



CHURCH OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

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January 16, 2022

155 North Brady Street • Blairsville, Pennsylvania 15717
Office: 459-7103 • Rectory: 459-7173 • 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.saintsimonandjude.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

PastorFr. Stephen Bugay
Pastoral Associate Elaine Scherer
Office Manager Lisa Auvil
Maintenance Mike Lychalk
Church Sacristan William Doody
Cemetery Operation Manager Victor Nastase

FAITH FORMATION

Elaine Scherer 724-216-3342
Classes Sundays 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

OTHER INFORMATION

Children's Liturgy of the Word at all Masses for age 4 to 5th grade children.

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. Matthew Palkowski - 724-465-2210

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.

OTHER MINISTRY LEADERS

Angels of Compassion
Mary Ann Brozick 724-459-7980
Funeral Choir Director
Carolee Risinger 724-459-8485
Men's Choir Director
Dave Brozeski 724-459-5722
Organist
Pauline Alexander 724-459-9655
Prayer Group
Dorothy Mazzoni 724-459-8553
Sacramental Prep
Elaine Scherer 724-216-3342
Women's Choir Director
Rick Auvil 724-459-8416

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 3:30 p.m. or by appointment. Penance services twice a year.

**01/15/22-Saturday-2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (Vigil)**

3:30pm Sacrament of Penance
5:00pm For The People

01/16/22-Sunday-2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Ed Avalli by Cris & Bob Johns

01/17/22-Monday-St. Anthony, Abbot

8:00am Rick Pezzi by Nancy & Marv Stella

01/18/22-Tuesday-Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Edna Torok by Husband & Children

01/19/22-Wednesday-Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Lou Ann Cucciardo by Victoria Cucciardo

01/20/22-Thursday-St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

8:00am No Mass or Service

01/21/22-Friday-St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

8:00am Elmer (Ammy) Bertoncini by Ed & Mavis Santoro

01/22/22-Saturday-3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)

3:30pm Sacrament of Penance
5:00pm Monica Murray by Patrick & Kathleen Murray

01/23/22-Sunday-3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am For The People

HOST IN MEMORY OF GREG JASPER BY
MILDRED CALHOUN.

CHAPEL CANDLE IN MEMORY OF LILLIAN
SCUCCIMARRA BY RAY & SHIRLEY BORING.

WINE IN MEMORY OF AUNT MARGARET BLY
BY NIECE, JOAN HETCKO.

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CATHOLIC FAITH? Invite them to attend an Inquiry Class. Call Elaine Scherer at 724-216-3342 for details or any questions.

+++ FINANCIAL REPORT***

January 9, 2022

Offertory Collection	\$ 3,869.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 43.00
Total	\$ 3,912.00
Online Offertory (12/23-12/31).....	\$ 5,380.00

WEEKLY READINGS: GATHER HYMNAL #1097**PARISH COMING EVENTS:**

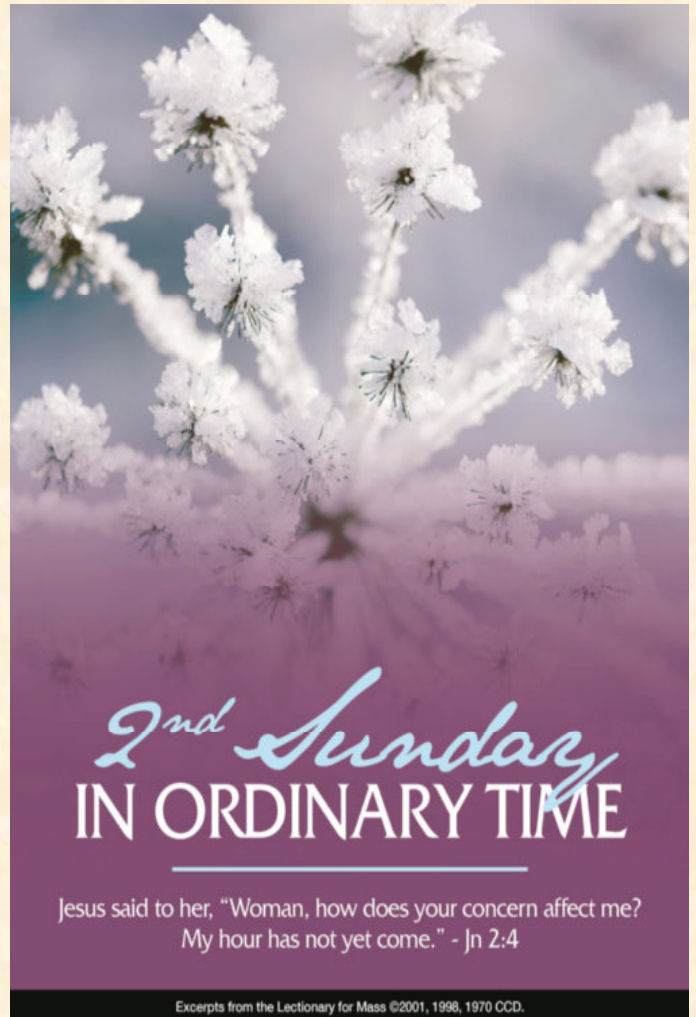
Monday, January 17

- ◆ Parish Office Closed.

