

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

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.

September 10, 2017

Twenty-Third 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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 10, 2017

" Amen, amen I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them"

How wonderful when we find several people gathered in prayer. It may be before a statue or shrine, at table in a family home, or before the Blessed Sacrament. Maybe beads pass through gnarled fingers, hands raised in praise, or a simple profound bow, people turning to a loving God. His grace and their faith allow this stirring moment to happen.

Our prayer may be for our personal needs, may be prayer of intercession for someone who is ill or in difficult circumstances, or an expression of deep gratitude for favors granted. On each occasion may we acknowledge the words of the gospel that the Lord is truly present in such gatherings. He invites us to prayer, we invite Him to participate with us.

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

God has appointed the prophet as a watchman over his people. If he fails to give them warning against sin, he will be held responsible.

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

In this beautiful letter, Paul says that all commandments are contained in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus explains to his disciples how to respond to those who wrong them – with gentleness and practical wisdom. He promises that whenever "two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst."

Love your neighbor...



as you love yourself.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Income for September 3, 2017	\$ 2, 898.48
Capital Improvements	\$ 340.00
Hurricane Harvey Relief	\$ 840.00
Tithe for September 3, 2017	\$ 290.00
Juniata County Food Pantry	

Thank you for your generous donations to the special collection for Hurricane Harvey Relief that was taken up the weekend of September 2 & 3. For those who missed this collection or want to give an additional donation, please mark your donation for Hurricane Harvey Relief or visit www.HbgDiocese.org/donate and use the Natural Disasters option.

Millions of persons were affected by this unprecedented catastrophic weather event. Please pray 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 urgently needed. Please give generously.



Dear St. Jude Church,
On behalf of the Paul W. DeLauter Youth Center Inc., I would like to thank you for your recent donation of \$307.00 on August 11, 2017. Thank you again for sharing in our commitment to our community youth.
Sincerely,
Brent M. Miller, Treasurer

Today, our second collection is for Peter's Pence, which supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. This collection is taken up by Catholics around the globe and helps the Holy Father reach out to the suffering in our world, especially those enduring the effects of war and violence, natural disaster, and religious persecution. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week



And Weekly Reading

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: 23rd 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

Monday, September 11: Weekday

Colossians 1:24-2:3; Psalm 62:6-7,9; Luke 6:6-11
9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, September 12: Weekday

Colossians 2:6-15; Psalm 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday, September 13: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

Colossians 3:1-11; Psalm 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Luke 6:20-26

Thursday, September 14: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast)

Numbers 21:4b-9; Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38;
Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

Friday, September 15: Our Lady of sorrows (Memorial)

1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; Psalm 16:1b-2a & 5, 7-8, 11; John 19:25-27

Saturday, September 16: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs (Memorial)

1 Timothy 1:15-17; Psalm 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 & 6-7; Luke 6:43-49

5:00 PM Maggie Sander

Sunday, September 17: 24th 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 Richard Berrier, Jr.

Calendar of Events

Saturday: 9/09

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

Sunday: 9/10

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

Monday: 9/11

Mass/9:00am/ Church

Tuesday: 9/12

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Wednesday: 9/13

No Event

Thursday: 9/14

No Event

Friday: 9/15

No Event

Saturday: 9/16

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

Sunday: 9/17

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

Minister Schedule

September 16 & September 17 2017

Saturday, September 16, 2017: 5:00pm

EMHC: A. Zarnowski

Lector: G. Treaster

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: Joe, Dave, and Mike

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeter: G. Curdo

Ushers: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, September 17, 2017: 9:15am

EMHC: T. Ober J. Fitzgerald

Lector: T. Kromel

Cantor: A. Arnold C. Ames

Altar Servers: M. Imes C. Murphy

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: People of the Parish

Ushers: D. & Z. Ames



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



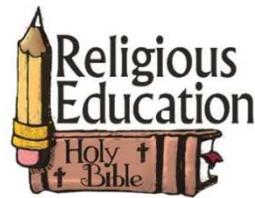
Cemetery of Innocents

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 or Colleen Hazard (527-9914) 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

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 TODAY 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 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!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting this Tuesday, September 12 at 7:00pm in the social hall.

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. 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. 13th 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 or call 610-582-3333.



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.

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 or visit www.HbgDiocese.org/annulments.

Come Walk and Pray

A prayer walk will be held at **Lewistown Rec Park on Tuesday, Sept. 19th, 6:30 PM, Rain or Shine**. Let's come together and pray for our community and the land around us. Let's pray and believe together as God's Church to see His plan fulfilled in our area. Many lives can and will be changed as we, "humble ourselves and pray". ***"If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."* II Chronicles 7:14.**