



CHURCH OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust



September 28, 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

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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.

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. or 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.



09/27/25-Saturday-26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)

1:00pm Sacrament of Penance
4:00pm Jack Fatora by Irene

09/28/25-Sunday-26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am For The People

09/29/25-Monday-Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

8:00am Patricia Suman by Dennis & Reyne Kozar

10/01/25-Wednesday-Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:00am Allen & Doris Faulk by Family

10/03/25-Friday-Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Bill & Carol Dunmire by Boggio Family
6:00pm Blessing of the Animals

10/04/25-Saturday-27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)

3:00pm Sacrament of Penance
4:00pm Mike DeRubis by Susan

10/05/25-Sunday-27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am For The People

**CHAPEL CANDLE IN MEMORY OF
GEORGE TAYLOR BY JIM, MIRELLA AND
DIANA**

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE

Check out all the new fall and winter items at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Indiana. The store is located in the BiLo Plaza on N. 4th Street with store hours Monday thru Saturday from 10am to 2pm. Donations are accepted at the back door from 10am to 1pm (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
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WEEKLY READINGS: GATHER HYMNAL #1169

PARISH COMING EVENTS:

Sunday, September 28

- ◆ Faith Formation, Parish Center, 10:15 a.m.–11:45 a.m.

Tuesday, September 30

- ◆ Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Marian Hall Classrooms, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Women's Choir Rehearsal, Church, 6:30 p.m.

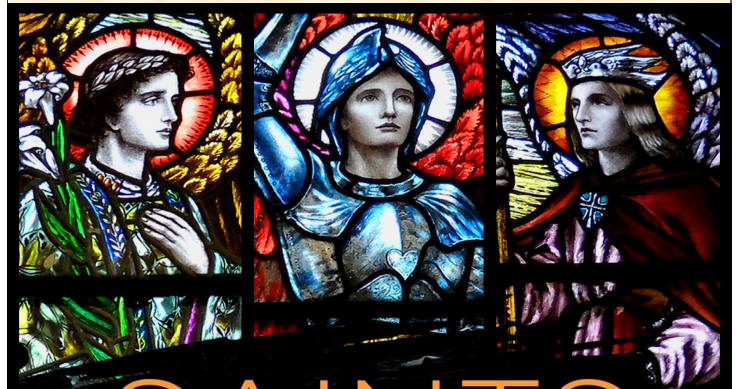
Wednesday, October 1

- ◆ Bible Study, Marian Hall, 1:00 p.m.
- ◆ CD of A Meeting, Marian Hall, 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Men's Choir Rehearsal, Church, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 5

- ◆ Faith Formation, Parish Center, 10:15 a.m.–11:45 a.m.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING: The Finance Council will meet on Wednesday, October 8th at 6:00 p.m.



**SAINTS
GABRIEL | MICHAEL | RAPHAEL
ARCHANGELS**

READINGS October 5, 2025

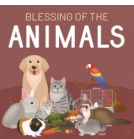
Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 (1st)
 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 (2nd)
 Luke 17:5-10 (Gospel)
 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



ALL CEMETERY GRAVES are to be cleaned off by October 15th. If they are not cleaned off before October 15th, they will be cleaned off by cemetery workers. Please leave a grace period before putting decorations back on the graves in case the weather is bad and clean-up would be later than the 15th. Please take your clean-up materials with you for trash disposal.

SECOND COLLECTION: TODAY IS THE ANNUAL *Seminarian and Clergy Formation Collection*, which supports our Seminarians, men preparing for the Permanent Diaconate, and the ongoing formation of our Clergy and International Priests. Please be generous with this collection or make a gift online at DioceseofGreensburg.org/SCFC and pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life.

CD OF A MEETING will be held on Wednesday, October 1st, 2025. Rosary will be at 5:45 with the meeting to follow at 6:00. Dues are now being collected for 2026. Our Care Bear needs some money so we can send a check in December. The Committee members are: Kerry Dettorre, Chris Lasser, Lavina Lasser, and Christine Clevenger. Everyone is welcome, hope to see you there.



PET BLESSING: The Blessing of Pets for the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi will be held here at our parish outside the church on Friday, October 3rd at 6:00 p.m.. All pets are welcome!

BINGO: St. Rose will hold a smokeless bingo at Hillview Avenue, Route 982, Latrobe on Thursday, October 9th, 2025. Doors open at 5:00 pm; Bingo starts at 6:00 pm For more information call the office at 724-537-3709. Food will be available for sale. There will be a basket raffle and a 50/50. Admission includes: 6 paper cards per sheet and 4 specials (3/sheet). Bingo games played: Regular, 4 Corners, Big Star, Little Star, Inside Corners, Postage Stamp, V. Jackpot Game sold separately: \$700 payout, cost \$1 or 6 for \$5, Mystery jug \$1.

