CHURCH OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

September 8, 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

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

Faith Formation Regional Site Coordinator for Church of the Good Shepherd & SS. Simon & Jude
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2024-2025 Catechesis Schedule SS. Simon & Jude

Catechesis Of The Good Shepherd

Levels 1 & 2	Tuesdays	5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Levels 1, 2, & 3	Wednesdays	5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Levels 2 & 3	Thursday	5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Combination Traditional / Family-Based Faith Formation

Sundays 10:15 a.m. –11:45 a.m.

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. of by appointment. Penance services twice a year.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

09/07/24-Saturday-23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)
1:00pm Sacrament of Penance
4:00pm Margaret Sansonetti by Daughters

09/08/24-Sunday-23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00am For The People

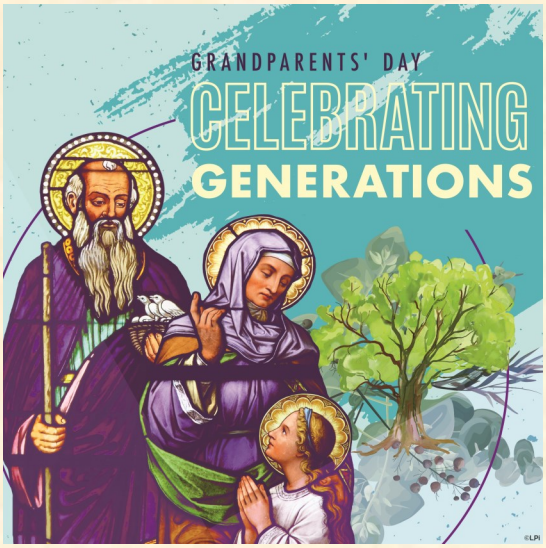
09/09/24-Monday-St. Peter Claver, Priest
8:00am Cecilia Henigin by Cris & Bob Johns

09/11/24-Wednesday-Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:00am William Kenney by Lavina M. Lasser

09/13/24-Friday-St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
8:00am Lucy Kowatch by Former Group 6 of the Angels of Compassion

09/14/24-Saturday-24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)
1:00pm Sacrament of Penance
4:00pm John T. Marron Jr. by Wife Martha & Family

09/15/24-Sunday-24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00am For The People



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*
The Financial Report will be in a future bulletin.

WEEKLY READINGS: GATHER HYMNAL #1159

PARISH COMING EVENTS:
Sunday, September 15
- Faith Formation, Grades 1-8, Parish Center 10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

ONLINE GIVING QR CODE

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
PASTOR'S REFLECTION

Isaiah 35:4-7a, Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10, James 2:1-5, Mark 7:31-37.

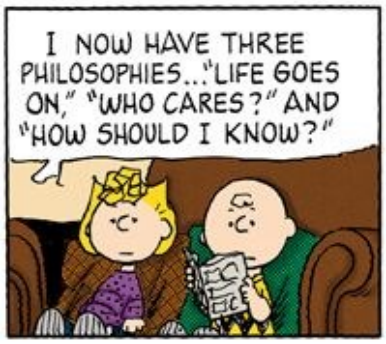
Ephphata! We tend to think of salvation in terms of heaven and the hereafter. The readings open us to salvation as encountering and hearing God now.

In the first reading, Isaiah's poetic vision presents a world redeemed by God's saving power. What Isaiah communicates through poetry, Jesus communicates through action (cf. gospel).

Jesus commands the deaf-mute man as he heals him. "Be opened!" This encounter, however, is more than a matter of physical healing. It is a sign of salvation: God's superabundant life, breaking open the closed human condition. Further, what Jesus commands with respect to the deaf-mute man, he commands with respect to us. When we encounter Jesus, he commands, "Be opened!" And we too are healed: our ears are opened to hear the Good News and our tongues are loosened to proclaim it.

READINGS-September 15, 2024
Isaiah 50:5-9a (1st)
James 2:14-18 (2nd)
Mark 8:27-35 (Gospel)
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WANT A BETTER MARRIAGE – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue … or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information visit our web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 412-277-3434 or email us at 3041R@HelpOurMarriage.org.



CAR SHOW & SPAGHETTI DINNER at St. James Parish, New Alexandria, Sunday, Sept. 8, from noon -5:00 p.m. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m.; there is no cost, but donations will be accepted. The first 100 cars will receive a dash plaque, and trophies will be awarded. Dinner will be served until 4 p.m.; cost is $12.00 for adults, $5.00 for children 10 and under. Food and drinks will be available on the grounds. Also planned are a DJ, basket raffle, instant bingo and a 50/50 drawing. For information, call 724-668-2829, Option 3.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time / September 8, 2024

First Reading:
Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,
the ears of the deaf be cleared;
then will the lame leap like a stag,
then the tongue of the mute will sing. (Is 35:5-6)

Psalm:
Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146)

Second Reading:
Did not God choose those who are poor in the world
to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom
that he promised to those who love him? (Jas 2:5)

