

# 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 3:00

CLOSED HOLIDAYS



[www.stjudemifflintown.org](http://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.

**Knight of Columbus** – Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**September 3, 2017**

**Twenty-Second 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

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 3, 2017**

**"He asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' They replied 'Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter said in reply: 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.'**

How curious that Jesus should ask this question. Did He want to be sure that the disciples had a clear understanding? Was Peter's response partly his own and partly from the Father? The conversation led to the promise of responsibility to be conferred on Peter after the resurrection.

May we restate Jesus' question as He presents it to us. 'Who is Jesus Christ for me today?' 'Where do I expect to find Him?' There is a great difference between knowing about someone and really knowing them. Jesus wants us to know Him better, love Him more deeply, and serve Him, especially in the most vulnerable and the needy.

Our reflection should lead us to want to have a greater knowledge of Jesus as our personal Savior, not just a figure written up in the gospels. My response to the question requires a new and ongoing commitment to the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus makes a promise to me, as He did to Peter. I'm glad He asked this question.

**First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23**

This passage refers to the use of authority and indicates the Key as the symbol of authority. The words "open" and "shut" refer to the power that will eventually be given to Peter.

**Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36**

Paul writes ecstatic and praise-filled words about God's plan for his people. In him, he writes, "all things are."

**Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20**

When Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter exclaims, "You are the Messiah!" Christ then declares that Peter is the "Rock" upon which he will build his Church, promising him the power "to bind" and "to loose."



**[Important Meeting of CCD Teachers](#)**

**There will be a short meeting with all CCD teachers right after 9:15am Mass today.**

**Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:**

Income for August 27, 2017	\$ 2, 353.28
Feast of the Assumption	\$ 5.00
Votives	\$ 41.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 35.00
Tithe for August 27, 2017	\$ 240.00
Crossroads Pregnancy Center	

**Hurricane Harvey Collection**

***A special collection will be held in all parishes of the Diocese of Harrisburg this weekend, September 2 & 3, for Hurricane Harvey relief efforts. This is a part of the U.S. Catholic Bishops emergency collection to assist the millions of persons affected by this unprecedented catastrophic weather event. This includes the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA and pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted diocese.***

***For those not able to donate this weekend, parishes will be accepting donations for the next 2 weekends. These should be marked for Hurricane Harvey Relief. Contributions can also be made on-line at [www.HbgDiocee.org/donate](http://www.HbgDiocee.org/donate) via the Natural Disasters option.***

Next week, our envelopes will be for Peter's Pence, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence).



## LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass  for the  
Intentions *for the Week*

### And Weekly Reading



#### Saturday, September 2: Weekday

1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Psalm 98:1, 7-8, 9; Matthew 25:14-30

5:00 PM Eleanor Angstadt

6:30 PM People of the Parish

#### Sunday, September 3: 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary

##### Time

Jeremiah 20:7-9; Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

9:15 AM Randall Hafer

#### Monday, September 4: Weekday

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Psalm 96:1 & 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13; Luke 4:16-30

9:00 AM People of the Parish

#### Tuesday, September 5: Weekday

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14; Luke 4:31-37

#### Wednesday, September 6: Weekday

Colossians 1:1-8; Psalm 52:10, 11; Luke 4:38-44

#### Thursday, September 7: Weekday

Colossians 1:9-14; Psalm 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Luke 5:1-11

#### Friday, September 8: The Nativity of the

##### Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)

Micah 5:1-4a; Psalm 13:6ab, 6c; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

#### Saturday, September 9: St. Peter Claver, Priest

##### (Memorial)

Colossians 1:21-23; Psalm 54:3-4, 6 & 8; Luke 6:1-5

5:00 PM People of the Parish

#### Sunday, September 10: 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in

##### Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 33:7-9; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20

9:15 AM Eleanor Angstadt

## Calendar of Events

#### Saturday: 9/02

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/ social hall

Mass/ 5:00pm/ Church

Spanish Mass/ 6:30pm/ Church

#### Sunday: 9/03

Mass / 9:15am/ Church

#### Monday: 9/04

Mass/9:00am/ Church

#### Tuesday: 9/05

No Event

#### Wednesday: 9/06

No Event

#### Thursday: 9/07

Healing Mass/6:00pm/ Church

#### Friday: 9/08

No Event

#### Saturday: 9/09

Gospel Reflections/ 7:30am/ social hall

Mass/ 5:00pm/ Church

#### Sunday: 9/10

Mass / 9:15 am / Church

CCD Classes/ 10:30am after Mass

## **Minister Schedule**

### **September 9 & September 10, 2017**

Saturday, September 9, 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, September 10, 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***



