

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.

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.

May 12, 2019

Fourth 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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2019

“Both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, ‘It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first, but since you reject it and condemn yourselves as unworthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles.... The Gentiles were delighted when they heard this and glorified the word of the Lord. All who were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region.’”

Pretend that you are in the audience as Paul spoke, so convincingly. Place yourself in the shoes first of the Israelite and see how well you accept or reject what you hear. You were urged to remain faithful to the grace of God. Now change your shoes and see you too are destined for eternal life and believe.

The magic of Paul and Barnabas is God's grace and we all today, gifted with eternal life and the Holy Spirit, are to live and bring that life to others. We hear and listen and become witnesses as well. One of the encouraging words of Pope Francis is that we speak out 'boldly' of the Christ we know.

First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52

Paul and Barnabas addressed many people, and large crowds gathered to hear them. Some of the Jews became jealous, and argued with whatever Paul said. But Paul and Barnabas continued preaching their message of salvation and everlasting life, until they were eventually forced to leave the town.

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

John saw a vision of many people surrounding a throne and the Lamb. One of the elders told him these were the people who had survived great periods of trial, but maintained strong faith in God. Now they would receive eternal protection and comfort from God as reward for their loyalty.

Gospel: John 10:27-30

Jesus states that his sheep know his voice and follow him, and will receive eternal life. Jesus also says that no one can snatch his followers away, because God is greater than anyone who might try, and Jesus is one with God.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:	
Income for May 5, 2019	\$ 2,835.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 85.00
Tithe for May 5, 2019	\$ 284.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society	



Fr. Jay is celebrating 30 years of priesthood this year and Fr. Bill 35 years. **A celebration will be held Sunday, May 19th**, beginning with the 9:15 AM Mass, followed by a 1:30 PM luncheon/reception at St.

Jude Parish Hall in Mifflintown. A sign-up sheet for the reception, so we have an accurate food count, is in the vestibule and social hall. **All are welcome.**



LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

And Weekly Readings



Saturday, May 11: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 9:31-42; Psalm 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; John 6:60-69

5:00 PM Jane Ratkaj

Sunday, May 12: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52; Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5, Revelation 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30

9:15 AM Catherine Montrey

Monday, May 13: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 11:1-18; Psalm 42:2-3, 43:3,4; John 10:1-10

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, 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

Wednesday, May 15: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 12:24-13:5a; Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6 & 8; John 12:44-50

Thursday, May 16: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 13:13-25; Psalm 89:2-3, 21-22, 35 & 27; John 13:16-20

Friday, May 17: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 13:26-33; Psalm 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; John 14:1-6

Saturday, May 18: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 13:44-52; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; John 14:7-14

5:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, May 19: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles 14:21-17; Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Revelation 21:1-5a; John 13:31-33a, 34-35

9:15 AM Ralph Hepner

Calendar of Events

Saturday: 5/11

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

Sunday: 5/12

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

Happy Mother's Day !

Monday: 5/13

Mass/9:00am/Church

Finance Committee/6:00pm/Parish House

Parish Council/7:00pm/ Parish House

Tuesday: 5/14

No Event

Wednesday: 5/15

No Event

Thursday: 5/16

No Event

Friday: 5/17

No Event

Saturday: 5/18

Gospel Reflections/ 7:30am/ social hall

Mass/5:00pm/Church

Sunday: 5/19

Mass/9:15am/Church

Priest's Anniversary Celebration/1:30pm/Social Hall

Minister Schedule

May 18 & May 19, 2019

Saturday, May 18, 2019: 5:00 pm

EMHC: A. Zarnowski

Lector: C. Fitzgerald

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: D. Treaster A. Zarnowski

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: People of the Parish

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, May 19, 2019: 9:15am

EMHC: T. Ober G. Best J. Price

Lector: J. Kelly

Cantor; M. Miller

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

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*



Festival in the Park

Come join us at Myers Park (Mifflintown Playground) and bring the whole family on May 18, 2019 from 11:00am to 6:00pm. This wonderful community event has food, music, kid's games, and activities for everyone. Bring your lawn chair or blanket to sit and enjoy a wide variety of community performers. Saint Jude Parish will have a booth with materials and a French fry stand supported by parishioners and the Knights of Columbus. The proceeds from the festival benefits local programs.

