



CHURCH OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE

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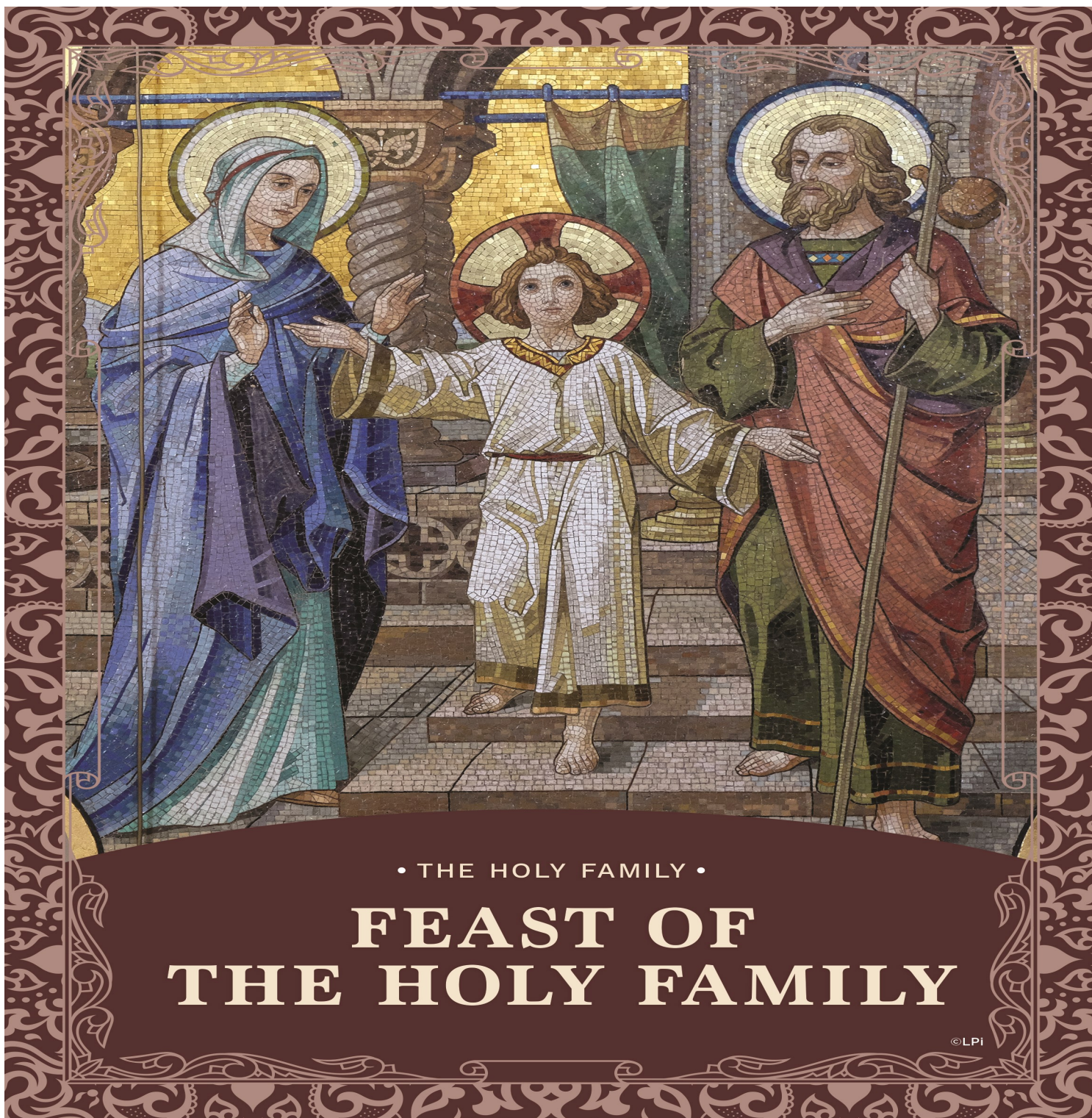
December 29, 2024

