



CHURCH OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

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April 21, 2024

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“I WILL LAY DOWN MY LIFE FOR THE SHEEP.” —JN 10:15

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



04/20/24-Saturday-4th Sunday of Easter (Vigil)

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

04/21/24-Sunday-4th Sunday of Easter

9:00am David W. & Shirley Baker by Dan Baker

04/22/24-Monday-Easter Weekday

8:00am John "Bud" Sloan by Family

04/24/24-Wednesday-St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

8:00am Bill Stein by Daughter

04/26/24-Friday-Easter Weekday

8:00am George "Peck" Dettore by Family

04/27/24-Saturday-5th Sunday of Easter (Vigil)

1:00pm Sacrament of Penance
4:00pm Barbara Romasco by Pauline Alexander

04/28/24-Sunday-5th Sunday of Easter

9:00am For The People

HOST IN MEMORY OF GREG JASPER BY MILDRED CALHOUN

CHAPEL CANDLE IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM KENNEY BY BILL AND DEE SWANSON

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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***

April 14, 2024

Offertory Collection	\$ 22,113.03
Loose Collection.....	\$ 70.00
Total	\$ 22,183.03
Cemetery Income.....	\$ 2,000.00

WEEKLY READINGS: GATHER HYMNAL # 1071

PARISH COMING EVENTS:

Sunday, April 21

- ◆ 1st Communion, Church, 9:00 a.m. Mass.
- ◆ Confirmation Class, Parish Meeting Room, 10:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 23

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

Wednesday, April 24

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

Sunday, April 28

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

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

Acts 4:8-12, Psalm: 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29, 1 John 3:1-2, John 10:11-18.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd. As human beings we have a hard time being faithful about loving. The whole Easter mystery reveals to us how utterly faithful God is in loving us. We can be faithful in our own loving because God is faithful in loving us.

Because "the Father has bestowed on us" great love (cf. 2nd Reading), we are able, like Jesus, to lay down our lives for others.

In the Gospel, what is the command Jesus received from His Father? That He be the Good Shepherd by laying down His life for His sheep. That He gathers all people into one flock by laying down His life for His sheep. We, Jesus' disciples, receive the same command from Him. We are not to be "hired" hands but good shepherds who, by listening to His voice leading us, lay down our lives for others. In the Father's love we too gather all people into one flock by laying down our lives for others. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. So are we to be.

Today is a day when we pray for vocations to the priesthood. Pray for vocations to the priesthood. Our numbers are fast dwindling. Pray for the sheep that have strayed from the sheepfold. It is not for us to condemn or criticize but to show compassion, care and concern so that they too will listen to the voice of Jesus and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

READINGS-April 28, 2024

Acts 9:26-31 (1st)
 1 John 3:18-24 (2nd)
 John 15:1-8 (Gospel)
 Fifth Sunday of Easter



BIBLE STUDY: The final Bible Study makeup class is scheduled for Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

CD OF A: Please join us for the May Crowning at our next meeting on Wednesday, May 1st at 6:00 p.m. At the April meeting, Kerry Dettorre was installed as a new member, and Mary Ann Brozick was honored as a 60 year member. The May committee is Mary Ann Serwinski, Irene Fatora, Donna Durant, and Rosemary Buchanan.



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, 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.

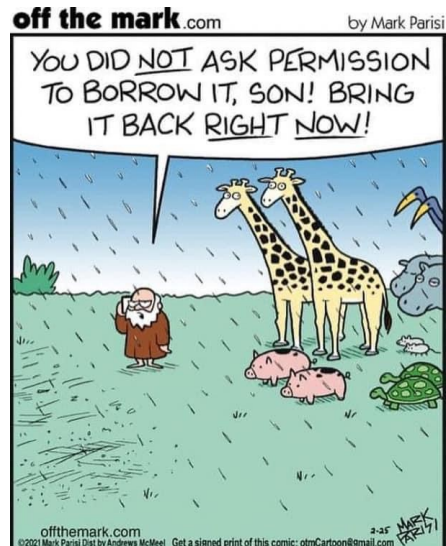
SPRING BREAKFAST & BAKE SALE will be held at St. James Church in New Alexandria on Sunday, April 21, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Menu includes: Ham, Sausage, Pancakes, Eggs, Potatoes, Juice, Coffee, and Tea. Price is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for ages 6-12 & children under 6 are free. For more information, contact the parish office at 724-668-2829.



DLA: Thank you to all who have supported our DLA to date. Thus far, we have contributions from 160 families, totaling \$45,515.00. Our diocesan target is \$40,870.00. We now are over our diocesan target. Everything we collect over this amount will remain here in the parish for our use. We encourage everyone to participate in this important annual appeal. Pledges may still be made by turning in your pledge card by mailing it in the envelope provided directly to the Diocese. 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!

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN, an ecumenical social outreach mission of St. Cecilia Parish, Whitney, Sacred Heart Parish, Youngstown, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Latrobe, offers monthly meetings to provide grandparents useful information and time to interact with one another. A hot dinner and child care are provided. For information, call 724-423-3777 or 724-537-7358.



GOLF OUTING: St. Bernard Regional Catholic School's Eighth Annual Golf Outing is set for Saturday, May 18th at Chestnut Ridge Resort, Blairsville. Registration is at 8:00 a.m., with a 9:00 a.m. shotgun start. Beer, cigars, prizes, and food are planned. Cost is \$400 per foursome. Sponsorships are available. For information, contact David Mattini at 724-388-6695 or John Kopczyk at 724-465-7139.

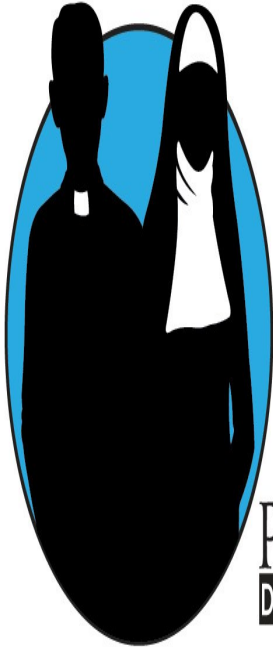


May Crowning

The Faith Formation Program invites the parish community to join us on **Sunday, April 28, 2024**, for the recitation of the Rosary and May Crowning immediately following the 9:00am Mass in the Church. Bring a flower to place before the Blessed Mother. This intergenerational event will conclude our Faith Formation School year. There will be a reception following the May Crowning in Marian Hall. Please join us for prayer and refreshments as we honor our Blessed Mother.

Please RSVP by 4-25-22024 if planning to attend

Name _____
#Children _____ #Adults _____



PRIESTLY VOCATIONS
DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

CALLED BY NAME

INVITING OTHERS TO CONSIDER GOD'S CALL

IDENTIFYING FAITHFUL YOUNG LEADERS

Do you know when you see a young Catholic and think, "Wow, he would be a great priest!" or "She would make a great sister!"

Now you can let the Vocations Office know by submitting a form on the website.

GreensburgPriest.org/Called

What happens when you submit a name?

1. Father Bandura will send them a letter of encouragement.
2. The Vocation Office will invite them to events.
3. The Vocation Office will offer gentle support as they discern their vocation.

Thank you for being the voice of Christ!