CHURCH OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

September 7, 2025

155 North Brady Street • Blairsville, Pennsylvania 15717
Parish Office: 459-7103
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

Administrator……..Rev. John A. Pavlik, OFM Cap, V.F.
Parochial Vicar…… Rev. Joseph Pham, OFM Cap
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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2025-2026 Catechesis Schedule SS. Simon & Jude

Catechesis Of The Good Shepherd

Levels 1, 2, & 3	Tuesdays	5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Levels 1, 2, & 3	Wednesdays	9:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.
		3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Traditional 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 3:00 p.m. of by appointment. Penance services twice a year.

Other Information

Communion to Shut-ins - Please call the office.
Eucharistic Chapel is open daily 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Indiana Hospital Chaplain Fr. James Watson, OFM, Cap 724-717-3203
Latrobe Hospital Chaplain Fr. Alfred Patterson 814-421-6607 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

09/06/25-Saturday-23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)
3:00pm Sacrament of Penance
4:00pm Anna Kudlac by Mike Kudlac

09/07/25-Sunday-23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00am Walt & Dorothy Rager & John & Rose Zarichnak
By Greg & Kim Zarichnak

09/08/25-Monday-Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00am Margaret Sansonetti by Daughters

09/10/25-Wednesday-Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:00am Dolly Flasick by Daughters & Family

09/12/25-Friday-The Most Holy Name of Mary
8:00am All Deceased of Nick Bosco Family

09/13/25-Saturday-The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Vigil)
3:00pm Sacrament of Penance
4:00pm For The People

09/14/25-Sunday-The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
9:00am Dave Zubalik by Family

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE AT CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, KENT

- Monday, September 15th, 5:00pm will be Holy Hour and Communion Service with Deacon Mark.
- Tuesday, September 16th, 8:30am Mass is cancelled.
- Thursday, September 18th, 8:30am will be a Communion Service with Deacon Mark.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE

It's "Bag Sale" time – fill our paper bag with clothing and shoes for only $5 this week at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Indiana. White tag clothing is not included in the bag sale, but is half off. Located in the BiLo Plaza on N. 4th Street, the store is open Monday thru Saturday from 10am to 2pm. Donations are accepted at the back door from 10am to 1pm (space permitting).

MASS SCHEDULE
CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, KENT

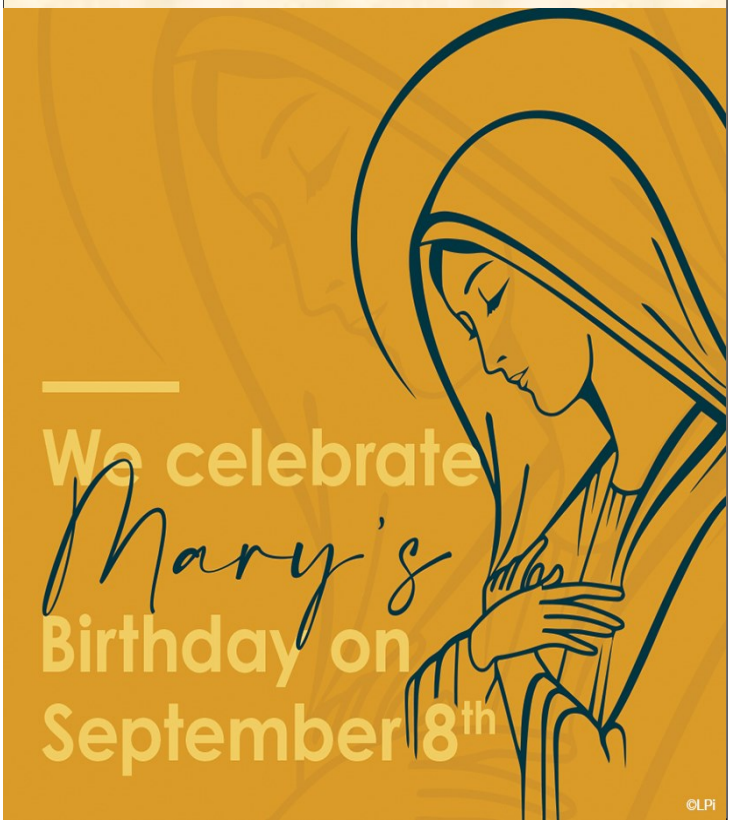
MONDAYS Holy Hour-5:00 P.M.; Mass-6:00 P.M.
TUESDAYS 8:30 A.M.
THURSDAYS 8:30 A.M.
SATURDAY 6:00 P.M.
SUNDAY 11:00 A.M.

+++ FINANCIAL REPORT***
This report will be in a future bulletin.

Online Giving QR Code

WEEKLY READINGS: GATHER HYMNAL # 1160

PARISH COMING EVENTS:
Wednesday, September 10
- Pastoral Council Meeting, Parish Center, 6:00 p.m.



READINGS-September 14, 2025
Numbers 21:4b-9 (1st)
Philippians 2:6-11 (2nd)
John 3:13-17 (Gospel)
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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.

KERYGMA RETREAT: A Kerygma Discipleship Retreat is set for the weekend of Oct. 10-12 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. The three-day retreat is an opportunity for men and women to hear the gospel with new ears, deepen their relationship with Jesus and discover a faith that leads to joyful living. Accommodations and eight meals are included; commuters are welcome. For information and prices, visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/Kerygma.

EWTN FALL SCHEDULES are available at each entrance of the Church for those wishing to take one home.

2025 Indiana Region Faith Formation/ Youth Ministry Registration - Roman Catholic Diocese of Greensburg

If you have not already submitted a Faith Formation Registration Form for the coming catechetical year, you are welcome to make use of this year's online Faith Formation/ Youth Ministry registration.

https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/2025-indiana-region-faith-formation-youth-ministry-registration/

KNOW HIM: ROME – JOURNEY THROUGH THE ETERNAL CITY SEPT. 25: Join us for an immersive day of spiritual discovery and cultural exploration in the heart of Catholicism with KNOW HIM: ROME – Journey Through the Eternal City Thursday, Sept. 25, at 2 and 6 p.m. at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. This virtual pilgrimage, presented by the Office of Faith, Family and Discipleship and the Office of Communications, invites participants to deepen their faith through guided visits to some of the most iconic and sacred sites in the Eternal City, engaging with the rich history, art and theology that shaped Roman Catholicism. Admission is free but space is limited. To register, visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/KnowHim.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SPORTING CLAY SHOOT OCT. 13: Catholic Charities first sporting clay shoot is set for Monday, Oct. 13, at 9 a.m. at Highland Sporting Clays, Champion. Prizes will be awarded for the first, second and third place teams and the top male and female participants. Guidelines are available at www.highlandssportingclays.com (click on the "Rates" tab). There will be a cash bar and lunch. To register, visit www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org . For information, contact Robert Baum at 724-837-1840 or rbaum@DioceseofGreensburg.org.

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 in 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. Call Elaine Scherer with any questions, 724-216-3342.

NAME:_____

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

RETURN TO PARISH OFFICE