

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 8, 2019

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 8, 2019

“Who can know God’s counsel, or who can conceive what the Lord intends? For the deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans....Or who can ever know your counsel, except you have given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high. And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight.”

The book of wisdom asks vital questions, which we often overlook or avoid. These few lines lead us to a most valuable consideration – discernment. The God who reveals Himself to us in the scriptures, the Jesus who revealed Himself by His becoming one with us, the church which reflects the compassionate heart of Jesus, wishes that we be firm in our faith and assured of God’s never ending unconditional love.

Reflection concerning who God is for us, thinking about my relationship with the Lord, allows me to approach that loving God with great confidence and gratitude. As I wrestle with these thoughts I am not unsure and my path is straight.

Tithing is God’s Plan for Giving:

Income for September 1, 2019	\$2,375.98
Assumption	\$ 40.00
Peter’s Pence	\$ 30.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 300.00
Tithe for September 1, 2019	\$ 272.00
Saint Vincent de Paul	



Today is the Peter’s Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

REMEMBER SEPTEMBER 11, 2001



SAVE THE DATE

The Women’s Guild will hold it’s annual Ladies Night Out on October 8th. The evening will open with Cathy Fitzgerald leading the rosary, followed by wine and appetizers. The Knights will serve a lasagna meal along with salad and dessert. The evening will conclude with a presentation by Jim Gontis. Invitations with RSVP will be sent out. Please don’t miss out on this delightful and entertaining evening.

Also remember the Saint Jude’s annual breakfast brunch which will take place after Mass on October 27th. More details will follow.

LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week
And Weekly Readings



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

Monday, September 9: St Peter Claver, Priest (Memorial)

Colossians 1:24-2:3; Psalm 62:6-7, 9; Luke 6:6-11

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, September 10: Weekday

Colossians 2:6-15; Psalm 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday, September 11: Weekday

Colossians 3:1-11; Psalm 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Luke 6:20-26

Thursday, September 12: Weekday

Colossian 3:12-17; Psalm 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Luke 6:27-38

Friday, September 13: St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; Psalm 16:1b-2a & 5, 7-8, 11; Luke 6:39-42

Saturday, 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

5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, September 15: 24th Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1

Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32

9:15 AM Richard Berrier, Jr.

Calendar of Events

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- 5 pm/Church

Monday: 9/09

Mass/9:00am/Church

Tuesday: 9/10

No Event

Wednesday: 9/11

No Event

Thursday: 9/12

No Event

Friday: 9/13

No Event

Saturday: 9/14

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Mass/5:30pm/ Church

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Minister Schedule

September 14 & September 15, 2019

Saturday, September 14, 2019: 5:30 pm

EMHC: A. Zarnowski

Lector: J. Fitzgerald

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: J. Zarnowski

Usher: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, September 15, 2019: 9:15am

EMHC: G. Best J. Price D. Parson

Lector: T. Ober

Cantor; M. Miller

Altar Servers: St. Michael's Guard

Ushers: D. Ames P. Ames



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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 stvincentdepaullewisstown@gmail.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.



Sacred Heart School had a great start to the year! Many needed improvements were completed over the summer such as new windows in the grade 3 and 5 classrooms, air conditioning installed in the kindergarten room and kitchen. We also have 9 staff members now certified in CPR and First Aid. To better communicate, we have new two-way radios, a FOB system where we can push a button which alerts police to come right away. We also have some exterior doors and gates being replaced. Shortly, we will be installing interior security cameras on each floor which will enable the school to be observed from the office. We've also updated our emergency plan which is impressive as it includes items such as a photo of every student, parent contacts, etc. In the technology realm we have increased our WAN which enables all computers and internet devices such as Smart Boards in the school to run faster. We also are replacing our school information system which covers attendance, report cards, communication, etc. We also are implementing a new web site that will enable us to quickly update it. **Our school is very pleased to welcome Mrs. Jessica Hardin as our new 5th grade teacher!** She is a parishioner who is a great addition to our staff. Mrs. Amy Whitesel has moved from the 5th grade to 1st grade replacing Mrs. Roman. Having a great staff with supportive alumni and friends has been a key for our school's competitiveness. Thank you to the many people who made donations to help with the many improvements. Your continued support of Sacred Heart is much appreciated!

HSA Harshbarger's Fundraiser

Sacred Heart School currently has a Harshbarger's Sub 'n Malt fundraiser going on until **September 11th**. Items include **hoagies, pizzas, sandwiches, salads and baby cakes ice cream.** If you're interested in placing an order, please email the HAS at SHSHA17044@gmail.com or contact Sharina Harshbarger at 814-441-4361. **Orders will be delivered and ready for pick up on Thursday, Sept. 26th between 2:45-5:30 PM.** Thank you for your continued support of Sacred Heart School.