

Parish Bulletin

TWO CATHOLIC PARISHES. ONE CATHOLIC FAITH.

SACRED HEART OF JESUS, LEWISTOWN | SAINT JUDE THADDEUS, MIFFLINTOWN

OCTOBER 5, 2025

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME

We're glad you're here! No matter who you are, where you come from, or where you are on your journey of faith, please know that you are welcome here.

Sacred Heart Parish, Lewistown, and Saint Jude Parish, Mifflintown, are two separate Catholic parish communities in the Diocese of Harrisburg. Our shared office space is located in Lewistown, PA.

PARISH

Sacred Heart & Saint Jude Parish Office

9 N. Brown St.
Lewistown, PA 17044
717-242-2781

Mon-Thurs: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Fri: 9:00am - 12:00pm

Office hours are available by phone or in person at our Lewistown office.

SCHOOL

Sacred Heart of Jesus School

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sacredheartschool.com

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INCREASE
OUR FAITH.

CONFESSION

The Sacrament of Confession is offered at 3:00 pm on Saturdays at Sacred Heart, Lewistown, and at 6:00 pm on Wednesdays and 8:30 am on Sundays at St. Jude, Mifflintown. Appointments for confession can be made by calling the Parish Office.

BULLETIN REQUESTS

Please submit bulletin requests to Ashley Henry at development@sacredheartschool.com by Friday at 8:00am of the previous week for requested publication.



INFORMATION CENTER

ALTAR FLOWERS

Flower memorial dates are available. Call the office for available dates.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Anyone may request a Mass to be said for a deceased family member or friend.
- Intentions are \$10 per Mass
- Intentions are printed weekly in the church bulletin.
- Bring your intentions to the office during office hours.

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

In the charity of your prayers, please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who passed away this week. May they rest in peace.

HELP IS HERE FOR YOU

Counseling Services:

Diocese of Harrisburg Catholic Charities
Capital Region Counseling Office
Kelly Bolton, LSW
939 East Park Drive, Suite 101
717-233-7978
kbolton@cchbg.org



THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Formed is free to all parishioners at both Sacred Heart and St. Jude. Simply visit formed.org and click sign up to see what they have to offer!

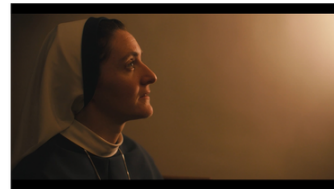


formed
Forming Catholics for Life

Divine Mercy | Trailer

Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II.

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The Joyful Mysteries | Mysteries of the Rosary | Trailer

St. Padre Pio said, "The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times." This incredible film series takes viewers right to the Holy Land, where these Mysteries actually happened, encouraging deeper reflection and meditation on them.

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John XXIII: The Pope of Peace

This movie tells the life story of John XXIII from his youth through his young priesthood, episcopacy, life as cardinal, and eventually his life as pope. Elected supposedly as an "Interim Pope" who would just keep the status quo and listen to the advisers around him, John XXIII proved to be his own man when he surprised the Church and world by calling for the Second Vatican Council.

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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Baptism workshops are offered for parents each month. To register for a workshop, please contact the Parish Office. Once you complete a workshop, we can schedule your child's baptism.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Are you still in need of a few sacraments? Are you an adult who would like to be baptized, confirmed, or receive Communion in the Church? Through preparation and formation, teens and adults are invited to discover the teachings of the Catholic faith and come to know Jesus in the Eucharist. Our Parish Office can help guide you in your next steps to become Catholic.

HOLY MATRIMONY & CONVALIDATION

If you would like to be married in the Catholic Church or if you are currently married civilly and would like your marriage to be convalidated (blessed by the church), contact the Parish Office to get started in a new engaging preparation program. We will need 9 months notice to schedule a Wedding Mass or Ceremony.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & LAST RITES

Anyone who is seriously ill or preparing for surgery may schedule a sacramental anointing by calling the Parish Office. If someone is in danger of death, please contact the Parish Office and choose the emergency option.



