

# 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.

**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 31, 2019**

**Fourth 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

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**March 31, 2019**

**“Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.”**

We look at a broken, suffering world, blanketed with poverty, war, hate and division. We may question, is there any way such hardship and division can change?

As Paul wrote the Corinthians, we can find a solution, if we recognize that Christ came to reconcile us to the Father and to one another. But Paul also adds that we have been given the great responsibility to be ministers of reconciliation. That ministry is ours, all who are united to Christ. What is holding me back from working to ease tension, eradicate hate, and bring the peace of Christ to others? That was included in the beautiful prayer of St. Oscar Romero, reminding us that we are to be Christ's ministers, ambassadors of reconciliation, prophets of a future that is not our own.

**First Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12**

Joshua and the Israelites celebrated Passover in Jericho. This was the first time they had eaten the produce of the promised land. After this, there was no more bread sent from heaven because they were able to eat the yield of the land.

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

Paul tells us that anyone living in Jesus is a new creation because God has reconciled with us through Christ. As an ambassador for Jesus, Paul implores that the Corinthians be reconciled to God through Jesus.

**Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**

The Pharisees grew disgusted with Jesus because of his compassion toward sinners. So Jesus told them a story of a son who squandered his inheritance. When a famine broke out, he returned home and asked his father to become a hired hand. His father instead welcomed him with a joyful celebration, just as God is overjoyed when a sinner returns to him.

<b>Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:</b>	
Income for March 24, 2019	\$ 2,637.98
Easter Flowers	\$ 185.00
Tithe for March 24, 2019	\$ 264.00
Juniata County Meals on Wheels	

### **Help Jesus in Disguise**

This week, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies provide relief and support of struggling communities and work for 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 about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

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

*By Bishop David L. Ricken*

- ❖ Lent reminds us of our weakness. Even when we set simple goals for ourselves during Lent, we still have trouble keeping them. When we fast, we realize we're just one meal away from hunger. This can be painful, but recognizing how helpless we are makes us seek God's help with renewed urgency and sincerity.
- ❖ Be patient with yourself. When we're confronted with our own weakness during Lent, the temptation is to get angry and frustrated. God is calling us to be patient and to see ourselves as he does, with unconditional love.



## LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass  for the  
Intentions *for the Week*

*And Weekly Readings*



### Saturday, March 30: 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 Joseph Fitzgerald

### Sunday, March 31: 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 William Flint

### Monday, April 1: Lenten Weekday

Isaiah 65:17-21; Psalm 30:2 & 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b; John 4:43-54

9:00 AM People of the Parish

### Tuesday, April 2: Lenten Weekday

Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; John 5:1-16

### Wednesday, April 3: Lenten Weekday

Isaiah 49:8-15; Psalm 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; John 5:17-30

### Thursday, April 4: Lenten Weekday

Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; John 5:31-47

### Friday, April 5: Lenten Weekday

Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; Psalm 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 & 23; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

9:00 AM People of the Parish

### Saturday, April 6: Lenten Weekday

Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; John 7:40-53

5:00 PM Casper and Alberta Palumbo

### Sunday, April 7: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11

9:15 AM Jessie Mitchell

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday: 3/30

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/ social hall  
Lenten Retreat/9:00am-5:00pm/Social Hall & Church  
Mass/5:00 pm/ Church

### Sunday: 3/31

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

### Monday: 4/01

Mass/9:00 am/ Church

### Tuesday: 4/02

No Event

### Wednesday: 4/03

Knights of Columbus/7:00pm/Church  
Stations of the Cross/7:00pm/ Church

### Thursday: 4/04

Healing Mass/6:00pm/ Church

### Friday: 4/05

First Friday Mass/9:00am/Church  
Lenten Fish Dinner/4-7pm/ Social Hall

### Saturday: 4/06

Gospel Reflections/ 7:30am/ social hall  
Mass/ 5:00pm/ Church

Spanish Mass/6:30pm/Church

### Sunday: 4/07

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

## **Minister Schedule**

### **April 6 & April 7, 2019**

Saturday, April 6, 2019: 5:00 pm

EMHC: A. Zarnowski

Lector: T. Kromel

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: J. Zarnowski D. Treaster

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: People of the Parish

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, April 7, 2019: 9:15am

EMHC: J. Price T. Ober D. Parson

Lector: J. Fitzgerald

Cantor; A. Arnold

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

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.**

CONGRATULATIONS  
**RAFFLE**  
**WINNERS**

**Week #4 Calendar Raffle Winners**

- Day 25 – Rose Weyer
- Day 26 – Barb Bratton
- Day 27 – Joe Maginnis
- Day 28 – Bill Ozanich
- Day 29 – Steve Dalton
- Day 30 – Jo Mattern
- Day 31 – Sierra Smith



**Congratulations to all our winners and thank you for supporting the St. Vincent dePaul Society!** You may pick-up your prizes at the Parish Office, Mon. thru Fri., 8:30-4:30 PM.



**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.

**50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Mass**

Were you married in 1969? In honor of your 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, there will be a special Mass and reception on Sunday, July 14, 2019 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.



**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!**



**Survivor Compensation Program**

The Diocese of Harrisburg is committed to helping survivors of clergy sexual abuse find healing. In addition to mental and spiritual assistance, the Diocese has opened its Survivor Compensation Program. This Program is administered by Commonwealth Mediation and Conciliation, Inc. (CMCI), an independent organization with decades of experience managing similar programs. Survivors of clergy sexual abuse that occurred in the Diocese of Harrisburg are encouraged to learn more about the program by visiting [www.commonwealthmediaton.com](http://www.commonwealthmediaton.com), [www.youthprotectionhbg.com](http://www.youthprotectionhbg.com), or by calling 1-800-540-2624 or emailing [Harrisburg@commonwealthmediation.com](mailto:Harrisburg@commonwealthmediation.com). Please be aware that Survivors known to the Diocese are not automatically enrolled in the Program and must apply through the program administrator CMCI.

**Spaghetti Dinner Tickets Now on Sale!!**

Mark your calendars for the Spaghetti Dinner Preview Night! This year's auction will be held on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, at the Mifflin County Youth Park, from 11 AM-4PM. 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 27<sup>th</sup>, from 5-7:30 PM. Tickets will be \$6 per adult; \$4 per child ages 3-12. Children 2 and under eat for free. Tickets are now available at the Sacred Heart Parish Office or by contacting Ashley Henry at [development@sacredheartschool.com](mailto:development@sacredheartschool.com).



## 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>!



## **“ LOST AT SEA ”**

VBS will be held at St. Jude July 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> with an end of week celebration at the Mifflin Pool Friday July 12<sup>th</sup> 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

## 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.

## **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, Additionally, there is plenty of information about the school, the application process, and financial aid on our website at [www.sacredheartschool.com](http://www.sacredheartschool.com). All faiths are welcome!



## **WOMEN'S LENTEN TEAS**

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

**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**.

## **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.