



CHURCH OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust



May 5, 2024

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



“LOVE ONE ANOTHER.” —JN 15:17

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



05/04/24-Saturday-6th Sunday of Easter (Vigil)

1:00pm Sacrament of Penance
4:00pm Joseph & Anna Flasick by Family

05/05/24-Sunday-6th Sunday of Easter

9:00am For The People

05/06/24-Monday-Easter Weekday

8:00am Ed Avalli by Cindy, Vince & Family

05/08/24-Wednesday-Easter Weekday

8:00am Patricia Suman by Josie Bernabei & Bob Canto
(Ascension of the Lord - Vigil - Kent -7:00 p.m.)

05/09/24-Thursday-Ascension of the Lord

(Ascension of the Lord - Kent - 8:30 a.m.)
7:00pm For The People

05/10/24-Friday-St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

8:00am Annabel Machak by Joan Hetcko

05/11/24-Saturday-7th Sunday of Easter (Vigil)

1:00pm Sacrament of Penance
4:00pm Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish

05/12/24-Sunday-7th Sunday of Easter

9:00am Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish

**CHAPEL CANDLE IN MEMORY OF BILL KENNEY
BY CHUCK & PJ ZELENAK**

**HOST IN MEMORY OF STEVE AND HELEN
HETCKO & SUSAN BY JOAN**

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***

April 28, 2024

Offertory Collection	\$ 4,840.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 71.00
Total	\$ 4,911.00

WEEKLY READINGS: GATHER HYMNAL # 1077

PARISH COMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, May 7

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

Wednesday, May 8

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

Thursday, May 9

◆ Church Office Closed

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PASTOR'S REFLECTION

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48, Psalm: 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 1 John 4:7-10, John 15:9-17

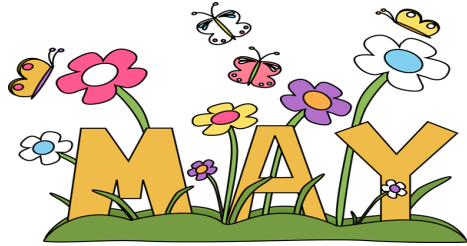
Remain in my love. We generally use the word "remain" to mean to "stay put." The "remain in me" that Jesus speaks, however, calls us to move beyond where we are to embrace an ever-widening circle of those whom we love.

The Second Reading invites us to obey the command to love given by Jesus in the gospel. Love is the very being of God ("God is love") and since we are "begotten by God," love is our very being as well. To refuse the invitation is to refuse who we are.

Jesus issues two commands in this gospel: to remain in His love and to love one another. Actually, the two commands are one: remaining in His love is to love others. By remaining in His love, we love with His love, laying down our lives. By remaining in His love, we bear the fruit of a very tangible love that is expansive enough to call everyone "friend." Everyone.

READINGS-May 12, 2024

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26 (1st)
 1 John 4:11-16 (2nd)
 John 17:11b-19 (Gospel)
 Seventh Sunday of Easter



REMINDER: Due to limited staff, we ask that when you are decorating graves for the spring season, please take all garbage home with you. This will help maintain the beautification of our cemetery. Thank you.



A PANCAKE BREAKFAST, sponsored by our Knights of Columbus, will be held on Sunday, May 19th in Marian Hall from 8:00 a.m.– Noon. Early birds welcome. Free will donations will be accepted and will benefit the K of C Community and church service activities. All are welcome!

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

MARK YOUR CALENDERS.... It's time to get your dancing shoes out! St. Thomas More University Parish will once again sponsor an Oldies Dance! Oldies Dance 2024 will be held on Friday, May 31, 2024 from 7:00-10:00 p.m. at the Cherry Runn Lodge, 1925 Old Route 56 Highway West, Homer City. DJ Mike Miller, Mixmaster, will provide the music. Cost will be \$25 per person in advance and \$35 per person at the door. Refreshments and a cash bar will be available. Basket and 50/50 raffles will be held. Come join us for a fun night of dancing (or listening!) to the "oldies!" Tickets are available for purchase by calling the parish office at 724-463-2277, or Tim Petro at 724-388-9671 or Deb Lezanic at 724-349-1306.

LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PASTA DINNER: The dinner will be held at Marian Hall (2538 State Route 119, Crabtree) on Monday, June 3rd from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. There will be a basket raffle, 50/50, Entertainment and more. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the Door. Children 5 and under eat free. Dinner includes, Pasta with a meatball, salad, bread, and drink. Specialty drinks and desserts are available for purchase. All proceeds benefit our festival. You can call St. Bartholomew Rectory at 724-834-0709.



DLA: Thank you to all who have supported our DLA to date. Thus far, we have contributions from 169 families, totaling \$50,240.00. 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.

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.

PARISH IMPROVEMENT ENVELOPE: Starting with the May/June offertory envelope packet that is mailed to you, there will be a new monthly envelope. This envelope will be entitled "Parish Improvements". It will be used to help offset the costs of improvement projects at the parish or repairs that might come up unexpectedly. Some of the projects that are being discussed are the church parking lot, the sidewalks, and the church bells. We are hoping that donations to this envelope will help us save for needed projects and unexpected expenses.



COLOR RUN: The third annual Chosen Youth Ministry Color Run is set for Sunday, May 19th, at 4:00 p.m. at the S&T Bank Arena, Indiana. The 2-mile, off-road "cross country" course is open to all ages. Cost is \$20 if registered by May 10th, \$25 after that date. To sign up, visit runsignup.com/Race/PA/Indiana/3rdAnnualChosenColorRun. Paper registration forms are available at St. Thomas More University Parish, Indiana. For information, contact Rachel Digmon at rdigmon@DioceseofGreensburg.org.



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**Our Lady of the
Assumption Parish**
Podowski Hall
403 Lucerne Road
Lucernemines, PA 15754

*Quality children's literature
for grades Pre-K through 8th*

May 18th through May 21st

May 18th...5pm-8pm

May 19th...10am-2pm and 5pm-8pm

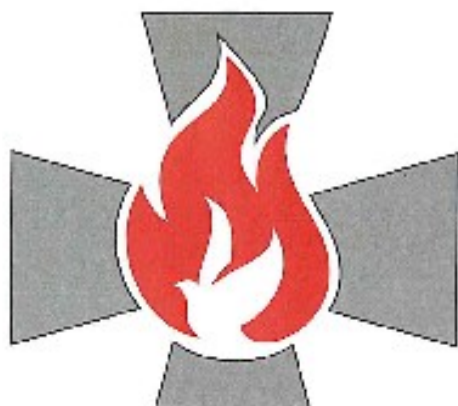
May 20th...5pm-8pm

May 21st...5pm-8pm

Daily by appt.

724-479-9542, Ext. 15

*Fostering Faith...
one chapter at a time!*



KERYGMA DISCIPLESHIP RETREAT

“The kerygma is the foundational experience of encounter with God through Christ’s death and resurrection.”

— Pope Francis, *Christus Vivit*, 213

Weekend Retreat

Presented by Diocesan Office of Faith, Family, and Discipleship

Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg

Friday, May 17

11:00 AM – 9:00 PM

Saturday, May 18

9:00 AM – 9:00 PM

Sunday, May 19

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

The Kerygma Discipleship Retreat is:

- A powerful proclamation of the Gospel.
- Rooted in the Sacraments.
- An invitation to form a meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ.
- A model for us to live our faith in a modern world through prayer and community.



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