CHURCH OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

July 13, 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
Parochial Vicar..... Fr. Joseph Pham
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
Carolyn Davis
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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.

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

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

07/14/25-Monday-St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
8:00am Edward J. Avalli by Cindy & Vince Barbi

07/16/25-Wednesday-Our Lady of Mount Carmel
8:00am Eucharistic Service

07/18/25-Friday-St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
8:00am Mike DeRubis by Mom, Rita

07/19/25-Saturday-16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)
1:00pm Sacrament of Penance
4:00pm Mary Ann Brozick by Mr. & Mrs. Ray Boring

07/20/25-Sunday-16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00am Frank Shurina by Robin Fisher

CHAPEL CANDLE IN MEMORY OF MARYANN BROZICK BY ROSEANN DELCOCO.

HOST IN MEMORY OF MOM, DAD & SUSAN BY JOAN HETCKO.

WINE IN MEMORY OF MARIA LYNN MORROW BY MOM, PAULINE.

REMINDER: We will be working on new minister schedules from September to January. Any changes regarding this schedule ***MUST BE*** turned into the office by Friday, July 25th. Any changes not turned in by this date will not be honored on this schedule.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE

Manager's Specials will be held all week at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in the BiLo Plaza on N. 4th Street in Indiana. The Special changes daily and could be on clothing, books, glassware, puzzles, etc. – whatever the manager chooses, so come in to check it out. Store hours are Monday thru Saturday 10am-2pm with donations accepted at the back door 10am-1pm.

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***

June 29, 2025

Offertory Collection	$	4,066.00
Loose Collection	$	268.00
Total	$	4,344.00
Online Offertory	$	75.00
Parish Improvements	$	480.00
Peter's Pence/Holy See	$	418.00

July 6, 2025

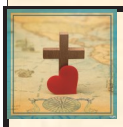
Offertory Collection	$	5,811.00
Loose Collection	$	54.00
Total	$	5,865.00
Online Offertory	$	175.00
Parish Improvements	$	1,187.00
Cemetery Income	$	25.00

Online Giving QR Code

WEEKLY READINGS: GATHER HYMNAL # 1136

PARISH COMING EVENTS:
Monday-Friday, July 14th-18th
- Father Joseph is away on Retreat

Saturday & Sunday, July 19th & 20th
- Bethlehem Christian Families, Olive Wood Sale, Following Masses



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME PASTORS REFLECTION

Deuteronomy 30:10-14, Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11, Colossians 1:15-20, Luke 10:25-37.

Rules Don't Walk the Road - Love Does.

As a framework to guide human behavior, law is good and necessary. Even when rearing children, we teach them to go beyond mere observance of laws' external demands to grasping the laws' deeper intent: building a community of care, respect, mercy - love.

The first reading presents, the Law is not "mysterious and remote," but is "already in our mouths and in our hearts." We "have only to carry it out" and, as the Gospel reminds us, it bears the human face of our neighbor in need.

"What is written in the law?" Jesus asks the "scholar of the law." Many would tend to answer by citing the Ten Commandments or civil law. But the lawyer in the Gospel answered correctly when he named love as the law. Law is not about keeping rules, but about loving others. Eternal life is not inherited by keeping laws, but by caring for others and treating them with mercy. The law of love teaches us to "love … with all … with all … with all …" Love is nothing less than the unconditional gift of self.

READINGS-July 20, 2025
Genesis 18:1-10a (1st)
Colossians 1:24-28 (2nd)
Luke 10:38-42 (Gospel)
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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, July13th 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.

SPREAD THE JOY OF CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Join us at Knotweed 2025 on Saturday, August 8, which begins with the parade at 10:00 AM. SS. Simon & Jude Parish will be walking in the parade as well as hosting a booth with kids' crafts and parish information during the festival. Be present for any portion of the festival as we work to spread the joy found in our Catholic Community. All interested in learning more about our presence at Knotweed 2025 should contact Carolyn Davis at 724-459-7103.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the souls of parishioners George Hoke, Jr. and Diana Colananni. May God grant them eternal life and peace.

HELP OUR CHILDREN GROW IN FAITH

The start of the 2025-2026 Catechetical Year for SS. Simon & Jude Parish is only a couple months away. We have missed seeing the smiling faces of the children and are so excited to resume gathering together to pray and learn more about God and the Church. *To make our Sunday morning program feasible, we are in need of at least two additional volunteers to assist with Faith Formation and Youth Ministry.* All materials and instructions for the adult volunteers will be provided. To learn more, please contact Carolyn Davis at 724-459-7103.

Please note: We do not gather every Sunday. This is not a weekly commitment.

OLIVE WOOD SALE — July 19-20, 2025

Land of Peace and Bethlehem Christian Families
In these challenging times, we invite you to a special event next weekend. Following all Masses, Roni Salsa from the Bethlehem Christian Families, a not-for-profit organization through Land of Peace, will be with us to shed light on the struggles faced by Christians in the Holy Land. This mission aims to bring hope and support to Christian families and churches in the Middle East, who are enduring continuous violence and a decline in tourism. Your participation can help make a profound difference. Available for purchase will be religious articles made from Olive Wood, a material native to the Holy Land and Bethlehem. These items, including crucifixes and rosaries, offer a tangible connection to a land that holds deep spiritual significance.
We encourage you to join us and support this meaningful cause. For more information, please visit www.landofpeace.org."

DON'T RESIGN FROM LOVE

There is an old story about a parish priest who became tired and discouraged.

He wrote to his bishop:

"Your Excellency, I think it is time for me to resign. Years ago, I baptized many babies. Now, parents rarely come. I used to prepare young couples for marriage. Now, they no longer ask for the sacrament.

Few come for confession. The sick and dying are often alone. Funerals are fewer, and many are done outside the Church. Even Sunday Mass attendance is down.

I feel I am no longer needed. What is the use of staying?"

The bishop replied:

"Dear Father, thank you for your faithfulness. But do not resign from love. Even if one person still seeks God, your mission remains.

You are called to witness, not to count numbers. Be there for the one soul God will send.

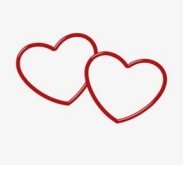
The Good Shepherd never abandons His sheep. Neither should we."

Reflection: In today's world, it is easy to feel discouraged - in the Church, in our families, in daily life. We may wonder: "Why keep trying? Who listens? Who cares?"

But remember: God calls us to be faithful, not famous. Every act of love, no matter how small, still matters. One soul is precious.

In our families, in our parish, in our daily lives - may we not resign from love.

"***Let us not grow weary of doing good.***" - Galatians 6:9



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

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.

If interested, please complete the registration below and return to the Parish Office via the Collection Basket or mail to the office.
Please call the office at 724-459-7103 with any questions.

NAME:_____

MASS PREFERENCE:_____**SAT** _____**SUN**

RETURN TO PARISH OFFICE