



CHURCH OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust



October 15, 2023

155 North Brady Street • Blairsville, Pennsylvania 15717
Office: 459-7103 • Rectory: 459-7173 • Marian Hall: 459-6211
Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 9:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Parish Website: www.sssimonandjude.org

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are the men, women, youth and children of SS. Simon and Jude Parish, who since 1830 have accepted Jesus Christ's message of faith, hope and love. Filled with the Holy Spirit and enriched by God's Word, the Eucharist, and the Sacraments from our Catholic Tradition, our mission is to continue God's plan of redemption and salvation. Through prayer, evangelization and acts of charity, we as a community pass on our faith.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor Fr. Segundino Laude
Deacon Mark Ferlin
Pastoral Associate Elaine Scherer
Business Manager Lisa Auvil
Parish Secretary Margie Frenchik
Maintenance Mike Lychalk
Church Sacristan William Doody
Cemetery Operation Manager Victor Nastase

FAITH FORMATION

Elaine Scherer 724-216-3342
Classes Sundays 10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

OTHER INFORMATION

Communion to Shut-ins - Please call the office.
Eucharistic Chapel is open daily 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Indiana Hospital Chaplain Rev. Phil White - 582-400-5924
Latrobe Hospital Chaplain Benedictine Fathers - 724-532-6600
Sponsor Certificates: Certificates for sponsors of the Sacraments can be issued by calling the office.
If you have a suspicion about sexual abuse (or any type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone, please contact PA Childline immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer, you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct at 724-837-0901, ext. 1221, after you have called the Childline number and made the report.

OTHER MINISTRY LEADERS

Angels of Compassion
Mary Ann Brozick 724-459-7980
Funeral Choir Director
Carolee Risinger 724-459-8485
Men's Choir Director
Dave Brozeski 724-459-5722
Organist
Pauline Alexander 724-459-9655
Sacramental Prep
Elaine Scherer 724-216-3342
Women's Choir Director
Rick Auvil 412-309-0481

SACRAMENTS

Anointing of Sick - Service scheduled periodically or upon request by calling the office.
Baptism - Baptisms are held during Mass. Please call the office.
Baptism Class - Parents & Sponsors Program required.
First Communion takes place during Easter season.
Marriage Dates must be arranged one year in advance. Marriage Preparation Program required. No wedding after 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays.
Penance - Saturday at 1:00 p.m. or by appointment. Penance services twice a year.

**10/14/23-Saturday-28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)**

1:00pm Sacrament of Penance
4:00pm For The People

10/15/23-Sunday-28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Wisniske Family by Jackie

10/16/23-Monday-St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

8:00am John Sivi by Wife, Irene

10/18/23-Wednesday-St. Luke, Evangelist

8:00am Nancy Fortunato by Dave & Diane Fortunato

10/20/23-Friday-St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

8:00am Margaret R. Marron by Joe & Gloria Marron

10/21/23-Saturday-29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)

1:00pm Sacrament of Penance
4:00pm Living & Deceased Members of the CD of A
by Members

10/22/23-Sunday-29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am For The People

**CHAPEL CANDLE IN MEMORY OF DAVID
BAKER, JR. BY DAN**

**WINE IN MEMORY OF CECELIA HENIGIN
BY BOBBIE WASKO**

WEEKDAY MASSES: Due to the change in the weekly Mass schedule, our schedule is now Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 8:00 a.m.. We will not have a weekday Mass on Tuesday. Therefore, if you have asked for a Mass back in October, and it was scheduled for a Tuesday, it now has to be moved. Please check the bulletin Mass schedule now through December for your Mass. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

**MASS SCHEDULE
CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, KENT**

**MONDAYS Holy Hour-5:00 P.M.; Mass-6:00 P.M.
TUESDAYS 8:30 A.M.
THURSDAYS 8:30 A.M.
SATURDAY 6:00 P.M.
SUNDAY 11:00 A.M.**

+++ FINANCIAL REPORT***

October 8, 2023

Offertory Collection	\$ 5,687.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 43.00
Total	\$ 5,730.00
Cemetery Income.....	\$ 2,100.00

WEEKLY READINGS: GATHER HYMNAL #1173**PARISH COMING EVENTS:****Sunday, October 15**

- ◆ 1st Reconciliation, Sacramental Preparation, Parish Center, 10:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 17

- ◆ K of C Meeting, Marian Hall, 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Women's Choir Rehearsal, Church, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 19

- ◆ Men's Choir Rehearsal, Church, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 21

- ◆ K of C Spaghetti Dinner, Marian Hall, 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 22

- ◆ Faith Formation, Grades K-12, Intergenerational, Parish Center, 10:15 a.m.-"Noonish"

28th Sunday in the Ordinary Time-Pastor's Reflection

Texts: Isaiah 25:6-10, Responsorial Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5,6, Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20, Matthew 22:1-14.

