

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.

September 16, 2018

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 16, 2018

“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace, keep warm and eat well’, but you do not give to them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works is dead. Indeed, someone might say ‘You have faith and I have works.’ Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.”

In his exhortation calling us to holiness, Pope Francis clearly shows us how our attitude, responding to needs with faith and charity. Seeing in the one I encounter as a human being with dignity identical with my own, a creature infinitely loved by the Father, an image of God, a brother or sister redeemed by Jesus Christ. That is what it is to be a Christian.

The biblical letter of James and Pope Francis' exhortation challenge us to walk the walk and not just talk the talk leading us from complacency to assist the suffering. We have the power to change other's lives from despair and fill them with hope. To follow Him requires my self-denial, acceptance of the cross and action.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9a

Isaiah describes the willingness of the Suffering Servant to submit to the persecution of his enemies. This willingness stems from true faith in God, and the knowledge that the Lord will always be his help.

Second Reading: James 2:14-18

James states that if someone is hungry and you wish them well but do not help them, you have done them no good. He compares this to stating your faith, without backing it up with your actions. He reminds us that we must show our faith through our good works.

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

Jesus taught his disciples that as the Messiah, he had to suffer much, be put to death, and rise three days later. Peter began to disagree and Jesus reprimanded him for judging by human standards rather than by God's. He told them that whoever would be willing to lose their life for the sake of Jesus and the gospel, will in fact preserve their life forever.



Mifflin-Juniata Cursillo Group will hold their September Ultreya on **Sunday, September 16th at 4:00 PM**

at the Sacred Heart Church Rectory

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Income for September 9, 2018	\$ 1,739.50
Capital Improvements	\$ 70.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 202.00
Tithe for September 9, 2018	\$ 181.00
Crossroads Pregnancy Center	

Dates to Remember

Monday, September 17, 2018- Finance Committee meets at 6:00pm followed by Parish Council at 7:00pm



A representative from **Land of Peace**, a nonprofit organization with the mission of helping and supporting Christian families in the Holy Land through the Patriarch of Jerusalem is scheduled to visit the church this week-end. They will be selling religious articles from the Holy Land after each of the Masses.



Thank You to all the ladies who answered our call to help with cleaning the parish house on Monday, September 10. It has not been cleaned for quite awhile, and is a very heavily used area. It is our office area as well as our CCD classrooms. Father also has a room there. Along with various meetings, it is also used for the weekly Welcome Center meetings on Fridays. In a short amount of time the ladies had all the rooms cleaned, along with windows and bathrooms. Even the curtains were washed. All your hard work is greatly appreciated. **THANK YOU LADIES !!!!!**

LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*
And Weekly Readings



Saturday, September 15: Our Lady of Sorrows (Memorial)

1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Psalm 116:12-13, 17-18; John
19:25-27

5:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, September 16: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 50:4c-9a; Psalm 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; James 2:14-
18; Mark 8:27-35

9:15 AM People of the Parish

Monday, September 17: Weekday

1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33; Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17;
Luke 7:1-10

9:00 AM Stephen Ober

Tuesday, September 18: Weekday

1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a; Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5;
Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday, September 19: Weekday

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Psalm 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 & 22; Luke
7:31-35

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

1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Psalm 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 & 22; Luke
7:31-35

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

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

Saturday, September 22: Weekday

1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49; Psalm 56:10c-12, 13-14;
Luke 8:4-15

5:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, September 23: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; Psalm 54:3-4, 5, 6 & 8; James 3:16-
4:3; Mark 9:30-37

9:15AM Charles and Mary Helen Ames

Calendar of Events

Saturday: 9/15

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

Sunday: 9/16

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church
CCD/10:30AM

Monday: 9/17

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

Tuesday: 9/18

No Event

Wednesday: 9/19

No Event

Thursday: 9/20

No Event

Friday: 9/21

No Event

Saturday: 9/122

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

Sunday: 9/23

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

Minister Schedule

September 22 & September 23, 2018

Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018: 5:00pm

EMHC: J. & A. Zarnowski

Lector: Y. Melara

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: K. & Y. Melara

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: People of the Parish

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, Sept.23, 2018: 9:15am

EMHC: T. Ober J. Price G. Best

Lector: J. Kelly

Cantor: M. Miller

Altar Servers: Dave, Jim, and Mike

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: People of the Parish

Ushers: R. Auker 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

Sign Up Today – November 3, 2018

As part of the events celebrating the 150th anniversary of the diocese of Harrisburg, **Bishop Gainer will lead a diocesan pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, on Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 9:00AM to 4:00PM.** This will be the first time Bishop Gainer will lead our diocese to Washington since he was installed in 2014. **Scheduled events for the day include:** *Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with the Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer as Celebrant and Homilist, Eucharistic Adoration, Celebration of the Luminous, Mysteries of the Rosary and Sacrament of Penance.* There will be free time for Lunch, Private Prayer, Shopping at the Shrine Gift Shop and a Self-Guided Tour of the Basilica. **Sacred Heart has reserved a bus for this special day. Cost is \$25/per person.** Departure and return times to be determined. **A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex.** For more information about upcoming events for the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Harrisburg go to www.hbgdiocese.org/150.



BE NOT AFRAID

This year St. Jude's Council of the Knight's of Columbus will be leading the meditation of the rosary throughout the month of October, Respect Life Month. Please plan to join us all Sundays in October at 8:45 am before Mass. Please join us as we come together in prayer and meditation as we ask for our Blessed Mother's intercession during Respect Life month.

