



CHURCH OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust



October 13, 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 SacristanWilliam Doody
Cemetery Operation Manager..... Victor Nastase

OTHER MINISTRY LEADERS

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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.

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.

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.

MASSt INTENTIONS

10/12/24-Saturday-28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)

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

10/13/24-Sunday-28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am John & Mary Plunkett by Mom & Dad

10/14/24-Monday-St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr

8:00am Deceased of Carl Calabrese Family by Monica

10/16/24-Wednesday-St. Hedwig, Religious, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

8:00am Andrew & Joanne Frenchik by Family

10/18/24-Friday-St. Luke, Evangelist

8:00am Stephen & Margaret Soltis by Martha Marron

10/19/24-Saturday-29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)

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

10/20/24-Sunday-29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Living & Deceased Members of the CD of A by CD of A, Court #562

ONLINE GIVING QR CODE



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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***

October 6, 2024

Offertory Collection	\$ 7,244.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 55.00
Total	\$ 7,299.00
Parish Improvement.....	\$ 590.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 55.00
Cemetery Income.....	\$ 1,300.00

WEEKLY READINGS: GATHER HYMNAL # 1174

PARISH COMING EVENTS:

Sunday, October 13

- ◆ Faith Formation, Grades 1-8, Parish Center, 10:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Monday, October 14

- ◆ Church Office Closed
- ◆ CD of A Game Night, Marian Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 15

- ◆ Cemetery Grave Cleaning
- ◆ Women's Choir Rehearsal, Church, 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ K of C Meeting, Marian Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 16

- ◆ Bible Study, Marian Hall, 1:00 p.m..
- ◆ Men's Choir Rehearsal, Church, 6:30 p.m.

ALL SOUL'S DAY: Our parish Book of Remembrance is located next to the Paschal Candle at the main entrance. Please record names of your beloved deceased in preparation for All Soul's Day on November 2nd.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME PASTORS REFLECTIONS

Wisdom 7:7-11, Psalm: 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17, Hebrews 4:12-13, Mark 10:17-30

“The Way of Wisdom: Possessed by Jesus, Not Possessions.” Often, this passage (especially about receiving a hundredfold) is applied to those who answer the call to ordained priesthood or religious life but, in reality, this gospel passage refers to all who respond to Jesus’ invitation to follow him.

The author of Wisdom, in the first reading, was able to recognize that wisdom is greater than possessions. In the gospel Jesus teaches us that following him is greater than possessions. Such is the way of wisdom.

The man in the gospel “ran up” to Jesus, eager to know how “to inherit eternal life.” How quickly his demeanor changed when Jesus, looking on him with love for having kept the commandments, challenged him to one thing further: he must give up everything and follow Jesus “to enter the kingdom of God.” Following Jesus demands that we choose not to be possessed by things, but by Jesus himself. To be possessed by Jesus we must even give up our greatest possession of all: our very selves. Then Jesus looks upon us with great love.

READINGS-October 20, 2024

Isaiah 53:10-11 (1st)
 Hebrews 4:14-16 (2nd)
 Mark 10:35-45 (Gospel)
 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



SUNDAY MASS TIME CHANGE:

Sunday Mass on **November 3rd** will be at **11:00 a.m.** instead of 9:00 a.m. at SS Simon & Jude. The Church of the Good Shepherd is having a Turkey Dinner that day. They will have Mass at 9:00 a.m. before their dinner. Please mark your calendars!

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

SS SIMON & JUDE CRAFT SHOW- BAKE SALE: Calling all SS Simon & Jude bakers. Please make something for the Bake Sale and drop it off at the Parish Center on November 8th or early November 9th. Monetary donations are appreciated, but we do need baked goods to sell. Your help is greatly appreciated. Any questions, please contact Sarah Uncapher at 724-422-2782. Thank you.

CALLING ALL YOUNG MEN: You're invited to attend a series of informal gatherings hosted by the Office for Priestly Vocations that are centered around prayer, discussion and fellowship. Come with an openness to learning more about the Priesthood and discovering how to make a Spirit-guided discernment of God's Will for your life!

- The Melchizedek Project — for young adults age 18 and older — meeting on Sundays October 13th, November 10th, and December 1st at 3:30 p.m.
 - Exploring God's Call — for grades 9-12 — meeting on Sundays October 13th, November 10th, and December 1st at 6:30 p.m.
- Those who were not able to attend the previous sessions on September 1st are still warmly invited to attend subsequent sessions. All gatherings will take place at St. John Baptist de La Salle, 497 Athena Drive, Delmont. Attendees should come directly into the Church, as we will begin with a time of prayer. Bring a friend!