R.S.V.P...Many of us receive invitations to all kinds of things, some of them of importance (like an invitation to the wedding of a close family member), others of little importance (like an invitation to the opening of a new store). In both cases, a response is needed. But one response has far greater consequences than the other.

Isaiah describes a lavish banquet given when death is destroyed and sorrow is vanished. The wedding feast described in the Gospel is this banquet and more. It is the Messianic banquet at the end of time when God will have completed the saving work for which the Son was sent to us.

The King is determined about filling the wedding hall with guests. His initial guest list has been carefully drawn up, but when these invited guests do not come, the King sends his servants out to invite anyone and everyone. The hall must be filled. The **issue**, therefore, **is not who is invited, but who will choose to come**. God persistently invites us to the royal banquet in the "Kingdom of Heaven." But the gracious invitation requires our response.

READINGS-October 22, 2023

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 (1st)
 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b (2nd)
 Matthew 22:15-21 (Gospel)
 Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



ALL CEMETERY GRAVES are to be cleaned off by October 16th. If they are not cleaned off before October 16th, they will be cleaned off by cemetery workers. Leave a grace period before putting decorations back on the graves in case the weather is bad and clean-up would be later than the 16th. Please take your clean-up materials with you for trash disposal. Thank You.



ALL SOUL'S DAY: Our parish Book of Remembrance is located near the Baptismal Font in back of the church. Please record names of your beloved deceased in preparation for All Souls' Day on November 2nd. Our deceased and those names written in the Remembrance Book will then be remembered in a special way on All Souls Day and during the month of November.

MEN'S RETREAT October 27th-29th at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg: A Men's Emmaus Retreat is planned Oct. 27th-29th at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg, for all men 18 and older. Only 30 seats are available. For information and registration, visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/mens-emmaus-retreat or call Jim Pencola at 724-726-5315.



K OF C SPAGHETTI DINNER! Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 21st from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please join us for fellowship and dinner in Marian Hall.

Donations are welcomed and will benefit K of C community and church service activities. Everyone is welcome!



PENNSYLVANIA MARCH FOR LIFE: On October 16th, Bishop Larry J. Kulick and parishioners from the Diocese of Greensburg will attend the 3rd Annual March For Life in Harrisburg. To learn more visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/pro-life-ministries/. For more information, contact Christina Cerilli at ccerilli@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION next weekend for Mission Sunday. This collection helps mission work of the Church around the world. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

HOLIDAY CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW will be held at St. John the Evangelist, Latrobe, on October 21st from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. They will have a Basket Raffle, Chinese Auction & 50/50. Rosary Altar Christian Mothers will be selling a variety of food and hot & cold drinks.

BLESSING OF THE PETS for the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi was celebrated on October 4th with Father Dino.



THE WOMEN OF FAITH of the Blairsville First Methodist Church are having a Harvest Festival on October 18, 2023. The Salad Bar is from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. for a donation of \$10.00. There will also be a bake sale and a flea market. Tickets will be available at the door, the church office, or from a member of the Women of Faith. Hope to see you there!

THE MELCHIZEDEK PROJECT is designed for high school and young adult-aged men who would like to grow in their understanding of how to discern a vocation and learn more about the priesthood. Each gathering involves prayer, discussion on a specific topic related to priesthood, and dinner. Visit greensburgpriest.org for information, dates, and registration. Please note that groups are age-specific.

PLEASE READ THIS FORM CAREFULLY – THERE ARE CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2024:

- Intentions will be scheduled first come, first served. **We will try to schedule intentions on the date requested, but if the date is filled, we will move it to the next closest date.**
- **ALL REGISTERED HOUSEHOLDS MAY SCHEDULE ONLY A MAXIMUM OF 2 MASSES PER YEAR ON 2 SPECIFIC DATES – EITHER 2 WEEKDAYS *OR* 1 WEEKEND AND ONE WEEKDAY . (NO EXCEPTIONS)**
- Remember there is no Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Please do not call the office – intentions will not be taken over the phone.
- **We cannot call to confirm dates.**
- \$10.00 stipend per Mass intention.
- If also requesting Wine, Host, or Candle in the Chapel, a separate check is needed – Do not include this amount in with your Mass Stipends.
- **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!!**

2024 MASS INTENTIONS		
DECEASED INTENTION (NAME)	DATE REQUESTED	REQUESTED BY
_____	_____	_____
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A Communion of Saints



The Faith Formation Program invites the parish community to join us on Sunday, October 22, 2023, for an Intergenerational Session featuring, **A Communion of Saints**. You are invited to join us by dressing as your favorite saint or bringing a picture of your favorite saint to share with all attending. Games, fun, food, and education for all!! Please complete the form and return to Elaine Scherer before Wednesday, October 18, 2023.

NAME: _____

#ADULTS: _____ #CHILDREN: _____