CHURCH OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

February 16, 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

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Regional Site Coordinator for Church of the Good Shepherd & SS. Simon & Jude
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Regional Director of Faith Formation & Discipleship, Deanery 2
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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.

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. or 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

02/15/25-Saturday-6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)
1:00pm Sacrament of Penance
4:00pm Norma Colananni by Gladys Duffner

02/16/25-Sunday-6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00am For The People

02/17/25-Monday-The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
8:00am Francis Grego by Rose Harris

02/19/25-Wednesday-Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:00am Joseph Flasick, Jr. by Niece, Kathy

02/21/25-Friday-St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
8:00am Lloyd David by Linda & Nick Okopal

02/22/25-Saturday-7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)
1:00pm Sacrament of Penance
4:00pm Patricia Suman by John & Peggy Caruso

02/23/25-Sunday-7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00am Barb Romasco by James, Mirella & Diana Sabella

CHAPEL CANDLE IN MEMORY OF FRAN GREGO BY GEORGE AND DOLLY HOKE

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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***
February 9, 2025

Offertory Collection	$	3,218.00
Loose Collection	$	90.00
Total	$	3,308.00
Online Offertory	$	65.00
Parish Improvements	$	135.00

Online Giving QR Code

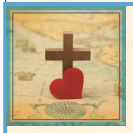
WEEKLY READINGS: GATHER HYMNAL #1109

PARISH COMING EVENTS:
Sunday, February 16
- Faith Formation, Grade 1-8, Parish Center, 10:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Monday, February 17
- Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, February 18
- Women's Choir Rehearsal, Church, 6:30 p.m.
- K of C Meeting, Marian Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 19
- Bible Study, Marian Hall, 1:00 p.m.
- Men's Choir Rehearsal, Church, 6:30 p.m.



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME PASTORS REFLECTION

Jeremiah 17:5-8, Psalm: 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6, 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20, Luke 6:17, 20-26.

True Blessedness. Although we in our society are proud that we do not have classes or castes that separate, in fact we do have distinctions that separate, not least among them being the rich and the poor, the have and the have-nots.

We discover the presence of God's kingdom when people come together across what divides and share both gifts and needs, so that everyone is on "level ground."

Blessedness, by its very nature, bears good things because it is of God. For Jeremiah, in the first reading, blessedness brings the lushness that water can bring to a desert. For Jesus, in the gospel, blessedness brings the unimaginable reward of belonging to God.

Luke seems in this Gospel to be exalting the downtrodden simply because they are downtrodden, and cursing the comfortable simply because they are comfortable.

What really is at the heart of this Gospel is the manner of life that makes present the kingdom and assures us that our "reward will be great in heaven."

The model of this manner of life and the source of the blessedness it brings is Jesus himself.

READINGS-February 23, 2025
1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 (1st)
1 Corinthians 15:45-49 (2nd)
Luke 6:27-38 (Gospel)
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

LENTEN DINNERS AT KENT: If you are willing to help with the Lenten Dinners at the Church of the Good Shepherd starting in March please contact Bernie Senick at 724-717-3525. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

A BIG THANKS to everyone who helped with our recent Soup Sale. For those who made soup, made a donation or purchased soup on the 8th, it was a success. Special thanks to Rinaldi's Pizza Barn for all of their help.

GAME NIGHT: Our CD of A will host a Game Night on Thursday, February 27th, at 6:00 p.m. in Marian Hall. Everyone is welcome! Bring your spouse or some friends! A donation would be appreciated. Coffee will be provided, you are welcome to bring snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. Bring your favorite games or cards. We will have a White Elephant exchange, bring a "gift" if you want to participate. Call Christina Bell at 412-309-0084 with any questions and to reserve a spot.

JOIN US FOR REBOOT!