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time / October 13, 2024

First Reading:

I prayed, and prudence was given me.
 I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me.
 I preferred her to scepter and throne,
 and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her. (Wis 7:7-8)

Psalms:

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!
 (Ps 90)

Second Reading:

Indeed the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword. (Heb 4:12)

Gospel:

"Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." (Mk 10:21)



ALL CEMETERY GRAVES are to be cleaned off by October 15th. If they are not cleaned off before October 15th, they will be cleaned off by cemetery workers. Leave a grace period before putting decorations back on the graves in case the weather is bad and clean-up would be later than the 15th. Please take your clean-up materials with you for trash disposal. Thank You.

THE WOMEN OF FAITH of Blairsville First Methodist Church are having a Harvest Festival on October 16, 2024. The Salad Bar is from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. for a donation of \$12.00. There will also be a Bake Sale and a Flea Market. Tickets will be available at the door, the church office, or from a member of the Women of Faith. Hope to see you there!

HELPING THE VICTIMS OF HURRICANE HELENE:

As we continue to pray for those affected by Hurricane Helene, including those who may still be without power or water, or have lost their homes, we ask that you please take a moment and consider making a donation to them through Catholic Charities USA. This category 4 hurricane has impacted many in the Southeast. Please know that 100% of your donation goes toward those in need. Please give today and help restore hope.

To connect and donate you can go to:

donations@CatholicCharitiesUSA.org

You can call **703-549-1390**

Or go to <https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/>

GAME NIGHT: Our Catholic Daughters will host a Game Night fundraiser on Monday, October 14th, at 6:30 p.m. in Marian Hall. Everyone is welcome! Bring your spouse or a friend! Cost is \$5.00 per person. We will have Bingo to play and beverages will be provided. You are welcome to bring your own games to play and a snack if you wish. Please bring a small gift to share for prizes. Call Christina Bell at 412-309-0084 with any questions and to reserve your spot.

SS SIMON & JUDE CRAFT SHOW:

We are having a Basket Raffle at the Craft Show on November 9th. If you would like to donate a basket or give money so baskets can be made, that would be greatly appreciated. Please bring baskets or money to the Parish Center before October 20th. Any questions, please contact Peggy Mosco at 724-464-7371. Thank you for your generosity.



K OF C SPAGHETTI DINNER! Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 2nd from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please join us for fellowship and dinner in Marian Hall. Donations are welcomed and will benefit the K of C community and church service activities. Everyone is welcome!

SS. Simon & Jude Parish Intergenerational Event

“WHO ARE THE SAINTS?”

OCTOBER 27, 2024

IN MARIAN HALL

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
9:00 AM MASS TO 12:00 NOON**

Join us as we celebrate All Saints Day and All Souls Day. Test your knowledge of the Saints and steps to sainthood. Add the names of family members who have passed on to the Tree of Prayer for All Souls. Share food with our Community.

Please complete the registration form and return to our Parish Office by October 21, 2024.

Please bring a boxed or canned food donation for the Blairsville Community Food Bank.

FAMILY NAME:

#CHILDREN (UP TO 5TH GRADE) _____

#CHILDREN (MS & HS) _____



PLEASE READ THIS FORM CAREFULLY-THERE ARE CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2025:

- Intentions will be scheduled first come, first served. We will try to schedule intentions on the date requested, but if the date is filled, we will move it to the next closest date.
- **ALL REGISTERED HOUSEHOLDS MAY SCHEDULE ONLY A MAXIMUM OF 2 MASSES PER YEAR ON 2 SPECIFIC DATES—EITHER 2 WEEKDAYS *OR* 1 WEEKEND AND 1 WEEKDAY. (NO EXECEPTIONS)**
- Remember there is no Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Please do not call the office-intentions will not be taken over the phone.
- We cannot call to confirm dates.
- \$10.00 stipend per Mass intention.
- **If also requesting Wine, Host, or Candle in the Chapel, a separate check is needed—Do not include this amount in with your Mass Stipends.**
- **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!!**

2025 MASS INTENTIONS

DECEASED INTENTION (NAME)

DATE REQUESTED

REQUESTED BY
