

# St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church

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## Parish Staff

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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 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 2, 2018

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

STEWARDSHIP IS A WAY OF LIFE

TITHING IS GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

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

Income for August 26, 2018	\$ 1,802.65
Feast of the Assumption	\$ 20.00
Tithe for August 26, 2018	\$ 182.00
Juniata County Food Pantry	

## Dates to Remember

**Sunday, September 2, 2018-** Juniata County Fair Community Worship Service-4:30 PM Will be held rain or shine.

**Thursday, September 6-**Healing Mass 6:00pm

**Friday, September 7-**First Friday Mass 9:00am

**Saturday, September 8.** Mass will be at 5:30pm with no confessions before Mass due to only one priest this week-end.

**Sunday, September 9, 2018-** Parent meeting for all who have students in the Confirmation class. This will take place after Mass. See Dan Ames with questions.

**Sunday, September 16, 2018-** CCD classes begin at 10:30am.



Noel Alshomalie 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 on **September 15-16**. They will be selling religious articles from the Holy Land after each of the Masses.

## FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

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

September 2, 2018

**“All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights... Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for the orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep yourself unstained by the world.”**

As we reflect on the word each week, we are encouraged to not just hear or read, but to decide how it directs me to live it and put it into practice. From the first page of the bible, care for the oppressed, widows and orphans was a key measure for being a faithful person. The history of the church celebrates the heroes who reached out to the needy, beginning in the Acts of the Apostles. Saints like Vincent de Paul, Mother Katherine Drexler, saw needs and acted upon them.

In his exhortation 'Rejoice and Be Glad' Pope Francis indicates that the Beatitudes are our identity card. So if anyone asks 'What must I do to be a good Christian?', the answer is clear. We have to do each in our own way what Jesus told us in the Sermon on the Mount. Saint James and Pope Francis tell us 'we are a people of the beatitudes'.

### **First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8**

Moses tells the people to always observe the statutes God has given them, without adding or subtracting from these laws. He reminds them that the law is just, and that any nation who heard their statutes would consider them a wise nation.

### **Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27**

James discusses the gifts that God has given to all people and implores them to respond by welcoming the words of truth that can save them. He emphasizes that through good deeds and pure conduct, our faith in God is proven to him.

### **Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

The Pharisees observed some of Jesus' disciples eating without first purifying their hands and ask the disciples why they are going against their ancestor's traditions. Jesus responds that nothing from the outside can make a person impure. The only true evil, acts such as fornication, murder, and greed among others, come from within and make a person impure.



## LITURGICAL NOTES:

*Mass for the  
Intentions for the Week  
And Weekly Readings*



### Saturday, September 1: Weekday

1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Psalm 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21;  
Matthew 25:14-30

5:00 PM Gaye Curdo

6:30 PM People of the Parish

### Sunday, September 2: 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5; James  
1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

9:15 AM Randall Hafer

### Monday, September 3: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Psalm 119: 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102;  
Luke 4:16-30

9:00 AM People of the Parish

### Tuesday, September 4: Weekday

1 Corinthians 2:10b-16; Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab,  
13cd-14; Luke 4:31-37

### Wednesday, September 5: Weekday

1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Psalm 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21; Luke  
4:38-44

### Thursday September 6: Weekday

1 Corinthians 3:18-23; Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Luke  
5:1-11

### Friday, September 7: Weekday

1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Psalm 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40; Luke  
5:33-39

9:00 AM People of the Parish

### Saturday, September 8: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)

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

5:30 PM Richard Berrier, Jr.