POLKA / OLDIES DANCE hosted by Sacred Heart & St. Cecilia Parishes on Sunday, September 28 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM in St. Cecilia Hall. Dance with DJ RENEE. \$10 / Person 50/50 Drawing Snacks & Beverages for sale. Please call 724-423-3777.



SARRIS CHRISTMAS CANDY: The CD of A is selling Sarris candy for Christmas. You may contact any member to place an order or pick up an order form at the Church entrances and follow the instruction sheet included. Any order is very much appreciated !

BURGER BASH AT SAINT CECILIA PARISH: Burger Bashes are planned Saturday, Oct. 18, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. For information, call 724-423-3777.

Save The Date—Blue Mass

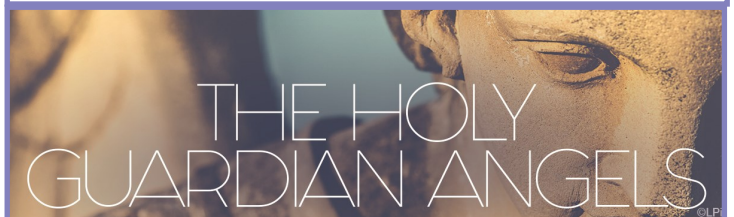
The Partner Parishes of St. Martin & St. Joseph, along with The Knights of Columbus will be celebrating their annual Blue Mass that honors and thanks the men and women who serve their community: Police Officers, Firefighters, Emergency Technicians, Public Safety Professionals, EMS & Local, County and State Officials. It will take place on Tuesday, September 30th, 2025 at 6:00pm at St. Joseph Church in Derry. Reception to follow in the St. Joseph Social Hall. Hosted by the St. Joseph Altar Rosary Society & The Knights of Columbus.

CRAFT/VENDOR SHOW AT SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH: A holiday craft and vendor show will be held Saturday, Oct. 18, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. There will be food available for purchase, a basket raffle, a vendor gift auction and a 50/50 raffle.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD – Pianist/organist: Responsible for providing musical accompaniment during Saturday night and/or Sunday morning Mass, including playing hymns, preludes, offertory music and postludes on either the piano or organ, often collaborating with the choir and cantor. For information, call 724-479-3881 or email kolsen@DioceseofGreensburg.org.

The Gift of Our Guardian Angels

It's good to know we're not alone. This October 2nd we celebrate the feast of our guardian angels. This ancient belief has roots in Scripture. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus implies the special guiding care of the angels. *"See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father"* (Matthew 18:10). Our guardian angels are given to us by God to protect and watch over us from the moment of our conception until the hour of death. Let's pray together to our own heavenly help: *Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side to light, to guard, to rule, and to guide. Amen.*



COME ENCOUNTER THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL



OCTOBER 10-12



**KERYGMA
DISCIPLESHIP RETREAT**

**Christ Our Shepherd Center
2900 Seminary Drive, Greensburg**

WHAT IS KERYGMA?

A three-day opportunity for men and women to:

- Hear the Gospel with new ears
- Deepen your relationship with Jesus
- Discover a faith that leads to joyful living

WHAT ARE PEOPLE SAYING?

"I thought the Kerygma Retreat is truly the work of the Holy Spirit!"

"The presentations are captivating, inspiring, and energetic while influencing all in an encouraging way! It is all so beautiful and prayerful!"

"God is working in this retreat to create more disciples! I cannot wait to see this retreat and community grow and where God takes it."

WHAT IS INCLUDED?

- A three day retreat experience
- Accommodations at Christ Our Shepherd Center (commuters are also welcome)
- 8 delicious meals
- Opportunity for Confession, Prayer, Adoration, and Sunday Mass
- Pricing as low as \$50 for those from the Diocese of Greensburg depending on accommodations. (No one will be turned away for inability to pay.)



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THE WELL

A FUTURE OF HOPE

JOIN US FOR THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG MEN'S CONFERENCE

Join men from around the Diocese to discover, pray, and discuss ways to build a future of hope in our Church.

Presented by the Diocesan Men's Ministry Team

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REGISTER NOW!

\$25 for parishioners from the Diocese of Greensburg

\$50 for those outside the Diocese of Greensburg

QUESTIONS?

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"For I know well the plans I have in mind for you... to give you a future of hope."

Jeremiah 29:11



**The Most Reverend
Joseph Espailat**
Auxiliary Bishop
Archdiocese of New York



Leonard J. DeLorenzo, Ph.D.
Professor of Theology
University of Notre Dame



CHRIST OUR SHEPHERD CENTER - 8AM-2PM
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025