



# CHURCH OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE

## A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

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January 23, 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](http://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

Pastor .....Fr. 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.



**01/22/22-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

**01/24/22-Monday-St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

8:00am Ernie Alt by Romayne & Bill

**01/25/22-Tuesday-Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle**

8:00am Alfreda David by Mazzone Family

**01/26/22-Wednesday-SS.Timothy and Titus, Bishops**

8:00am Barbara Bearer by Family & Friends

**01/27/22-Thursday-St. Angela Merici, Virgin**

8:00am No Mass or Service

**01/28/22-Friday-St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Religious and Doctor of the Church**

8:00am Gary Iezzi by Pat Dettore & Family

**01/29/22-Saturday-4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)**

3:30pm Sacrament of Penance  
 5:00pm Irene Mahalko by Bill & Rosemary Buchanan

**01/30/22-Sunday-4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00am For The People

**HOST IN MEMORY OF ED AVALLI BY DON & MILDRED CALHOUN.**

**CHAPEL CANDLE IN MEMORY OF LILLIAN SCUCCIMARRA BY PEGGY & PAUL MOSCO.**

**WINE IN MEMORY OF MARY COLENGH BY PEGGY & PAUL MOSCO.**

**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 16, 2022**

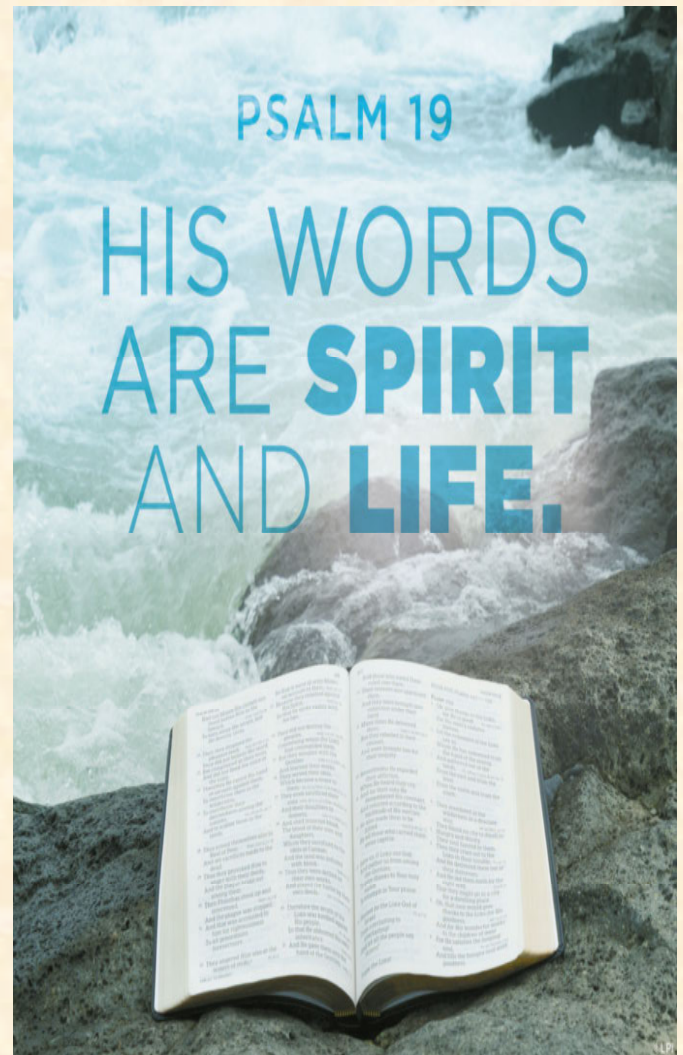
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Loose Collection.....	\$ 137.00
Total .....	\$ 4,760.00

**WEEKLY READINGS: GATHER HYMNAL #1100**

**PARISH COMING EVENTS:**

**Monday, January 24**

- ◆ Sacramental Prep., 1st Eucharist Children Candidates Only, Parish Center, 6:30 p.m.





**READINGS-January 30, 2022**

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 (1st)  
 1 Corinthians 12:31 —13:13 (2nd)  
 Luke 4:21-30 (Gospel)  
 Fourth 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](http://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.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYER** the soul of Tullio "Fritz" Bongianino. May God grant him eternal life and peace.



SMILE, It will make you look better.  
 PRAY, it will keep you strong. LOVE, it will make you enjoy life.

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

**TAX INFORMATION:** 2021 contribution statements have been mailed out. If you have any questions concerning this statement, please see Fr. Steve.

**FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD:**

February 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. We recall the event of Jesus being taken to the temple shortly after His birth to fulfill the precepts of the Jewish Law. Simeon reveals Jesus that day as "a light of revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of His people Israel." The day is

traditionally called "Candlemas Day" because of the blessing of candles during the Liturgy. Candles for use in the home will be blessed at the 8:00 a.m. Mass that day with a limited supply of those candles being available in the back of the church. There are two blessed candles per box and a donation of \$3.00 per box would be appreciated to help defray the cost of the candles. May Christ our light continue to lead us in life.

**ST. BLAISE/BLESSING OF THROATS**

is February 3<sup>rd</sup>. St. Blaise's protection of those with throat troubles apparently comes from a legend that a boy was brought to him who had a fishbone stuck in his throat. St. Blaise is also the patron saint of wild animals because of his care for them. You can follow in his footsteps by supporting and protecting wildlife in your area. Even a birdfeeder can help God's creatures survive. Blessing of throats at our parish will be done as a general blessing at the Masses on the weekend of February 5th and 6th.

**ATTENTION:** In the future for anyone giving to more than one fund (example: weekly offertory, living memorial, cemetery, Accent, DLA, Masses, etc.), please write separate checks for each fund. Thank you.

**CD OF A MEETING for February has been cancelled.**

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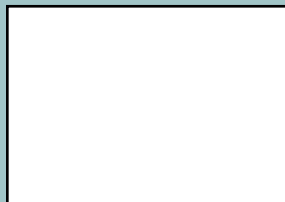
  
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