SACRED HEART PARISH

106 N. DORCAS ST., LEWISTOWN, PA | SACREDHEARTLEWISTOWN.COM

SACRED HEART PARISH & SCHOOL'S

TRUNK or TREAT

CAR SIGN-UP REGISTRATION FORM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH | 6:00-8:00PM

Old Bon-Ton Parking Lot -
North Plaza Drive, Lewistown

EVENT RULES & GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATING VEHICLES

- Please arrive by 5:00pm to get parked and decorate your trunk.
- Vehicles must be decorated and ready to hand out candy by 6:00pm.
- Vehicles must remain parked until the event is over at 8:00pm.
- Decorations and costumes should be family-friendly / non-scary.
- *No demons, weapons, or cauldrons*
- Each vehicle must sign up individually by October 13th.

For more information, contact the Parish Office at 717-242-2781

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Please fill out and return the sign up sheet in the narthex to the Parish or School Office by October 13, 2025

If you're not able to decorate a trunk this year, please consider donating a bag (or two!) of individually wrapped candy to help us make the night special for all the kids. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office or Sacred Heart School by October 20th. Thank you for helping us make this a joyful, family-friendly community event!

A FAMILY OF FAITH

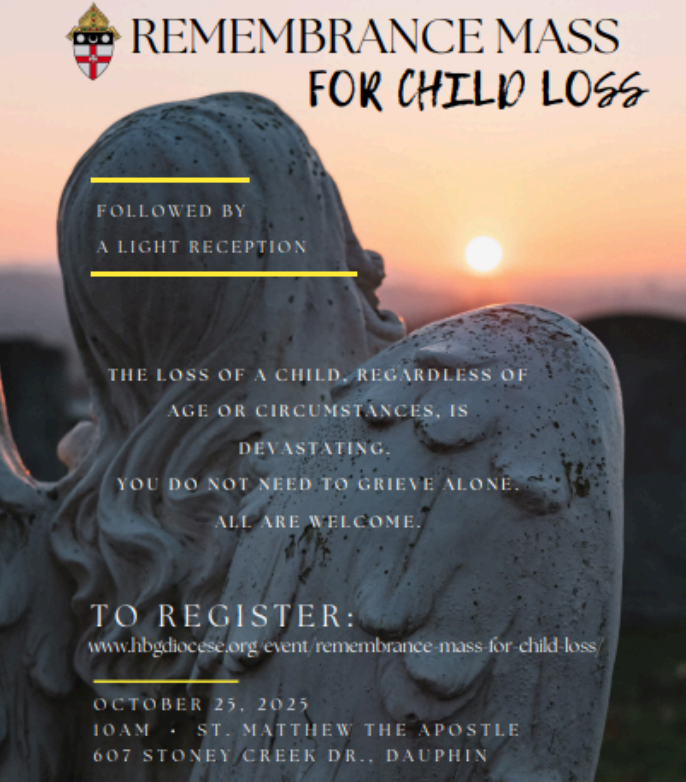
Saint of the month: St Francis of Assisi

St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226) loved God with his whole heart and wanted to live like Jesus. He was born into a rich family in Italy, but he gave up his wealth so he could help the poor and share God's love with everyone. St. Francis cared for animals, people, and all of God's creation, he even preached to birds! He showed that living simply and joyfully can bring us closer to God.

SACRED HEART MASS SCHEDULE

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Lewistown

Saturday, Oct. 4 th	4:00 pm Ednilou Reeder
Sunday, Oct. 5 th	11:00 am People of the Parish
Thursday, Oct. 9 th	9:00 am Bernard Sutusky
Friday, Oct. 10 th	9:00 am David Kenepp
Saturday, Oct. 11 th	4:00 pm Intentions of Colleen and Michael McMenamin
Sunday, Oct. 12 th	11:00 am Frank Guerrini Jr

 REMEMBRANCE MASS
FOR CHILD LOSS

FOLLOWED BY
A LIGHT RECEPTION

THE LOSS OF A CHILD, REGARDLESS OF
AGE OR CIRCUMSTANCES, IS
DEVASTATING.
YOU DO NOT NEED TO GRIEVE ALONE.
ALL ARE WELCOME.


