

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.

October 1, 2017

Twenty-Sixth 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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 1, 2017

“Seek the Lord while He may be found, call Him while He is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way and the wicked his thoughts, let him turn to the Lord for mercy, to our God who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.”

The scripture readings at mass these past few weeks have put great emphasis on forgiveness. We are invited to reflect on our ability to forgive others and ourselves. We are reminded to seek forgiveness from God and from others.

Sometimes we tend to pass quickly over one or another of these three. How important that I seek the forgiveness of God. Our act of contrition or acts of penance direct us to God's mercy. Our willingness, not to bear a grudge or get even, but to understand someone else and say 'that's o.k.' is life giving. I admit my own shortcomings and realize that I am not always right and need to say 'I'm sorry'. Finally, I must learn to forgive myself and not dwell on my wrongs, but get up and move on as a forgiven and forgiving person.

Yes, forgiveness is the power I have in my hand and heart.

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Isaiah expresses an urgent plea that all should seek the Lord and turn to him for mercy.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

In a strongly personal message from Paul while in prison, he says that he wishes “to be freed from this life and to be with Christ,” but he realizes that he still has much important work to do.

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a

Jesus tells the parable of the owner of an estate who hires workmen for his vineyard. When, at the end of the day, he pays a full day's wage to those who worked only one hour, those who worked all day complained bitterly. But the owner says, “I am free to do as I please, am I not?” Jesus reminds us through this parable that “the last shall be first and the first shall be last.”

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Income for September 24, 2017	\$ 1,701.48
Hurricane Irma Relief	\$ 366.00
Tithe for September 24, 2017	\$ 170.00
Stewardship- A Mission of Faith	

**Hurricane Irma Relief Collection to be Held
Prayers & Donations Requested**

A special collection was held in all parishes of the Diocese of Harrisburg on September 23 & 24 for Hurricane Irma relief efforts. This was a part of the U.S. Catholic Bishops emergency collection to assist the millions of persons affected by this devastating weather event through the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA and pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses.

Please continuing praying for the families that have lost loved ones and all who have lost homes and businesses along with their sense of peace and normalcy. Your prayerful and financial support is still urgently needed. Please give generously. Donations should be marked for Hurricane Irma Relief.

Parishes will still be accepting donations this weekend. For those who missed the collection or want to give additional funds contributions can also be made on-line at www.HbgDiocese.org/donate via the natural Disasters option.

Bishop Ronald W. Gainer of the Diocese of Harrisburg shares Pope Francis's trust that the Catholic faithful here in the United States will respond to the needs presented by these disasters with a 'vast outpouring of solidarity and mutual aid in the best traditions of the nation. The Bishop added, "I encourage the good and faithful people of our diocese to respond generously with prayers and financial support. It is so urgently needed."

Diocesan Priest's Workshop

The annual workshop for priests of the diocese will be held in Hunt Valley, MD the week of October 9-13. Fr. Bill and Fr. Jayson will be attending. Fr. Richard Baker from Stae College will be providing pastoral assistance for the week. If you are in need of a priest please call Sacred Heart at 717-242-2781 and give them your information. There will **not** be a Monday morning 9:00am Mass on October 9.



LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week
And Weekly Reading



Saturday, September 30: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Luke 9:43b-45

5:00 PM Maggie Sander

Sunday, October 1: 26th Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Ezekiel 18:25-28; Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

9:15 AM Edward Bolger

Monday, October 2: The Holy Guardian Angels (Memorial)

Zechariah 8:1-8; Psalm 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 & 22-23; Matthew 18:1-5, 10

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, October 3: Weekday

Zechariah 8:20-23; Psalm 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday, October 4: St. Francis of Assisi (Memorial)

Nehemiah 2:1-8; Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Luke 9:57-62

Thursday, October 5: Weekday

Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Luke 10:1-12

Friday, October 6: Weekday

Baruch 1:15-22; Psalm 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Luke 10:13-16

Saturday, October 7: Our Lady of the Rosary (Memorial)

Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Psalm 69:33-35, 36-37; Luke 10:17-24

5:00 PM Maggie Sander

Sunday, October 8: 27th Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-6, 19-20; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43

9:15 AM People of the Parish

Calendar of Events

Saturday: 9/30

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

Sunday: 10/01

Mass / 9:15am/ Church

CCD Classes/10:30am after Mass

Monday: 10/02

Mass/9:00am/ Church

Tuesday: 10/03

No Event

Wednesday: 10/04

No Event

Thursday: 10/05

Healing Mass/ 6:00pm/ Church

Friday: 10/06

No Event

Saturday: 10/07

Gospel Reflections/ 7:30am/ social hall

Mass/ 5:00pm/ Church

Sunday: 10/08

Mass / 9:15 am / Church

CCD Classes/ 10:30am after Mass

Fatima video presentation after Mass/Social Hall

Minister Schedule

October 7 & October 8, 2017

Saturday, October 7, 2017: 5:00pm

EMHC: J. & A. Zarnowski

Lector: T. Kromel

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: K. & Y. Melara

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeter: P. Thompson

Ushers: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, October 8, 2017: 9:15am

EMHC: D. Treaster J. Fitzgerald

Lector: Z. Ames

Cantor: M. Miller

Altar Servers: E. & D. Zeigler

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*



Day of Fatima

A “ Day of Fatima “ video presentation will be held for both Sacred Heart and St. Jude parishes at St. Jude in Mifflintown on October 8 following 9:15am Mass in the church social hall. Please plan to come and hear what our Lady has to say both from Fatima and now in our lives as we prayerfully reflect on her word and the call they make to our hearts.