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



• THE HOLY FAMILY •

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



12/28/24-Saturday-The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Vigil)

1:00pm Sacrament of Penance
 4:00pm John Machak by Daughters, Karen & Johna

12/29/24-Sunday-The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

9:00am For The People

12/30/24-Monday-6th Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:00am Marron Families by Ann Brandon

01/01/25-Wednesday-The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9:00am Wayne Fumea by Cos & Patty Stasio

01/03/25-Friday-The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:00am Nick & Dolly Bosco by Bush Family

01/04/25-Saturday-The Epiphany of the Lord (Vigil)

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

01/05/25-Sunday-The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00am David W Baker, Jr. by Dan

**CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, KENT
 MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (VIGIL)**

Tuesday, December 31 - 6:00 p.m.

**CHAPEL CANDLE IN MEMORY OF PAT SHORT
 BY CD OF A**

**WINE IN MEMORY OF THE STEIN AND MCAFEE
 FAMILIES BY C. JOHNS**

**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+++

December 16, 2024

Offertory Collection	\$ 4,975.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 559.00
Total	\$ 5,534.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 370.00
Parish Improvement.....	\$ 155.00

WEEKLY READINGS: GATHER HYMNAL # 1007

PARISH COMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, January 1

- ◆ Parish Office Closed

Sunday, January 5

- ◆ Faith Formation, Intergenerational, Marian Hall, 10:00 a.m., Epiphany Day Celebration & Potluck Brunch

ONLINE GIVING QR CODE



**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN
 ORDINARY TIME
 PASTORS REFLECTION**

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28, Psalm 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10, 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24, Luke 2:41-52.

Finding Christ in the Joys and Challenges of Family Life.

Our experience of divine presence, obedience, and growing in wisdom unfolds first and foremost in our family life. The joys, challenges, and pains of family life are all opportunities to look for and find Jesus.

The second reading from the first letter of John, parallels what the gospel suggests about looking for Jesus. We look for Jesus by believing in him, loving one another, and keeping the commandments.

In the gospel, Mary and Joseph looked for Jesus. In reality, this describes our own Christian living. We look for Jesus when we, like him, seek to be in God's presence; when we, like him, choose to be obedient; when we, like him, grow in wisdom. Along the way we discover that Jesus enlarges where we look for him, how we find him, and what new understanding comes to us through our encounters with him. This is the pattern of faithful Christian living that brings us to fullness of life.

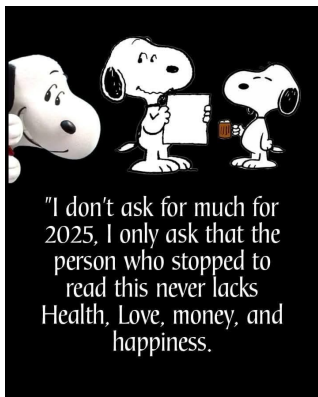
READINGS-January 5, 2025

Isaiah 60:1-6 (1st)
 Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 (2nd)
 Matthew 2:1-12 (Gospel)
 The Epiphany of the Lord



CONTRIBUTIONS: Please note the envelopes or contributions given for the year 2024 will be credited only for the year 2024 if received by December 31st. Any contributions received after December 31st will be credited to 2025.

2025 CATHOLIC CALENDARS, sponsored by our local funeral homes, are available in the back of the church for those wishing to take one home. We thank our funeral homes for providing this service to us.



The Pastor Who Stole Our Spoon.

Some time ago, a couple invited a particular pastor to their home to have a dinner. After the pastor left, the wife said to the husband “*I think the pastor stole our spoon!*” This bothered the woman for a whole year. Meanwhile, a year later the couple invited the pastor again for dinner. Unable to resist, the wife summoned the courage and asked “*Pastor did you steal our spoon last year?*” Surprised and somewhat uncomfortable, the pastor replied “*No, I kept it inside your Bible*”

So, for a whole year, the family did not open their Bible to read nor to find the lost spoon.

