



# CHURCH OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE

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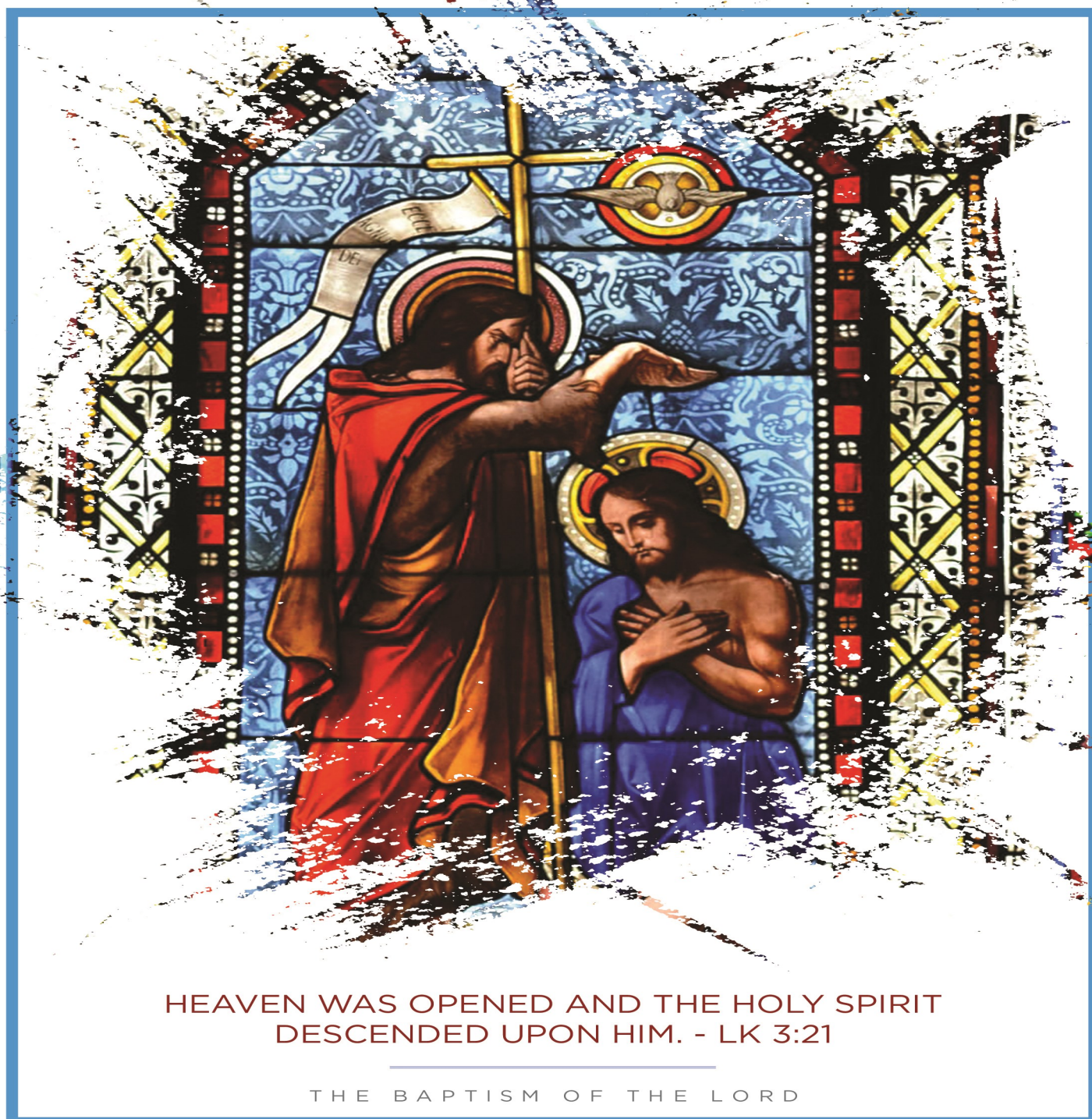
*January 12, 2025*

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HEAVEN WAS OPENED AND THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DESCENDED UPON HIM. - LK 3:21

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



**01/11/25-Saturday-Baptism of the Lord (Vigil)**

1:00pm Sacrament of Penance  
 4:00pm Henry Rhea, Sr. & Ann Crowe by  
 Henry & Diane Rhea

**01/12/25-Sunday-Baptism of the Lord**

9:00am Deceased Members of the Receski Family by  
 Ed & Barb Kozar

**01/13/25-Monday-Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00am Lillian "Dolly" Bosco by Mark & Joann Sloan

**01/15/25-Wednesday-Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00am Leo & Mary Penatzer by Daughter, Lisa &  
 Granddaughter, Lauren

**01/17/25-Friday-St. Anthony, Abbot**

8:00am Cecilia Henigin by Pat Halmes

**01/18/25-Saturday-2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)**

1:00pm Sacrament of Penance  
 4:00pm Theresa Mosco by Joe & Barb Smith and Family

