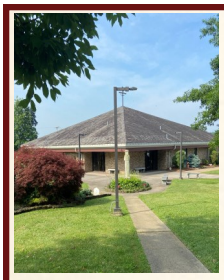

CHURCH OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

January 19, 2025

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 .....Gina Nastase
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

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

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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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

01/20/25-Monday-St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
8:00am Christopher Buchanan by Tina & Bob Bell

01/22/25-Wednesday-St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr
8:00am Rager & Sulkosky Families by Walt & Vicki Rager

01/24/25-Friday-St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
8:00am Mr. & Mrs. Charles Sundry by Riz & De

01/25/25-Saturday-3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)
1:00pm Sacrament of Penance
4:00pm Bernard F. & Norma Scherer by Dr. & Mrs. Bernard Scherer

01/26/25-Sunday-3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00am Joe Ferlin by Ferlin Family

WINE IN MEMORY OF FLORA FORDYCE BY DAN

CHAPEL CANDLE IN MEMORY OF GREG JASPER BY MILDRED CALHOUN

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

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Faith Formation
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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* **
January 5, 2025

Offertory Collection	$	4,891.00
Loose Collection	$	92.00
Total	$	4,983.00
Online Giving	$	85.00
Parish Improvement	$	245.00
Cemetery Income	$	1,300.00

WEEKLY READINGS: GATHER HYMNAL # 1097

PARISH COMING EVENTS:
Sunday, January 19
- Faith Formation, Grade 1-8, Parish Center, 10:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Monday, January 20
- Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, January 21
- Women's Choir Rehearsal, Church, 6:30 p.m.
- K of C Meeting, Marian Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 22
- Bible Study, Marian Hall, 1:00 p.m.
- Men's Choir Rehearsal, Church, 6:30 p.m.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME PASTORS REFLECTION

Isaiah 62:1-5, Ps.: 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10,
1 Corinthians 12:4-11, John 2:1-11.

When Belief Becomes Intimate. Some changes are self-initiated, for example, we stop smoking, resolve to exercise daily, watch less TV. Other changes are generated by an outside catalyst, such as a natural disaster or the loss of a job because of a bankrupt company. When we open ourselves to God's actions within us, the most life-changing transformations occur.

Isaiah in the first reading, provides us with language to describe believing: "I will not be silent ... I will not be quiet." He gives us as well language to describe the intimacy of belief: "My delight," "Espoused," "the Lord delights in you," "your Builder shall marry you," "God rejoice in you."

In the gospel, Jesus' epiphany - the revelation of his glory - did not end with the sign he performed but with the belief to which his followers came. Not only does Jesus change water into wine, but he transforms his disciples from being mere companions to becoming those who believe in him. They move from fellowship to the intimacy of belief and their lives will never be the same. He changed them. He will change us. And our lives will never be the same.

READINGS-January 26, 2025
Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 (1st)
1 Corinthians 12:12-30 (2nd)
Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21 (Gospel)
Third 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.

A PAX YOUTH EVENT for all students in sixth through eighth grade in the Diocese of Greensburg is set for Saturday, March 29, from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. Students and families can attend Mass at 5 p.m. Lunch, snacks and water will be provided. Participants and volunteers can register at https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/pax-middle-school-event/

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the souls of parishioner, Rosalind Cavalancia, Jim Ferlin, father of Deacon Mark Ferlin, and Sam Henigin, father of Margie Frenchik. May God grant them eternal life and peace.

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.

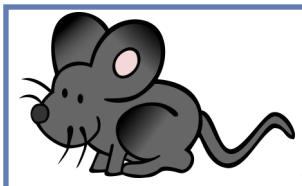
PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR CENSUS UP TO DATE: Please inform the office if you are moving, have a name, address or telephone change, add a cell phone or an Email address or if an adult child has moved out. Also, if a resident of your household goes into a nursing home, please let us know so we can arrange visits. Lastly, any adult children beyond high school or college, who still live at home, should contact the office to arrange for a separate census listing. Thank you for your help.

BREAKFAST, BAKE SALE AND BASKET RAFFLE: The Holy Name and Rosary Altar societies of St. James Parish, New Alexandria, will hold a winter breakfast, bake sale and basket raffle Sunday, Jan. 19, from 8 a.m.-noon. The menu will include ham, sausage, pancakes, eggs, potatoes and beverages. Cost is $10 for adults and $5 for ages 6-12 (free under 6). For information, call 724-668-2829, option 3.

THE SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE CONCERT SERIES will present violinist Andrew Sords in concert with Michael DeBruyn, Pittsburgh Symphony cellist, Elizabeth DeMio, virtuoso pianist, and Daniel Singer, baritone, performing trios and showpieces by some of history's greatest composers Saturday, Feb. 1, at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center (Robert Carey Student Center) at the college. Admission is free.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD: February 2nd is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. We recall the event of Jesus being taken to the temple shortly after His birth to fulfill the prescripts of the Jewish Law. Simeon reveals Jesus that day as "a light of revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of His people Israel." The day is traditionally called "Candlemas Day" because of the blessing of candles during the Liturgy. Candles for use in the home will be blessed at a 9:00 a.m. Mass that day with a limited supply of those candles will be available in the back of the church. There are two blessed candles per box and a donation of $3.00 per box would be appreciated to help defray the cost of the candles. May Christ our light continue to lead us in life.

