



CHURCH OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust



July 6, 2025

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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
Parochial Vicar..... Fr. Joseph Pham
Deacon.....Mark Ferlin
Business Manager.....Gina Nastase
Parish SecretaryMargie Frenchik
Director Faith Form./Sacramental Prep.....Carolyn Davis
Maintenance.....Butch Nastase/Gina Nastase
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Cemetery Operation Manager..... Victor Nastase

FAITH FORMATION

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2025-2026 CATECHESIS SCHEDULE SS. SIMON & JUDE

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

OTHER MINISTRY LEADERS

Angels of Compassion

Peggy Mosco724-464-7371

Funeral Choir Director

Carolee Risinger724-459-8485

Men's Choir Director

Dave Brozeski724-459-5722

Organist

Pauline Alexander724-459-9655

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.

**07/05/25-Saturday-14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)**

1:00pm Sacrament of Penance
4:00pm Ronald Christopher by Riz Petrarca

07/06/25-Sunday-14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am For The People

07/07/25-Monday-Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Norma Colananni by Diana Colananni

07/09/25-Wednesday-St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

8:00am Ron, Ray, Nick & Susie Christopher by Family

07/11/25-Friday-St. Benedict, Abbot

8:00am Fr. Chet by Bill

07/12/25-Saturday-15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)

1:00pm Sacrament of Penance
4:00pm Mary & Herman Colench by Family

07/13/25-Sunday-15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Rager & Sulkosky Families by Walt & Vicki Rager

CHAPEL CANDLE IN MEMORY OF JERRY SUMAN BY SUMAN FAMILY

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE

Buy a Ladies' Top and Get the Ladies' Bottoms FREE (jeans and white tags are excluded) this week at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Indiana. Located in the BiLo Plaza on N. 4th Street, store hours are Monday thru Saturday 10am-2pm. Donations are accepted 10am-1pm at the back door (as space allows).

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.

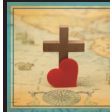
+++ FINANCIAL REPORT+++

This report will be in a future bulletin.

**Online Giving
QR Code****WEEKLY READINGS: GATHER HYMNAL # 1133****PARISH COMING EVENTS:**

Sunday, July 13

- ♦ **Father Dino's Final Mass at SS Simon & Jude, 9:00 a.m.**

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
PASTORS REFLECTION**

Isaiah 66:10-14c, Psalm: 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20, Galatians 6:14-18, Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9.

Mission Possible: Planting Joy in a Fearful World.

Many people live in fear of a future marked by destruction and chaos; they have abandoned hope. These readings invite us to hope in the future God has in store for us, one of blessing and joy. At the same time, because God's kingdom is already at hand, we live in this blessing and joy now.

Isaiah's vision, in the first reading, uses different images to describe the same reality presented in the gospel. The fruit of the disciples' labors (peace, healing, and God's kingdom at hand) are described in Isaiah as comfort, abundance, and prosperity. Both readings envision God's power and presence now and a future when our "hearts shall rejoice."

In the gospel, Jesus sends the disciples out to plant the seed of the Good News and harvest its fruit of peace and the in-breaking of the Kingdom of God. The "Kingdom of God is at hand" because wherever disciples are present and received, God is present and received. Despite the disciples facing "wolves" and sometimes being rejected, their labor will bear fruit for it is God's power that works through them. For this divine power and presence, the disciples - and we - rejoice.

READINGS - JULY 13, 2025

Deuteronomy 30:10-14 (1st)

Colossians 1:15-20 (2nd)

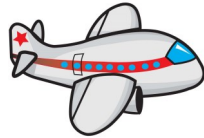
Luke 10:25-37 (Gospel)

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**The President, the Priest, and the Boy on a Plane**

Once upon a time, a plane was flying with four passengers on board:

The **President** of a country,
A brilliant **scientist**,
An elderly **priest**, and
A young **boy**.



Suddenly, the pilot rushed out of the cockpit and announced, "The plane is going down! We have a serious engine failure and only three parachutes on board. I'm sorry!"

With that, he grabbed one parachute and jumped out.

The President stood up and said, "I'm the leader of my country. Millions depend on me. I must survive for the sake of the nation." He grabbed a parachute and jumped.

