

St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church

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Liturgy Schedule

SATURDAY: 5:30 PM

First Saturday 6:45 PM

Hispanic Mass

SUNDAY: 9:15 AM

MONDAY: 9:00AM

HOLY DAYS: AS ANNOUNCED

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 4:30-5:15 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.

Knights of Columbus – Meets the 1st Wednesday 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 1, 2019

Twenty-Second 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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 1, 2019

"My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God.... For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

The old testament teaching and the parable in the home of the Pharisee offer a great challenge. The first sin listed in the capital sins is pride. The first recorded sin in Genesis can be traced to pride. Our society today seems to make us try to be better than the next person, stronger than another nation, richer as we try to get ahead. Where is humility?

Humility is a forgotten virtue. What do I have that is not gift? What have I received that I did not deserve? What have I offered to someone else in need? A prayer, prayed daily by Cardinal Merry De Val, is known as the Litany of Humility. Find it on goggle and prayerfully reflect upon it and you too will be 'loved more than a giver of gifts'.

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Those who are humble will find favor with God. Everyone should realize that there is much we can learn from each other. Even the most knowledgeable people need to be humble enough to know that they can still learn from others.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

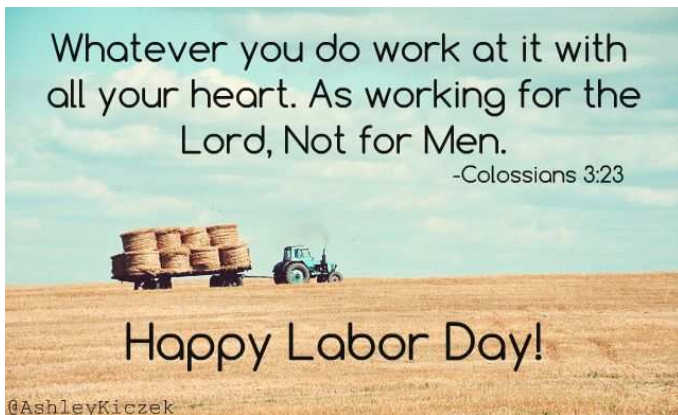
The Hebrews are informed that they are not approaching an untouchable mountain etched with gloom and fear. Rather, they have neared "the city of the living God, Jerusalem." The Hebrews have approached a joyful gathering of angels, God our judge, and Jesus, who brought us a new covenant.

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus went to share a meal with one of the leading Pharisees when he noticed other guests competing for places of honor at the table. He warned that a guest who takes the place of honor may be asked to move to the lowest place. Yet a guest who takes the lowest place is honored when a better position is offered by their host. He then added, "He who humbles himself will be exalted."

Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Income for August 25, 2019	\$1,657.50
Memorials	\$ 20.00
Tithe for August 25, 2019	\$ 168.00
PA Pro-Life Federation	



To our friends at St. Jude Church,

Thank you for your generous donations of food to the Juniata County Food Pantry. Your gift greatly blesses the lives of your neighbors in need by providing them with not only the necessary nourishment for their bodies, but also the hope and encouragement to nourish their spirits.

The Lord Bless and Keep You,

Your Friends at the Juniata County Food Pantry



Next week, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week
And Weekly Readings



Saturday, August 31: Weekday

1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Psalm 98:1, 7-8, 9; Matthew 25:14-30

5:30 PM Heather Baade

Sunday, September 1: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Sirach 3:18-18, 20, 28-29; Psalm 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11;

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a; Luke 14:1, 7-14

9:15 AM Randy Hafer

Monday, September 2: Weekday

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Psalm 96:1 & 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13; Luke 4:16-30

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, September 3: St Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14; Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday, September 4: Weekday

Colossians 1:1-8; Psalm 52:10, 11; Luke 4:38-44

Thursday, September 5: Weekday

Colossians 1:9-14; Psalm 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Luke 5:1-11

Friday, September 6: Weekday

Colossians 1:15-20; Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Luke 5:33-39

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, September 7: Weekday

Colossians 1:21-23; Psalm 54:3-4, 6 & 8; Luke 6:1-5

5:30 PM David Roudabush

6:45 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, September 8: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Wisdom 9:13-18b; Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17;

Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33

9:15 AM Arthur Montrey

Calendar of Events

Saturday: 8/31

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/social hall

Mass/5:30pm/ Church

Sunday: 9/01

Mass/ 9:15am/ Church

Monday: 9/02 Labor Day

Mass/9:00am/Church

Tuesday: 9/03

No Event

Wednesday: 9/04

Knights of Columbus/7:00PM/Social Hall

Thursday: 9/05

No Event

Friday: 9/06

No Event

Saturday: 9/07

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/social hall

Mass/5:30pm/ Church

Spanish Mass/6:45pm/Church

Sunday: 9/08

Mass/9:15am/Church

Hispanic Day of Recollection/1-5pm/Church & social hall

Minister Schedule

September 7 & September 8, 2019

Saturday, September 7, 2019: 5:30 pm

EMHC: A. Zarnowski

Lector: T. Kromel

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: J. Zarnowski

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, September 8, 2019: 9:15am

EMHC: D. Treaster D. Swigart J. Fitzgerald

Lector: G. Treaster

Cantor; R. Perez

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

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



**2019 Women's Conference
Registration Now Open!**

now at www.hbgdiocese.org/women for the **Women of Light, Sisters in Christ** Diocese of Harrisburg's 2019 Women's Conference on Saturday, October 12, 2019 at Bishop McDevitt High School, Harrisburg, PA. The conference will include Keynote Speaker Helen Alvare, well known Catholic speaker/author/personality, Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction and Rosary, Sacrament of Confession, Holy Sacrifice of the mass, Principal Celebrant, Bishop Ronald Gainer, and 40 plus workshops over 3 sessions. Go online for a registration form, workshop descriptions, bios, conference schedule and cost. Please register for this great conference and please bring other women with you!



