

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 15, 2017

Our Lady, Mother of the Church

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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 15, 2017

“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast saying ‘Tell those invited ‘Behold, I have prepared my banquet...and everything is ready, come to the feast’... ‘Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find...Many are invited, but few are chosen.’”

A recent popular book was entitled ‘What Is Heaven Like?’ It was a compelling story. Years ago, Matthew used the parables of Jesus to tell us what the kingdom is like. Using very descriptive examples we learned about a treasure, a pearl, a net, a seed, and on several occasions a banquet, a fine wedding reception, a fiesta or party.

We have been invited through our baptism to join a great banquet. We have responded as we try to live a Christian life of holiness and service. But the parable adds another dimension. We have a role as guest, but also as servants.

We who have accepted the invitation and participate in the banquet, are also the servants, being sent to the main roads to bring others to His table of plenty. Our task, as Pope Francis tells us, is to have others encounter Jesus, invite them and accompany them to the banquet. We need to show them they already have their ticket and a place at His table.

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a

This passage describes the new Jerusalem as a heavenly banquet on the mountain with the Lord God wiping away all tears.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

In simple, direct words, Paul thanks the Philippians for alleviating his hardships. He stresses, though, that he is as accustomed to poverty as to abundance and finds all his strength in Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Once more speaking to the chief priests and the elders, Jesus relates the parable of the wedding banquet. A King, preparing a wedding banquet for his son, summons all the invited guests. When, after several invitations, no guests arrive, the King commands his servants to “go out into the byroads and invite anyone you come upon.” Again, Jesus warns the elders, “the invited are many, the elect are few.”

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Income for October 8, 2017	\$ 2,571.73
Capital Improvements	\$ 290.00
All Saints Day	\$ 10.00
Tithe for October 8, 2017	\$ 257.00
Saint Vincent de Paul Society	



Next Sunday, our parish will celebrate **World Mission Sunday**. It represents a global sign of the universal Church and Mission. We are invited to reach out and help build the Church in the most remote areas across our world. Your prayers and donations will support churches, hospitals, schools, and vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Please show your generosity as much as possible during this collection, because it provides assistance to the young dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Pacific Islands. Thank you!

THANK YOU

Dear members of Saint Jude,

Thank you for your donation of \$ 364.00 to Juniata Meals on Wheels, Inc. on 8-25-17. Your support will aid us in furthering our goals.

Sincerely, Esther E. Bratton, Treasurer



LITURGICAL NOTES:

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



Saturday, October 14: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

Joel 4:12-21; Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Luke 11:27-28
5:00 PM Earl Ober Jr.

Sunday, October 15: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 25:6-10a; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5,6; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14

9:15 AM Mary Helen Ames

Monday, October 16: Weekday

Romans 1:1-7; Psalm 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Luke 11:29-32

9:00 AM Francis Best

Tuesday, October 17: St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr (Memorial)

Romans 1:16-25; Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5; Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday, October 18: St. Luke, Evangelist (Feast)

2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Luke 10:1-9

Thursday, October 19: Sts. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

Romans 3:21-30; Psalm 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Luke 11:47-54

Friday, October 20: Weekday

Romans 4:1-8; Psalm 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Luke 12:1-7

Saturday, October 21: Weekday

Romans 4:13, 16-18; Psalm 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43; Luke 12:8-12

5:00 PM Maggie Sander

Sunday, October 22: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; Psalm 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10; 1

Thessalonians 1:1-5b; Philippians 2:15d, 16a

9:15 AM Richard Berrier, Sr.

Calendar of Events

Saturday: 10/14

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

Sunday: 10/15

Fatima Votive Mass/ 9:15am/ Church
CCD Classes/10:30am after Mass

Monday: 10/16

Mass/9:00am/ Church
Finance Committee/6:00pm/ Parish House
Parish Council/ 7:00pm/ Parish House

Tuesday: 10/17

No Event

Wednesday: 10/18

No Event

Thursday: 10/19

No Event

Friday: 10/20

No Event

Saturday: 10/21

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

Sunday: 10/22

Mass / 9:15 am / Church
CCD Classes/ 10:30am after Mass

Minister Schedule

October 21 & October 22, 2017

Saturday, October 21, 2017: 5:00pm

EMHC: J. & A. Zarnowski

Lector: C. Fitzgerald

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: J. & A. Flores

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeter: P. Thompson

Ushers: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, October 22, 2017: 9:15am

EMHC: T. Ober D. Parson

Lector: G. Treaster

Cantor: S. Connell

Altar Servers: Daryl, Jim, and Dave

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: Ginger Best

Ushers: R. Auken M. Eberts



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*



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 menu item you are bringing is in the social hall. Come and celebrate our patron saint, spend some time with your church family and enjoy good food. Any questions, please see Eleanor Thawley

A Greenwood Furnace State Park Youth Hike is scheduled for **Saturday, October 21st**, beginning with 9:30 AM Mass at Sacred Heart, followed by the hike and restaurant lunch. A sign-up sheet is available in the church vestibule. Please remember to bring money for your lunch.



A Christian Unity Service will be held at 7 PM Tuesday, October 31, 2017 at Sacred Heart Church, commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the

Reformation. Organized by St. John's Lutheran Church and Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, the service will emphasize our common unity in Jesus Christ, ending with a candlelight ceremony. The two church pastors, Rev. William Weary and Rev. Jerri Carlin, will preach. Refreshments will follow in the Sacred Heart school cafeteria. All are invited.

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.



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.**

Sacred Heart Forty Hours Devotions

Mark your calendars for Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotions October 22 – 24, 2017.

This year's guest homilist is Fr. Ignatius Madumere, OP Chaplain, Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, PA. **Forty Hours opens after 11:00 AM Mass on the 22nd**. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed all day on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday until 7:00 PM followed by a service. Monday's service will be a Mass.

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.



Fellow Cursillistas, this is a great opportunity to live your Fourth Day. For those who have not made their Cursillo week-end, this is a great opportunity to learn more about the Cursillo movement. Lunch will be provided. Suggested donation is \$ 15.00. To register contact Phil Talarico, 717-691-0604. bstala1@gmail.com.

Community Day Booklets



Sacred Heart School is selling Bon-Ton Community Day Coupon Booklets. Cost is \$5 for each booklet and can be purchased at Sacred

Heart Parish Office or after masses the weekends of Oct. 21-22 and 28-29. The coupons can be used during the sale November 8th -11th at any Bon-Ton store.

All Saint's Day Mass Schedule

Saint Jude- October 31-7:00pm-Vigil Mass

**Sacred Heart- November 1- 12:00 Noon
7:00pm**

26th Annual Reformation Recital

To Our Dear Friends,

We would like to invite our Catholic brothers and sisters to our anniversary recital to be held on



Sunday afternoon, October 29th at 3 PM at St. John's Lutheran Church, 120 N. Main St., Lewistown. Prelude will begin at 2:45 PM. The Community Choir as well as many talented local musicians and vocalists including the St. John's music department will present a variety of literature. If you love music you will not want to miss this event. An excellent line up is planned for this wonderful afternoon of music and fellowship. Looking forward to seeing all of you there.

The 500th Anniversary Committee
St. John's Lutheran Church

Eagle Scout Fundraiser

Parishioner Zach Hemond is working toward earning his Eagle Scout. His project is building shelves and organizing for the Ronald McDonald house in Danville, and he is raising funds to help pay for supplies and tables for them. A fundraiser will be held at Harshbargers on October 31. Please support Zach by using the coupon below.