TO REGISTER:
www.hbgdiocese.org/event/remembrance-mass-for-child-loss

OCTOBER 25, 2025
10AM • ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE
607 STONEY CREEK DR., DAUPHIN

Red Mass

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8
5:30pm

Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer, celebrant
Reverend Jeffrey Tudgay, Diocese of Scranton, homilist
Cathedral Parish of Saint Patrick, Harrisburg

 Sponsored by the
Saint Thomas More Society of Central PA

STEWARDSHIP

September 28th: \$9,718.25

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Parish Goal:	\$36,246.43
Total Committed:	\$46,910.00
Donations Received:	\$44,925.00

ST. JUDE PARISH

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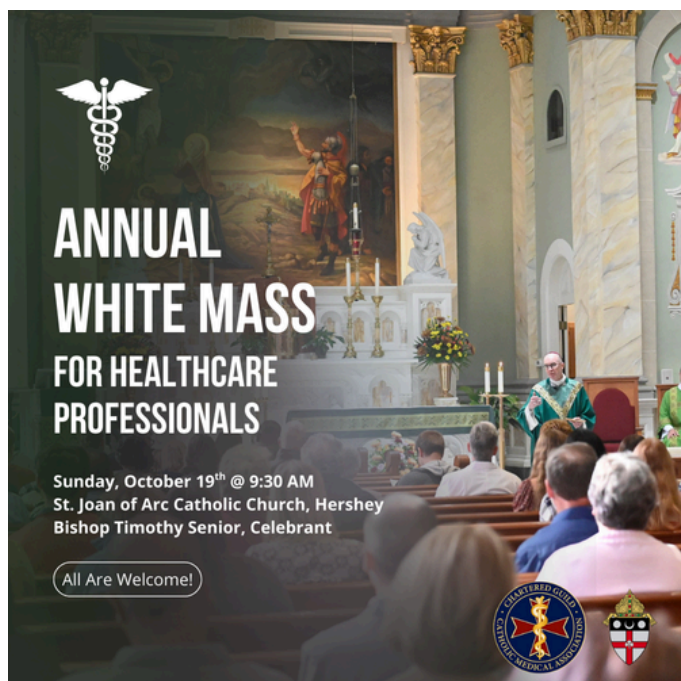
NEW WELCOME DESK

Supporting Parish Needs

We are excited to announce the addition of a Welcome Desk in the narthex! The desk will be available after Mass to help make parish life easier for everyone. At the Welcome Desk, parishioners can:

- Request Mass cards
- Pick up or return sponsorship forms
- Register with the parish

The desk will also serve as a helpful spot for new members to get connected and feel at home. We are looking for volunteers to help staff the desk for just 20 minutes after Mass. The more volunteers we have, the smoother this ministry will run! This is a wonderful way to welcome others and serve our parish family. If you are interested in helping, please contact the parish office.



WOMEN'S GUILD EVENTS

Join Us for Prayer & Friendship

Save the dates for upcoming events:

- Sunday, October 26 - St. Jude Breakfast following the 9am Mass
 - Monday, November 24 - Thanksgiving Basket Assembly and distribution
 - Advent By Candlelight - Dec. 5
 - Cookie Walk - Saturday, December 13
- More information will follow soon.

The Women's Guild provides for the Sunday Social on the third Sunday each month. We would like to have some more volunteers to help with this. Many hands make light work and any help is greatly appreciated. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.



ST. JUDE MASS SCHEDULE

St. Jude Parish, Mifflintown

Sunday, Oct. 5 th	9:00 am Timothy Smith
Monday, Oct. 6 th	9:00 am Earl Ober Jr.
Wednesday, Oct. 8 th	6:30 pm Mary Helen Ames
Sunday, Oct. 12 th	9:00 am People of the Parish

STEWARDSHIP

September 28th: \$1,462.00

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Parish Goal:	\$13,401.13
Total Committed:	\$15,955.00
Donations Received:	\$15,955.00

100%

COMMUNITY CORNER

LUMINA CENTER NEWS



OCTOBER support opportunities

CONTACT: 717-247-8430 or execdirector@lumina-center.org
ADDRESS: PO BOX 1243, 18 E 3rd St, Lewistown, PA 17044

