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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., 12:30 pm & 6:00 p.m.
Weekday: 6:45 & 9:00 a.m.
Divine Mercy prayed after 9:00 a.m. Mass
Sat. Morning: 9:00 a.m.
Holy Days: 7:00 p.m Vigil , 6:45 & 9:00 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Reconciliation: Saturday 8:00 to 9:00 am and 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Sister on the Move!

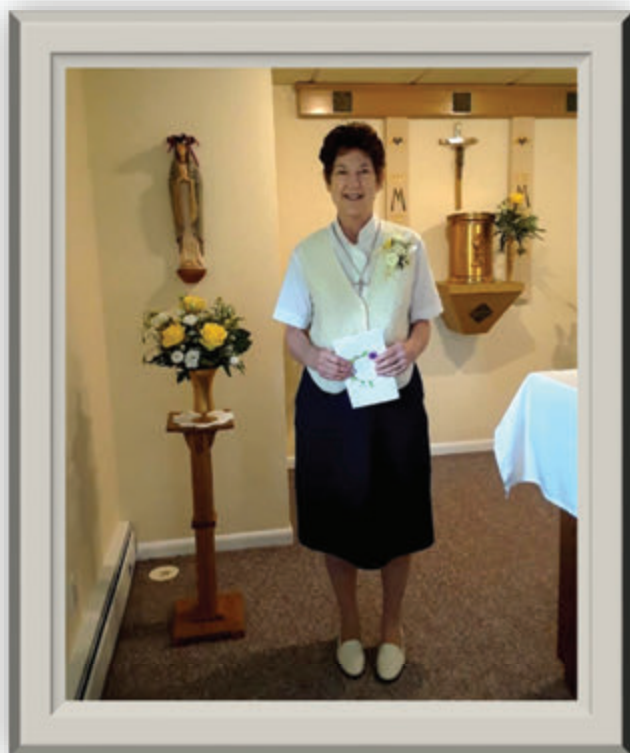
Sister Linda Filipponi, IHM has been missioned at Saints Simon and Jude Parish for the last two years. Sister was assigned to work within the school, however, her ministry expanded well beyond the office door and with the PREP program. Beyond her official work in the parish, Sister has connected with the PREP children as a compassionate witness of Jesus. From classroom instruction, to liturgy preparation and training the children, every child received her readied 'listening ear'. We have all been blessed with her presence and she will especially be missed by the 9:00 am daily Mass community.

Moving forward it is most apparent that there's no dust under Sister's shoes. One may think after saying **YES** to the Lord for the past 50 years she may ask the Lord to retire, but no, Sister has accepted a new Mission, returning to work in the "Literacy Program" at Saint Francis deSales Parish in West Philadelphia.

Sister will be leaving Saints Simon and Jude August 10, 2019.

May your gentleness to all and your determination to attend to those in need bless you and keep you.

Fr. Michael Gerlach, Pastor



The Lord God is Our Daily Joy!

The love of God is beautiful. There is no substitute for the divine. Surely we are blessed in this reality: God is eternal and his love for us is without end.



In our first reading this weekend the wisdom writer is overwhelmed with the struggles of daily life. He is exhausted physically, emotionally and financially. He has no where to go other than the Lord God. In the Lord, the true disciple finds comfort and direction.

In these days of traumatic years of violence by terrorists, our home grown villains and foreign perpetrators, we may feel as though the world has gone mad. We may react, forgetting our Christian frame of reference: "I will settle this; I will be just as violent as the next person. I will plan my vendetta. Surely this is the answer." In my frustration this thought process may even feel good. But after a good night's sleep, a decent meal, and a window into my future jail time, the average person will pause and pray. Once we pray, something amazing happens, enter the Holy Spirit. With the divine comes the eternal wisdom of God's justice. This is a cause to pause and focus as an individual, a family and a society, responding with every available discipline to overcome violence, suppress retaliation and pursue justice. It is a slow and heart wrenching process, but it also wins the day. Faith in God, trust in the goodness of cooler heads and a real assessment of what really happens when the gloves come off: more violence, more depression and rest assured hopelessness. What do we do?

We take all failures to the foot of the Cross and we lay our burdens down. In Christ, we get our feet on solid ground and act accordingly. It is an act of courage to turn to the Lord when we are overwhelmed knowing that whatever happens God is with us today for practical answers and with us in eternal justice. Non-violence is a group effort, rooted in worship of the divine, each Sunday, every Sunday seek the courage to turn to the Lord. We are a people of joy!

God bless you. Father Mike Gerlach



Looking for a fun summer family project???

Our picnic tables are in need of some tender loving care! Sanding, painting and repairs would make them like new again and appreciated by so many! Please let Ron at the Rectory Office know if you are available 610.696.3624.

SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE CYO Fall 2019 Sports Registration is "OPEN"

Instructions: Click on the Registration Sign Up Now Banner. You may have an SI Play account from another organization, so you can login in with that username and password. If you do not have an existing account, you will need to create a new SI Play profile to proceed. Please register at <http://ssjcyopa.website.siplay.com> to register and pay online by August 31.

Brides and Grooms join us for
A Musical Wedding Workshop held at
Saints Simon and Jude in Church
Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 7:30 pm

Blessed Mother Conference August 15, 2019 9:00 am

Mary, The Faithful Witness
Our Lady of the Assumption



Following the 9:00 a.m. Mass Thursday, August 15, all are invited to coffee, tea and spiritual refreshment in our Beautiful Meehan Center.

Gather with women and men of joyful hope as we honor Mary, a window into eternity and a mirror of fidelity.

Sister Helene Thomas, IHM, Convent Superior at SSJ will be our presenter

Sister Barbara Jude, IHM,
Director of Religious Education at SSJ, will lead a brief sharing and Q and A session. We will conclude our morning by 11:15 with prayer and the Litany of Our Lady.



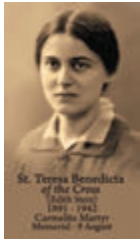
ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Anyone interested in becoming Catholic is invited to an evening of Inquiry on Tuesday evening, September 10th, at 7:00 pm, in the Meehan Center. There is no obligation, but it will be an opportunity to ask questions and to explore how God is working in your life. For further information you are welcome to contact Sr. Mary Beth through the parish office.



Bereavement: Our next Bereavement session will be September 25th.

Divorce Support: There's a difference between letting-go and forgiveness, and there's a reason that there's a saying that forgiveness is divine. It takes a long time because God's ways are different from ours and his process of forgiveness takes time. Letting-go is different. As long as we harbor negative thoughts and anger over the hurts inflicted by your former spouse, he or she still has control over you. You need to rid yourself of those hurtful thoughts. Consider praying over God's message to you in Deuteronomy 32: 35.



Saint of the Week: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Born Edith Stein in 1891 to a Jewish family, Edith at the age of 14 read a biography of St. Teresa of Avila that greatly impressed her. She began a journey of faith that would one day lead her to her death in Auschwitz. Along the way she had achieved a doctorate in philosophy, had become a Carmelite nun like Teresa of Avila, and had published several books and articles. To become more familiar with Sister go to <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-teresa-benedicta-of-the-cross-edith-stein/>. We commemorate her feast on August 9th.

PREP PREP Registration 2019-2020 School Year. ONLY 2 more weeks left to register!!!

We welcome all NEW families to our PREP Program, Those families who are already in our PREP Program, please complete the RE-Registration form on line: Go to parish website simonandjude.org and search for PREP. The New Registration and Re-Registration forms are available on our parish website at www.simonandjude.org/PREP.

New Registration — For an appointment please call the PREP Office at 610-692-3118.

Beginning Class Schedules: Tuesday, September 3 will be in Church ONLY. Wednesday, September 4 arrive in Church and leave from School. Pre-School begins Sunday, September 23.

Save the Date: NEW PARENT Orientation Meeting
Thursday, August 29 at 7:00 pm in the School Cafeteria
God Bless you, Sister Barbara Jude Gentry, Director

Saints Simon and Jude School Summer School Tours and 2019-2020 School Registration

Please contact Advancement Director, Jenn Appaneal at advancement@simonandjude.org or submit an online request at school.simonandjude.org/register-to-visit-ssj.

Registration remains open throughout the summer for Saints Simon and Jude School. There are openings in our kindergarten through grade 8 classes, and waitlists have been started for our preschool classes. Bishop Tuition Transfer Grants are available for students transferring from non-Catholic schools entering grades 2 to 7. Registration materials are available on our school website at school.simonandjude.org/admission-forms.

Safe Environment Training Sessions **"Protecting God's Children"**

Saints Simon and Jude ~ The Meehan Center
Tuesday, August 6, 2019 Sign-in 5:45 pm
training begins at 6:00 pm

Registration is a must! Please go to www.virtusonline.org or call 215-587-2466. For questions on clearances and certificates please contact SSJ Safe Environment Coordinator Candy Savarese at csavarese@simonandjude.org



CYACC - Holy Hour with music and night prayer

Join CYACC - Chester County Catholic Young Adults, for one of our most beautiful events, an evening of adoration, music, and night prayer. We will begin at 7:30pm in the chapel at **Saints Simon and Jude, West Chester** on **August 7th**. Access to the chapel is at the right side of the main Church. Following the event, you are welcome to join us for fellowship. For more information about our organization: check

www.cyacc.org or find us in Facebook / email us at cyacc1@gmail.com

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[HTTPS://bit.ly/2GnwNLq](https://bit.ly/2GnwNLq)



MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, August 3**

5:00 pm Rose Furraro

Sunday, August 4

7:30 am Living and Deceased of Parish

9:00 am Lawrence Shupinski (38th Anniversary)

