



# CHURCH OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE

## A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust



*October 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  
Business Manager ..... Lisa Auvil  
Parish Secretary .....Margie Frenchik  
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. 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.

### 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

#### 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.



**10/22/22-Saturday-30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)**  
 3:30pm Sacrament of Penance  
 5:00pm Deceased & Living Members of CD of A by CD of A

**10/23/22-Sunday-30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 9:00am For The People

**10/24/22-Monday-St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop**  
 8:00am Margaret R Marron by Joe & Gloria Marron

**10/25/22-Tuesday-Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00am William Patrick Rovison by Family

**10/26/22-Wednesday-Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00am Joseph & Anna Geletka by Barb Jasper

**10/27/22-Thursday-Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00am No Mass or Service

**10/28/22-Friday-SS. Simon and Jude, Apostles**  
 8:00am For The People of Our Parish

**10/29/22-Saturday-31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)**  
 3:30pm Sacrament of Penance  
 5:00pm Edna Torok by Ken & Pat Rich

**10/30/22-Sunday-31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 9:00am For The People

**CHAPEL CANDLE IN HONOR OF PHYLLIS & MARK GELETKA'S 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY BY LUCY KOWATCH**

**HOST & WINE FOR LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CD OF A BY CD OF A**

**REMINDER:** We will be working on the new minister schedules. Any changes regarding this schedule **MUST BE** turned into the office by October 24th . Any changes not turned in by this date will not be honored on this schedule. Thank you.

**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+++**

**October 16, 2022**

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| Offertory Collection ..... | \$ 4,106.00 |
| Loose Collection.....      | \$ 62.00    |
| Total .....                | \$ 4,168.00 |

**WEEKLY READINGS: GATHER HYMNAL # 1181**

**PARISH COMING EVENTS:**

**Sunday, October 23**

- ◆ Faith Formation, Intergenerational, Parish Center, 10:15 a.m. –1:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, October 25**

- ◆ Women's Choir Rehearsal, Church, 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 26**

- ◆ Bible Study, Parish Center, 1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

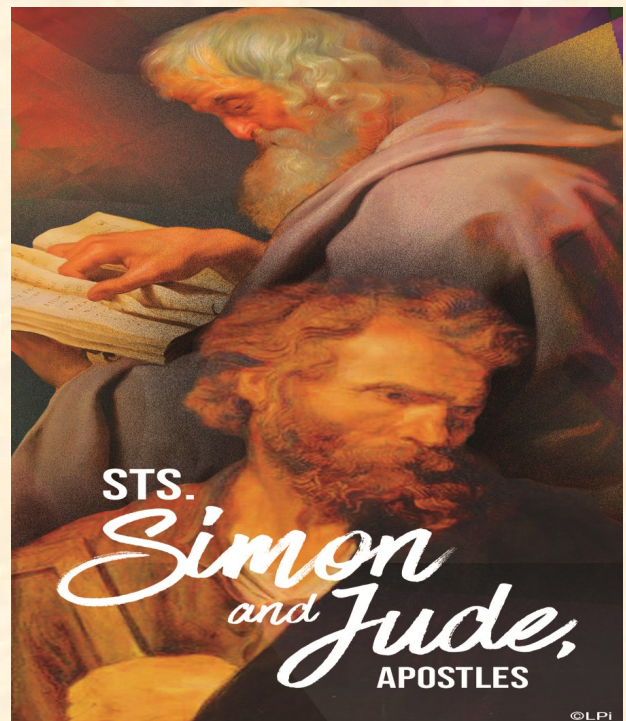
**Thursday, October 27**

- ◆ RCIA, Parish Center Meeting Room, 1:00 p.m.
- ◆ Men's Choir Rehearsal, Church, 6:30 p.m.

**OTHER COMING EVENTS:**

**Saturday, November 12**

- ◆ Veteran's Lunch, Graystone Presbyterian Church, Indiana, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Call 724-349-5556 by November 1 if you would like to attend.