SAINT JUDE FEAST DAY

We will observe Saint Jude’s Feast Day on October 29, 2017. Following the 9:15 Mass, there will be a brunch in the social hall. Be thinking what you can make and bring for breakfast. A sign-up sheet for number attending and for menu item will be available at a later date. Come and celebrate our patron saint, spend some time with your church family and enjoy good food. Any questions, please see Eleanor Thawley

St. Jude Parish Council

There is currently a need to fill three vacancies on parish council. The council assists our pastor in continually striving to fulfill our mission as a faith community. Please be open to a call to serve in this important parish ministry. If you have questions on serving on the council, please speak with Fr. Weary or Ralph Perez.

Diocesan Women’s Conference-Oct. 14, 2017

Women of the Diocese of Harrisburg, please mark your calendar for the 3rd Annual Diocesan Women’s Conference, Saturday, October 14, 2017, at Bishop McDevitt High School. Theme: “*Lead all Souls to Heaven*”: *Mary’s Message to Us from Fatima*. Keynote Speaker: Award winning Catholic author and noted speaker, Susan Brinkmann. The Women’s Conference includes 36 workshops from a blue-ribbon list of speakers, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the Rosary and Benediction, opportunity for Confession available, beautiful music, good food, a wide variety of exhibitors, and celebration of Mass by Bishop Ronald W. Gainer. Conference information including Online Registration, is currently available at www.hbgdiocese.org/women. Registration brochures for paper registration are also available in the church vestibule and online. Last year we had more than 800 women attend this conference. This year we are hoping for 1,000+ women!



Marriage Enrichment Programs

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 several upcoming programs that may benefit you. **Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WME), Sept. 29-Oct.1, 2017 at the Hampton Inn, Mechanicsburg, PA** is the largest pro-marriage organization in the world. It offers married couples an opportunity to learn a technique of loving communication that they can use for the rest of their lives and also a chance to look deeply into their relationship with each other and with God. **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

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

- Tue., Oct 3 – St. Joseph, Danville – 7-9 PM.
- Sat., Nov 18 – Our Lady of the Visitation, Shippensburg 10 AM-12 PM.

GET CONNECTED

On Saturday, October 7 join with other young adults in their 20s and 30s for a fun gathering hosted by the Diocese of Harrisburg. The evening begins with 5:30pm vigil Mass at St. Patrick Cathedral, 212 State Street, Harrisburg. Included will be heavy hors d'oeuvres, drinks, music, games and prizes. Enjoy a fun, relaxed night connecting with old friends and meeting new ones. Cost: \$10.00 registration in advance and \$15.00 at the door. Register at www.hbgdiocese.org/getconnected. Questions-contact 717-657-4804 ext.328 or oyyam@hbgdiocese.org

Annual Fishers of Men Dinner

On Friday, October 6, 2017, the Annual Fishers of Men Dinner will be held at the Cardinal Keeler Center. The proceeds of this dinner will benefit the Patrons of our Seminarians that aid the formation of priests. There is more information in the vestibule of the church.



All Souls Day

Remembrance Service

We are currently working on our program for the **Remembrance Service on November 5, 2017 after 9:15am Mass**. Please call the parish office with names of family members and friends who have died since November 1st of last year. All names must be submitted by Monday, October 30 to the Parish Secretary.

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 sheet.**

Today is Life Chain Sunday

The Mifflin-Juniata Citizens Concerned for Human Life will sponsor **Life Chain Sunday on Oct. 1, 2017 at 1:00 PM**, on the steps of the Old Mifflin County Courthouse. All are invited to come to pray as a group, hear music and speakers, including Rep. Kerry Benninghoff, in support of the respect for all stages of human life. If you wish, you may bring a folding chair. Families with young children are especially welcome.

Grand Ultreya - October 28

A Grand Ultreya will be held by the Diocese of Harrisburg Cursillo Movement on **Saturday, October 28, from 9:00 AM till 3:00 PM** at the Cardinal Keeler Center,



Harrisburg. Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is at 9:15 AM, the Main Celebrant will be Bishop Roanld Gainer with Co-Celebrant, Fr. William Weary.

Sacred Heart School Welcomes Mrs. Amy Whitesel New 5th Grade Teacher!

Mrs. Whitesel comes from Mifflintown with experience in working for the Juniata School District, Juniata County Library, Head Start and the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit. She works hard connecting with the students, with the content, and her own learning. Mrs. Whitesel is a great addition to the staff at Sacred Heart.