

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 17, 2017

Twenty-Fourth 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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 17, 2017

“Forgive your neighbor’s injustices, then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself can he seek pardon for his own sins?... Remember your last days, set enmity aside, remember death and decay, and cease from sin. Think of the commandments hate not your neighbor, remember the Most High’s covenant and overlook faults.”

When we consider the word power, we might think of electricity, strength, or brute force. The greatest power available is not material, physical or even emotional. The greatest power resides in every person, yet often goes unused.

The scriptures today reflect that power and it is found in the word forgiveness. Every person has the power to forgive. In our world beset with hatred, war, discrimination rarely do we resort to the use of this power. We are set on dominating, getting even, putting others in their place. We judge, presume intentions and motivation, yet fail to see the splinter in our own eye. The power to forgive is a gift for use, for my own wellbeing and for others.

I recall a wise old priest who directed others to ‘look the other way’

First Reading: Sirach 27:30—28:7

Sirach advises all to forgive the faults of their neighbor. Only by forgiving the sins of others, can a person expect to be forgiven his sins.

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Paul stresses that no one is his own master; we are responsible to the Lord, and we belong to him in both life and death.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

This narrative points out the difference between mercy and justice. When Peter asks how often he should forgive someone who wrongs him, Jesus answers, “...not seven times: I say seventy times seven times.” Jesus then narrates the story of the king who was merciful to his official by forgiving him all his debts, but this same official showed no mercy to his own servant.

Tithing is God’s Plan for Giving:

Income for September 10, 2017	\$ 1,596.23
Peter’s Pence Collection	\$ 145.00
Hurricane Harvey Relief	\$ 550.00
Tithe for September 10, 2017	\$ 160.00
PA Pro-Life Federation	

Thank you for your generous donations to the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund. The total from Saint Jude was \$ 1,390.00 for the two weeks.

Card of Thanks

Though it is not easy, we are thankful to be here. Those who come through our door need hope. We have this hope. Your support-unseen by those who come in our door-provides the very foundation for this hope, help...and even healing. You are appreciated and as we look forward to fall, we look ahead to providing more hope-together.

**Sincerely,
Cindy Mansberger, Executive Director
Crossroads Pregnancy Center**

Knight’s of Columbus Blood Drive

We were able to collect 39 pints of blood on Saturday, September 2. We thank everyone that was involved with the drive.



LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week



And Weekly Reading

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.

Monday, September 18: Weekday

1 Timothy 2:1-8; Psalm 28:2, 7, 8-9; Luke 7:1-10

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, September 19: Weekday

1 Timothy 3:1-13; Psalm 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6; Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday, September 20: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs (Memorial)

1 Timothy 3:14-16; Psalm 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Luke 7:31-35

Thursday, September 21: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (Feast)

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5; Matthew 9:9-13

Friday, September 22: Weekday

1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Psalm 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Luke 8:1-3

Saturday, September 23: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest (Memorial)

1 Timothy 6:13-16; Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Luke 8:4-15

5:00 PM Maggie Sander

Sunday, September 24: 25th Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20:1-16a

9:15 AM In Memory of Charles and Mary Helen
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Calendar of Events

Saturday: 9/16

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/ social hall

Mass/ 5:00pm/ Church

Sunday: 9/17

Mass / 9:15am/ Church

CCD Classes/10:30am after Mass

Monday: 9/18

Mass/9:00am/ Church

Finance Committee/6:00pm/Parish House

Parish Council/ 7:00pm/ Parish House

Tuesday: 9/19

No Event

Wednesday: 9/20

No Event

Thursday: 9/21

No Event

Friday: 9/22

No Event

Saturday: 9/23

Gospel Reflections/ 7:30am/ social hall

Mass/ 5:00pm/ Church

Sunday: 9/24

Mass / 9:15 am / Church

CCD Classes/ 10:30am after Mass

Minister Schedule

September 23 & September 24, 2017

Saturday, September 23, 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, September 24, 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*



Cemetery of Innocents

Dear Parishioners, the sale of crosses will soon be over for the Cemetery of Innocents. We currently have approximately 500 crosses to be included. Thank you all for your donations so far. We will be selling crosses until Sunday, September 17th. If we have 531 crosses, each cross will represent 5 babies lost to abortion during the month in PA. 663 crosses (4 babies/cross), 884 crosses (3 babies/cross), 1,326 (2 babies/cross) And 2,652 (1 baby/cross). Crosses are \$2 a cross with a portion of the donation going toward Rachel's Vineyard.

We will be placing the crosses on Saturday, September 30th. If you are interested in helping with this project, there will be a sign up sheet by the display in the vestibule. We especially invite the youth of the parish to come. Food and beverages will be provided. Thank you again for your generosity. If you have any questions, please contact Megan Miller at mfitzy6@hotmail.com (717-363-7319) Or Colleen Hazard at chazard@live.com (919-283-6342).



Ladies Night Out

Save the date, Tuesday, September 26, 2017. This is the 8th Annual Ladies Night Out sponsored by The Women's Guild. Join us at 6:00pm in the Social Hall for an introductory presentation of Mary- A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother. At 6:30 we will have a cheese, wine and beer social. Dinner will be at 7:00pm. This year we are having a "Not Quite October-Fest" featuring Salad, Sauerbraten, Spaetzle, Glazed carrots, and Streudel. Invitations will be handed out after Mass. Please RSVP by September 24. Hope to see you there.

Also, please remember the liquidation sale that is ongoing at the religious articles counter. Everything is 50% off. There are also several tables of books that are free. Stop by after Mass.



Mass of Consecration to Our Lady of Fatima

This Mass will be concelebrated by the Bishops of Pennsylvania on Wed., Sept. 27 at 12 Noon in St. Patrick Cathedral, 212 State St., Harrisburg. On this day, the Bishops of Pennsylvania will gather to celebrate the Holy Eucharist, during which Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, OFM Cap., Metropolitan Archbishop of Philadelphia, will consecrate the province to Our Lady of Fatima in this 100th anniversary year of her apparitions. All are invited to attend this mass, which is an opportunity of grace for the Church in Pennsylvania.



Prayer Walk

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.*

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!



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!

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.

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

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.**