

St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church

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Liturgy Schedule

SATURDAY: 5:30 PM

First Saturday 6:45 PM

Hispanic Mass

SUNDAY: 9:15 AM

MONDAY: 9:00AM

HOLY DAYS: AS ANNOUNCED

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 4:30-5:15 PM

Parish Office Hours:

Monday: 9:00 to 12:00

Wed. : 9:00 to 12:00

CLOSED HOLIDAYS



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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.

October 6, 2019

Twenty-Seventh 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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 6, 2019

"I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God you have through the imposition of my hands. For God did not give you a spirit of cowardice, but rather of power and love and self-control. So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord, nor of me, a prisoner for his sake, but bear your share of the hardship for the gospel, with the strength that comes from God. Take as your norm the sound words that you heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus."

We all need reminders. Emails are sent about meetings, calls made about a dentist appointment, a light on the dashboard to check the oil. Each one has importance and serves a good purpose.

Paul resorts to a reminder and uses the example of a flame. We know a small spark has great potential to become a blazing inferno. Blowing gently on embers from a barbecue can create a fire. The old song 'it only takes a spark to get a fire going' is real.

The same image was directed to Timothy, reminding him of the hands asking for the Spirit to ordain him. The same imposition of hands occurred for us at our baptism and confirmation. Yes, we too have the gift of power, love and self control. Am I ready to stir it into a flame?

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

The prophet Habakkuk cries out despairingly to God because of the state Jerusalem has fallen into. He asks why God does nothing to stop the violence and misery. God assures him that a time will come when only the just and faithful will live.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Paul writes to Timothy from prison and urges him to continue to spread the gospel without fear or shame. He also tells Timothy to draw upon the strength of the Holy Spirit to help him face the hardships he will encounter while preaching.

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

The disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith. Jesus replies that "faith the size of a mustard seed could transplant a sycamore," indicating that a person either has faith, strong and complete, or none at all. Jesus also explains that a servant will not receive gratitude for simply following his master's orders. In the same way, we are all God's servants doing no more than our duty when we obey God's commands.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Income for September 29, 2019	\$1,943.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 10.00
Missionary Co-op	\$ 510.00
Tithe for September 29, 2019	\$ 194.00
Juniata County Food Pantry	

Missionary Cooperative Program

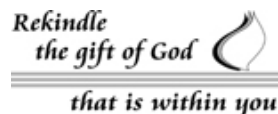
Thank You to everyone who contributed to the missionary representing the Redemptorist Missions over the past two week-ends. Parishioner's from Saint Jude contributed \$ 1,292.00. . **This is awesome!**



Another big thank you to all who participated in the Baby Bottle Boomerang this past spring. We received a thank you , stating that Saint Jude had raised \$ 540.48, that will provide Crossroads Pregnancy Center with needed funding for their ministry.

Remembrance Service

We are currently working on our program for the **Remembrance Service on November 3rd, after the 9:15am Mass** Please call the parish office with names of family members and friends who have died since November 1st of last year. **Deadline is Friday, October 25, 2019**



LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week
And Weekly Readings



Saturday, October 5: Weekday

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

5:30 PM People of the Parish

6:45PM People of the Parish

Sunday, October 6: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Timothy
1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10

9:15 AM Donald Thome

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

Johan 1:1-2:2, 11; Johan 2:3, 4, 5, 8; Luke 10:25-37

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, October 8: Weekday

Johan 3:1-10; Psalm 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8; Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday, October 9: Weekday

Johan 4:1-11; Psalm 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10; Luke 11:1-4

Thursday, October 10: Weekday

Malachi 3:13-20b; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Luke 11:5-13

Friday, October 11: Weekday

Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Psalm 9:2-3, 6 & 16, 8-9; Luke 11:15-26

Saturday, October 12: Weekday

Joel 4:12-21; Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Luke 11:27-28

5:30 PM Edward Fitzgerald

Sunday, October 13: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 5:14-17; Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 2 Timothy 2:8-13;
Luke 17:11-19

9:15 AM Earl Ober, Jr.

