

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.

May 13, 2018

**Seventh Sunday of Easter
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
**Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 13, 2018**

“Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day He was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection... Then they prayed, ‘You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his own place.’”

As the early church prayed that the Lord direct the choice of the twelfth apostle, they listed the requirements of time, presence, and witness. The word ‘accompanied’ is the image so often used by Pope Francis, as we are accompanied by and walk with Jesus.

Their prayer should be our prayer, for the Lord knows well our hearts. He continues to choose among our parish families people to fill His ministry. He continues to choose others who will be ordained this month to continue the apostolic ministry. May we pray for those to be ordained, ask the Lord to inspire others to follow and do His work, and find us supporting those who have responded to His call. We too need time, presence, and witness.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Jesus had appeared many times to His disciples after His resurrection. On this final occasion, Jesus’ departing message is that they will soon receive the Holy Spirit to strengthen them in their work. No sooner does He say this; he is taken up to heaven before their eyes.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Paul prays that God may grant wisdom and enlightenment to the Ephesians so that they may know the great hope to which they are called. Every power has been given to Christ who now reigns in heaven. He is the “head of the church, which is His body.”

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

Jesus told His disciples to go and spread the gospel to every creature, to the world. Jesus also spoke of the signs that will accompany those who believe in Christ. After He spoke with them, He was taken into heaven and took His seat the right hand of God.

Tithing is God’s Plan for Giving:

Income for May 6, 2018	\$ 3,034.44
Feast of the Ascension	\$ 40.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 270.00
Tithe for May 6, 2018	
Saint Vincent de Paul Society	\$ 307.00

Baby Bottle Boomerang Begins Today

What can you do in the fight for life? What can your spare change accomplish? It doesn’t take much to make a big difference! Crossroads Pregnancy Center is again asking you to **Fill a Bottle for Life**. Take home a baby bottle today and fill it with coins, bills and even checks. **On Father’s Day, June 17th return your bottle to church.** We



hope you will help this year as we continue reaching out to uphold the sanctity of human life and the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Happy Mother’s Day

“She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.” PROVERBS 31:25-26



*This Jesus,
who has been taken up
from you
into heaven,
will come in the same way
as you saw
Him go.*

LITURGICAL NOTES:

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



Saturday, May 12: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 18:23-28; Psalm 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; John 16:23b-28

5:00 PM Ralph Hepner

Sunday, May 13: Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; 1 John 4:11-16; John 17:11b-19

9:15 AM Louise Treaster

Monday May 14: St. Matthias, Apostle (Feast)

Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20-26; Psalm 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; John 15:9-17

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, May 15: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 20:17-27; Psalm 68:10-11, 20-21; John 17:1-11a

Wednesday, May 16: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 20:28-38; Psalm 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; John 17:11b-19

Thursday May 17: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 22:30; 23:6-11; Psalm 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; John 17:20-26

Friday, May 18: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 25:13b-21; Psalm 103:1-, 11-12, 19-20ab; John 21:15-19

Saturday, May 19: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 28:16-20, 30-31; Psalm 11:4, 5 & 7
John 21:20-25

5:00 PM Maggie Sander

Sunday, May 20: Pentecost Sunday

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11; Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34;
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

9:15 AM Declan Matthew Reisenweber

Calendar of Events

Saturday: 5/12

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/ social hall

Mass/5:00pm/ Church

Sunday: 5/13

Happy Mother's Day

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

Monday: 5/14

Mass/9:00 am/ Church

Tuesday: 5/15

No Event

Wednesday: 5/16

No Event

Thursday: 5/17

No Event

Friday: 5/18

No Event

Saturday: 5/19

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Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

Minister Schedule

May 19 & May 20, 2018

Saturday, May 19, 2018: 5:00pm

EMHC: J. & A. Zarnowski

Lector: M. Tonge

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: J. & A. Flores

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeter: P. Thompson

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, May 20, 2018: 9:15am

EMHC: T. Ober D. Treaster J. Fitzgerald

Lector: C. Fitzgerald

Cantor: S. Connell

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

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: D. & G. Best

Ushers: D. & P. Ames

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers for the week of May 13 were placed by Marie Dawson in memory of Friends and Loved Ones.



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*

Enroll Now

SHS is currently enrolling for Grades K-5 for the 2018-2019 school year. If you or someone you know has a child ready for Kindergarten or looking to transfer, come and visit or encourage them to take a look at SHS. We are currently offering a tuition transfer grant to any child going into grades 1st through 5th for the 2018-2019 school year. Any public, private, charter or home-school student who transfers to SHS is eligible to receive a Tuition Transfer Grant. Each student will receive \$1,500 in grants over the course of 2 years (\$1,000 in year 1 and \$500 in year 2). Restrictions apply and no financial aid forms are required.

FESTIVAL IN THE PARK

Festival in the Park will be held on May 19 at the park near the library from 11:00am-7:00pm. Rain date is May 20. Bring the entire family and enjoy various food and item vendors. There will be many activities throughout the day for everyone.