SARRIS EASTER CANDY SALE: We have been invited to join the youth of The Church of the Good Shepherd & SS Simon & Jude to participate in there Sarris Easter Candy Sale. Please help support our youth programs by ordering your Easter candy from them. We will have Sarris Easter candy packets (instructions included) at the Church entrances for everyone to take. All orders can be turned in to our office no later than March 2nd. Candy will be picked up after Mass on April 12th or 13th in Marian Hall. If you have any questions please call Margie in the Church office at 724-459-7103.



The Mouse Trap

A mouse looked through the crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife open a package. "What food might this contain?" the mouse wondered. He was devastated to discover it was a mousetrap.

Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed the warning: "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, "Mr. Mouse, I can tell this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it."

The mouse turned to the pig and told him, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The pig sympathized, but said, "I am so very sorry, Mr. Mouse, but there is nothing I can do about it but pray. Be assured you are in my prayers."

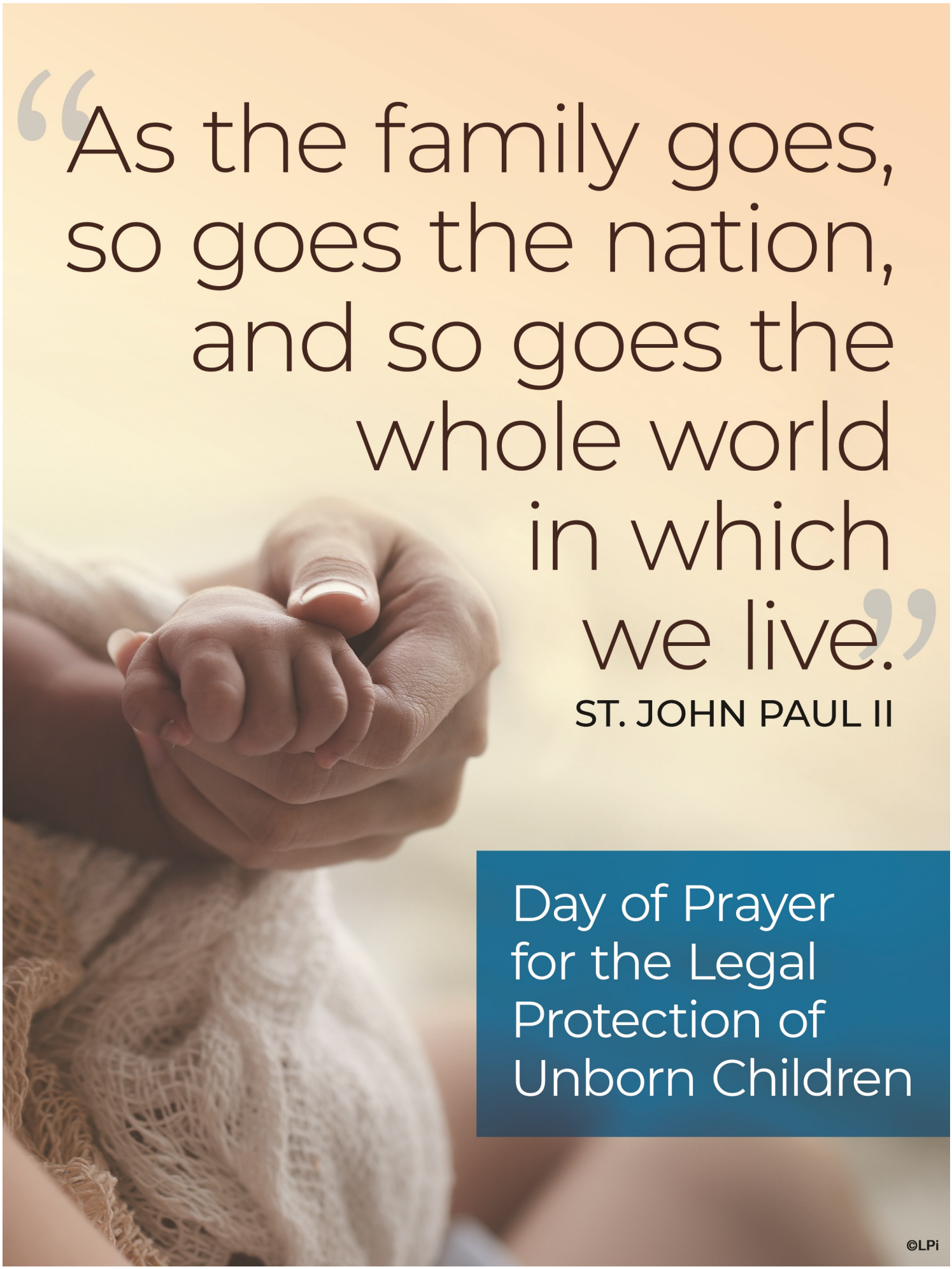
The mouse turned to the cow and said, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The cow said, "Wow, Mr. Mouse. I'm sorry for you, but it's no skin off my nose."

So, the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the farmer's mousetrap alone.

That very night a sound was heard throughout the house – like the sound of a mousetrap catching its prey. The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see it was a venomous snake whose tail the trap had caught. The snake bit the farmer's wife. The farmer rushed her to the hospital and she returned home with a fever.

Everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredient. But his wife's sickness continued, so friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig. The farmer's wife did not get well; she died. So many people came for her funeral, the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide enough meat for all of them.

The mouse looked upon it all from his crack in the wall with great sadness.


“As the family goes, so goes the nation, and so goes the whole world in which we live.”
ST. JOHN PAUL II
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
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