



CHURCH OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

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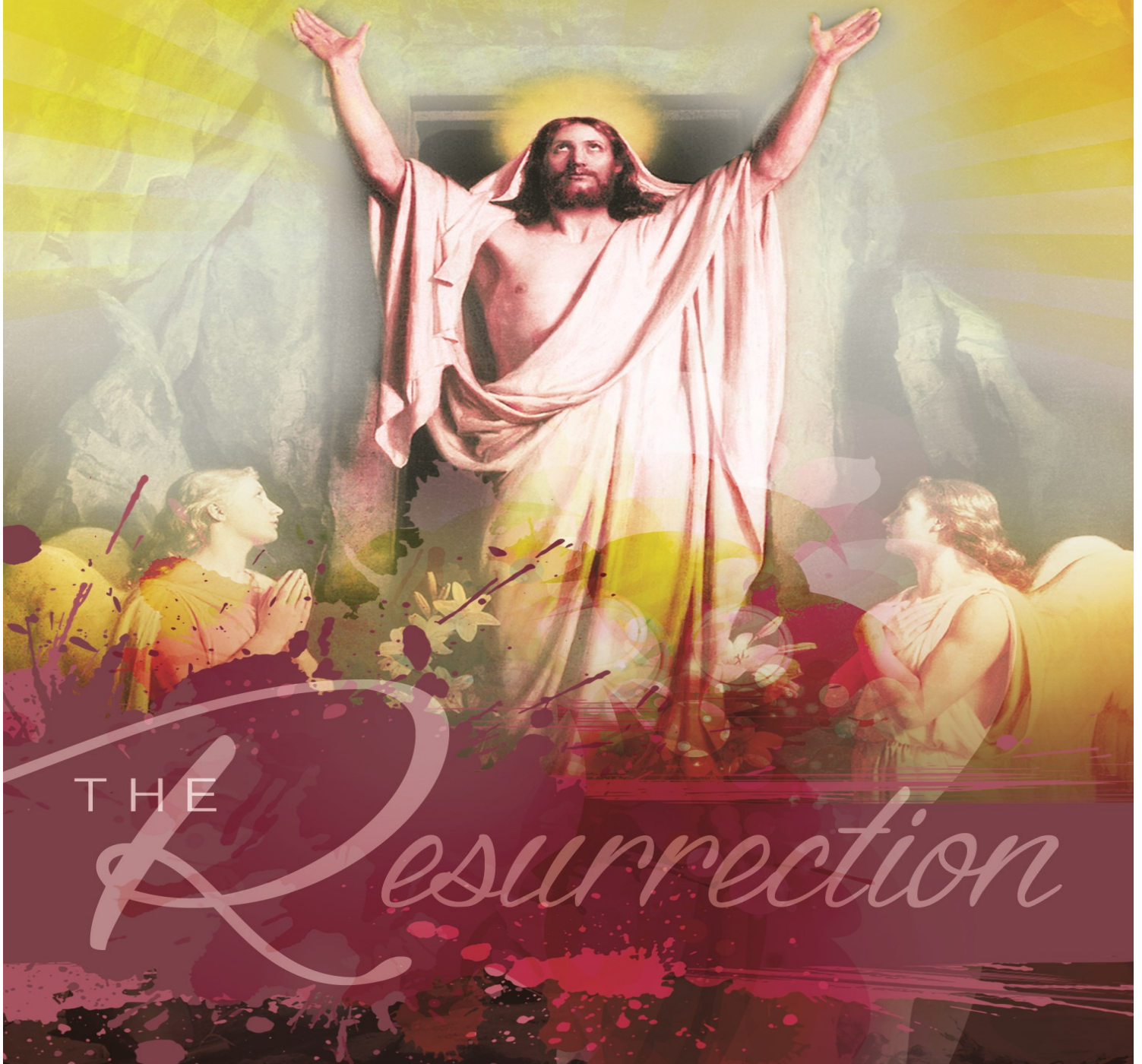
155 North Brady Street • Blairsville, Pennsylvania 15717

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

E A S T E R S U N D A Y



**04/19/25-Saturday-Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil**

2:00pm Blessing of the Easter Foods (Baskets) (Church)
8:30pm Mass at Church of the Good Shepherd