**READINGS-OCTOBER 30, 2022**

Wisdom 11:22-12:2 (1st)  
 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2 (2nd)  
 Luke 19:1-10 (Gospel)  
 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



**TEEN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg is preparing for its annual Teen Christmas Program, which matches families in need with sponsors who provide gifts for children ages 13-18. Other community programs provide gifts for children 12 and under, but very few do for teens, which is why this program is important. If you would like to participate, please contact Donna Hagan at [dhagan@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:dhagan@dioceseofgreensburg.org) or 724-837-1840, ext. 1661.



**ALL SOUL'S DAY:** Our parish Book of Remembrance is located near the Baptismal Font in back of the church. Please record names of your beloved deceased in preparation for All Souls' Day on November 2nd. Our deceased and those names written in the Remembrance Book will then be remembered in a special way on All Souls Day and during the month of November.

# HALLOWEEN

**Question:**

Is Halloween a pagan holiday or a Catholic one?

**Answer:**

The short answer: nowadays, a little bit of both. But it wasn't always that way. Halloween and All Saints' Day are closely connected. In the 800s, the Catholic Church began celebrating All Saints' Day. It was originally called All Hallows' Day or Hallowmas. The celebration began early on All Hallows' Eve. But if Halloween is really about the saints in all their victorious glory, where do we get haunted houses, costumes, and pranks?

All Saints' Day became associated with the other deceased rather quickly. November 2<sup>nd</sup> is All Souls Day, where we pray for the souls in purgatory. Throughout the European world, especially with the Celtic and Germanic peoples, the dead were honored in the autumn months. The Celtic pagan celebration of Samhain had its own folk rituals and occurred around the same time as these Catholic feast days.

Within the last few hundred years, this included dressing in disguise and going door to door, asking for food in exchange for a rhyme or poem. Some people masqueraded as "dark" spirits and pulled pranks on others. Today's celebration of Halloween tends to take on these later practices, rather than the original meaning of celebrating the saints. But remember ... this feast was Catholic first!

**OFFERTORY:** You may mail your offertory envelopes to the parish office or visit

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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.

**THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION** this weekend for Mission Sunday. This collection helps the mission work of the Church around the world. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support,

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Maxwell Persichetti, who made his confirmation this past week at St. Paul's, Greensburg. May God continue to bless him in his journey of faith and life.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** the souls of parishioner, Fran Davis, and Walter "Smokey" Deptula, brother of Randy Torok. May God grant them eternal life and peace.

**LANTERN SAINT TOUR:** Greensburg-Catholic Schoolhouse and St. Emma Monastery will sponsor a "lantern-lit" walking tour on the outside grounds of the monastery in Greensburg, Friday and Saturday, October 28th & 29th, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. rain or shine. The tour will honor the feasts of All Saints and All Souls with live saint portrayals, special guest appearances, treats and seasonal fun for all ages. Hour-long tours leave every 15 minutes from the main parking lot. Guests are encouraged to bring a flashlight for additional lighting. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and free for children under 12. Proceeds benefit St. Emma Monastery. For more information, contact Donna Sunserie at [greensburgpa@catholicsschoolhouse.com](mailto:greensburgpa@catholicsschoolhouse.com) or call 724-961-0224.

**CD OF A MEETING** will be held on Thursday, November 3rd. The meeting will start with the Rosary at 5:45 p.m. Members are reminded that 2023 dues are due. Sarris candy orders are due on November 3rd and can be mailed directly to Margie Frenchik or turned in at the meeting. The Annual Christmas Party is set for Thursday, December 1st at 5:30 p.m. at Rinaldi's Pizza Barn. Menu choices are stuffed chicken breast, lasagna, hot roast beef with mashed potatoes or pasta alfredo with chicken. All meals are served with a side salad. The Court will be covering the cost of the meal. Reservations can be made at the November meeting or by calling Peggy Mosco at 724-464-7371 with your choice of dinner. The November committee is: Barb Jasper, Dee Swanson, Rosemary Buchanan, and Concetta Farabaugh. Everyone is welcome.