The parishes of the Indiana Region are excited to announce that Chris Stefanick will be our keynote speaker for our 2025 Regional Lenten Mission. Chris Stefanick is a nationally known speaker and author, who spoke at the National Eucharistic Congress, as well as a husband, father of six, and grandfather of four. Many have heard Chris's voice in the FORMED series "The Search," which he narrates. Tickets are on sale now for REBOOT on Wednesday, March 12, where Chris will bring a message of joy and a life of prayer. Get your tickets now before they sell out! Use the QR Code found on the posters throughout the church or visit https://reallifecatholic.com/reboot/ to purchase tickets. Tickets must be purchased in advance as we will not be selling tickets at the door the night of the event. Children under 12 enter FREE. All attendees will leave with FREE online access to Chris Stefanick's book *Living Joy* along with a study guide.

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.

ST. BERNARD SCHOOL NEWS

CALLING ALL BAKERS !
If you would like to donate baked goods to St. Bernard School's Fish Fry Fridays, please drop off your items at St. Bernard Parish Hall on Fridays (3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11) beginning at 8 a.m. We appreciate your support!

FISH FRY FRIDAYS during Lent (except Good Friday)
St. Bernard Parish Hall
4:00-6:30pm
Dine-in and Take-out. Benefits St. Bernard School.

