

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.

November 5, 2017

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 5, 2017

“We were gentle among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children. With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us... And for this reason we too give thanks to God unceasingly, that, in receiving the Word of God hearing from us, you received it not as a human word but, as it truly is, the Word of God which is now at work in you who believe.”

Imagine the great persecutor, whipped, chained, jailed and shipwrecked, comparing himself to a nursing mother. The rough edges seemed worn down, and his love and affection burst forth. Paul was gentle, but also stern.

The great saints, and our recent popes, have exhibited these same characteristics and virtues. Look at the World Youth travels of Saint John Paul II. Remember the sound teaching and leadership of Pope Benedict. Look at the humble presence of Pope Francis.

We are asked by all of them to take not only God's Word but also their example, for that same Spirit is at work in each one of us. When we are ready to criticize what is going on, remember that God's Spirit is truly at work, especially when we find the teaching challenging and difficult.

Surely the popes we have cited along with Saint John 23rd were gentle in guiding the church through tumultuous times. We give thanks to God for giving us them.

First Reading: Malachi 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10

This passage from Malachi denounces the laxity and unfaithfulness of the people and especially of the priests, who failed in their duties to God and their neighbors.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13

Paul reminisces about his extremely happy and successful visit with the Thessalonians. He praises them once again for their immediate and open acceptance of his message as truly the word of God.

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

In a strongly worded message, Jesus again rebukes the Pharisees for the hypocritical ostentation and love of honor and position. He reminds the people and the disciples that the truly greatest one is the one who serves others. He ends with the words, “Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled, but whoever humbles himself shall be exalted.”

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Income for October 29, 2017	\$ 2,281.48
All Saint's Day	\$ 10.00
All Soul's Day	\$ 10.00
Tithe for October 29, 2017	\$ 228.00
Crossroads Pregnancy Center	

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Challenge Accepted! We are so excited to

meet the challenge of an anonymous parishioner who has generously offered to match funds up to \$1,000.00. To help meet our ever growing needs, we ask you to

challenge yourself! Now that colder weather is here, we are focusing on our free Community Thanksgiving Meal, the Christmas Basket Project and the added requests for help that occur during this time of year. Your challenge is to help our fellow parishioners and neighbors ease the mounting challenges they face in the winter months. Won't you consider a monetary gift to help us match this offer? If not monetary, we gladly accept personal care items and gift cards. Thank you for stepping up to this challenge. **“It is in giving that we receive.”**

Email: stvincentdepaullewistown@gmail.com.



LITURGICAL NOTES:

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



Saturday, November 4: St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop (Memorial)

Romans 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Psalm 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Luke 14:1, 7-11

5:00 PM Maggie Sander

6:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, November 5: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10; Psalm 131:1, 2, 3; 1

Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13; Matthew 23:9b, 10b

9:15 AM Catherine Armstrong

Monday, November 6: Weekday

Romans 11:29-36; Psalm 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Luke 14:12-14

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, November 7: Weekday

Romans 12:5-16b; Psalm 131:1bcde, 2, 3; Luke 14:15-24

Wednesday, November 8: Weekday

Romans 13:8-10; Psalm 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Luke 14:25-33

Thursday, November 9: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Feast)

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22

Friday, November 10: St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

Romans 15:14-21; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Luke 16:1-8

Saturday, November 11: St. Martin of Tours, Bishop (Memorial)

Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11; Luke 16:9-15

5:00 PM Jack and Patricia Marshall

Sunday, November 12: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 6:12-16; Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 24:42a, 44

9:15 AM Lorraine Hazard

Calendar of Events

Saturday: 11/04

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/ social hall

Mass/5:00pm/ Church

Spanish Mass/6:30pm/ Church

Sunday: 11/05

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

CCD Classes/10:30am after Mass

Monday: 11/06

Mass/9:00am/ Church

Tuesday: 11/07

Cursillo Meeting/6:00pm/Social Hall

Wednesday: 11/08

No Event

Thursday: 11/09

No Event

Friday: 11/10

No Event

Saturday: 11/11

Gospel Reflections/ 7:30am/ social hall

Mass/ 5:00pm/ Church

Sunday: 11/12

Mass / 9:15 am / Church

Choir Rehearsal after Mass/ Church

CCD Classes/ 10:30am after Mass

Minister Schedule

November 11 & November 12, 2017

Saturday, November 11, 2017: 5:00pm

EMHC: J. & A. Zarnowski

Lector: Y. Melara

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: K. & Y. Melara

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeter: G. Curdo

Ushers: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, November 12, 2017: 9:15am

EMHC: D. Parson K. Graham

Lector: Z. Ames

Cantor: A. Arnold/C. Ames

Altar Servers: Dave, Daryl, and Jim

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: People of the Parish

Ushers: A. Thawley T. Newcamp



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*



During the past year, the Church parking lot has become a thru-way for traffic. It is being used as a public road, since most people do not want to wait at the stop sign at the intersection. They travel at fast speeds, putting others at danger. Starting this week, the front entrance to the parking lot will be closed during times when there is no service scheduled. At this time, the back entrance off of River Road will remain open.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Scheduled Workshops

The following workshops for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion have been scheduled:

For **NEW** Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

- Sat., Nov 18 – Our Lady of the Visitation, Shippensburg 10 AM-12 PM.