The scientist followed, "I am the smartest man in the world! The world needs my brain!" He too took a parachute and jumped.

Now, only the old priest and the little boy remained.

The priest smiled kindly and said to the boy, "My son, I've lived a full life. I'm ready to meet my Maker. You take the last parachute."

But the boy calmly replied, "Don't worry, Father. There are still two parachutes left."

The priest was surprised, "How could that be?"

The boy grinned, "Because the smartest man in the world just jumped out with my school backpack!"

Moral of the Story:

Arrogance can be foolish.

True wisdom includes humility.

Sometimes, those who think they're the most important may not be the most useful in a crisis.



DLA: Thank you to all who have supported our DLA to date. Thus far, we have contributions from 160 families, totaling \$46,283.00. Our diocesan target is \$42,369.00. We are now over our diocesan target. Everything over this amount will remain here in our parish for our use. We encourage everyone to participate in this important annual appeal. Pledges may still be made by mailing your pledge card in the envelope provided directly to the Diocese. Thank you.

FR. DINO'S FINAL MASS: With hearts full of gratitude and affection, we invite all parishioners to join us in celebrating Fr. Dino's final Mass at our parish on Sunday, July 13th at 9:00 a.m. After his time of faithful service to our parish and community, Fr. Dino will be offering his final Mass before departing back to his home in the Philippines. This is a special opportunity for us to come together in prayer and thanksgiving to honor his ministry, and to send him forth with our love and blessings.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!!!

Calling all children grades 3 to 11 who are interested in becoming an Altar Server.

Must have received their First Eucharist and are willing to serve in this important ministry for children in our parish.

Training session will be scheduled the end of July/beginning of August.

You may choose which Mass you prefer for scheduling purposes.

Parents: This is a great opportunity for your child to engage intimately within the Mass and give their time and talent to a very important ministry.

Look for more information in next weeks bulletin.

EWTN'S FREE Family Celebration Event
Capital One Hall, Tysons, Virginia
Saturday, August 30, 2025 8:00AM—6:00PM (ET)

It's a day you will always remember,
and best of all it's FREE.

Meet and hear from beloved EWTN speakers and hosts, attend Holy Mass, Confession and Adoration, bring the whole family and be part of a television audience!

For more information go to ewtn.com/familycelebration
or call 1-800-477-EWTN (3986)



SS. SIMON & JUDE PARISH
NEEDS YOU!

SHARE YOUR TIME AND TALENTS

BE A PART OF OUR TEAM

Are you looking for a way to spread God's love, make a positive impact in our community, and...? We need you to join one of our ministry teams of dedicated volunteers! Help us grow the kingdom of God!



MINISTRIES SEEKING HELP

- Christian Initiation
- Small Prayer Group Hosts/Leader
- Faith Formation
- Adaptive Faith Formation for those with Special needs
- Youth Ministry
- Walking with Moms in Need
- Community Outreach
- Catholic Student Association
- Preparation for Sacraments with children

BENEFITS

- ✓ Make a Real Impact on our Community
- ✓ Share God's love with your Neighbors
- ✓ Deepen Your Relationship with God and Neighbor

LEARN MORE:

To learn more about volunteer opportunities in any of the ministries listed to the left, **please contact:**

- **Danielle Cribbs** at 814-804-1336 or dcribbs@dioceseofgreensburg.org
- **Jessica Thompson** at 724-552-1818 or jthompson@dioceseofgreensburg.org

"A generous spirit is itself a great wealth." ~ Pope Saint Leo the Great

Ever wonder:
"What is happening in the atrium?"

Join us

at SS. Simon & Jude Parish, Blairsville, for a **FREE** opportunity to learn more about the Faith Formation spreading across our region.



Gather on either:

- Monday, July 7 from 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM
- OR
- Tuesday, July 8 from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM
- and
- Thursday, July 10 from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Who should attend :

- ✓ Volunteer Assistant Catechists and Substitute Catechists
- ✓ Parents, Grandparents, Godparents
- ✓ Anyone interested in learning more about sharing the love of God with children!

Refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP to:

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