OTHER COMING EVENTS:

Sunday, January 16

- ◆ Winter Breakfast, St. James, New Alexandria, 8:00 a.m.-Noon. Adults-\$10/Children-(6-12) \$5/Children Under 6-Free.



READINGS-January 23, 2022
 Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 (1st)
 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 (2nd)
 Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21 (Gospel)
 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



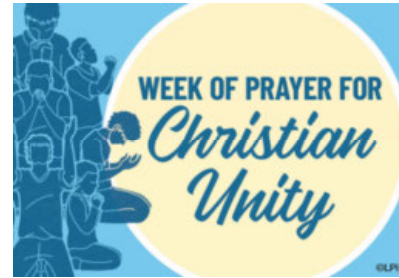
CLEARANCES: With many COVID restrictions now being lifted, we would like to restore many of the ministries that were active in our parish prior to the pandemic. To do this; however, all those who wish to be involved in these ministries must have required clearances that are up-to-date. A few of the clearances must be renewed every five years and many of you, during the time of the pandemic, allowed your clearances to expire. Therefore, if you wish to return to your ministry (Angels of Compassion, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Children’s Leaders of the Word, Choirs, etc.), you must update your clearances. If you are a member of an organization, such as CD of A, K of C, etc., you must also update your clearances to volunteer to work at any activity your group may sponsor. Please call the office to restart your ministry or to update your clearances. Thank you for your cooperation.

OFFERTORY: You may mail your offertory envelopes to the parish office or visit www.saintsimonandjude.org and click on the purple banner “Click for Parish Offertory” at the bottom of the home page to donate online. After clicking on this link, just follow the instructions to donate to our parish. We ask that you please write separate checks for second collection envelopes. You may write one check for all offertory envelopes. Thank you.

2022 CATHOLIC CALENDARS, sponsored by our local funeral homes, are available in the back of the church for those wishing to take one home. We thank our funeral homes for providing this service to us.



WORD AMONG US: The new Word Among Us Booklets are in the back of the church for those wishing to take one home.

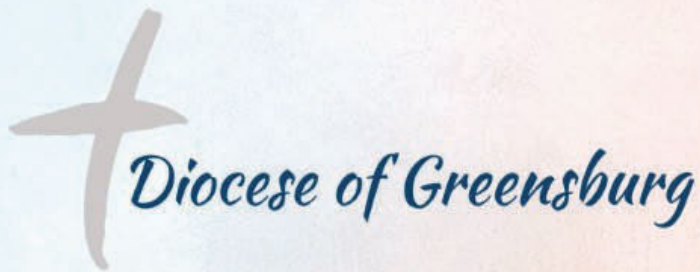


PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR CENSUS UP TO DATE: Please inform the office if you are moving, have a name, address or telephone change or if an adult child has moved out. Also, if a resident of your household goes into a nursing home, please let us know so we can arrange visits. Lastly, any adult children beyond high school or college, who still live at home, should contact the office to arrange for a separate census listing. Thank you for your help.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OFFERS VIRTUAL COUNSELING: Social distancing can take a toll. So can waiting in line to get into a grocery or hardware store. It’s not unusual to feel angry, or frustrated, or confused. For some people, the pandemic restrictions can magnify feelings of anxiety, depression, interpersonal conflict, grief, and a wide variety of other issues. Catholic Charities provides virtual counseling to help address those issues and more. Taking care of your own emotional well-being is very important to you and the people you love. You don’t need to face these feelings alone. Call Catholic Charities at 724-837-1840 or email counseling@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

PLEASE REMEMBER when turning in Mass intentions after the death of a loved one, that in accordance with Diocesan Law, all Mass intentions that are not said within one year of the date of death will be sent away to the Missions, retired priests, etc. We cannot predict how many intentions can be said here at our church within that year. This depends on many different factors, such as how many deaths have occurred, how many Mass intentions they each have received, etc. We cannot guarantee an exact number of Masses will be said here at SS. Simon & Jude. When turning in Mass intentions to the parish office, we ask for your understanding and cooperation.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES, K-12, ARE CANCELLED FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY PER DIOCESAN RECOMMENDATIONS.