Calendar of Events

Saturday: 10/05

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/social hall

Mass/5:30pm/ Church

Spanish Mass/6:45pm/Church

Sunday: 10/06

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

CCD/10:30am

Fall Adult Bible Study/5:00pm/social hall

Monday: 10/07

Mass/9:00am/Church

Finance/Parish Council/7:00pm/Parish House

Tuesday: 10/08

Ladies Nite Out/6:00pm/Church

Wednesday: 10/09

No Event

Thursday: 10/10

No Event

Friday: 10/11

No Event

Saturday: 10/12

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/social hall

Mass/5:30pm/ Church

Sunday: 10/13

Mass/9:15am/Church

CCD/10:30 am

Fall Bible Series/5-7:30pm/ social hall

Minister Schedule

October 12 & October 13, 2019

Saturday, October 12, 2019: 5:30 pm

EMHC: A. Zarnowski

Lector: J. Fitzgerald

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: J. Zarnowski

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, October 13, 2019: 9:15am

EMHC: G. Best J. Price D. Parson

Lector: T. Ober

Cantor; M. Miller

Altar Servers: St. Michael's Guard

Ushers: D. Ames P. Ames



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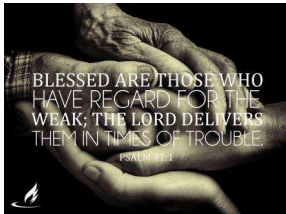
Seeking Charity and Justice

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*

2019 Women's Conference Registration Now Open!

Register now at www.hbgdiocese.org/women for the **Women of Light, Sisters in Christ** Diocese of Harrisburg's 2019 Women's Conference on Saturday, October 12, 2019 at Bishop McDevitt High School, Harrisburg, PA. The conference will include Keynote Speaker Helen Alvare, well known Catholic speaker/author/personality, Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction and Rosary, Sacrament of Confession, Holy Sacrifice of the mass, Principal Celebrant, Bishop Ronald Gainer, and 40 plus workshops over 3 sessions. Go online for a registration form, workshop descriptions, bios, conference schedule and cost. Please register for this great conference and please bring other women with you!

Blessed is he who considers the poor! The Lord delivers him in the day of trouble; the Lord protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land; thou dost not give him up to the will of his enemies. The Lord sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness thou healest all his infirmities. Psalm 41:1-3 Being generous and kind is the mission of St. Vincent dePaul. We



are very blessed to have our parishioners who help in that mission. Your kindness and generosity allows us to help those in need as God directed. Please consider a donation

of funds, gift cards, gas cards, furniture, or household goods. This time of the year as the weather gets cooler the needs increase. God's blessings to you as you consider helping the St. Vincent dePaul Society. For questions you can email the office at stvincentdepaullewistown@gmail.com or call at (717) 242-2781. *"extend mercy toward others, so that there can be no one in need who you meet without helping"*.

SAINT JUDE FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Breakfast Brunch on Sunday, October 27, 2019 after the 9:15am Mass in the social hall. Think about what you can make and bring for breakfast. Sign up sheets for number attending and menu item you will be bringing are now in the social hall. Come and enjoy your Church family, food and friendship. Contact person is Eleanor Thawley.

Fall Bible Series at St. Jude Thaddeus

Our Father's Plan, a Bible Study of Salvation History, will be the fall series at St.

Jude Parish. This popular program that features videos by Scott Hahn and Jeff Cavins, provides an opportunity through individual study, study aides, small group discussions, and video to get a better understanding of the wonderful significance of events in the Bible as God speaks to us, as well as how it can help us realize the fullness of our faith and God's plan for us as His children. The program is open to anyone who wants to enrich their understanding and knowledge of the Bible and their Catholic faith. As with their other Sunday programs, a share meal will be served at the beginning of each session.



LADIES NIGHT OUT

St. Jude Women's Guild would like to invite the women of Saint Jude Parish to our annual **Ladies Night Out on Tuesday, Oct. 8th**. Join us at 6:00 PM for the Rosary; 6:30 PM for wine and cheese and 7:00 PM for dinner. Our guest speaker will be **Jim Gontis, Director of Evangelization and Catechesis at the Diocese of Harrisburg.**



Education Focused On Service Builds Virtue

Our Lord spoke often about serving others as part of discipleship. In John 12:26 we read: ***"Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me."*** In Mark 10:45 Jesus says, ***"For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."*** He sets a clear example for us: serve others joyfully. The purpose of Catholic education is not only to open the mind to receive knowledge, but also to help the student grow in virtue. Catholic schools put a great deal of focus on service so that students may "practice when they preach," that is, they might live out the Gospel and virtues they are learning about in school. If we want to transform the culture, it is crucial that we raise children who understand that serving others joyfully is a blessed call of discipleship in Jesus Christ. With a Catholic education, parents can be assured that many opportunities to serve will be presented, and that when a student does a service project, that student will be reminded of how their actions impact the church and the entire world.