Shane and Elizabeth are happy to announce this years VBS 2018. Come "Get S'MORE of Jesus" at St. Jude's Camp VBS July 23-26. From 6-8 pm. The week will end with a family bonfire, hotdog roast and fun family games on Friday, July 27. More details to come. Anyone interested/willing to help in anyway, please see Elizabeth or Shane Armstrong
searmstrong@pa.net or 717-994-0831.

Women's 96th Cursillo weekend will be held July 19-22, 2018 at St. Pius X Parish in Selinsgrove, PA. The Men's 100th Cursillo weekend will be held on July 26-29, 2018, also at St. Pius X Parish, Selinsgrove.

Upcoming Retreat

The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is hosting the 8th Annual Weekend Retreat, **June 8-10, 2018** (Friday evening until

Sunday Noon), at Mount St. Mary's University Emmitsburg, MD. **The Retreat Master is Very Reverend Neil Sullivan, Pastor of St. Catherine**

Laboure Parish, Harrisburg, PA. More details will be coming soon!



The Seminarian Cometh

Rich Groff, 55, will be our seminarian-intern at Sacred Heart and St. Jude this summer. He has a B.A. from Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, and two M.A.'s in Psychology, plus basic and advanced certifications in Religious Education. He has done church work most of his working career, most recently at St. Joseph's, Mechanicsburg, as Director of Religious Education, 2011-2017; before that, Director of Spiritual Life at York Catholic High School, 2004-2011. He has also taught as an adjunct professor at Lebanon Valley College and HACC. We welcome him to the Juniata River Valley.



Thank you to everyone who volunteered and attended the 20th Annual SHS Benefit Auction. Your support of our largest fundraiser is greatly appreciated! **Congratulations to the All-Cash Raffle Winners – Clare Martin \$1,000, Lisa Cramer \$500, Jenna Cramer \$250, Luke Lake \$150 and Amy Whitesel \$100!**

The Importance of Bringing Children to Holy Mass by James Gontis – Part II

- Bring them and keep bringing them – be consistent.
Greatest privilege this side of heaven.
- Teach them about the parts of the Mass – especially what happens at the Consecration!
The better we learn it and the more faithful we are, the better we will be able to teach our children.
- Don't let the Mass be the only time they pray or that they see you pray.
- Children should learn the “standard” prayers, e.g. Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be etc.



Diocese of Harrisburg Catholic Schools Night with the Harrisburg Senators

Join us for anight of fun at the Harrisburg Senators Baseball Game on May 26 at 6 PM at Metro Bank Park on City Island. Gates open at 4:30. Tickets are \$11 and everyone receives a Senators Hat! Plus, there will be a special raffle just for Diocesan Participants. **Order ticket online at [HTTPS://GROUPMATICS.EVENTS/HBGDIOC ESE](https://groupmatics.events/hbgdiocese).**

Men's Retreat Notice

Retreat 2018 The annual men's retreat, sponsored by Corpus Christi Parish, will be held on the campus of Mt. St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, MD on the weekend of August 3rd (Friday evening until early Sunday afternoon). Included are 2 nights' lodging and 6 good meals, which are incidental to a most enjoyable spiritual experience. If you've never attended a retreat, or it's been a long time since your last one, why not take a chance and "treat" yourself this year? The Most Reverend Ronald Gainer, Bishop of Harrisburg will lead us this year and "satisfaction is guaranteed." A minimum reservation deposit of \$60 will hold your room. **For more information, contact: Greg DeVecchis at 717-250-5029.**



Sign Up Today – November 3, 2018

As part of the events celebrating the 150th anniversary of the diocese of Harrisburg, **Bishop Gainer will lead a diocesan pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, on Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 9:00AM to 4:00PM.** This will be the first time Bishop Gainer will lead our diocese to Washington since he was installed in 2014. **Scheduled events for the day include: Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with the Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer as Celebrant and Homilist, Eucharistic Adoration, Celebration of the Luminous, Mysteries of the Rosary and Sacrament of Penance.** There will be free time for Lunch, Private Prayer, Shopping at the Shrine Gift Shop and a Self-Guided Tour of the Basilica. **Sacred Heart has reserved a bus for this special day. Cost is \$25/per person.** Departure and return times to be determined. **A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex.** For more information about upcoming events for the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Harrisburg go to www.hbgdiocese.org/150.



FAITH FESTIVAL 2018 IS NEXT WEEK!!

Come and enjoy food, pony rides, Bounce House, live music and meet and greet with the Lewistown Churches and their congregation members. Booths will be set up at the Mifflin County Library, Lewistown, from **10AM to 3PM on Saturday, May 19th.** Lewistown Community Band performs at 10AM, other live music acts to follow. All are welcome, especially children.

Mifflin-Juniata Cursillo Group will hold May Ultreya on Thursday, May 17th at 5:30 PM at the Parish Office.

