



CHURCH OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE

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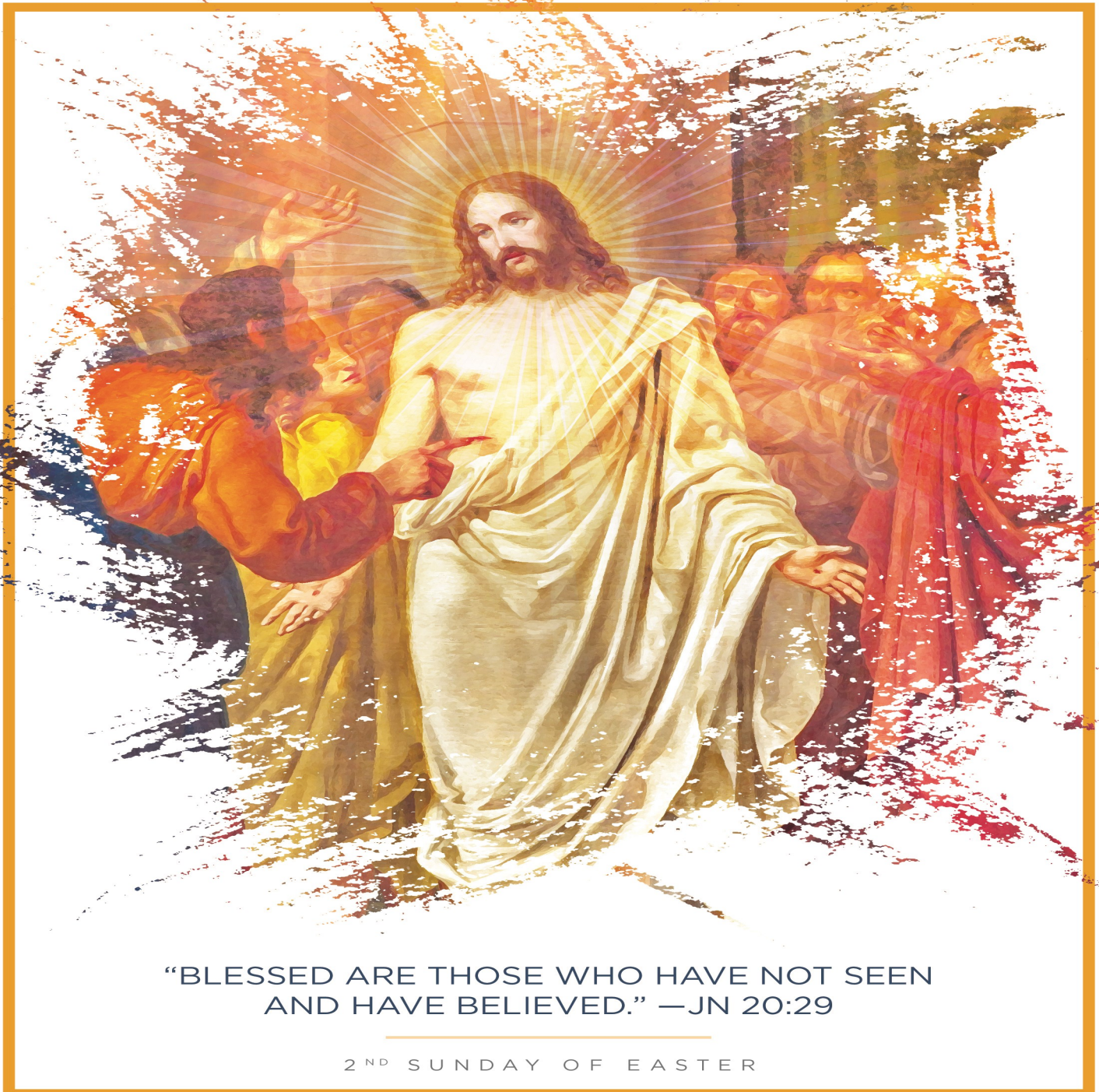
April 7, 2024

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“BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN
AND HAVE BELIEVED.” —JN 20:29

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASSt INTENTIONS

04/06/24-Saturday-2nd Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy) (Vigil)

1:00pm Sacrament of Penance
4:00pm Sam Ferguson by Family

04/07/24-Sunday-2nd Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

9:00am For The People

04/08/24-Monday-The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00am Antoinette Trenney by Henry & Diane Rhea

04/10/24-Wednesday-Easter Weekday

8:00am Ronald Quick by Randall Torok, Sr.