Quo Vadis and Fiat Days 2019

Attention all Catholic young men and women ages 15-25. Our Lord Jesus Christ has a great plan and mission for you! You are invited to attend the Diocese of Harrisburg's Annual **Quo Vadis** and **Fiat Days**, vocation discernment retreats, to spend time with other young men and women your age as you listen to the Lord's call in your life while having fun. Activities include – Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, sports, games, great food, talks and more. **Quo Vadis Days for young men will be held from June 23-27, 2019** at Mount St. Mary's Seminary. **Fiat Days for young women will be held June 30-July 3, 2019.** There is a \$50 registration fee for each retreat; all other expenses are funded by the Diocese of Harrisburg. Registration forms can be found at www.hbgdiocese.org. You may also contact the Office of Vocations at 717-657-4804, ext. 282 or email vocations@hbgdiocese.org with questions or for a registration packet. **Deadline for registration for Quo Vadis Days is June 14th and June 21st for Fiat Days.**



NOTE DATE CHANGES



“ LOST AT SEA ”

VBS will be held at St. Jude July 15th-18th with an end of week celebration at the Mifflin Pool Friday July 19th 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

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. All faiths are welcome!



Grange Fair Tickets

Sacred Heart School HSA is selling Centre County Grange Fair Weekly Admission Tickets. **Be the first to purchase your Grange Fair tickets here!** Tickets do not go on sale to the general public until June 1st. **Ticket prices are \$20 each, children 11 years old & under are admitted free.** The fair runs August 16th-24th. SHS HSA will receive \$2 for each ticket sold. **All orders and money are due May 14th.** Please make checks payable to "Centre County Grange Fair". Orders will be available for pick-up on 5/28/19 from 2:30-5:00PM in the school cafeteria. Order forms are available at both the school and parish office.



It's Pizza, Pizza Time!

SHS-HSA will be running a Little Caesars Frozen Pizza Sale Until **Tuesday May 14th.** Orders can be placed online



PizzaKits.com Products--> Shop --> Fundraiser ID is 364382, these will delivered with the other orders on **Tuesday May 28th and picked up from 2:45- 5:30 at the school cafeteria.** Please contact Sharina Harshbarger at 814-441-4361 with any questions

Fr. Jay Visits Florida

I went to the ancient city of St. Augustine, Florida, where the first Holy Mass and the first Thanksgiving was celebrated by the Spaniards in America. I thank God for Phil Mock for making this memorable visit possible. Phil calls me his 'brother' and I consider him my 'brother' too. For the last two summers, I have given excuses to his cordial invitation to stay in his house and to enjoy my vacation. But, this summer I couldn't succeed to offer him any excuse. I even suggested to him to arrange a week long retreat around Harrisburg instead of my vacation to St. Augustine. Phil organized my stay with him so perfectly as he would have done for any of his family members. He took me to all the historic places in and around St. Augustine, including the location where the first mass was celebrated and the slave plantations etc. I am not from a country or culture that takes vacations. But, now I have learned from my own experience what a vacation means in the USA. But, I began every day with the Holy Mass and my personal prayer. And I remembered the intentions of all the parishioners of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and St. Jude.

-Fr. Jay

Recycle, Repurpose, Rethink



Let us all think of these three words **RECYCLE, REPURPOSE** and **RETHINK!** With these three words in mind we can change the world of those less fortunate. **And he would answer and say to them, "The man who has two tunics is**

to share with him who has none; and he who has food is to do likewise" Luke 3:11. As you do your spring cleaning or change your closet over from winter to summer, have your mindset to ask yourself will I use this or could I donate to someone in need?

RECYCLE as you change out your beds and windows. Sheets and bedding as well as curtains are always a need with our clients. **REPURPOSE** as you dust those shelves and think you want to change your décor. Don't just pack it away. Donate it! Is there a dresser or a night stand that is just in your way? Remember that when you replace your pots and pans or casserole and baking items that your old ones still have life. Repurpose your furniture and kitchen items. **RETHINK** your time in the grocery store; if it is buy one, get one free, donate the free one to those in need. If an item is 4 for \$1.00; donate 2 items. Go down that baby aisle and purchase a pack of diapers, wipes or bibs. If we use those three words in our everyday lives what a change we can make. Keep our St. Vincent dePaul Society in mind and **RECYCLE, REPURPOSE AND RETHINK!** If you can help contact the parish or email Joey at stvincentdepaullewistown@gmail.com.

It's Time for Rainbow Summer

Rainbow Summer is the LUMINA Center's two-week day camp, scheduled for June 17-28th. The LUMINA Center served 107 children last year over the course of the two weeks. Children ranging in age from 6-11 years of age spend this two-week period doing a variety of fun, exciting and instructional activities. They do crafts, have Bible story time, a magic show, musical presentations, educational programs, a free breakfast and lunch and swim in the afternoons at Rec Park. Rainbow summer is of great importance to this community and provides summer fun to many children who otherwise might not have any. It costs approximately **\$130.00** per child for the two-week period. Please consider sponsoring a child/children or making a contribution of any denomination. The LUMINA Center would appreciate any support that would allow this program to continue.

