



CHURCH OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

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March 10, 2024

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FOURTH
SUNDAY
OF

Lent



03/09/24-Saturday-Fourth Sunday of Lent (Vigil)

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

03/10/24-Sunday-Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00am Wayne Fumea by Romaine & Bill

03/11/24-Monday-Lenten Weekday

8:00am Brandon Sturgeon by Mike & Kathleen DeSantis

03/13/24-Wednesday-Lenten Weekday

8:00am Charles & Candida Sundry by
Riz, De, Joe & Families

03/15/24-Friday-Lenten Weekday

8:00am David W. Baker, Jr. by Dan Baker
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

03/16/24-Saturday-Fifth Sunday of Lent (Vigil)

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

03/17/24-Sunday-Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00am Veronica Modrey & Family by Pat Quick

WINE AND HOST IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL E. SULKOSKY BY VICKI AND WALT RAGER.

OTHER COMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, March 12

- ◆ Penance Service, St. Sylvester, Slickville and Holy Family, Seward, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 16

- ◆ Penance Service, Church of the Good Shepherd, Kent, 10:00 a.m.

**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***

March 3, 2024

Offertory Collection	\$ 8,037.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 123.00
Total	\$ 8,160.00

WEEKLY READINGS: GATHER HYMNAL # 1026

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PARISH COMING EVENTS:

Monday, March 11

- ◆ Confirmation Class, Parish Meeting Room, 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Penance Service, SS. Simon & Jude, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 12

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

Wednesday, March 13

- ◆ Sacramental Prep., 1st Eucharist, Parish Center, 5:00 p.m.
- ◆ Men's Choir Rehearsal, Church, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, March 15

- ◆ Cleaning of Cemetery Graves, Please Remove Any Decorations You Wish To Keep.
- ◆ Stations of the Cross, Church, 7:00 p.m.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
PASTOR'S REFLECTION**

March 10. Texts: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23, Ps. 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6, Eph. 2:4-10, Jn. 3:14-21.

How have I experienced love? How devastating it is for a child to grow up without knowing love! We human beings need love to become whole. Without the experience of loving one another, how can we come to experience God's love for us?

The Second Reading also reveals "the great love [God] had for us." Further, while the second reading affirms that we are "saved through faith," it also makes clear that this faith itself "is the gift of God. More love!"

Such depth of God's love this Gospel reveals: God gave the only Son, allowed the only Son to be "lifted up" on a cross, and now remains patient with us while we struggle with choosing between darkness and light, evil and truth. Moreover, in the very midst of our ongoing struggle, it is God who brings us to greater belief and leads us to eternal life. Such is the depth of love God has for us!

READINGS-March 17, 2024

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (1st)
 Hebrews 5:7-9 (2nd)
 John 12:20-33 (Gospel)
 Fifth Sunday of Lent



2024 LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE & LUNCHEONS

All Services & Luncheons are on Wednesdays at Noon
 March 13—First Presbyterian Church
 March 20—Blacklick Methodist Church
 March 27—SS. Simon & Jude Church
Good Friday—March 29—Community Good Friday Service—Blairsville First Methodist Church—7:00 p.m.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) here in our church at 7:00 p.m.

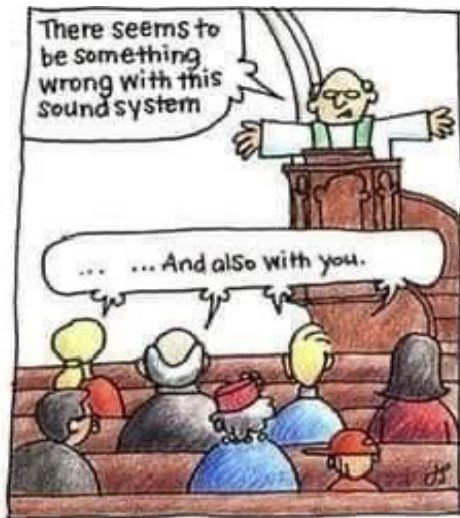


DLA: Thank you to all who have supported our DLA to date. Thus far, we have contributions from 27 families, totaling \$11,710.00. Our diocesan target is \$40,870.00. We ask that you be as generous as possible to this appeal and we encourage everyone to participate, for anything over our target, will remain here in the parish for our use. Pledges may be made by turning in your pledge card by mailing it **DIRECTLY TO THE DIOCESE** in the envelope provided. You may also donate online by visiting www.dioceseofgreensburg.org and on the website, under Diocesan Lenten Appeal, click the "Donate Now" button. If you have misplaced your pledge card or for some reason did not receive one in the mail, Lenten Appeal offering forms are available at the entrances of the church that you may use to make your donation. Thank you.

ALL CEMETERY GRAVES are to be cleaned off by March 15th. If they are not cleaned off before March 15th, 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 March 15th. Please take your clean up materials with you for trash disposal – Thank You.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS, sponsored by the Blairsville Ministerium, are available at our church entrances. The booklets contain scripture reflections for each day of Lent written by members of our community. Please feel free to take one home. If you would like to have PDF file of this booklet emailed to you, please call the office.

THE WORD AMONG US BOOKLET for the Lenten season is available at the entrances of the church. We invite each family to take one home.



