

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



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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 23, 2018

Twenty-Fifth 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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 23, 2018

“They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, ‘What were you arguing about on the way?’ But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, ‘If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.’”

How can I serve? The path to holiness requires that we humbly reach out to see Christ in the faces of those around us. “In this call to recognize Him in the poor and the suffering, we see revealed the very heart of Christ, His deepest feelings and choices, which every saint seeks to attain.” These are the words of Pope Saint John Paul, as quoted by Pope Francis.

These are the demands of Jesus with no ‘ifs and buts.’ Holiness cannot be understood or lived apart from these demands, for mercy is ‘the beating heart of the gospel.’ When He washed the feet of the disciples, He spoke by His action, what a true disciple is to do. It is when we serve we receive not only Jesus, but the One who sent Him.

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Wicked people discuss their anger at the just one, because they do not like being reproached for their evil ways. They want to see if he is the Son of God, so they decide to torture him and see if God will come to defend him. They decide to condemn him to a shameful death and see if the claims are true that God will take care of him.

Second Reading: James 3:16—4:3

James discusses the importance of avoiding jealousy and strife. People should strive for peace and justice instead of concentrating on material pleasures which can tempt people to sin to obtain whatever they desire.

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Jesus again attempts to prepare his disciples for his death and resurrection, although they do not yet fully understand. They had been arguing over who was the most important one, but Jesus tells them whoever wants to rank first must be willing to remain a servant to all. He also tells them that anyone who welcomes a child in his name welcomes both him and God.

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Income for September 16, 2018	\$ 3,471.46
Capital Improvements	\$ 150.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 80.00
Tithe for September 16, 2018	\$ 347.00
Mifflin-Juniata Energy Bank	

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, September 25, 2018, Women's Guild meeting at 6:30pm in the social hall



Thank You to everyone who has answered our call for help at St. Vincent de Paul. The response has been greatly needed and appreciated. I took some things up on Tuesday and I was met with hugs and praise for all we are doing at St. Jude to help out with their needs, both with needed items and monetary donations. Just know that Joey and Nancy are very grateful for everything. Gale

My first coming to Lewistown and Mifflintown in 2005 surprised everyone in the parish. I arrived much earlier than I was expected. **My second coming** in 2017 was delayed for about eight months. **My third coming** in 2018 was a great concern of many of the parishioners. I am back as **I believed**. I am sure there won't be any **“fourth coming”**. My brief visit to India was a very hectic one. I signed all the necessary documents for my school. Thanks be to God! And, thanks for your prayers and good wishes. – Fr. Jay



Fr. Jay's New Book

I have a great collection of my ‘Spiritual Joy’. I am happy to share with you the first part of it titled **“Propelling Insights”**. Please get a copy for your family from the ushers on the last week-end of this month.



LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

And Weekly Readings



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

9:15 AM Charles and Mary Helen Ames

Monday, September 24: Weekday

Proverbs 3:27-34; Psalm 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Luke 8:16-18

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, September 25: Weekday

Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Psalm 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44;
Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 26: Weekday

Proverbs 30:5-9; Psalm 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Luke 9:1-6

Thursday September 27: St. Vincent dePaul, Priest (Memorial)

Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17bc;
Luke 9:7-9

Friday, September 28: Weekday

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Psalm 144:1b & 2abc, 3-4; Luke 9:18-22

Saturday, September 29: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels (Feast)

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; John 1:47-51

500 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, September 30: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Numbers 11:25-29; Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14; James 5:1-6;
John 17:17b, 17a

9:15 AM Curtis Gutshall

Calendar of Events

Saturday: 9/22

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/ social hall

Mass/5:00 pm/ Church

Sunday: 9/23

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

CCD/10:30AM

Monday: 9/24

Mass/9:00 am/ Church

Tuesday: 9/25

Women's Guild/6:30pm/social hall

Wednesday: 9/26

No Event

Thursday: 9/27

No Event

Friday: 9/28

No Event

Saturday: 9/29

Gospel Reflections/ 7:30am/ social hall

Mass/5:00pm/ Church

Sunday: 9/30

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

CCD/10:30am

Wild Goose Series/ 5:30pm/ social hall

Minister Schedule

September 29 & September 30, 2018

Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018: 5:00pm

EMHC: T. Ober

Lector: M. Tonge

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers:

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: P. Thompson

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, Sept.30, 2018: 9:15am

EMHC: D. Treaster J. Fitzgerald D. Parson

Lector: C. Fitzgerald

Cantor: R. Perez

Altar Servers: T. Kelly S. Kelly D. Miller

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: People of the Parish

Ushers: A. Thawley T. Newcamp



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.



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.



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.

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.

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!!**

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.



Ecumenical Service of Healing

An Ecumenical Service of Healing for those who have suffered sexual abuse will be held at **Sacred Heart on Saturday, October 6 at 6:00 PM.** All are welcome to attend.

We are faced with a challenge! Many dioceses throughout the United States are facing the challenge of fewer vocations to the priesthood. We in the Diocese of Harrisburg are faced with a different kind of challenge – the need to provide solid seminary formation for an increasing number of men who are studying for the priesthood. What a wonderful challenge to be blessed with! As we have counted on your prayers for young men considering a vocation to the priesthood, so now we need your



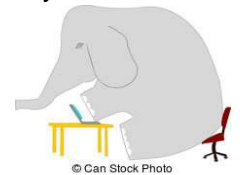
financial help in providing seminary formation for them. Please consider attending the Annual Fishers of Men Dinner on Friday, Oct. 5, 2018 in the Cardinal Keeler Center at 4800 Union Deposit Road in Harrisburg. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6:00 PM and dinner at 7:00 PM. For more information, to RSVP or to send a donation, go to the diocesan website at www.hbgdiocese.org/fishersofmen. Deadline for registration is Friday, September 28, 2018.

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 tithes!

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 stvincentdepaullewisstown@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.