



CHURCH OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust



April 6, 2025

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Parish Website: www.sssimonandjude.org

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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CAUGHT IN ADULTERY

**04/05/25-Saturday-5th Sunday of Lent (Vigil)**

1:00pm Sacrament of Penance

4:00pm Dr. Richard Rielly Sr. by Paula Sapienza

04/06/25-Sunday-5th Sunday of Lent

9:00am John Flasicck by Daughters & Families

04/07/25-Monday-St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest

8:00am Joseph and Mary Grego by Fran & Sandy Grego, and Family

04/09/25-Wednesday-Lenten Weekday

8:00am Paul, Irene and David Sloan by Family

04/11/25-Friday-St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

8:00am Shirley and David Baker, Jr. by Family

04/12/25-Saturday-Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Vigil)

4:00pm For The People

04/13/25-Sunday-Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:00am Norma Colananni by Kevin, Maria, TJ and Maggie Smith

FATHER DINO WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO HEAR CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAY, APRIL 12th.**OTHER COMING EVENTS:****Monday, April 7**

- ♦ Penance Service, Holy Family, Seward, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 8

- ♦ Penance Service, SS Simon & Jude Church, Blairsville, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 10

- ♦ Penance Service, St. Thomas More University Parish, Indiana, 7:00 p.m.

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.

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+++**March 30, 2025**

Offertory Collection	\$ 4,252.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 177.00
Total	\$ 4,429.00
Online Offertory.....	\$ 575.00
Parish Improvements	\$ 50.00

Online Giving
QR Code

**WEEKLY READINGS: GATHER HYMNAL # 1028 OR # 1030****PARISH COMING EVENTS:****Sunday, April 6**

- ♦ OCIA, Third Scrutiny, 9:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, April 8

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

Wednesday, April 9

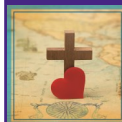
- ♦ Men's Choir Rehearsal, Church, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 11

- ♦ Stations of the Cross, Church, 7:00 p.m.
- ♦ OCIA, Handing on the Lord's Prayer

Sunday, April 13

- ♦ Faith Formation, Intergenerational, "Holy Week-Why?", Marian Hall, After 9:00 Mass



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
PASTORS REFLECTION

Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm: 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6, Philippians 3:8-14, John 8:1-11.

The Scandal of Mercy

When we focus exclusively on our own sinfulness, we can easily lose sight of our goodness and God's mercy. Jesus responds even to profound sin with even more profound mercy.

In the second reading, Paul admonishes us not to be prisoners of our sinfulness but to strain forward to the new life that lies ahead. This new life is the "*supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus*" and remaining with him ("*be found in him*").

In the gospel, the scribes and Pharisees brought an adulterous woman to Jesus and "*made her stand in the middle*." In their self-righteousness they wished to make an example of her as a grave sinner deserving of death. Ironically, Jesus makes an example of them as sinners: they turned away from him and "*went away one by one*."

The woman, however, remained with Jesus. Our own work during Lent is like that of the adulterous woman: truthfully face our sinfulness and faithfully remain with Jesus. Though we sin, Jesus only wishes new life for us.

READINGS-April 13, 2025

Isaiah 50:4-7 (1st)
 Philippians 2:6-11 (2nd)
 Luke 22:14—23:56 (Passion)
 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

**PALM SUNDAY- April 12th & 13th**

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.-**Mass & Blessing of Palm Branches**
 Sunday, 9:00 a.m.-**Mass & Blessing of Palm Branches**

HOLY THURSDAY- April 17th

10:00 a.m.-**Chrism Mass**
 (Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg)
 7:00 p.m.-**Mass of the Lord's Supper** (Kent)

GOOD FRIDAY- April 18th

3:00 p.m.-**Celebration of the Passion of the Lord**
 (SS. Simon & Jude)
 7:00 p.m.-**Blairsville Ministerium Good Friday Service**
 (Summit Church)

HOLY SATURDAY- April 19th

10:00 a.m.-**Decorate the Church for Easter Season**
 2:00 p.m.-**Blessing of the Easter Foods** (Baskets)
 8:30 p.m. **Solemn Easter Vigil Liturgy** (Kent)

EASTER SUNDAY- April 20th

9:00 a.m.-**Eucharistic Liturgy** (SS. Simon & Jude)
Children's Easter Egg Hunt following the 9:00 a.m.
 Mass (SS. Simon & Jude)
 11:00 a.m.-**Eucharistic Liturgy** (Kent)

SAINT JAMES CHURCH, NEW ALEXANDRIA, will host a Spring Breakfast/Bake Sale/Basket Raffle on Sunday, April 6th, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Menu includes: Ham, Sausage, Pancakes, Eggs, Potatoes, Juice, Coffee and Tea. Price is \$10.00 Adults/\$5.00 Child (Ages 6 to 12)/Children (Under 6 - Free). Breakfast sponsored by Saint James Holy Name and Rosary Altar Societies. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 724-668-2829 - Option #3.