04/20/25-Sunday-Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

9:00am Maria Morrow by Mom, Pauline Alexander
Children's Easter Egg Hunt to Follow the 9:00 a.m. Mass
11:00am Mass at Church of the Good Shepherd

04/21/25-Monday-Monday within the Octave of Easter

8:00am John "Bud" Sloan by Family

04/23/25-Wednesday-Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

8:00am Bill Stein by Daughter

04/25/25-Friday-Friday within the Octave of Easter

8:00am Patricia Suman by Frances McCracken

04/26/25-Saturday-Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy) (Vigil)

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

04/27/25-Sunday-Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

9:00am Lloyd David by Margie & Greg

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+++

This report will be in a future bulletin.

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**WEEKLY READINGS: GATHER HYMNAL # 1065****PARISH COMING EVENTS:****Monday, April 21**

- ♦ Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, April 22

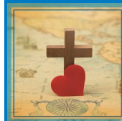
- ♦ Women's Choir Rehearsal, Church, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 23

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

Sunday, April 27

- ♦ Faith Formation, Grade 1-8, Parish Center, 10:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.
- ♦ Cookie Social, Marian Hall, After 9:00 a.m. Mass, Everyone is Welcome



EASTER SUNDAY OF THE
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
PASTORS REFLECTION

Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm: 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15, Philippians 2:6-11, Mark 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39.

From the Tomb to Triumph: Choosing New Life

Mary arose "early in the morning" to go to Jesus' tomb. This image of a new day speaks to us of a new beginning, new opportunities, new encounters. Early morning speaks to us of the freshness of new life. By contrast, this gospel uses the word "tomb" seven times, speaking to us about the seeming finality of Jesus' death. By even greater contrast, the gospel ends with the Scripture certitude that Jesus "had to rise from the dead." Death is overcome. Death has no victory. God is the Lord of life. Easter celebrates a new beginning, our certitude of new life. May we choose that Life.

A blessed and hopeful Easter greetings to everyone (pilgrims) in this Jubilee year of Hope 2025.

READINGS-April 27, 2025

Acts 5:12-16 (1st)

Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 (2nd)

John 20:19-31 (Gospel)

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)



DLA: Thank you to all who have supported our DLA to date. Thus far, we have contributions from 71 families, totaling \$20,058.00. 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.

PASCHAL CANDLE IN MEMORY OF LILLIAN (DOLLY) BOSCO BY FAMILY & FRIENDS
MATCHING ALTER CANDLES:

- 1) **IN MEMORY OF DEE IEZZI BY BROTHER, RIZ PETRARCA AND FAMILY (2)**
- 2) **IN MEMORY OF SAM HENIGIN BY DAUGHTER, MARGIE FRENCHIK AND FAMILY (2)**


JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST COOKIE SOCIAL

on April 27th after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Everyone is welcome to come and socialize while you enjoy some cookies and coffee.

KNIGHT AT THE RACES: The K of C, Council #10960 of Church of the Good Shepherd and Our Lady of the Assumption parishes, are having their annual fundraiser at the Gracetown-Coral Sportsman's Club on April 26, 2025. Tickets are \$25, which includes a buffet dinner and refreshments. The Knights are seeking donations of baskets for raffle. This is an evening of great food, and great fun. To purchase tickets, please contact Norb Rayko at 724-422-1533 or Nmrayk@hotmail.com. You may also call either church office.

YOUTH MINISTRY

CATHOLIC KENNYWOOD DAY: The Diocese of Greensburg will host a Catholic day at Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, Monday, July 15. The day will include kids' activities, confessions and Chaplet of Divine Mercy, a festival of praise music, Mass and dinner. For ticket information, visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/Catholic-Kennywood-Day.