### Sunday, September 9: 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; James 2:1-5; Mark  
7:31-37

9:15 AM Rocco Fugaro

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday: 9/01

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/ social hall

Mass/5:00 pm/ Church

Spanish Mass/ 6:30pm/ Church

### Sunday: 9/02

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

### Monday: 9/03

Mass/9:00 am/ Church

### Tuesday: 9/04

No Event

### Wednesday: 9/05

No Event

### Thursday: 9/06

Healing Mass/ 6:00pm/ Church

### Friday: 9/07

First Friday Mass/9:00am/ Church

### Saturday: 9/08

Gospel Reflections/ 7:30am/ social hall

Mass 5:30pm/ Church Note time change

### Sunday: 9/09

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

## **Minister Schedule**

### **September 8 & September 9, 2018**

Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018: 5:30pm

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.9, 2018: 9:15am

EMHC: D. Parson T. Ober G .Best

Lector: J. Fitzgerald

Cantor: M. Miller

Altar Servers: Dave, Daryl, 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 150<sup>th</sup> 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 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of Harrisburg go to [www.hbgdiocese.org/150](http://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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Stewardship: A Mission of Faith,**

invites you to join Fr. Michael Gaitley, Jason Evert, Msgr. John Esseff, Bishop Alfred Schlert and many more, for an adult conference this fall.

The event will be held on Wed., Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> and Thur., Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>.

One and two-day tickets are available. The conference will be held in Elizabethtown, PA, at the beautiful Stone Gables Estates which features the historic Star Barn Village and Ironstone Ranch. In between the 6 keynote talks, 24 workshops, daily Mass and evening adoration, you can enjoy 275 acres of God's creation including horseback riding, wagon rides, campfires, an outdoor stations of the cross, Marian grotto, vineyard and more! For complete information, visit us at [www.stewardshipmission.org](http://www.stewardshipmission.org) and click on the Fall Conference link. We'll see YOU in September!



The Parish Office will be **closed Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>** in observance of Labor Day. The office will resume regular hours on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **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.

## **Scheduled Time Away**

Fr. Jay will be away from the parish on business from Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> visiting in India to sign legal documents for his school.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church will begin **Adult Bible Study on Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** in the parish office on N. Brown St. We will be studying the book of Job. You may pick up your books at the parish office or get them at the first lesson on Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>. **A donation of \$20 is appreciated.**

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 30<sup>th</sup> thru November 18<sup>th</sup>, 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.**

## **Let's All Be "Doers"**

We have all heard that **"actions speak louder than words!"** As we look around our parish we see the volunteers who are Lay Ministers, Lectors, Sacristans, Choir Members, Committee Members, CCD Teachers, and other volunteers, such as the St.



Vincent dePaul Society. These are our **Doers**, who overlap in their service to God and our parish. I say overlap because it seems it is the same few that are doing all those things. Volunteers who do everything?? Where are the rest? How does it happen and how do we take the first step? **The key is to be listeners and doers of God's Word.** It all begins with listening to the Word of God. Next, do your actions show that you are focusing on the Word of God? Our actions need to be rooted in the Word. **"When I was thirsty you gave me drink, when imprisoned you visited me, when naked you clothed me".** These are the actions of the Word of God. Jesus tells us the greatest commandment is that we love God with all of our heart and all of our being, and **love our neighbor as well.** We hope you will consider being a doer for St. Vincent dePaul. Volunteers are needed to help serve meals on the third Saturday of each month and we are looking for board members. We are always in need of "doers" who can help supply essential items for those less fortunate. We have an urgent need for furniture. We are still helping our 18 yr. old cancer patient, Kelly C, with gas cards, food cards and financial aid for her family to stay with her in Danville as she begins round 3 of her 17 cycles of chemo. We are still in need of school supplies and personal care items. In addition, we are looking for blankets, queen and full sheets, pillows, towels and kitchen items for a family who has recently moved from the shelter to public housing. Email us at



[stvincentdepaullewistown@gmail.com](mailto:stvincentdepaullewistown@gmail.com).

**Marriage Annulments** The Tribunal of the Diocese of Harrisburg will be giving 3 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 leaders involved in the RCIA process and any others who may have a vested interest because of family or friends. Presentation dates are: **Sept. 10** - Diocesan Center, Harrisburg, 7PM, **Sept. 12** - St. Philip Parish, Millersville, 7PM and **Sept. 17** - St. Joseph Parish, Hanover, 7PM. No prior registration is required. For further information, please call 717-657-4804 ext. 304 or email: [tribunal@hbgiocese.org](mailto:tribunal@hbgiocese.org).