CCD NEWS

We are registering the students Please register your child on the sheet in the social hall as soon as possible, so we know what books and materials we will need. Thank you for all your help. If you have any questions call Ginger Best at 717-734-3048. Please leave a message if I don't answer and I will call you back.

CEMETERY OF INNOCENTS

During the months of July and August we will be working to expand our pro-life project, the Cemetery of Innocents.

Parishioners are welcome to purchase a cross or crosses for \$2.00 per cross.

Checks may be made payable to the Women's Guild The Cemetery of Innocents will be put up for display during October, Respect Life Month. If you have any questions, please contact Megan Miller or Colleen Hazard.

A Hispanic Healing of Families Recollection Day will be held on Sunday, September 8th at St. Jude Thaddeus Church in Mifflintown. The day will begin at 1:00 PM, concluding with a Mass at 5:00 PM. This will be followed by a covered dish meal. All are welcome!

Art of Caring Conversation Class

The Spiritual Care Department of Geisinger Lewistown Hospital is offering the "Art of Caring Conversation" this Fall. **This four-week twelve-hour training is the initial basic requirement for persons wishing to volunteer as a Chaplain Assistant in the hospital.** Participation in the course is open to everyone who seeks a greater level of skill and comfort in supporting others. The classes will be held on Mon. evenings, from 5:30-8:30 PM at Geisinger Lewistown Hosp., 400 Highland Ave. The dates this year will be **Sept. 16, 23, 30 & Oct. 7.** These classes are highly interactive as well as informative. Please contact the Spiritual Care Department at 717-242-7059 to reserve your place.

Thou Shalt Be Blessed

Luke 14: 13-14 *13 But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, and the blind; 14 And thou shalt be blessed, because they have not wherewith to make thee recompense: for recompense shall be made thee at the resurrection of the just.* As we hear these words



from the Gospel of Luke, we think of our parishioners and community members who come to our St Vincent dePaul charity in need of basic life necessities. People who cannot make ends meet and just need a bit of help with food, personal hygiene, paper products, etc. Those are the people mentioned in Luke 14:13-14 when it says "call the poor, the maimed and the blind" We see these people almost daily with just such needs. Our heart breaks with the circumstances that some have to endure. Remember just by your being able to help those in need "thou shalt be blessed". Won't you share in our mission to help our brothers and sisters in our church and in our community. Remember that **"All we have comes from God and we give it out of his Hand". 1 Chronicles 29:14B** Please consider a financial donation, gifts cards to Wal Mart, Super Shoes or Sheetz. Working together we can help so many. Donations of personal care items, diapers, wipes, laundry detergent, and food can be placed in the box in the narthex or dropped off at the parish office. For questions you can email the office at stvincentdepaullewis@stvincentdepaullewis.com or call at (717) 242-2781. Many thanks for your consideration of help to our charity.

Fall Bible Series at St. Jude Thaddeus

Our Father's Plan, a Bible Study of Salvation History, will be the fall series at St. Jude Parish beginning on **Sunday, Sept. 22nd, from 5:00 to 7:30 PM.**



This popular program that features videos by Scott Hahn and Jeff Cavins, provides an opportunity through individual study, study aides, small group discussions, and video to get a better understanding of the wonderful significance of events in the Bible as God speaks to us, as well as how it can help us realize the fullness of our faith and God's plan for us as His children. The program is open to anyone who wants to enrich their understanding and knowledge of the Bible and their Catholic faith. As with their other Sunday programs, a share meal will be served at the beginning of each session. Please register for the program by completing the sign-up sheet that has been placed in the Vestibule.



Religious Education Is More Than Just A Class

Our country's education system often neglects to integrate subjects and show students the connections between them. Students move from room to room throughout the day, thinking that Math has nothing to do with English and vice versa. Although some separation of subjects is reasonable, the philosophy behind Catholic education seeks to educate the whole student. A Catholic education provides a firm foundation to help students learn not only the facts about a subject, but how that knowledge affects everyday life. A Catholic education also teaches that faith, science, and reason work together and inform each other. **When a child receives an education at a Catholic school, they will be taught about virtue, truth, goodness, and faith all throughout the day.** When a student is taught to see God in everything, they grow to have a deeper respect and stronger relationship with Him. When they have that foundation, they become a better member of society because they respect every person's dignity as a creation of God.



SAVE THE DATE

Save the date! Tuesday October 8th for the annual Women's Guild Ladies Nite Out. More details will follow, but we are excited to have Jim Gontis as a speaker. We don't know his topic, but we know he is an excellent speaker. We hope you will join us.

James F. Gontis' primary vocation is as husband and father. He and his wife, Eva Marie, are blessed to be parents of eight children, six boys and two girls.

Jim is beginning his 15th year as Diocesan Director of Religious Education for the Diocese of Harrisburg. During his tenure with the Diocese, he has delivered approximately 1,200 workshops on approximately 150 topics pertaining to the Catholic Faith.

Jim has a weekly radio show called Coffee and Catholicism that runs weekly on 720 AM, Holy Family Radio in Harrisburg as well as on Catholic Perspectives on various radio stations in the mid-state area.

Jim and his family reside in the Harrisburg area and are members of Holy Name of Jesus Parish, where he serves on the school board, on the RCIA Team, and is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

He is a 4th Degree Member of the Knights of Columbus, is a member of the Harrisburg Chapter of the Serra Club which prays for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life, and is an Assistant Wrestling Coach at Bishop McDevitt High School.



Saint Jude Parish Office will be closed Monday, Sept. 2nd in observance of Labor Day. Normal office hours will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 3rd.