EWTN BRINGS YOU INSPIRING HOLY WEEK AND EASTER PROGRAMMING ON TV, RADIO AND INTERNET! Join EWTN Global Catholic Network in remembering Christ's love for us through His Passion, Death and Resurrection. During Holy Week and Easter, EWTN brings you special programming, LIVE Masses, and much more! Go to ewtn.com/lent, stream our channel on the Internet, see us on your local cable television station or use our EWTN APP on your mobile device.

SARRIS EASTER CANDY is being delivered Wednesday April 9th. You may pick up your candy order during office hours on the 9th or 10th or after Masses on the 12th or 13th. Please call the office at 724-459-7103 if you have any questions. Thank you!



DLA: Thank you to all who have supported our DLA to date. Thus far, we have contributions from 38 families, totaling \$9,083.00 Our diocesan target is \$42,369.00. We ask that you be as generous as possible to this appeal and we encourage everyone to participate, for anything over our target, will remain here in the parish for our use. Pledges may be made by mailing your pledge card in the envelope provided directly to the Diocese. Thank you.

2025 LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE SCHEDULE**7:00 p.m.**

Monday, April 7 - Holy Family, Seward
 Tuesday, April 8 - SS. Simon and Jude, Blairsville
 Thursday, April 10 - St. Thomas More University Parish, Indiana

A STATIONS OF THE CROSS WALK is being planned for 9:00 a.m. Friday, April 18th. Everyone is welcome to join the Blairsville Community Churches for this Good Friday celebration. The Walk will begin at the Diamond and end here, at SS. Simon & Jude Church. Everyone is welcome to join the Blairsville Community Churches for this Good Friday celebration.

CLEARANCES WORKSHOP: We will be holding a Workshop here in Marian Hall, on Wednesday, May 7th, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. This is for anyone who is in need of updating their Clearances or any new volunteers who need to get their Clearances. You will be able to take care of all the required Clearances at the Workshop. Please mark your calendars and watch for further information in the bulletin!

BLESSINGS OVERFLOW Thank you to all who contributed to our Regional Lenten Mission's Blessing Bags supply request! We received so many donations that we were able to build almost 160 Blessing Bags. The Blessing Bags have now been distributed to Family Promise on Marion Road in Indiana, The Open Door on Philadelphia Street in Indiana, Chevy Chase Community Center on North 5th Avenue in Indiana, and the Food Pantry at St. Thomas More University Parish. Your generosity will be felt by those in need across the region!

THE THIRD SCRUTINY

Today is the Fifth Sunday in Lent. The readings are from Ezekiel, Romans and John's Gospel about Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. Ezekiel was a priest and prophet in Israel during the Babylonian Exile. Ezekiel had a vision of God restoring the people of Israel in the face of utter death and destruction. Paul in Romans reminds us that God forgives and forgets the sins of His people. God's redemption is free and unmerited. The raising of Lazarus in John's Gospel demonstrates definitely that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah. Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life. Jesus invites all of us to have radical faith. The decision is one Joanne and Tammie are making. The decision is also ours. We can choose life, or we can choose death. Please continue to keep Joanne and Tammie in your prayers as they continue their journey during Lent, leading to the Sacraments of Initiation during the Easter Vigil, becoming full members of the Catholic Community.

WHEN DOES DAY BREAK?



It seems once a guru (expert) was walking with his disciples at dawn. He asked his disciples if they knew how to tell when the night ended and the day began.

One of the disciples said: "When you see an animal at a distance and you can distinguish if it is a cow or a goat." "No," said the Guru. Another of the disciples ventured: "When you see a tree at a distance and you can distinguish if it is a mango tree or a banyan tree." "Not either," said the Guru.

"We give up," said the disciples in chorus. "Please tell us, when is it?"

The Guru answered: "*When you look at a man's face and recognize in him your brother and when you look at a woman's face and recognize in her your sister - only then can you truly say that the night has ended and the day has begun. If you are not able to do this, then, whatever hour it be, it is still night for you.*"

.... God created mankind in His image; in the image of God, He created them; male and female He created them. ... (Gen. 1:27).



Holy Week – Why?

The Parish Community is invited to "Holy Week – Why?" an Intergenerational Event on Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025 in Marian Hall, following the 9:00am Mass. Join us for games, crafts, prizes and good food. Walk through Holy Week with us. Adults and children of us ages are encouraged to join us as we begin Holy Week.

Please fill out the registration form below and return to the Parish Office by the Collection Basket or mail.

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FAMILY NAME: _____ #ADULTS _____

#CHILDREN K-4TH GRADE _____ 5TH TO 8TH GRADE _____

CHILDREN HIGH SCHOOL _____ #CHILDREN < THAN 5 Y.O. _____

PLEASE RSVP BY APRIL 10, 2025

***Join us for the SS. Simon and Jude Parish
Easter Egg Hunt***



***Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025
Following the 9:00am Mass
Meet at the Mary Statue***

*****In case of bad weather, will hold in Marian
Hall.*****

All children invited!!