04/12/24-Friday-Easter Weekday

8:00am Richard Gallo by Bob & Patty Jack

04/13/24-Saturday-3rd Sunday of Easter (Vigil)

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

04/14/24-Sunday-3rd Sunday of Easter

9:00am John Flasic by Daughters & Families

WINE IN MEMORY OF FRANK SHURINA BY JIM & NETTIE CULLEY

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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 24, 2024

Offertory Collection	\$ 4,476.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 127.00
Total	\$ 4,603.00

March 31, 2024

Offertory Collection	\$ 3,584.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 186.00
Total	\$ 3,770.00
Cemetery.....	\$ 450.00
Holy Thursday.....	\$ 1,032.00
Good Friday (Holy Land).....	\$ 502.00
Easter.....	\$ 3,681.00

WEEKLY READINGS: GATHER HYMNAL # 1066

PARISH COMING EVENTS:

Sunday, April 7

- ◆ Practice for 1st Eucharist, Church, 10:15 a.m.- Noon.

Tuesday, April 9

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

Wednesday, April 10

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

Thursday, April 11

- ◆ Love & Light, Marian Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 14

- ◆ Faith Formation, Grades K-8, Parish Center, 10:15 a.m.- 11:45 a.m.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER PASTOR'S RELECTION

Acts 4:32-35, Psalm: 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24, 1 John 5:1-6, John 20:19-31.

Healing Encounter. Anyone living in family or community knows the experience of forgiveness both given and received. They also know the peace such forgiveness engenders.

The Second Reading spells out in more detail what believing in the risen Jesus enables us to do: love God and others, obey God's commandments, and conquer the world.

In face of Thomas' obstinate unbelief, Jesus is remarkably serene and understanding when he returns a week later and meets Thomas where he is. Jesus incarnates the Peace with which he greets the disciples and manifests forgiveness in his encounter with Thomas. He sends disciples forth with firsthand experience of the ministry with which he entrusts them: granting forgiveness and spreading peace.

READINGS-April 14, 2024

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 (1st)
 1 John 2:1-5a (2nd)
 Luke 24:35-48 (Gospel)
 Third Sunday of Easter



WITH JOY AND THANKSGIVING TO GOD, the Diocese of Greensburg announces that Bishop Larry J. Kulick, JCL, has called Deacons Craig Alexander, David Slusarick, and John Torres to the responsibility of the Presbyterate. The priesthood ordination will be celebrated on June 1, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg.

COME TO A LADIES' GAME NIGHT! Our Catholic Daughters will host this fundraiser on April 18th at 6:00 p.m. in Marian Hall. Bring a friend, family member, and a game to play! The cost is \$2.00 per person, Snacks will be available. Also, bring a used wrapped gift in good condition. We will be having a white elephant game at each table. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by Friday, April 12th by calling Christina Bell at 412-309-0084.

Me explaining "I wanna be good! But I'm gonna probably need the forgiveness package"



ST. MARTIN PARISH, New Derry is hiring a custodian, part-time, 3-4 hours per week. The position entails cleaning services in the church and the social hall. For information, call 724-694-5359.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH, Kent is in need of an organist/pianist, part-time for weekend Liturgies and Holy Days. For information, call 724-479-3881.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH, Derry, is in need of an organist for Mass on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. and Sundays at 10:30 a.m. beginning April 6. For information or to apply, call 724-694-5359 or email mnguyen@DioceseofGreensburg.org.

DLA: Thank you to all who have supported our DLA to date. Thus far, we have contributions from 142 families, totaling \$39,340.00. 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. 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.

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!

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

SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE CONCERT SERIES presents The IonSound Project: a concert of innovative, contemporary chamber music for clarinet, piano, and cello. The concert is on Sunday, April 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the Saint Vincent College Performing Arts Center (located in the Robert S. Carey Student Center). Admission is free.



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Question:

Where did the feast of Divine Mercy come from?

Answer:

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young woman, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come.”