

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 24, 2019

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

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March 24, 2019

“There an angel of the Lord appeared to Moses in fire flaming out of a bush. As he looked upon it he was surprised to see that the bush, though burning, was not consumed. So Moses decided, ‘I must go over to see this remarkable sight, and see why the bush was not burned.’ God called out to him from the bush, ‘Moses, Moses’. He answered, ‘Here I am’. God said, ‘Come no nearer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.’”

The unexpected meeting of Moses with the Lord in the burning bush, reveals how God comes to us in a variety of forms, at different times, and in different places. Wondering who was present to record the ‘conversation’, we too are having our names called out in our Lenten journey. We too, like Moses, respond with a ‘here I am.’

God had a plan to use Moses. He also has a plan for us. Our lent becomes a special moment to discern and discover God’s plan for me in 2019. He calls and wishes to use us. How? That’s His plan.

You don’t have to remove your sandals for where you are standing now is holy ground. Unlike Moses, the Lord is calling us to come nearer on our journey with Jesus to Calvary.

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

Moses came upon a burning bush, when God called out to him. God told Moses that he had seen the suffering of his people in Egypt, and intended to lead them from their captors to a land of milk and honey. Moses asked what he should say if the Israelites should ask what God wished to be called. God replied, "I am who am."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Paul describes how the people were led into the desert by Moses, yet many of them were struck down by God. He warns that this should serve as an example not to give in to wicked desires or we may suffer the same downfall.

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Jesus says that an individual's misfortune does not mean that their sins were greater than someone else's. He warns that without repenting, all sinners will meet the same end. He tells of a barren fig tree whose owner planned to cut it down. But a servant offered to give it special care for one year, and destroy it should it remain barren. This symbolizes God's patience toward us.



Lenten Penance Service

Lenten Penance Service will be held this Sunday, **March 24th at 3:00 PM** at Sacred Heart of Jesus. St. Jude’s service will be at 7:00 PM. **What a wonderful way to begin your Lenten journey by receiving the special graces only forgiveness can bring!**



Tithing is God’s Plan for Giving:

Income for March 17, 2019	\$ 2,999.56
Easter Flowers	\$ 215.00
Tithe for March 17, 2019	\$ 300.00
PA Pro-Life Federation	

Help Jesus in Disguise

Next week, our parish will take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection**. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ’s love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection, and help **Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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

By Bishop David L. Ricken

- ❖ The more serious side of Lenten discipline is that it’s about more than self-control; it’s about finding aspects of yourself that are less than Christ-like and letting them die. The suffering and death of Christ are foremost on our minds during Lent, and we join in these mysteries by suffering, dying with Christ and being resurrected in a purified form.
- ❖ It’s tempting to make Lent some ambitious period of personal reinvention, but it’s best to keep it simple and focused. There’s a reason the Church works on these mysteries year after year. We spend our entire lives growing closer to God. Don’t try to cram it all in one Lent. That’s a recipe for failure.



LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*
And *Weekly Readings*



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

Monday, March 25: The Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity)

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Hebrews
10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, March 26: Lenten Weekday

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

Wednesday, March 27: Lenten Weekday

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Psalm 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;
Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday, March 28: Lenten Weekday

Jeremiah 7:23-18; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Luke 11:14-23

Friday, March 29: Lenten Weekday

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

Saturday, March 30: Lenten Weekday

Hosea 6:1-6; Psalm 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Luke 18:9-14
5:00 PM Joseph Fitzgerald

Sunday, March 31: Fourth Sunday of Lent

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12; Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 2 Corinthians
5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

9:15 AM William Flint

Calendar of Events

Saturday: 3/23

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

Sunday: 3/24

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church
CCD after Mass/10:30 am

Penance Service/7:00pm/ Church

Monday: 3/25

Mass/9:00 am/ Church

Tuesday: 3/26

Women's Guild/6:30pm/social hall

Wednesday: 3/27

Station of the Cross/7:00pm/ Church

Thursday: 3/28

No Event

Friday: 3/29

Lenten Fish Dinner/4-7pm/ Social Hall

Saturday: 3/30

Gospel Reflections/ 7:30am/ social hall

Lenten Retreat/9:00am-5:00pm/Social Hall/Church

Mass/ 5:00pm/ Church

Sunday: 3/31

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

CCD after Mass/10:30am

Minister Schedule

March 30 & March 31, 2019

Saturday, March 30, 2019: 5:00 pm

EMHC: J. & A. Zarnowski

Lector: C. Fitzgerald

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: K. & Y. Melara

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: P. Thompson

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, March 31, 2019: 9:15am

EMHC: D. Treaster T. Ober K. Graham

Lector: J. Fitzgerald

Cantor; M. Miller

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

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: D. & G. Best

Ushers: R. Aufer 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*

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.



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.



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!



Week #3 Calendar Raffle Winners

- Day 17 – John Dybach
- Day 18 – Vincent Caprio
- Day 19 – Judy DeVecchis
- Day 20 – Mark DeBenedetto
- Day 21 – Bonnie Hackett
- Day 22 – Christine Fultz
- Day 23 – Richard Baade
- Day 24 – Daniel Palopoli



Congratulations to all our winners!! You may pick-up your prizes at the Parish Office, Mon. thru Fri., 8:30-4:30 PM.



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 Saint Jude Church. Parishes will receive tickets by Friday, May 24th. Please contact the Parish Office or see Gale.

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!



“ LOST AT SEA ”

VBS will be held at St. Jude July 8th-11th with an end of week celebration at the Mifflin Pool Friday July 12th from 7-9pm for all participants and their entire family.

We are in the planning stages of 2019 VBS and couldn't be more excited. This year's theme will be a 4 day focus on two of our favorite things. 1. Finding our way to Jesus. 2. The Ocean. As always, to have a successful VBS we need YOU. If you have children (ages 4 and up are welcome !!!), save the date now and plan to bring them to VBS. If you can volunteer (you don't need to have school age children to volunteer ,you do need clearances), please talk to us, we cannot do it alone. If, you would like to help plan, let us know. Thanks for your continued support! Shane and Elizabeth Armstrong

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 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.

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!



Diocesan Annual Campaign

There is still time to make your pledge or contribution to the campaign. Envelopes are at the rear of the sanctuary and in the pews. Please remember to make checks payable to St. Jude Church. Envelopes may be placed in the regular collection basket at both Masses.