

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 6, 2018
Sixth 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 6, 2018

“Jesus said to his disciples, ‘As the Father loves Me, so I also love you. Remain in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will remain in My love, just as I have kept the Father’s commandments and remain in His love... This is My commandment: love one another as I love you... It was not you who chose Me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain... This I command you: love one another.’”

In His prayer Jesus is preparing the disciples for their work when He takes leave of them. How frequently John’s gospel uses the word ‘remain’, stay close, be cemented, don’t stray. Besides telling them what to do, He assures them that He too will be part of their lives for He loves, not just loved them.

He then gives them the task to put into action, to go and bear fruit. Am I unsure or afraid what the Lord asks of me? I shouldn’t be, because I am both loved by Him at this moment, and He has both chosen me and appointed me. He is waiting for my response.

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Peter preaches to the Gentiles for the first time in the house of Cornelius. Peter realized that God would accept any person who acted uprightly, regardless of his or her heritage. Then the Holy Spirit descended on the Gentiles and Peter allowed them to be baptized in the name of Jesus.

Second Reading: I John 4:7-10

John advises all believers to love one another, for love is a gift from God. The person without love does not know God, whose love for us is so great he sent his only son so that we might have life through him.

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Jesus asks his disciples to live on in his love and to “Love one another as I have loved you.” He explains that he chose them to follow him, and promises if they keep his commandments they will have anything that they ask for in his name.

<u>Tithing is God’s Plan for Giving:</u>	
Income for April 29, 2018	\$ 2,342.73
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 40.00
Tithe for April 29, 2018	
Crossroads Pregnancy Center	\$ 234.00



ASCENSION THURSDAY

This Thursday, May 10, is the Feast of the Ascension, Mass will be at Saint Jude on Thursday at 7:00pm. Mass will be at Sacred Heart on Wednesday, May 9, at 7:00pm, and also on Thursday, May 10 at 12:00 noon.

Thank You

Dear friends of Saint Jude,

We are overjoyed by your recent donation. All of us at Shelter Service, Inc. would like to Thank You for your donation of \$ 267.00. With this money, we can shelter, feed, shower and further serve the homeless of our community.

Jane Neff

Executive Director



LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass & Intentions for the Week
And Weekly Readings



Saturday, May 5: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 16:1-10; Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 5 John 15:18-21

5:00 PM Thomas Lusk

6:30PM People of the Parish

Sunday, May 6: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

9:15 AM Charles Armstrong

Monday May 7: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 16:11-15; Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; John 15:26-16:4a

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, May 8: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 16:22-34; Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; John 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 9: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 17:15, 22-18:1; Psalm 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; John 16:12-15

Thursday May 10: The Ascension of the Lord

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11; Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Ephesians 1:17-23; Mark 16:15-20

7:00 PM People of the Parish

Friday, May 11: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 18:9-18; Psalm 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; John 16:20-23

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

Calendar of Events

Saturday: 5/05

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/ social hall

Mass/5:00pm/ Church

Spanish Mass/ 6:30pm/ Church

Sunday: 5/06

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

Monday: 5/07

Mass/9:00 am/ Church

Tuesday: 5/08

Knights of Columbus/ 7:00pm/ Church

Wednesday: 5/09

No Event

Thursday: 5/10

Ascension Day/Mass 7:00pm/ Church

Friday: 5/11

No Event

Saturday: 5/12

Gospel Reflections/ 7:30am/ social hall

Mass/5:00pm/Church

Sunday: 5/13

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

Minister Schedule

May 12 & May 13, 2018

Saturday, May 12, 2018: 5:00pm

EMHC: J. Fitzgerald

Lector: Y. Melara

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: K. & Y. Melara

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeter: G. Curdo

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, May 13, 2018: 9:15am

EMHC: D. Parson G. Best J. Price

Lector: H. Kelly

Cantor: R. Perez

Altar Servers: Dave, Daryl. And Mike

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: People of the Parish

Ushers: R. Auken M. Eberts

May 10 7:00pm Ascension of the Lord

EMHC: A. Zarnowski G. Best

Lector: C. Fitzgerald

Cantor: M. Miller

Servers: Dave, Joe, and Daryl

Gifts: People of the Parish

Ushers: R. Auken 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*

FAITH FESTIVAL 2018!



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, with other live music acts to follow. All are welcome, especially children

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.

The Importance of Bringing Children to Holy Mass by James Gontis – Part 1

Jesus said, ***“Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”*** **Matthew 19:14.** When we bring our children to Holy Mass, we are bringing our children (as well as ourselves) to Jesus, to His perfect Sacrifice offered to God the Father for the salvation of the human race, we are bringing them to Jesus – Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, we are bringing them to the fountain of grace flowing from His paschal Mystery! **Don't miss the grace!**



THANK YOU to a parishioner who recently donated the funds necessary for our exterminator contract for the year. Your generosity and commitment to St. Jude is greatly appreciated. May God Bless You!

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)**

Saint Vincent de Paul-Lewistown

“The Creator” Works Through Us

The following is a letter that was received at the Parish office a few weeks ago: ***Sacred Heart, My name is Mindy, I have a four year old and a husband. I worked in York for seven years. Two years ago we moved to Lewistown after my husband was pulled into an alley by masked men while walking up Market Street to Turkey Hill with my two year old daughter in a stroller. They beat him into a coma while my daughter was left on the sidewalk. Scotty watched people walk on by offering no help. Seven days later we moved to Lewistown on 4th Street. Payed first and last months rent and two weeks later the kitchen ceiling collasped. He refused to give us our money back and we lived in the shelter for four months. The first month our transmission went out. Living in York changed my perception of the human race. I stopped talking to God everyday. Then I met Joey (Heroux). She listened to me. She prayed with me. She shared her story. She restored my faith in the human race. Her courage and all she went through made my life good, compared to what she's been through. I just needed your congregation to know. You change lives. You prove Jesus' words are true. Thanks to you and Joey, I'm restored. “The Creator” works through you. I'm so grateful for all you've done for my family. –Mindy, Scotty and Evy***