Are you like the woman in this story? When last did you read the Bible? When last did you hear from GOD? When last did you have a sweet fellowship with JESUS?

You see all our lost “spoons”, all our lost properties we are looking for are all kept and can be found in the Bible. The Bible is the Word of GOD, it has been called:

- B** - basic
- I** - instructions
- B** - before
- L** - leaving
- E** - earth

Now if you don't have a Bible get one quickly. You are using a big phone but can't buy a Bible? And if you have a Bible and have not read it today, drop this phone now and pick your Bible and read at least a Chapter. Finally make a plan to read the Bible daily. GOD bless you.



Prayer for a New Year

Dear God,

Be with us as we begin our journey into a new year, we know that You hold us and go ahead of us. Help us to experience this year in Your grace.

Amen.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the soul of parishioner, Francis Grego. May God grant him eternal life and peace.

CLEARANCES: It is once again time for many volunteers to renew their clearances. Needing redone are the Virtus recertification, PA State Police Criminal, Child Abuse, and Affidavit reports. These four clearances must be redone every five years. New volunteers as of January 2025 must have fingerprinting done also. If you need to redo your clearances, please stop by the office for the forms you will need. If you're not sure that your clearances need to be redone, just call the office and we can answer that question for you. Thank you for your cooperation.

CD OF A: Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 8, 2025. The Rosary will be said at 5:45 p.m. and the meeting will follow. Members are reminded it will be our Annual Baby Shower for Lifeway Pregnancy Center in Indiana, PA. Please bring baby clothes, diapers, blankets, etc. to the meeting. Members enjoyed a lovely Christmas Party at Rinaldi's Pizza Barn on December 5th. Our 2025 dues are now being collected. The Committee for January is Chair: Pat Dettore, Di Tran, Rebecca Bell, Roseann Ferguson, Kerry Dettorre, Barbara Wodowski and Paula Fleming. Hope to see everyone there.

ICE SKATING - YOUTH MINISTRY EVENT!

Hey, Middle & High Schoolers! Join us for a fun afternoon of ice skating, food, and fellowship with friends! Whether you're a pro on the ice or it's your first time, everyone is welcome. Come for the fun, stay for the great company, and enjoy an afternoon of laughter and community!

Date: January 4, 2025
Time: 2:00-4:00pm
Location: S & T Bank Arena, Indiana
Cost: Free, just bring a snack or drink to share – Skate rentals are included
RSVP: Jessica Thompson | jthompson@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Indiana County YOUNG ADULT Game Night

CALLING ALL YOUNG
ADULTS
(AGE 18 TO 35)

BYOB FOR
THOSE
OVER 21

OUR EVENING WILL
ALSO INCLUDE:
FOOD & DRINK,
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION,
PRAYER & LOTS OF LAUGHS!

Tuesday,

January 7, 2025

6:00PM TO- 8:30PM

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH
100 GOOD SHEPHERD DRIVE, KENT, PA 15752

WE WILL BEGIN WITH ADORATION IN THE CHURCH.
DINNER AND GAMES BEGIN AT 7:00 PM

WANT TO JOIN THE FUN? GIVE DANIELLE A SHOUT AT
DCRIBBS@DIOCESEOFGREENSBURG.ORG TO RSVP!

Join us for our

SS. Simon & Jude Parish



Epiphany Day Covered-Dish Brunch

Sunday, January 5, 2025

Immediately following 9:00 AM Mass to 12:00 Noon

in Marian Hall



*Come be a part of fellowship and fun
with GREAT food, kids & youth games,
and Christmas caroling for all!*

**SS. Simon & Jude Parish will provide beverages -
YOU surprise us with the rest.**

Feel free to drop off your covered-dish in Marian Hall on your way to 9:00 AM Mass at SS. Simon & Jude Parish. Volunteers will be present to accept covered-dish treats and any other items you would like to drop off.

Thanks so much!