Gospel:
"He has done all things well.
He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." (Mk 7:37)

Prayer for Students

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for the gift of learning!
I want to grow closer to you
in everything I do at school.
In math and science, help me to see
your beautiful plan in the world.
Help me to discover new stories
and values as I read and write.
In arts and music, help me to be creative.
In sports, help me to treat my teammates
and my opponents fairly.
Help me to learn new skills
in technology.
Jesus, you are the perfect teacher.
Help me to listen with open ears,
an open heart, and an open mind
to all my teachers at school.
Help me to treat my classmates
with care, kindness, and respect.
Thank you, Jesus, for school!
Amen.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH is having a craft and vendor show on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in the St. John the Evangelist Parish social hall, Latrobe. The show will feature more than 45 crafters/ vendors, raffles and food. For information, call 724-537-8909.

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

FOR INFORMATION, TO SEE AN ITINERARY OR TO REGISTER, VISIT dioceseofgreensburg.org/national-shrine-pilgrimage/

BIBLE STUDY

SCHEDULE

October 2, 2024	**@ 1:00pm**	**Chapter 1:** *Prayer, Psalms, Patterns*
October 9, 2024	**@ 7:00pm**	
October 16, 2024	**@ 1:00pm**	**Chapter 2:** *In Praise of Dependence*
October 23, 2024	**@ 7:00pm**	
October 30, 2024	**@ 1:00pm**	**Chapter 3:** *In God We Trust*
November 6, 2024	**@ 7:00pm**	
November 13, 2024	**@ 1:00pm**	**Chapter 4:** *To the Good Life*
November 20, 2024	**@ 7:00pm**	
December 4, 2024	**@ 1:00pm**	**Chapter 5:** *Prayers for the Institution*
December 11, 2024	**@ 7:00pm**	
January 8, 2025	**@ 1:00pm**	**Chapter 6:** *Out of the Pits*
January, 15, 2025	**@ 7:00pm**	
January 22, 2025	**@ 1:00pm**	**Chapter 7:** *To a God of Surprises*
January 29, 2025	**@ 7:00pm**	

*****************REGISTRATION FORM*****************

NAME: _____

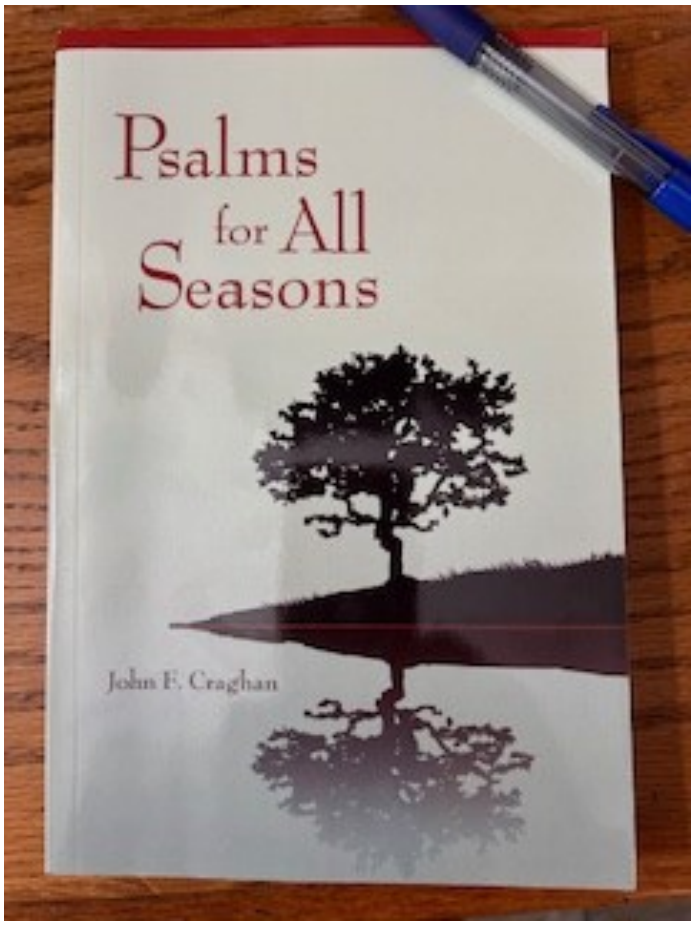
TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PLEASE RETURN REGISTRATION FORM NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 11, 2024.
YOU MAY RETURN THIS IN COLLECTION BASKET OR MAIL TO PARISH OFFICE.

PSALMS FOR ALL SEASONS

BIBLE STUDY



The book of Psalm is a unique collection of the song-prayers of God's people. To study the psalms is to study prayer, ultimately to enter into prayer. What is the nature of prayer? What kind of prayer are the psalms? Join us in this Bible Study of the Book of Psalms. Be challenged to reflect on your own prayer and life experiences. Can the Psalms reflect the patterns in our lives with their stages of balance, imbalance, and new balance?