



# CHURCH OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE

## A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust



*July 28, 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](http://www.sssimonandjude.org)**

### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*We are the men, women, youth and children of SS. Simon and Jude Parish, who since 1830 have accepted Jesus Christ's message of faith, hope and love. Filled with the Holy Spirit and enriched by God's Word, the Eucharist, and the Sacraments from our Catholic Tradition, our mission is to continue God's plan of redemption and salvation. Through prayer, evangelization and acts of charity, we as a community pass on our faith.*

### PARISH STAFF

Pastor ..... Fr. Segundino Laude  
Deacon ..... Mark Ferlin  
Business Manager ..... Lisa Auvil  
Parish Secretary ..... Margie Frenchik  
Director Faith Form./Sacramental Prep ..... Carolyn Davis  
Maintenance ..... Butch Nastase/Gina Nastase  
Church Sacristan ..... William Doody  
Cemetery Operation Manager ..... Victor Nastase

### FAITH FORMATION

### OTHER INFORMATION

**Communion to Shut-ins** - Please call the office.

**Eucharistic Chapel** is open daily 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Indiana Hospital Chaplain** Rev. Phil White -582-400-5924

**Latrobe Hospital Chaplain** Benedictine Fathers - 724-532-6600

**Sponsor Certificates:** Certificates for sponsors of the Sacraments can be issued by calling the office.

**If you have a suspicion about sexual abuse (or any type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone**, please contact PA Childline immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer, you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct at 724-837-0901, ext. 1221, after you have called the Childline number and made the report.

### OTHER MINISTRY LEADERS

#### Angels of Compassion

Peggy Mosco ..... 724-464-7371

#### Funeral Choir Director

Carolee Risinger ..... 724-459-8485

#### Men's Choir Director

Dave Brozeski ..... 724-459-5722

#### Organist

Pauline Alexander ..... 724-459-9655

#### Women's Choir Director

Rick Auvil ..... 412-309-0481

### SACRAMENTS

**Anointing of Sick** - Service scheduled periodically or upon request by calling the office.

**Baptism** - Baptisms are held during Mass. Please call the office.

**Baptism Class** - Parents & Sponsors Program required.

**First Communion** takes place during Easter season.

**Marriage** Dates must be arranged one year in advance. Marriage Preparation Program required. No wedding after 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

**Penance** - Saturday at 1:00 p.m. or by appointment. Penance services twice a year.

**07/27/24-Saturday-17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)**

1:00pm Sacrament of Penance  
4:00pm Mark J. Marron by Mom & Dad

**07/28/24-Sunday-17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00am For The People

**07/29/24-Monday-Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus**

8:00am William D. Doody by Family

**07/31/24-Wednesday-St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**

8:00am Amy Henigin by Mary Ann Serwinski

**08/02/24-Friday-St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest**

8:00am Joseph & Mary Grego by Fran & Sandy Grego and Family

**08/03/24-Saturday-18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)**

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

**08/04/24-Sunday-18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00am John & Helen Nerone and John & Betty Nerone by Joe Nerone

**WINE IN MEMORY OF WAYNE FUMEA BY SISTER, PAULINE**

**CHAPEL CANDLE IN MEMORY OF GEORGE TAYLOR BY WIFE, CAROL**

**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\*\*\***

**July 21, 2024**

Offertory Collection .....	\$ 4,400.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 58.00
Total .....	\$ 4,458.00
Parish Improvement.....	\$ 305.00

**WEEKLY READINGS: GATHER HYMNAL # 1141****PARISH COMING EVENTS:**

**Saturday & Sunday, July 27 & 28**

- ◆ Bethlehem Christian Families, Olive Wood Sale, Following Masses

**OTHER COMING EVENTS:**

**Sunday, July 28**

- ◆ Ordination Celebration, Cherry Run Lodge, 1925 Old Route 56 Highway West, Homer City, PA, 2:00 p.m.

