on personal disciplines in general. Instead of giving something up, it can be doing something positive



LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

And Weekly Readings



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

Monday, March 18: Lenten Weekday

Daniel 9:4b-10; Psalm 79:8, 9, 11 & 13

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, 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; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 22

Wednesday, March 20: Lenten Weekday

Jeremiah 18:18-20; Psalm 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday, March 21: Lenten Weekday

Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1:102, 3, 4 & 6; Luke 16:19-31

Friday, March 22: Lenten Weekday

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Psalm 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 23: Lenten Weekday

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

5:30 PM Suffering Souls in Purgatory

And Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.

Sunday, March 24: Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9

9:15 AM Fr. Tukura Michael

Calendar of Events

Saturday: 3/16

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/ social hall

Mass/5:00 pm/ Church

Sunday: 3/17

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

CCD after Mass/10:30 am

Monday: 3/18

Mass/9:00 am/ Church

Finance Committee/ 6:00pm/Parish House

Parish Council/7:00pm/ Parish House

Tuesday: 3/19

No Event

Wednesday: 3/20

Station of the Cross/7:00pm/ Church

Thursday: 3/21

No Event

Friday: 3/22

Lenten Fish Dinner/4-7pm/ Social Hall

Saturday: 3/23

Gospel Reflections/ 7:30am/ social hall

Mass/ 5:30pm/ Church

Sunday: 3/24

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

CCD after Mass/10:30am

Penance Service 7:00pm /St. Jude Church

Minister Schedule

March 23 & March 24, 2019

Saturday, March 23, 2019: 5:30 pm

EMHC: J. & A. Zarnowski

Lector: T. Kromel

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: K. & Y. Melara

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: People of the Parish

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, March 24, 2019: 9:15am

EMHC: K. Graham G. Best J. Price

Lector: J. Kelly

Cantor; R. Perez

Altar Servers: T. & S. Kelly D. Miller

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: People of the Parish

Ushers: D. Ames 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*

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.



Lenten Penance Service

Lenten Penance Service will be held on Sunday, **March 24th 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!**



LENTE 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!



A Lenten Retreat will be held all day **Saturday, March 30th, 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.



Week #2 Calendar Raffle Winners

Day 9 – Don Spangler
Day 10 – Mary Jo Berich
Day 11 – Catherine Shreffler
Day 12 – Linda Treaster
Day 13 – Carrie Stufft
Day 14 – Joelle Gill
Day 15 – Carol Reardon
Day 16 – Jackie Stundon



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.

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 \$69.80; our price is **\$35.50 (ALL ages 3+).** *ADD-ON discount Hersheypark Meal Tickets, at a savings of up to 30% off retail prices, allow you to enjoy the flexibility of purchasing a meal at multiple locations with a variety of menus are **\$11.99 each** and *ADD-ON Snack Vouchers are **\$3.50 each.** Prepaid Parking Passes are 50% off and only **\$7.50 each.** Orders **must** be received at the parish by **Monday, April 29, 2019.** Make checks payable to Sacred Heart Church. Parishes will receive tickets by Friday, May 24th. Order forms are available in the Narthex and Parish office. For questions or additional information please contact the Parish Office at 717-242-2781 or email shparishoffice@sacredheartlewistown.com.

Mifflin-Juniata Cursillo Group's March Ultreya will be held on **Friday, March 22nd** at St. Jude Thaddeus. We will meet in the Social Hall at 4:30 PM for a Lenten fish dinner prior to the Ultreya.



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. We'd love to see you at the Men's Conference on April 6th!



94th Annual Women's Convention

The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women cordially invites all women of the Diocese to attend the **94th 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.

WOMEN'S LENTEN TEAS

The teas are held at area churches each **Wednesday** throughout Lent. The schedule for the remaining weeks is as follows:

March 20- Trinity United Methodist Church
March 27- Saint Stephen's Lutheran Church
April 3- Aldersgate United Methodist Church
April 10- Messiah Lutheran Church

Teas begin at 9:30 with social and refreshments and the message at 10:00AM.

Join the 40 Day Lenten Challenge

The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Women ask you to join the **"40 Day Lenten Challenge"**. Beginning Wednesday, March 6th, 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 or to us 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

Register NOW for the 2019-20 Academic Year!

Registrations are now being taken for any student interested in attending Sacred Heart School next academic year. Kindergarten students need to be age 5 by Sept. 1, 2019. We also have openings in grades 1 – 5. Scholarships and Financial Aid are available, and applications are currently being accepted until April 15, 2019. Call the school to schedule a tour, or attend our **Family Night/Academic Fair during Book Fair Week on Thursday, March 28**. Additionally, there is plenty of information about the school, the application process, and financial aid on our website at www.sacredheartschool.com. All faiths are welcome!