

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.

May 19, 2019

Fifth 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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 19, 2019

“After Paul and Barnabas had proclaimed the good news in that city, and made a considerable number of disciples, they returned to Lystra and Iconium and to Antioch. They strengthened the spirits of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere in the faith, saying, ‘It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God.’ They appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, commended them to the Lord in whom they had put their faith.”

When they reached their home base, Antioch, they called the church together and celebrated how God had worked through them, and brought others to the Lord. How God had ‘opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.’

How exciting as the life of the first Christian communities developed and grew. The Spirit of God was at work, using these two apostles, and with the power of the Spirit present, growth took place. But we do not stifle the Spirit. Today, as church, we open doors of welcome. We cannot be complacent, but excited, that the same Lord who called them, calls us to do the same thing. Why not ask someone to join you at church or bible study. Why not invite someone to return to the practice of the faith. It might be the only thing they are waiting for. Let God use you. God works through us.

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas traveled to many towns and found many disciples willing to help them preach. They warned their disciples of the trials they would face. Paul and Barnabas then returned to Antioch, where their journey had begun, and told the congregation there of the progress they had made.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-5a

John had a vision of a new earth, and a new Jerusalem coming down from heaven. Then a voice described Jerusalem as a place where God would live among his people and comfort them. The former world had vanished, and pain, death and suffering had left the world as well.

Gospel: John 13:31-33a, 34-35

After Judas left the last supper, Jesus warned the other disciples that he would not be with them much longer. Jesus gave them a new commandment to love one another as he had loved them. He stated that their love for each other would distinguish them as his disciples.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Income for May 12, 2019	\$ 2,475.48
Capital Improvements	\$ 200.00
Easter	\$ 100.00
Tithe for May 12, 2019	\$ 258.00
PA. Pro-Life Federation	



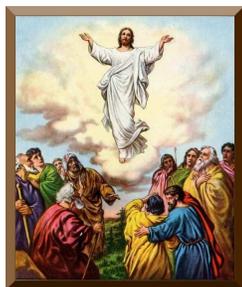
Fr. Jay is celebrating 30 years of priesthood this year and Fr. Bill 35 years. **A celebration will be held TODAY** beginning with the 9:15 AM Mass, followed by a 1:30 PM luncheon/reception at St. Jude

Parish Hall in Mifflintown.



Remember -
our fallen heros.
They are the reason
that we are free.

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, May 28th at 9:00 AM. Enjoy your holiday.



Mass will be celebrated on Ascension Thursday, May 30, at Saint Jude at 7:00PM.



Mifflin-Juniata Cursillo Group's

May Ultreya will be held on Thursday, May 23rd at 4:30 PM in the Sacred Heart Church basement.

LITURGICAL NOTES:

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



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

Monday, May 20: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 14:5-18; Psalm 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16;
John 14:21-26

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, May 21: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 14:19-28; Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13ab,
21; John 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 22: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 15:1-6; Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5;
John 15:1-8

Thursday, May 23: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 15:7-21; Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; John
15:9-11

Friday, May 24: Easter Weekday

Acts of the Apostles 15:22-31; Psalm 57:8-9, 10 & 12; John
15:12-17

Saturday, May 25: Easter Weekday

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

5:00 PM Edward Fitzgerald

Sunday, May 26: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29; Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;
Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29

9:15 AM A. Palumbo

Calendar of Events

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

Monday: 5/20

Mass/9:00am/Church

Tuesday: 5/21

No Event

Wednesday: 5/22

Kiwanis Event beginning at 5:00PM

Thursday: 5/23

No Event

Friday: 5/24

No Event

Saturday: 5/25

Gospel Reflections/ 7:30am/ social hall

Mass/5:00pm/Church

Sunday: 5/26

Mass/9:15am/Church

Minister Schedule

May 25 & May 26, 2019

Saturday, May 25, 2019: 5:00 pm

EMHC: J. & A. Zarnowski

Lector: Y. Melara

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: K. & Y. Melara

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: P. Thompson

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, May 26, 2019: 9:15am

EMHC: T. Ober G. Best D. Treaster

Lector: M. Tonge

Cantor; R. Perez

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

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: D. Best

Ushers: D. & Z. Ames



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*

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.**



THANK YOU ANNETTE!

I extend a huge **Thank You** to Annette Price for serving as our financial adviser for the past 6 ½ years. She was a great help at righting our ship after our financial setback, and then to me as I wandered through cyberspace in an unknown world. She also has done our budget each year. She recently decided this was the time to resign. Like all of us, she has a busy life with her job, and she also has her family, with a new grandson due to arrive in June. I will miss you Annette, you have become such a good friend, and I wish you all the best.

God Bless You,
Gale

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!





KAYAK EXCURSION

Saint Jude's will be having a Youth Kayak outing at Little Buffalo State Park on Tuesday, June 11th. We will meet at Saint Jude at 8:00am and carpool to the park. After a paddle around the lake, we will have a picnic lunch. Cost will be \$15.00 per child. You must be at least 10 years old to participate. We will also need adult volunteers and at least one female adult to help with restroom trips. For details, contact Mike Buono at 717-320-2305.

Baby Bottle Boomerang Begins

What can your spare change, bills, or checks accomplish? As we hand out baby bottles today you have the opportunity to help Crossroad's ministry grow and help young and unexpected families bloom where they are planted.



On Father's Day, June 16th return your bottle to church. Any amount you can give will help. Will you partner with us in this simple way to save lives? All funds

collected for Baby Bottle Boomerang benefit Crossroads Pregnancy Center, serving Huntingdon, Mifflin and Juniata Counties.

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.