**01/19/25-Sunday-2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00am For The People

**WINE & HOST IN MEMORY OF DAVID & SHIRLEY  
 BAKER BY DAN**

**CHAPEL CANDLE IN MEMORY OF RICK PEZZI &  
 CYNTHIA (PEZZI) PATRICK BY FAMILY**

**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.

**Faith Formation**

Sundays 10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

**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\*\*\***

**December 25, 2024**

Christmas.....\$ 5,461.00  
 Children and Family Services Appeal.....\$ 1,077.00

**December 29, 2024**

Offertory Collection ..... \$ 4,943.00  
 Loose Collection..... \$ 1,160.00  
 Total ..... \$ 6,103.00  
 Online Giving..... \$ 205.00  
 Parish Improvement..... \$ 60.00

**January 1, 2025**

Mary, Mother of God.....\$ 961.00

**January 5, 2025**

Offertory Collection ..... \$ 4,259.00  
 Loose Collection..... \$ 50.00  
 Total ..... \$ 4,309.00  
 Online Giving..... \$ 325.00  
 Parish Improvement..... \$ 211.00  
 Cemetery Income..... \$ 3,000.00

**WEEKLY READINGS: GATHER HYMNAL # 1012/1014**

**PARISH COMING EVENTS:**

**Monday, January 13**

◆ Soup Sale Planning Meeting, Marian Hall,  
 10:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, January 14**

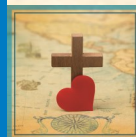
◆ Women's Choir Rehearsal, Church, 6:30  
 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 15**

◆ Men's Choir Rehearsal, Church, 6:30 p.m.  
 ◆ Bible Study, Parish Meeting Room, 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, January 19**

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



**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
 PASTORS REFLECTION**

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11, Psalm 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30, Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7, Luke 3:15-16, 21-22.

**Baptism: More Than a Moment, A Lifetime of Growth**

Over time and experience we grow to maturity as human beings, appreciating more and more fully both our roots and our potential. So, too, with baptism. We grow over time into understanding its meaning and its power.

The second reading spells out what baptismal living looks like: *"reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly."* This is the rebirth to which God calls us.

In the gospel, because of the power of John's baptism, the people's expectation is that they have found the Christ in John. John points the people, however, to Jesus, who will bring an even more powerful baptism. The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus, so does the Holy Spirit descend upon us; Jesus is the beloved Son, so are we beloved children; God was well-pleased with Jesus, so is God well-pleased with us. To what does such a baptism call us? What do we expect? What does God expect?

**READINGS-January 19, 2025**

Isaiah 62:1-5 (1st)  
 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 (2nd)  
 John 2:1-11 (Gospel)  
 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



**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.

**SOUP SALE PLANNING MEETING:** A soup sale is being planned for February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025. We are having a planning meeting on Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. in Marian Hall. Anyone wishing to help is asked to attend this meeting. If you can not come to the meeting but want to help please contact Peggy Mosco at 724-464-7371.



**"BELOVED"** All women in the Diocese of Greensburg are invited to "Beloved – Living the Eucharist," an evening of prayer, reflection, reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration, Monday, Jan. 20, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, North Huntingdon. Guest speaker will be Dr. Helene Paharik, associate professor of theology at Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, who has served in ministry in the Dioceses of Greensburg and Pittsburgh and is an accomplished writer. For information, visit [DioceseofGreensburg.org](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org).

**"TRANSFORMED,"** a gathering for all men of the Diocese of Greensburg, will be held Monday, Jan. 27, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, North Huntingdon. The evening's theme will be "Eucharistic Intimacy: Coming heart to heart with the Eucharistic Christ," and will feature Tim Ruffin, Regional Director of Faith Formation and Discipleship serving the parishes of New Kensington and Lower Burrell, as guest speaker. He previously served as Campus Minister at the University of Mount Saint Vincent in New York City and as a parish catechetical leader in the Diocese of Meath, Ireland. There will be time for reflection and discussion and an opportunity for adoration and reconciliation.

**OFFICE HOURS REMINDER:** Our regular office hours are Monday - Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. with a lunch hour from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. The office is closed on Friday. Please leave a message at 724-459-7103 if you need to contact us.

**A FATHER AND HIS FOUR SONS**

There was a man who had four sons. He wanted his sons to learn not to judge things too quickly. So, he sent them each on a quest, in turn, to go and look at a pear tree that was a great distance away.

The first son went in the winter, the second in the spring, the third in summer, and the youngest son in the fall. When they had all gone and come back, he called them together to describe what they had seen. The first son said that the tree was ugly, bent, and twisted. The second son said no it was covered with green buds and full of promise. The third son disagreed; he said it was laden with blossoms that smelled so sweet and looked so beautiful, it was the most graceful thing he had ever seen. The last son disagreed with all of them; he said it was ripe and drooping with fruit, full of life and fulfillment.

The man then explained to his sons that they were all right, because they had each seen but only one season in the tree's life. He told them that you cannot judge a tree, or a person, by only one season, and that the essence of who they are and the pleasure, joy, and love that come from that life can only be measured at the end, when all the seasons are up. If you give up when it's winter, you will miss the promise of your spring, the beauty of your summer, fulfillment of your fall.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Joe & Dana Culler on the baptism of their son, Joseph Jett. May God bless Joseph on his journey of life and faith.

