



CHURCH OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

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March 17, 2024

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Parish Website: www.sssimonandjude.org





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

03/18/24-Monday-St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00am Frank Shurina by Family

03/20/24-Wednesday-Lenten Weekday

8:00am Walter E. Braden by Norma J. Braden

03/22/24-Friday-Lenten Weekday

8:00am John W. Plunkett by Mom and Dad
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

03/23/24-Saturday-Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Vigil)

1:00pm Sacrament of Penance
4:00pm Patricia Suman by Husband and Family

03/24/24-Sunday-Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:00am For The People

HOST IN MEMORY OF EDITH MELOY BY VOLPE FAMILY

CHAPEL CANDLE IN MEMORY OF EDITH MELOY & ANNA MOSCO BY PEGGY & PAUL

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**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 10, 2024

Offertory Collection	\$ 9,780.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 70.00
Total	\$ 9,850.00

WEEKLY READINGS: GATHER HYMNAL # 1029

PARISH COMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, March 19

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

Wednesday, March 20

- ◆ Bible Study, 1:00 p.m., Marian Hall, and 7:00 p.m., Parish Center
- ◆ Men's Choir Rehearsal, Church, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 24

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

OTHER COMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, March 19

- ◆ Penance Service, Church of the Resurrection, Clymer, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20

- ◆ Penance Service, Our Lady of the Assumption, Lucernemines, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 21

- ◆ Penance Service, St. Bernard, Indiana, 7:00 p.m.

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

Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm: 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15, Hebrews 5:7-9, John 12:20-33

The paradox of life. In our society people often strive to gain glory for themselves (self-glorification), even if it means hurting others. However, followers of Jesus strive to gain glory too. But their glory is a free gift of God granted to those who serve others by dying to self.

What Jeremiah anticipates ("the days are coming") in the first reading, Jesus fulfills ("Now is the time"). What is anticipated and fulfilled? A new covenant with all people, a new people now drawn to Jesus himself.

The challenge of this Sunday's gospel is to serve others, lose one's life, and die. All this, to gain new life. Disciples do this in imitation of Jesus. Discipleship therefore, means a lifelong growing into dying and rising. Learning to serve, we understand what losing our life means. Losing our life, we understand what dying means. Dying, we receive the fruit: fullness of life and a share in Christ's glorification. Whom does your life serve?

READINGS-March 24, 2024

Isaiah 50:4-7 (1st)
 Philippians 2:6-11 (2nd)
 Mark 14:1—15:47 (Passion)
 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



DLA: Thank you to all who have supported our DLA to date. Thus far, we have contributions from 81 families, totaling \$21,675.00. 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.

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.

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!

SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE, Latrobe, will offer "**Faith and Reason**," a summer program for high school students and first-year college students, July 7th-13th. "Faith and Reason" offers students an opportunity to explore a richer, deeper understanding of the Catholic faith. For information or to register, visit www.stvincent.edu/faithandreason.

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.

SCHEDULES FOR EWTN are available at each entrance of the Church for those wishing to take one home.



2024 LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE & LUNCHEONS

All Services & Luncheons are on Wednesdays at Noon
 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.

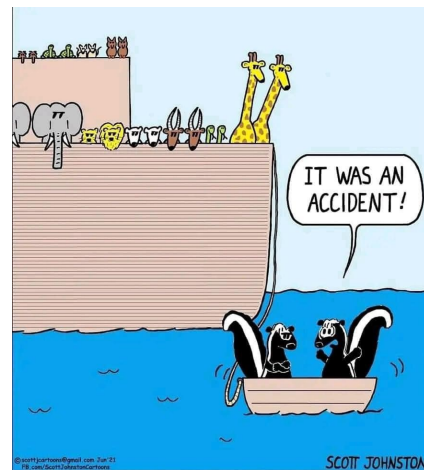
HELP IS NEEDED FOR OUR LENTEN LUNCHEON: SS.

Simon & Jude is hosting the Lenten Prayer Service & Luncheon on March 27th at Noon. Help is needed to set up the hall, prepare the sandwiches, serve soup and drinks. Please come to the hall at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 27th if you can help. Thank you.



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

THANKS to all the bakers who donated cookies for the Mission held at St. Thomas More. It was appreciated!



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)

Lenten Penance Services 2024

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 the 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)

**Join us for the SS. Simon and Jude Parish
Easter Egg Hunt**



**Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024
Following the 9:00am Mass
Meet at the Mary Statue**

****In case of bad weather, will hold in Marian
Hall.****

All children invited!!

