

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 9, 2018
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 9, 2018

“And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man’s ears and, spitting, touched his tongue. Then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, ‘Ephphatha’ that is ‘Be opened’ And immediately the man’s ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, ‘He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.’”

Jesus the healer. People sought Him out bringing the needy person to Jesus. They requested the laying on of hands. They knew Jesus was the answer.

This experience of Jesus’ healing is a bit different. Jesus takes him apart, touches, uses saliva, groans and speaks. The result is clearly indicated. Evidently he returned to the crowd who expressed their amazement at what took place.

When we were baptized the minister also touched our ears and mouth saying ‘As Jesus made the deaf to hear and the mute to speak, so may He open your ears to hear His word and your mouth to proclaim His praise.’ The gesture can easily get lost. Have I heard the word? Do I proclaim His praise?

Maybe I can be more attentive as I listen to the Word of God proclaimed at mass. Maybe I can take what I hear and learn, and bring it to someone else, telling them what the Lord has done or is doing in my life. Jesus continues to do miracles through us today.

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Isaiah tells the people to be strong and unafraid. God will save his people, and the blind will see, the deaf will hear, and the lame will walk. Streams will come forth in the desert; the sandy ground will become springs of water.

Second Reading: James 2:1-5

James encourages the people to never show favoritism. He discusses an usher who escorted a rich man to the best seat, while ignoring a poor man. God chose poor people to be rich in faith, so we should never judge people by their riches.

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Some people brought a deaf man who could not speak to Jesus and begged him to lay his hand on the man. Jesus opened the man’s ears and cured his speech impediment. He ordered the people not to tell anyone, but they were too amazed to keep this to themselves.



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 2 , 2018	\$ 2,962.60
Capital Improvements	\$ 250.00
Tithe for September 2, 2018	\$ 321.00
Saint Vincent de Paul Society	

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, September 11, 2018- Knights of Columbus meeting at 7:00pm social hall

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



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Next Sunday after Mass the members of Saint Michael’s Guard will host an ice cream social after Mass to welcome the children back to CCD. There will be other goodies to enjoy also. Everyone is welcome.



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.

LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass & Intentions for the Week
And Weekly Readings



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: 23rd 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

Monday, September 10: Weekday

1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Psalm 5:5-6, 7, 12; Luke 6:6-11
9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, September 11: Weekday

1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday, September 12: Weekday

1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Psalm 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17; Luke 4:38-44

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

1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13; Psalm 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Luke 6:27-38

Friday, 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

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

Calendar of Events

Saturday: 9/08

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

Sunday: 9/09

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church
Meeting of Confirmation Parents after Mass

Monday: 9/10

Mass/9:00 am/ Church

Tuesday: 9/11

Knights of Columbus Meeting/7:00pm/ Social Hall

Wednesday: 9/12

No Event

Thursday: 9/13

No Event

Friday: 9/14

No Event

Saturday: 9/15

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

Sunday: 9/16

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church
CCD/10:30am/social hall and parish house

Minister Schedule

September 15 & September 16, 2018

Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018: 5:00pm

EMHC: T. Ober J. Fitzgerald

Lector: M. Tonge

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: D. Treaster

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: P. Thompson

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, Sept.16, 2018: 9:15am

EMHC: J. Price, D. Treaster D. Parson

Lector: J. Kelly

Cantor: R. Perez

Altar Servers: E. & D. Zeigler C. Murphy

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: D. & G. Best

Ushers: D. & P. 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*

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.

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. 19th and Thur., Sept. 20th.



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 and click on the Fall Conference link. We'll see YOU in September!



In the charity of your prayers, please remember Bishop Ronald Gainer's mother, Anna Krolick, who passed away last week-end.

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.

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.

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@hbgdiocese.org.