**FATHER DINO** will be away from August 5th – August 9th. There will be no weekday Masses next week.

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
PASTORS REFLECTIONS**

2 Kings 4:42-44, Psalm: 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18, Ephesians 4:1-6, John 6:1-15.

**“Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?”**  
People of this country enter supermarkets and are faced with a superabundance of food that oftentimes they take for granted. This gospel reminds us that it is not *quantity* that satisfies but *who* gives us the food.

Elisha, in the first reading, begins with more barley loaves (twenty) and satisfies the hunger of a smaller crowd (one hundred people) with “some left over.” Jesus, in the gospel, begins with only a few barley loaves (five) and satisfies the hunger of a much larger crowd (five thousand) with “twelve wicker baskets left over.”

What answer did Philip need to give Jesus to pass the test? When Jesus asks about where to buy food to satisfy the hunger of the large crowd, he is not thinking about a store and purchases. He is really asking a question about *who* he is. Jesus knows full well that the “where” of the food will be himself. The superabundance of food Jesus provides from so little is a sign of the fullness of Life - his very self - Jesus gives. So, Philip’s answer? “Give them yourself.”



**READINGS-AUGUST 4, 2024**

Exodus 16:-2-4, 12-15 (1st)

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 (2nd)

John 6:24-35 (Gospel)

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**THE ANGELS OF COMPASSION** cook and serve funeral dinners for our church members. Right now we have 3 teams of both men and women. However, we are in need of more people to step up and join our team. If interested, please contact Peggy Mosco at 724-464-7371 for details. All are welcome. Thank you.

**CHRIST OF DIVINE TEACHER SCHOOL** is accepting applications for substitute teaching positions for the 2024-2025 school year. Applicants are requested to submit a letter of interest and current resume to: Teresa Tallarico, ttallarico@cdtschool.org . Phone: 724.539.1561

**CRAFT SHOW HELP NEEDED:** Anyone who would like to help with the Craft Show on November 9th, please come to a meeting on Monday, August 5th at 10:00 a.m. in Marian Hall. If you would like to help but can't make the meeting, please contact Peggy Mosco @724-464-7371.

**ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED:** New altar server training will begin towards the end of August. If your child has received First Eucharist and would like to serve in this parish ministry, please contact the Parish Office (724-459-7103) with their name. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to gain greater understanding of the Mass and contribute to our parish community.

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time / July 28, 2024****First Reading:**

"For thus says the LORD,

'They shall eat and there shall be some left over.'"

(2 Kgs 4:43)

**Psalm:**The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.  
(Ps 145)**Second Reading:**One body and one Spirit,  
as you were also called to the one hope of your call;  
one Lord, one faith, one baptism;  
one God and Father of all. (Eph 4:4-6)**Gospel:**Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks,  
and distributed them to those who were reclining,  
and also as much of the fish as they wanted. (Jn 6:11)

**OLIVE WOOD SALE:** This weekend, July 27th and 28th following all masses, Roni Salsa, representing the Bethlehem Christian Families, a not-for-profit organization through Land of Peace, will be with us to speak about the Christian situation in the Holy Land. The goal of this mission is to help Christian families in the Holy Land and Churches in the Middle East who have been affected by the continuous violence and the depletion of tourist to the area. Crucifixes, rosaries, and religious articles, all made of Olive Wood, which is native to the Holy land and Bethlehem, are available to purchase. The sale of these goods will help them very much and will give you the opportunity to have something "authentic" from the Holy Land to help your personal devotion. For more information, please see [www.bcfmission.com](http://www.bcfmission.com)

If someone is  
on your mind, say  
a prayer for them,  
God may have put  
them on your mind  
for a reason.  
Amen

**2024 DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO NATIONAL SHRINE**

Mark your calendar and plan to join in a Diocese of Greensburg pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., Saturday, September 21st, led by Bishop Larry J. Kulick. This will be the first Diocesan pilgrimage to our magnificent national shrine since 2006 and is sure to be a very holy and special experience. Registration opens soon. For information on the itinerary, transportation options, and costs, visit <https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/national-shrine-pilgrimage/>.