March for Life 2018 – Youth Rally Tickets

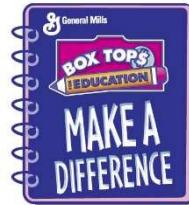
Please sign up now for the March for Life bus and Mass at the **Verizon Center, Washington,**

D.C., for Monday, January 22, 2018. To reserve our places at the Verizon Center Mass and Rally we need commitments now! **Please sign up in the social hall on the sign-up**

choir practice



Choir rehearsal for the 6:00pm English Mass on Christmas Eve will be held after the 9:15 Mass on Sunday mornings. Rehearsals will begin on November 12. Any questions, please see Alice Arnold.



Reminder

Again this year Sacred Heart School will be collecting Box Tops and Labels for Education. You may drop your box tops and labels off at the parish office. **Thank you for supporting our school!**

Goodbye Campbell Soup Labels

Campbell's Soup has **discontinued** their label program. They are in the process of coming up with a new program. **No labels will be collected after November 30th.** Thanks for your continued support with your donation of labels throughout the years.



Items Needed

The auction committee is looking for handmade, new, or gently used items to auctioned off at our **Benefit Auction on April 29th.** If you would like to donated an item, please contact Ashley Henry at the Parish Office.



SCRIP Gift Cards

The SCRIP gift card sale is continuing through **November 8th.** There will be one more SCRIP sale prior to Christmas, beginning November 21st. Cards ordered through this sale will be delivered before Christmas. Contact Sharon Whitesel, SCRIP coordinator, at 717-348-7070 with any questions.



Many Thanks to those laundering our altar linens:
Beth Manbeck, Eleanor Thawley, Terri Kromel, Joyce Parson, and Karen Thome.
It is hard work and we appreciate the effort put in each week.



Cookie Walk and Bazaar

SAVE THIS DATE: This year's walk is on **Saturday, December 9, 2017**, in the church social hall from 9:00am to Noon(or while supply lasts). Doors open at 8am sharp.

Purchase an empty container for \$10.00 and fill it with your choice from a wide variety of homemade Christmas cookies. Each container will hold 3-4 dozen cookies, depending on the size and shape of the cookies selected. Homemade candies will also be on sale. You can also shop for unique Christmas gifts from a selection of homemade candies, hand crafted items and needlework, and a White Elephant table.

Come and get the best selection and enjoy a **free cup of hot coffee** while you browse. For more information, contact Joyce Price at 717-994-0209.

International Gifts Show and Bake Sale

Join us for all your holiday gift giving. Featuring jewelry, accessories, whimsical crafts, holiday and home décor, fair trade coffees, chocolates, and more! Cedar Grove BIC Church, 287 Deerville Road, Mifflintown, PA. November 17 and 18. Fri 9-7 Sat 9-3, for unique fair trade gifts from around the world.



Lectors, Cantors, and Altar Servers are needed for Saint Jude Parish. The first two would require the appropriate talent (out loud reading and singing) and auditioning but if you feel called to serve in any of these capacities, **please call the parish at 717-436-6722** and give your name & phone number. Parents, please encourage your children to serve at the altar and call in their names and phone numbers if they are interested. **Training will be provided.**

Marriage Enrichment Program

Are you a couple with a good marriage but are seeking an even stronger, closer relationship? Have you experienced the loss of a spouse due to death, divorce or separation? The Diocese has an upcoming program that may benefit you. ***Beginning Experience, Nov 10-12, 2017 at Camp Hebron, Halifax, PA***, provides a safe place to work through the loss of one's spouse because of death, divorce, or separation. Trained persons facilitate the weekend. For more information on any of the programs please see the Family Life website at www.hbgdiocese.org.

Marriage Annulments

The Tribunal of the Diocese of Harrisburg will be giving a presentation concerning marriage, divorce and annulment according to Church teaching. This presentation will be helpful for divorced Catholics, those divorced who wish to marry Catholics, those parish leaders involved in the RCIA process and any others who many have a vested interest because of family or friends. This session will be held on **Nov. 13, at 7:00 PM**, in the Cardinal Keeler Center of the diocesan office building in Harrisburg. No prior registration is required. For further information, please call 717-657-4804 ext. 304, or email tribunal@hbgdiocese.org.