MARCH PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY, Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. on the sidewalk in front of the Indiana County Courthouse. The public Rosary lasts about 45 minutes. Please consider adding this prayerful public witness to your Lenten offerings. Please contact Marianne with any questions: 724-717-3278.

LOOKING FOR CRAFTERS: In order for our parish to host a craft show in 2024, we need at least 30 crafters to make it feasible. If you sell crafts or know of anyone who does crafts, please contact Peggy Mosco at 724-464-7371. Spread the word!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the soul of parishioner, Barbara Romasco. May God grant her eternal life and peace.

Local Lenten Friday Fish Fries

Crabtree

St. Bartholomew Parish with Crabtree Volunteer Fire Department (Marian Hall), Fridays, Including Good Friday, 4:30-7:00 p.m., dine in or takeout. Orders: 724-834-9789 or 724-834-1028

Kent

Church of the Good Shepherd Parish
 4:00-7:00 p.m., "Dine In or Drive Thru"
 Full Meals \$14 or Half Meals \$7



Northern Indiana County

Church of the Resurrection Parish
 Glen Campbell Site Social Hall, March 22, 4:00-6:30 p.m.
 (Glen Campbell, takeout only)

Indiana

St. Bernard Parish
 St. Bernard Church Hall, 4:00-6:30 p.m.
 "Dine In Or Take Out" (except Good Friday)



DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG SAINT JOSEPH PILGRIMAGE MARCH 18 & 19, 2024

Bishop Larry J. Kulick will lead a pilgrimage to the four Saint Joseph parishes and Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, to dedicate the Diocese of Greensburg to the guardianship and protection of Saint Joseph. Each site along the pilgrimage will focus on a different aspect of Joseph as a faithful disciple, helping us to strengthen and rededicate our own relationship with Jesus Christ.

Visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/StJoseph to reserve a seat on the pilgrimage bus for \$25, sponsor the pilgrimage or donate items to the Saint Joseph Altar.

SAINT JOSEPH: PATRON OF WORKERS

Monday, March 18, 6 PM

Saint Joseph Parish, New Kensington

Evening Prayer with special presentation on Saint Joseph the Worker by author Mike Aquilina from the Saint Paul Center for Biblical Theology.

SAINT JOSEPH: PATRON OF A HAPPY DEATH

Tuesday, March 19, 9 AM

Saint Joseph Parish, Derry

Morning Prayer for Saint Joseph, Patron of a Happy Death, with presentation on estate and funeral planning.

MASS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH

Tuesday, March 19, 11:45 AM

Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg

Mass for the Solemnity of Saint Joseph with Promulgation of Bishop Kulick's Pastoral Letter dedicating the Diocese to the guardianship and protection of Saint Joseph.

SAINT JOSEPH: PATRON OF IMMIGRANTS

Tuesday, March 19, 2:30 PM

Saint Joseph Parish, Everson

Afternoon Prayer with Building a Saint Joseph Altar. All are invited to bring non-perishable food and supplies to offer in thanksgiving for Saint Joseph's intercession. Items donated will be distributed to families in need throughout the Diocese.

SAINT JOSEPH: PROTECTOR OF THE EUCHARISTIC LORD

Tuesday, March 19, 6 PM

Saint Joseph Parish, Uniontown

Holy Hour with presentation on Saint Joseph, Protector of the Eucharistic Lord, Patron of Families, and Fosterer of Vocations.



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Lenten Penance Services 2024

Monday, March 11: 7:00 PM-SS. Simon & Jude, Blairsville

Tuesday, March 12: 7:00 PM-Saint Sylvester, Slickville
and Holy Family, Seward

Saturday, March 16: 10:00 AM-Church of the Good
Shepherd, Kent

Tuesday, March 19: 7:00 PM-Church of the Resurrection,
Clymer

Wednesday, March 20: 7:00 PM-Our Lady of the
Assumption, Lucernemines

Thursday, March 21: 7:00 PM-Saint Bernard, Indiana



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord March 23rd & 24th (SS. Simon & Jude)

Saturday, 4:00 p.m. – Mass & Blessing of Palm Branches

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. – Mass & Blessing of Palm Branches

Holy Thursday, March 28th

10:00 a.m. – **Chrism Mass** (Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg)

7:00 p.m. - **Mass of the Lord's Supper** (SS. Simon & Jude)

Transfer of the Holy Eucharist to the Chapel (Adoration until midnight)

12:00 midnight – **Night Prayer** (Chapel) (SS. Simon & Jude)

Good Friday, March 29th

2:00 p.m. - **Celebration of the Lord's Passion & Communion** (Kent)

7:00 p.m. - **Blairsville Ministerium Good Friday Service**, Blairsville First Methodist Church
(South Walnut Street)

Holy Saturday, March 30th (SS. Simon & Jude)

10:00 a.m. - **Decorate the Church for the Easter Season**

2:00 p.m. - **Blessing of the Easter Foods (Baskets)** (Church)

9:00 p.m. - **Solemn Easter Vigil Liturgy** (begins outside with lighting of fire and Easter Candle)

Easter Sunday, March 31st

9:00 a.m. - **Eucharistic Liturgy** (SS. Simon & Jude)

11:00 a.m. - **Eucharistic Liturgy** (Kent)

Children's Easter Egg Hunt following the 9:00 a.m. Mass (SS. Simon & Jude)