**POSITION OPEN:** Our parish is accepting applicants for the position of Financial Secretary. This is a part-time position. Duties include, but are not limited to: Maintain accurate financial records and ledgers; Process payroll and manage accounts payable/receivable; Reconcile bank statements and prepare financial reports; Have strong organizational and communication skills. A strong background in accounting and office procedures is required. Proficiency in financial software and Microsoft Word and Excel is needed. If interested in applying for the position, please send a resume with a cover letter to the parish office.

**WHEELCHAIRS NEEDED:** Our church and social hall are in need of a few wheelchairs. If you have one you are willing to donate, please call the office at 724-459-7103.

# 4<sup>th</sup> WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

## **Pope: The elderly are the ‘firm foundation of the future**

*In his Message for the Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will take place on 28 July 2024, Pope Francis recognizes the situation of many elderly people today, and assures them: “God never abandons His children, never.”*

“Do not cast me off in my old age” (cf. Ps 71:9): This sincere plea, taken from Psalm 71, is the theme of the Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will take place on 28 July 2024.

Pope Francis chose the Theme for the Day, which is organized by the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life.

In his Message for the Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, Pope Francis reassured the addressees that “God never abandons His children, never.”

He referred to the elderly as “the firm foundation” on which “new” stones can rest, in order to join in erecting a spiritual edifice (cf. 1 Peter 2:5)."

## **Fear of loneliness**

Both the “certainty of God’s closeness at every stage of life and the fear of abandonment, particularly in old age and in times of pain,” can be found in the Bible, Pope Francis writes. And these words “reflect an utterly evident reality.”

“All too often, loneliness is the bleak companion of our lives as elderly persons and grandparents,” Pope Francis acknowledges.

“There are many reasons for this loneliness,” the Pope continues, “in many places, above all in the poorer countries, the elderly find themselves alone because their children are forced to emigrate.”

He describes the situation of the elderly left in their war-torn countries as “the only signs of life in areas where abandonment and death seem to reign supreme.”

The Pope also decries the beliefs of some local cultures where the elderly “are suspected of using witchcraft to sap the vital energies of the young” and thus are blamed for blows of fate affecting the young.

He goes on to say that “this accusation that the elderly ‘rob the young of their future’ is nowadays present everywhere. It appears under other guises even in the most advanced and modern societies.”

## **A conspiracy surrounding the life of the elderly**

“The Psalm cited above,” the Pope writes, “speaks to a conspiracy surrounding the life of the elderly.”

And he explains, that the “abandonment of the elderly is not by chance or inevitable, but the fruit of decisions – political, economic, social and personal decisions – that fail to acknowledge the infinite dignity of each person, ‘beyond every circumstance, state or situation the person may ever encounter’.”

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The Holy Father laments that “nowadays many women and men seek personal fulfilment in a life as independent as possible and detached from other people.” “The passage from ‘us’ to ‘me’ is one of the most evident signs of our times,” he writes.

“Solitude and abandonment have become recurrent elements in today’s social landscape,” the Pope admits.

## **Following in Ruth’s footsteps**

The Holy Father cites the story of Naomi from the Book of Ruth.

Naomi, who had grown old, urged her two daughters to leave her and return to their native towns and their homes. Naomi sees herself as a burden and considers it better to step aside.

One of her daughters does as the mother suggests. The other, Ruth, “does not leave Naomi’s side and, to her surprise, tells her: ‘Do not press me to leave you’ (Ruth 1:16),” the Holy Father writes. “Ruth is not afraid to challenge customs and inbred patterns of thought.”

The Holy Father’s Message concludes with an appeal: “In place of the self-centered attitude that leads to loneliness and abandonment, let us instead show the open heart and the joyful face of men and women who have the courage to say ‘I will not abandon you’, and to set out on a different path.”



There is no retirement age from the work  
of proclaiming the Gospel and handing  
down traditions to your grandchildren.

— POPE FRANCIS —