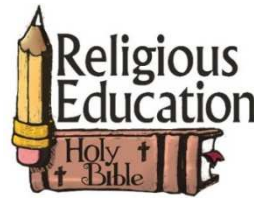
### Cemetery of Innocents

This display will be erected in October, Respect Life Month, in the church yard. Parishioners now have the opportunity to purchase a cross or crosses for \$2 each. This display will represent the number of lives lost to abortion each month in Pennsylvania. If you have any questions, please contact Megan Miller (527-4426) [mfitzy6@hotmail.com](mailto:mfitzy6@hotmail.com) or Colleen Hazard (527-9914) [chazard@live.com](mailto:chazard@live.com). Crosses will be for sale after 9:15 masses. Checks may be made payable to Women's Guild. In addition, a portion of each cross purchase will be donated to Rachel's Vineyard. [www.rachelsvineyard.com](http://www.rachelsvineyard.com)

### WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

The Guild is having a liquidation sale of all merchandise in the Religious Articles Store. Everything is 50% off. We also have two tables of books and miscellaneous items free or if you wish to make a donation. Money earned from the closing of the store will go to purchase a new white set of altar linens and vestment.

Also, if you want to give to the parish without spending a dime, think Weis and Giant grocery cards. 5% of your purchase goes directly to the church. Your gift cards can be used for gas, food, or pharmacy purchases. This 5% has helped the guild purchase the new refrigerator/freezer, and revitalization of the Prayer Garden including the table, benches, and umbrella.



### CCD NEWS

All parents are asked to sign up their children for the current CCD year which will begin on September 10 after the 9:15 AM Mass. It is important to know numbers for each class, so the proper number of books are ordered. Even if you were in class in previous years, you still must sign up for the current year.

### Diocesan Women's Conference-Oct. 14, 2017

Women of the Diocese of Harrisburg, please mark your calendar for the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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!



## First Diocesan Encuentro of Hispanic Ministry

Please save the date of **September 23, 2017** for the Diocesan Encuentro at Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg. Keynote Speaker: Auxiliary Bishop of Newark and Regional Lead for V Encuentro, **Bishop Manuel Cruz**. Day begins with the Diocesan Hispanic Heritage Mass with **Bishop Ronald W. Gainer** as the Principal Celebrant and Homilist. The **free** event (offered in Spanish) includes: 3 workshops, worship music, Priests available for Confession, and lunch. **Due to limited spaces available, please contact the parish office to request tickets!** For more information visit [www.hbgdiocese.org/hispanicministry](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/hispanicministry). All are welcome to be part of a day of prayer, worship, catechesis and fellowship!

## Fatima Evening, Sept. 13, 2017 6:00-8:00PM

Father Harry McCreedy will lead the Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> Fatima Evening of Prayer for Peace and the Protection of the world at Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist in Birdsboro, PA. For the past 21 years, Fr. McCreedy has led Candlelight Rosary Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima at his parish on the anniversary of Our Lady's sixth and final apparition to St. Jacinta, St. Francisco, and Blessed Lucia. He

is a prominent Fatima pilgrimage guide due to his special devotion to Our Lady of Fatima. This event includes Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Praying the Rosary, an Act of Consecration of Our Nation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Eucharistic Benediction, and the Holy Sacrifice of Mass. To register for Fatima Evening contact: [olme@olme.org](mailto:olme@olme.org) or call 610-582-3333.



## Women of Grace Study Programs

All women are invited to embark on the exciting journey to discover the gift of authentic femininity, holiness of life and woman's purpose and mission in the world today. Starting this fall, we will again offer the Women of Grace and the Young Women of Grace Study Programs at **Sacred Heart**. If you participated in the WOG program in the past, you many come again, and all new participants are welcome. The Young Women of Grace is for young women, ages 12 to 17, and will meet at a time that works for all participants. The materials for either study will need to be pre-paid to order, if you don't have them already. **Please call the facilitators, Jo Fisher, 717-242-3406, for Women of Grace, and Mary Smith, 717-994-1941, Young Women of Grace, for more information.**

## Marriage Annulments

The Tribunal of the Diocese of Harrisburg will be giving the following presentations within the diocese concerning marriage, divorce and annulment according to Church teaching. These presentations will be helpful for divorced Catholics, those divorced who wish to marry Catholics, those parish leders involved in the RCIA process and any others who may have a vested interest because of family or friends. **Sept. 11 – Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg, 7 PM**

### Sept. 14 - St. Joseph, Hanover, 7 PM

No prior registration is required. For further information, please call 717-657-4804, ext. 304, or email: [tribunal@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:tribunal@hbgdiocese.org) or visit [www.HbgDiocese.org/annulments](http://www.HbgDiocese.org/annulments).

## 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.

For those **RENEWING** their mandates as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- Tue., Sept 5 – St. Joseph, Danville – 7-9 PM

