



CHURCH OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust



November 12, 2023

155 North Brady Street • Blairsville, Pennsylvania 15717

Office: 459-7103 • 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	
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.



11/11/23-Saturday-32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)

1:00pm Sacrament of Penance
4:00pm Ray Christopher by Karen & Tom Jennings

11/12/23-Sunday-32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am For The People

11/13/23-Monday-St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

8:00am Jane Christopher by Karen & Tom Jennings

11/15/23-Wednesday-St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00am Benjamin & Mary Boggio by Boggio Family

11/17/23-Friday-St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

8:00am Joseph & Ann Stella by Family

11/18/23-Saturday-33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)

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

11/19/23-Sunday-33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Frank & Betty Avalli by Cindy, Vince & Family

HOST IN MEMORY OF MR. & MRS. RAY CHRISTOPHER BY JOAN HETCKO

CHAPEL CANDLE IN MEMORY OF MARIA ELENA BY NORMA J BRADEN

ONLINE GIVING QR CODE



**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***

November 5, 2023

Offertory Collection	\$ 6,898.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 42.00
Total	\$ 6,940.00
All Saints	\$ 873.00
Retired Religious.....	\$ 698.00
Cemetery Income.....	\$ 450.00

WEEKLY READINGS: GATHER HYMNAL # 1185

PARISH COMING EVENTS:

Sunday, November 12

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

Tuesday, November 14

- ◆ Women’s Choir Rehearsal, Church, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 15

- ◆ Bible Study, Parish Meeting Room, 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 16

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

Sunday, November 19

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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scriptural Texts: Wisdom 6:12-16, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13.

“We know not the day nor the hour.” Everyone suffers sometimes from bereavement, and some losses are especially difficult to bear. But if we hope in the resurrection, we should not grieve like others who have no hope. The underlying optimism shining through today’s text from the book of Wisdom is given a personal focus by St. Paul, who says that all we have lost will be restored when Jesus returns in glory. The Gospel adds that we must be ready to welcome Him.

NOVEMBER



READINGS-November 19, 2023

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 (1st)
 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 (2nd)
 Matthew 25:14-30 (Gospel)
 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend there will be a second collection taken for the Diocesan Poverty Relief Fund and Catholic Relief services. This helps people in need in both the diocese's four counties and internationally. Thank you for your generosity.

FYI: Starting in November and continuing through December, the deadline for turning in the bulletin for printing is significantly moved up. Therefore, remember this if needing to put an article in the bulletin those months and get the announcement to us as early as possible. Thank you.

PUBLIC ROSARY RALLY-Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Join local-area Catholics in front of the Indiana County Courthouse. The Rally will last about 45 minutes and will occur rain or shine, so please dress appropriately. Call/text Marianne at 724-717-3278 with any questions.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT: There will be a Christmas Community Concert on Monday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m. at Blairsville United Presbyterian Church, 137 N. Walnut St., Blairsville, PA. The concert is sponsored by the Blairsville Monday Music Club.

A LIVE NATIVITY is planned Friday, December 8, from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at St. James Parish, New Alexandria. All are invited to walk and experience the beauty and wonder of the Scriptures coming to life with live animals and actors. There will be activities for the entire family, plus lessons and carols. Refreshments will be served.

CHRISTMAS NIGHT MARKET & MASS WITH BISHOP KULICK is set for Saturday, December 16, from 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. Mass with Bishop Larry J. Kulick starts at 4:00 p.m. For more information, visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/Christmas-night-market/.

ATTENTION LECTORS: The lector workbooks for the new Church year are in and can be picked-up in the back of the church. Please pick up your workbook at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

THE WORD AMONG US, a booklet for the Advent season containing Scripture reflections and daily Mass readings each day in Advent is available in the back of the church for those wishing to take one home.

CUSTODIAN POSITION OPEN: Our parish has an opening for a custodian. This position will be part-time, with approximately 25 hours per week. If you are interested or know of anyone who is interested in this position, please call the parish office at 724-459-7103.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the soul of Gary Wilkins, brother of Sherry Csanyi and the soul of George Taylor, husband of Carol Taylor. May God grant them eternal life and peace.



CATHOLIC TRIVIA NIGHT: St. Bartholomew in Crabtree will be hosting Stinger Trivia on Friday November 17th at 7:00 PM in Marian Hall. Please come out for a night of fun and prizes. Trivia night is free for all to attend. You are welcome to bring your own food and/ or snacks. There will also be limited items to purchase, 50/50 and more. All proceeds will benefit our Christmas pageant. Any questions or for more information please contact Rose Holtzer at 724-217-2224 or rmh3@ymail.com or the Parish Office at 724-834-0709.





A Time of Thanksgiving and Preparation for Advent

THE FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM INVITES THE PARISH COMMUNITY TO JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING AND PREPARE OURSELVES FOR ADVENT. ADVENT CALLS US TO LIVE DECEMBER DIFFERENTLY THAN MOST OF THE WORLD WOULD HAVE US DO. WE COUNT DOWN NOT TO THE OPENING OF PRESENTS BUT TO THE FULFILLMENT OF GOD'S PROMISES FOR ALL OF US AND ALL CREATION IN THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST AT BETHLEHEM.

JOIN US IN FELLOWSHIP AS WE PREPARE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR ALL HE HAS GIVEN US AND BEGIN OUR PREPARATIONS FOR ADVENT.

IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ENOUGH FOOD FOR THE SESSION, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN TO ELAINE SCHERER BY NOVEMBER 15, 2023. YOU MAY TEXT ME (724-216-3342) OR EMAIL ME (escherer@dioceseofgreensburg.org or ejscherer@gmail.com) WITH TOTAL ADULTS AND TOTAL CHILDREN ATTENDING.

PLEASE RSVP NO LATER THAN 11-15-2023.

NAME: _____

#ADULTS _____ #CHILDREN _____



November Faithful Challenge: Remember Those Who Have Died

This month's faithful challenge is to remember those who have died. You are invited to join Bishop Kulick during this year of Eucharistic Revival to strengthen our Catholic Community by memorializing our departed loved ones and friends.

Accept Bishop Kulick's Faithful Challenge by:

- **Lighting a candle**
- **Offering a Mass**
- **Visiting a gravesite**
- **Volunteering at a cemetery**
- **Donating to a cemetery**
- **Attending Mass and receiving the Eucharist**

These rituals of memorial can unite us to our departed loved ones.

This November, we give thanks for the time on Earth we shared with those who have died, and offer our prayers for family and friends in Heaven. The greatest prayer we can offer is Mass. If you would like to have a Mass offered for a deceased loved one, contact our parish office or e-mail the Diocesan Mission office at missions@dioceseofgreensburg.org and someone will help you arrange this. Accept Bishop Kulick's November faithful challenge and remember those who have died.