PAYPAL
DONATION

***OCT 14:** FREE Coffeehouse 9AM
FREE Community Meal 11AM

***OCT 23:** Lights on LUMINA 4:30 – 6:30PM

***PRAYER HIGHLIGHT** – Volunteers

*IN NEED OF:

- VOLUNTEERS FOR AFTERSCHOOL
- VAN DRIVERS/RIDERS FOR 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR
Projected timeline: 2:10p -3:10p --Afterschool is Mon-Thurs
You pick which day(s)

*FUNDRAISERS:

***2025-26 LUMINA RESTAURANT DISCOUNT CARDS**
\$10 each – good from Aug 31, 2025 to Aug 31, 2026


*SLICED DELI

- Buy a \$7.00 ticket for a Sliced Deli chef salad
- Stop by Sliced Deli at your convenience by Oct 31 to redeem your salad ticket

***HAM SANDWICH SALE OCT 17**

- \$4.00 each
- Order by 10:30a Oct 13

DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG





Celebrating 50 Years of
THIS LAND IS HOME TO ME

Listening Sessions:
October 6th & 7th | 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.


In 1975, 25 Catholic bishops from the Appalachian region of the United States, including Bishop Daley, the Sixth Bishop of Harrisburg, signed a pastoral letter titled "This Land is Home to Me."

The letter was written to reflect on the inequalities affecting Appalachia. It was developed in collaboration with the Catholic Committee of Appalachia (CCA), which had spent a year listening to the stories of local residents, church workers, and community groups. This poetic and prophetic document speaks to enduring issues of poverty, environmental degradation, and the dignity of local communities—themes Pope Francis drew attention to in his ecological encyclical, *Laudato Si'*.

As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of "This Land is Home to Me" we invite you to read and reflect on these letters and join one of our listening sessions on October 6th and 7th. These conversations will be held via Zoom.

Scan to RSVP to a Listening Session



Read the pastoral letter and RSVP for a listening session at
www.hbgdiocese.org/event/this-land-is-home-to-me-pastoral-letter-listening-session/

Annual Fall Festival

Reeds Gap State Park

1405 New Lancaster Valley Rd, Milroy 17063

Saturday, October 11, 2025 11AM - 3 PM

Hands-on activities include:
Pumpkin painting, Candle-dipping, and more!

Enjoy seasonal treats like fresh apple cider and handmade ice cream!

Concession items also available for purchase through Boy Scout Troop 106

Live Falcons with Falconry display by The Falconry Girl!

Woodturning demonstrations by Nittany Valley Woodturners!

Look for an appearance from Smokey Bear while you're here!

Enjoy Bluegrass music performed by the Brush Mountain Band!

Other programs include:
Stream Study by Mifflin County Conservation District
Arrowhead Artifacts by Steve Zelders
Fly casting with Trout Unlimited
Penns Creek Chapter Displays with Shaver's Creek And More!!

Take a hayride through the park to view the start of fall foliage! (Last ride leaves at 2:30pm)

For more information, please contact
Reeds Gap State Park at 717-667-3622
or by email at reedsgap@psa.gov

ADOPT A ROOM

MAKE A LASTING DIFFERENCE - ONE ROOM AT A TIME CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities is inviting parishes, businesses, families, and community groups to take part in a special opportunity to support those we serve, by adopting and transforming a room at one of our residential programs:



Lourdeshouse Maternity Home

Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families

Evergreen House for Women in Recovery



What Does It Mean to "Adopt a Room"?

You'll take responsibility for refreshing and uplifting a living space - giving it new life and offering our residents a sense of dignity, peace, and comfort.

This could include:

- Painting walls
- Providing new bedding, curtains, or rugs
- Adding meaningful decor or functional furniture
- Creating a welcoming, personalized environment

Who Can Participate?

- Knights of Columbus Councils
- Councils of Catholic Women
- Parishes
- Youth Groups
- Christian Service Clubs
- School Service Programs
- Sports Teams
- Local Businesses
- Families or Individuals
- Scout Troops

LIMITED ROOMS AVAILABLE! ACT NOW!