2018 Diocesan Women's Conference



Women of Life and Love: Celebrating 50 Years of Humanae Vitae is the theme of the 4th annual Diocesan Women's Conference. Join us

at Bishop McDevitt High School on **October 20, 2018** for Mass by Bishop Gainer, excellent music by "Women at the Well", 30+ workshops by a blue-ribbon panel of speakers, nationally know Catholic speaker and author Jennifer Fulwiler as the keynote speaker and much more. We are hoping for 1,000 women strong in attendance this year. Check the bulletin for additional information in the coming weeks.



Cemetery of Innocents

The Cemetery of Innocents will be built on September 30 after the 9:15 am Mass for those who wish to help. Lunch will be provided. Thank you for all your support in this very worthwhile display of life and love

Washington DC Pilgrimage

A generous parishioner has offered 4 "scholarships", to aid those who would like to take part in the pilgrimage to Washington, DC in November, and are unable to finance the \$ 25.00 bus fee. Please contact Gale in the office for details.

The Harrisburg Cursillo Movement invites you to **GRAND ULTREYA** on **Saturday, October 27th**, 9 AM – 3 PM at the Diocesan Conference Center, 4800 Union Deposit Road in Harrisburg. Doors open at 8 AM with Mass at 9:15 AM, Bishop Ronald Gainer as main celebrant. Cursillistas, come share in this once a year event!! If you have not made a weekend yet, come learn about Cursillo. REGISTER BY OCTOBER 22nd. Suggested donation \$15.00, includes lunch. For information or to register, contact Roseann Guerrini at Rose52g@comcast.net or at 717-248-4328. Send checks payable to "Harrisburg Cursillo Movement" to: 409 Oak Ridge Road, Lewistown, PA 17044 or you may pay at the door. BRING YOUR SPIRITUAL BOOKS FOR THE BOOK SWAP !

LADIES NIGHT OUT

All ladies of the parish, please watch for your invitation in the coming weeks to the annual Ladies Night Out. It is held each fall in the social hall and includes a delicious meal and a chance to meet other women of the parish that you may not know or see very often. This year it will be held on **October 9, so SAVE THE DATE!!**

Enroll Now for the 2018-19 School Year!

SHS still has openings for Grades K-5 for the 2018-2019 school year. If you or someone you know has a child ready for Kindergarten or looking to transfer, come and visit or encourage them to take a look at SHS. **We are currently offering a tuition transfer grant to any child going into grades 1 through 5 for the 2018-2019 school year.** Any public, private, charter or home-school student who transfers to SHS is eligible to receive a Tuition Transfer Grant. Each student will receive \$1,500 in grants over the course of 2 years. Restrictions apply and no financial aid forms are required.

THE WILD GOOSE

This fall/spring we will be doing the Wild Goose series. "The Wild Goose was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit...Apart from the Wild Goose there is no life...The Wild Goose Project is a simple attempt to invite Catholic Christians into a more profound life-giving relationship with the Holy Spirit. This is a relationship marked by the love of God which breathes life into our daily existence.", Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR. The sessions will be structured similar to the Christ Life series and will be available in both English and Spanish. For the first session a meal will be served. Please join us Sunday evenings at 5:30 pm, beginning September 30th thru November 18th, 2018 for the first half of this beautiful series on the Holy Spirit. While there is no cost for the sessions, we ask that you register for the series to help in preparing the materials. If you have any questions please contact Ralph Perez 717-543-1905.

FAN the FIRE YOUTH RALLY

St. Joseph Parish in York is excited to host our **20th Annual Fan the Fire Youth Rally for teens in grades 8-12 on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 9:30AM – 8:00PM.** Fan the Fire is an exciting, one-day Eucharistic centered retreat for young people that includes nationally-known speaker Roy Petitfils, praise and worship led by Sean Malloy, awesome workshops by regional presenters, Reconciliation, a powerful Holy Hour, pizza dinner, concert and a reverent closing Mass with our main celebrant and homilist Bishop Ronald Gainer. For more information or to find out how to register a group, please visit our web site at www.fanthefirerally.com.

The Elephant in the Office

In the story of the blind men in a village a small child comes into the village and tells the blind men to come "see" the elephant! Not having ever even been close to the large animal, the blind men went out to the street. The elephant is a pillar said the first as he touched it's leg. No said the second its like a rope as he touched the elephant's tail. More like a tree branch said the next man as he touched the trunk. I think it's a large fan said the next as he waved the large ear! You are all wrong, it is like a solid wall said another as he rubbed the creature's belly. The arguing continued and got louder. A wise man from the village calmly assured them that they were all right. You felt different parts of the elephant and actually the elephant has all those features. The moral of this story is there may be truth to what many are saying. That is also true of our St. Vincent dePaul Society. Some would say we feed the poor a meal each month. Another would say we help families with food gift cards to supplement the food boxes they get elsewhere. Another might say we help the homeless with getting into housing and supply them with donated furniture. Another would say we help with gasoline vouchers for medical trips and job interviews. All would be correct for each is a piece of our St. Vincent dePaul Society! The final statement would be that we do all of this with only donations and tithel. This

brings to mind God's word in Matthew 18, "for where two or three have gathered together in my name, I am there in their midst". St. Vincentians feel God's presence in all we do. It is God who allows us to meet the many needs in our church and community. We ask you to join us, gathered in his name, to help with our charity. We need monetary donations, gas cards, Walmart cards, furniture, household goods, sheets, towels, fans, and personal care items. Email us at stvincentdepaulewistown@gmail.com.



COAL TICKETS

The Knights of Columbus is currently conducting their annual COAL ticket sales. Please see any member of the Knights if interested. There is a poster in the vestibule with a listing of the prizes available.