STEUBENVILLE, OHIO YOUTH CONFERENCE:

The Diocese of Greensburg will attend the Steubenville Youth Conference as a diocese July 18-20 at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio. Cost is \$325, with a non-refundable \$50 deposit. The price includes room and board and three T-shirts. For information, email ffd@DioceseofGreensburg.org.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE :

The Diocese of Greensburg will have a group attending the National Catholic Youth Conference Nov. 20-22 in Indianapolis, Ind. Teens currently in grades 8-11 may attend. Cost is \$550 and includes NCYC tickets, hotel, bus, swag and a group dinner. Youth ministers can provide information on fundraising, as well as details about the trip. For information, visit www.DioceseofGreensburg.org/ncyc/ or email ffd@DioceseofGreensburg.org

K OF C SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: Knights of Columbus Council #3624 would like to offer 2 monetary scholarships (\$500 each) to student members of the SS Simon & Jude Parish. This monetary scholarship will require a senior member of the Class of 2025, to fill out an application and submit a short essay. The essay should include not only their scholastic achievements and goals but also, their clubs, activities, employment, sports, hobbies and their involvement at church. It should also address why the student believes that they should receive this scholarship. Also, explain how their Catholic faith has guided them and how it will continue to guide them in the future as they begin their journey in college and career. Students may pick up an application in the back of the church. You may submit the application and written essay by putting it in the basket at church or mailing it to the church office at 155 North Brady St., Blairsville, PA 15717.

CELEBRATING 200 YEARS of BLAIRSVILLE
MUSIC THROUGH THE YEARS

- ◆ Saturday, April 26, 2025 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ River Valley Middle School Auditorium
- ◆ Presented by: Blairsville Monday Music Club
- ◆ Blairsville Community Band
- ◆ Blairsville Historical Society presenting video of The History of Blairsville, A Place of Consequence.
- ◆ Free admission, Freewill offering accepted



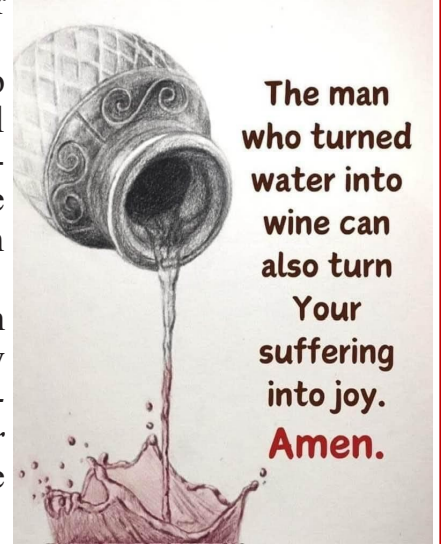
SPECIAL THANKS to all who donated to our recent Baby Shower for Lifeway Pregnancy center in Indiana, PA. Tables of baby items and diapers were donated thanks to you. Crystal Evans is pictured along with CD of A members.

Water for Wine

There is a legend about an ancient village in Spain. The villagers learned that the King would pay a visit! In a thousand years, a King had never come to that village. Excitement grew! "We must throw a big celebration," the villagers all agreed. But, it was a poor village, and there weren't many resources. Someone came up with a classic idea. Since many of the villagers made their own wines, the idea was for everyone in the village to bring a large cup of their choice wine to the town square, "We'll pour it into a large barrel and offer it to the King for his pleasure! When the king draws wine to drink, it will be the very best he's ever tasted!"

The day before the King's arrival, hundreds of people lined up to make their offering to the honored guest. They climbed a small stairway and poured their gift through a small opening at the top. Finally, the barrel was full! The King arrived, was escorted to the square, given a silver cup and was told to draw some wine, which represented the best the villagers had.

He placed the cup under the faucet, turned the handle, and then drank the wine, but it was nothing more than water. You see every villager had reasoned, *"I'll withhold my best wine and substitute water; what with so many cups of wine in the barrel, the King will never know the difference!"* The problem was, everyone thought the same thing, and the King was greatly dishonored!



The man
who turned
water into
wine can
also turn
Your
suffering
into joy.
Amen.

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 there 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 return the attached form.

CLEARANCES WORKSHOP

Wednesday, May 7th, 2025

Marian Hall 9:00 a.m.

Please fill out this form and place it in the basket at Church or turn it in to the office. This will help us to be prepared with your information when you come to the Workshop.

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

Renew clearances ____ New volunteer ____



2025 Diocesan Lenten Appeal



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