Why It Matters:

Your efforts provide more than a beautiful room—they offer a fresh start, hope, and healing for someone going through one of the hardest chapters of their life.



Interested in Adopting a Room?

Let's talk about available rooms, guidelines, and how you can make an impact.
Contact: Tara Benkovic, Development Director
717-657-4804 ext 284
tbenkovic@cchbg.org



To report suspected child abuse, call:
PA Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-932-0313
Diocese of Harrisburg 1-800-626-1608




SACRED HEART SCHOOL

110 N. DORCAS ST., LEWISTOWN, PA | SACREDHEARTSCHOOL.COM

APPLE TREE PROJECT

Help us grow opportunities for every child by supporting our Angel Fund, which provides tuition assistance to families in need. Choose an apple from the tree and make a difference today!

How It Works:

-  Red Apples – One-time gift to the Angel Fund
-  Green Apples – Monthly commitment for 10 months.
-  Yellow Apples – Make a major gift to support the Angel Fund in a meaningful way.

Every apple picked helps plant seeds of faith, knowledge, and community at SHS. Together, we can ensure that no child is turned away due to financial hardship.

How to give:

Complete the pledge sheet and return your gift (cash or check marked Apple Tree Project) in the collection basket or to the school/parish office.

Give online at:

sacredheartschool.com/angel-fund

Thank you for helping our students thrive!



AMERICA 250

As part of the America 250 celebration, Liberty Bells are being uncovered across Pennsylvania. We are proud to share that students from Sacred Heart School were front and center for the unveiling of Mifflin County's Liberty Bell on Goose Day. In 2026, the bells will be part of a trail where people will find at least one bell in each of Pennsylvania's 67 counties to celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States.



GOOSE DAY IN THE JUNIATA VALLEY
It was a great Goose Day at SHS complete with a goosey scavenger hunt through downtown and goose cookies from the The Square Cafe & Bakery!





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September 25, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend, we observe the World Day for Migrants and Refugees. The Church calls us to pray, reflect, and act on behalf of our brothers and sisters who are compelled to leave their homelands in search of safety, peace, and hope. Their journeys are often marked by hardship, fear, and loss, yet they also bear profound witness to the resilience of the human spirit and the enduring hope rooted in God's promise.

Pope Leo XIV reminds us that "migrants and refugees stand as messengers of hope. Their courage and tenacity bear heroic testimony to a faith that sees beyond what our eyes can see and gives them the strength to defy death on the various contemporary migration routes."¹ These words invite us to see every migrant and refugee as a neighbor in need as well as a bearer of God's grace and a sign of His Kingdom.

Here in the United States, we continue to witness many families and individuals in our communities, who are seeking a better life because they were fleeing war, poverty, and violence. Once again, they find themselves facing uncertainty and fear. Behind the headlines and statistics are real people—mothers and fathers longing to provide for their children, young people yearning for security and opportunity, grandparents hoping simply to live out their remaining years in peace. Each person is a child of God, deserving of respect, compassion, and the chance to flourish. As the Church teaches, the dignity of the human person does not depend on legal status, nationality, or circumstance; it is inherent, given by our Creator.

Here in our own communities, we are not untouched by the realities of migration. Families arrive seeking work, protection, and opportunity, often carrying deep wounds of displacement. Our response as Catholics must always begin with the Gospel: to welcome the stranger, to safeguard the dignity of every person, and to build communities where all are treated as beloved children of God.

We cannot be indifferent or closed off to those who knock at our doors. Instead, we need to pray for migrants and refugees, advocate for just policies that safeguard them, and extend to them concrete acts of hospitality and care. In doing so, we respond to Christ Himself, who tells us: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Mt 25:35).

May the Virgin Mary, Comfort of Migrants, intercede for all those who journey in search of hope, and may our Diocese be a place of welcome and compassion, reflecting the heart of Christ to all.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Timothy C. Senior
Bishop of Harrisburg

¹ Leo, "Message of Pope Leo XIV for the 111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2025," Vatican, <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/migration/documents/20250725-world-migrants-day-2025.html> (accessed September 24, 2025).