Holy Father Asks Us All to Share Ideas In Survey, Town Hall Listening Sessions

Diocese of Greensburg announces "Synod" participation opportunities

The Diocese of Greensburg is undertaking a massive effort to listen to a broad range of people throughout our faith community and discuss major issues together with a goal of hearing where the Holy Spirit is calling the Church. These efforts include a pastoral connectivity survey and a series of both in-person and virtual town hall meetings at which Bishop Larry J. Kulick will be present.

What is a synod?

A synod is a gathering of church leaders, both clergy and laity. In April 2021, Pope Francis initiated a synodal journey of the whole People of God, to take place in individual Dioceses in 2022 and culminating in October 2023 in the Assembly of the Synod of Bishops.

The USCCB says this "Synod on Synodality" is intended to inspire people to dream about the Church we are called to be, to make people's hopes flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from one another, to build bridges, to enlighten minds, to warm hearts, and to restore strength to our hands for our common mission.

How you can participate:

1. Take the Pastoral Connectivity Survey.

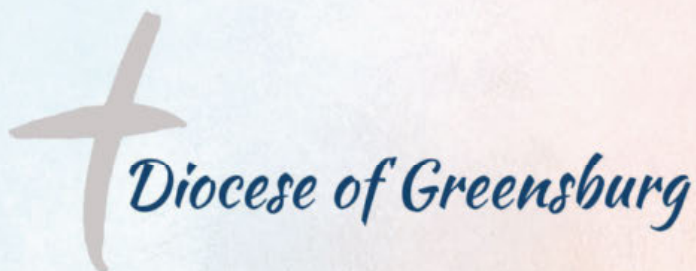
This short survey is open to everyone and can be taken online at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/synod (click on "Take Pastoral Connectivity Survey"). Or, take the paper survey included in your parish bulletin on "Survey Saturday/Survey Sunday, January 22-23. The paper survey will also be available in the January 20 issue of *The Catholic Accent*. Please mail your response to: Office of Communications, 725 E. Pittsburgh Street, Greensburg, PA 15601.

2. Attend an in-person Town Hall Listening Session.

For a complete listing, check your bulletin or log on to www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/synod for more information.

3. Participate in a Zoom Town Hall Listening Session.

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A Synod on Synodality: Your Input is Needed!

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, is asking that we assemble in a “synod” by sharing our thoughts on the pastoral connectivity of our Church.

All parishioners are invited to participate in town hall meetings, including our young people! Youth ministry leaders will be present to facilitate small group sessions.

Town Hall Meetings

Wednesday, February 2 from 2 to 4 p.m.

St. James Parish
306 St. James Lane
New Alexandria, PA 15670

Thursday, February 3 from 6 to 8 p.m.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish
200 Clairvaux Drive
Indiana, PA 15701

Tuesday, February 8 from 6 to 8 p.m.

St. Rita Parish
116 South Second Street
Connellsville, PA 15425

Thursday, February 10 from 4 to 6 p.m.

St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish
101 West High Street
Kittanning, PA 16201

Wednesday, February 16 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Our Lady of Grace Parish
1011 Mt. Pleasant Road
Greensburg, PA 15601
Albanese Hall
Interpreted for the deaf and hard of hearing

Thursday, February 17 from 6 to 8 p.m.

St. Margaret Mary Parish
3055 Leechburg Road
Lower Burrell, PA 15068

Tuesday, February 22 from 6 to 8 p.m.

St. Joseph Parish
180 Old Walnut Hill Road
Uniontown, PA 15401

Zoom Town Halls

Wednesday, February 9 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Zoom Town Hall for Young Adults ages 18-30
Register for Zoom Link at
www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/townhall

Sunday, February 20 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Zoom Town Hall for Youth Under 18
Register for Zoom Link at
www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/townhall

Monday, February 28 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Town Hall for all parishioners
Register for Zoom Link at
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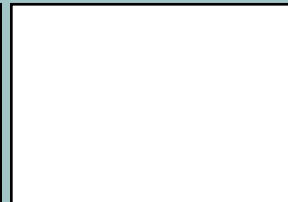

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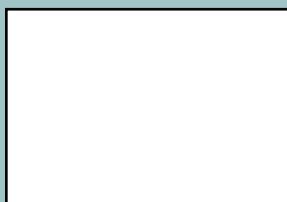
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