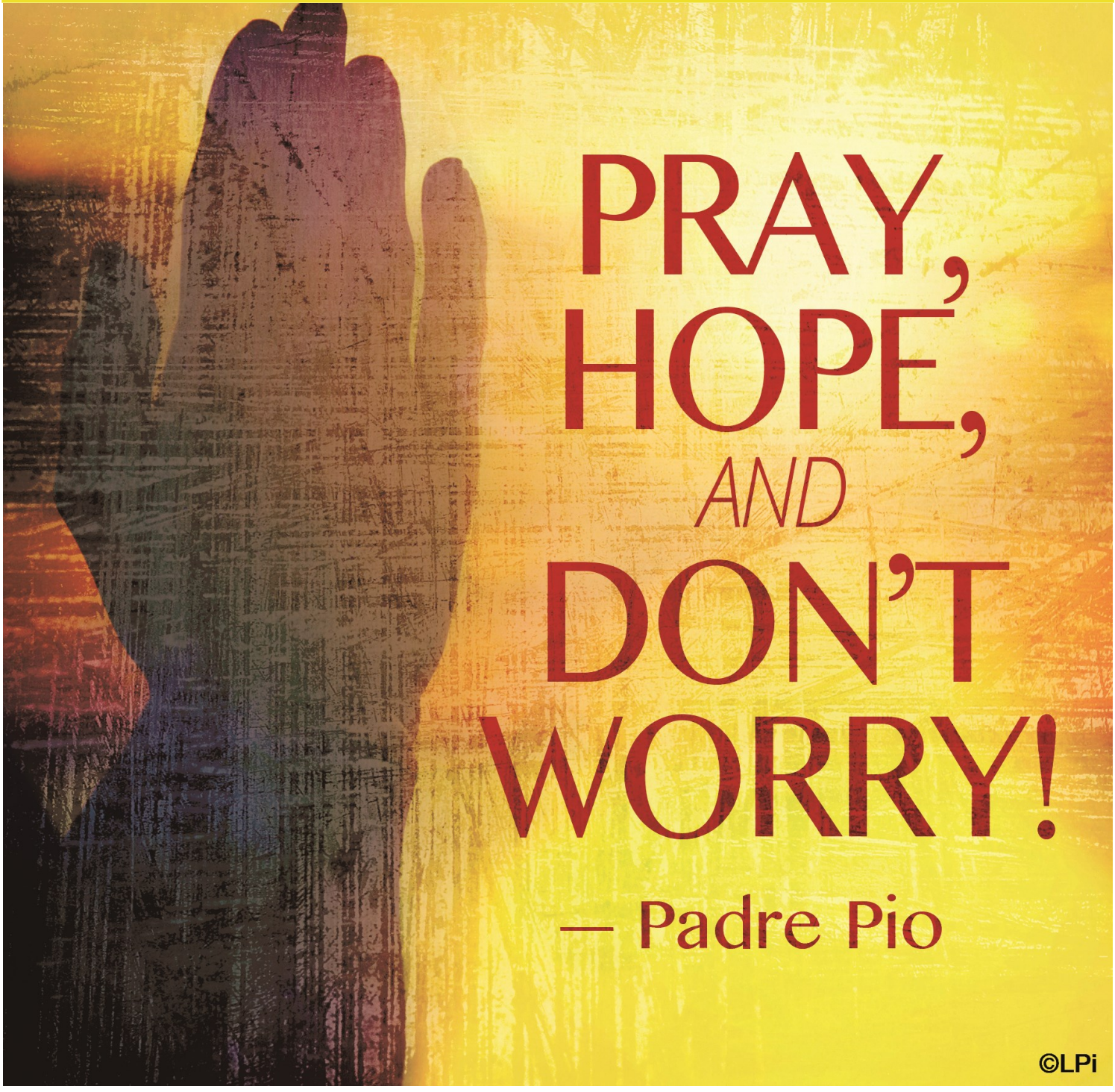
AN INVITATION FOR YOUNG MEN

All young men who are interested in exploring God's call and who are open to learning more about the Priesthood are invited to save the dates for Spring 2025 gatherings — the first Sunday of each month (Feb. 2, Mar. 2, Apr. 6, May 4) at Saint John de La Salle Parish, 497 Athena Drive, Delmont. The Melchizedek Project, for young men ages 18 and older, will meet from 3:30 to 5 p.m., and Exploring God's Call, for young men of high school age, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Each gathering will include prayer, discussion, and the sharing of helpful resources. For more information or to make your attendance plans known, please contact Father Dave Slusarick, Associate Director, Office for Priestly Vocations at dslusarick@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Jesus and the Joy of the Game

The story goes that Jesus of Nazareth showed up at a football game between the Catholic Crusaders and the Protestant Punchers. The Crusaders scored first, which prompted Jesus to throw his hands up wildly and cheer profusely. But then, when the Punchers scored, Jesus responded in the very same manner. This puzzled the man sitting behind him, who asked him which side he was rooting for. Jesus said, "Oh, I am rooting for neither side. I am just enjoying the game." The man turned to his friend and said, "Hmm, an atheist."

After the game, someone asked Jesus if he was in the habit of never taking sides. Jesus replied, "***I side with people rather than religions. I told my fellow Jews once that the Sabbath was invented for human beings, not human beings for the Sabbath***."



PAX – The Adventure Awaits – a Gathering for Junior High School students, 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. PAX was created to offer students a meaningful and youth-centered way to encounter Jesus Christ and grow in their Catholic faith. In the world today, many young people think that Jesus and Catholicism are ways of the past, but PAX reminds them that Christ is still alive today! PAX provides this space for young people to experience Christ personally by placing the Eucharist at the center of events, and to understand how deeply He loves and cares for them. Students and families can attend Mass at 5 p.m. Lunch, snacks and water will be provided. Participants and volunteers can register at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/pax-middle-school-event/. Registration deadline is March 21.

FAMILY FUN FEST 2025: Please join us for Family Fun Fest on Saturday, March 1, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Indiana Mall. This year's theme is SENSESational Family Fun. The Catholic Parishes of Indiana County will have table space at Family Fun Fest to share information on upcoming events happening at our parishes and feed the senses of the children coming to the festival. Volunteers are needed to staff our tables at Family Fun Fest. All interested in assisting at Family Fun Fest 2025 should reach out to Danielle Cribbs or Jessica Thompson. Danielle can be reached at 814-804-1336 or dcribbs@dioceseofgreensburg.org. Jessica can be reached at 724-552-1818 or jthompson@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Calling all Pringles lovers! Please save your empty Pringles cans and bring them to the church. We will be helping the children who visit our tables in crafting homemade maracas. Look for drop boxes for Pringles cans the next time you come to Mass.