11:00 am Blanche Nigborowicz

12:30 pm Robert Schweizer

6:00 pm Intention of the Priest Celebrant

Monday, August 5

6:45 am Domenic Lanciano

9:00 am Donnie Diehl

Tuesday, August 6

6:45 am Eugene Docherty

9:00 am Thomas & Ann Walker

Wednesday, August 7

6:45 am Daniel Trasatti

9:00 am Thomas Christiansen

Thursday, August 8

6:45 am Helen Murray

9:00 am Catherine Oswald

Friday, August 96:45 am "For the Poor" in memory of
Msgr. Francis Meehan

9:00 am Christine Gariano

Saturday, August 10

9:00 am Mary E. Revello & Anthony Revello, Jr.

5:00 pm Francis and Mary Sheldon

Sunday, August 11

7:30 am Living & Deceased of Parish

9:00 am Michelle Beebe

11:00 am Catherine Ritter

12:30 pm Edward McCusker

6:00 pm Intentions of the Priest Celebrant

Stewardship Time, Talent and Treasure

This Year: July 29, 2019.....\$26,641

Last Year: July 28, 2018.....\$34,365

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WEEKLY EVENTS**Sunday, August 4 Rachel's Vineyard Speaker**

7:00 pm AA East Hall

Monday, August 5

7:00 pm Respect Life Holy Hour - Chapel

Tuesday, August 6 Transfiguration of the Lord

6:00 pm Safe Environment (The Meehan Cntr)

Wednesday, August 7

10:00 am PREP Security Mtg. (SKD Rm.)

12:30 pm Divine Will Prayer Grp. (IHM Rm.)

7:30 pm CYACC Holy Hour (Chapel)

Thursday, August 8

7:00 pm DA in (Welcome Center)

Friday, August 9

7:30 pm NA (Cafeteria)

Saturday, August 10**Sunday, August 11**

7:00 pm AA - Cafeteria

Little Sisters of the Poor 2019**"Pot of Gold" Raffle ticket sale
after Masses August 10 & 11.****\$40,000 in cash prizes...**3 lucky winners. Only 2000 tickets
sold.

Drawing Sunday, September 8 during the Gala at Drexelbrook, from 12:30 - 4:00 pm celebrating 150 Years in Philadelphia! Cost of ticket is \$150. Two of his years Award Honorees have connections to Simon and Jude: Msgr. Francis Beach and Matthew Pinto. Dr. Leo Patrick Conway will also be honored for the work they all do for Holy Family Home.

Please Pray for Our Sick and for those who care for them. Toddler Teresa Bond, Teen Matthew Vincent Culbertson, Baby Nathaniel Boldurian, Baby Elizabeth Porrini, Baby Parker, Baby Brielle Marie Flynn, Baby Carolyn, Baby Jacob Ryan Hill, Toddler Angeliki "Anna" Engle, Dimietri Sfakianakis, Peter Manuel, Sara Alstrom, Mario Amicone, Steven Andrien, Dick Arthur, Andrew Avellino, Chris Baker, Jacqueline Beck, Helen Bekaris, Robert Bellino, Cecelia Bellomo, Antoinette Bennett, Doug Bernard, Betty Bicht, Erin Bottner, Jim Brett Tony Buelow, Cindy Burns, Peggy Camero, Joseph Carlin, Kaitlin Caspare, Eric Chippis, Peter Cicale, Monica Majcher-Connors, Raymond Cosimano, Jack Cosner, Michael Cotton, John Craig, Peg Croissant, Nicholas Cruciani, Jill Daly, Mimma Damascus, George Davis, Susan Dean, Genna Desmarais, Jim Dengler, Gianna Deveitro, Sam Dickerson, Margaret Dillan, Samantha DiTonno, Bill Dixon, Kathleen Dixon, Lillian Donohue, John Dougherty, Christine Doyle, Crystal Everly, Susanne Farnaese, Hedy Francisco, Patricia Farris, Ernest Fratini, Mikie Fischer Jr., Andrew Gallagher, Bob Gallagher, James Gallagher, Kevin Gidden, Mary Goodnetter, Catherine Gorman, Joe Greco, Chris Hagan, Kip Hall, Ruth Harnett, Ed Harootunian, Darrion Heffner, Gina High, Jacob Ryan Hill, Robert Hira, Roxanne and Baby Hotz, Mary Irvello, Henry Kapp, Elizabeth Kephart, Jim Kirk, Mary E. Kirsch, Sandra Klebes, Dolores Kovack, Judy Krieder, April LaMonte, Joann Leamy, Elizabeth F. Leonard, Marie Levin, Tom Lopez, Stanley Lowry, Gene Luongo, Stephen Mapa, Regina Masciarelli, Marion Matthews, Kevin McCormack, Michael McDonald, Pam Daly McFall, Bill McGinnis, Delores McGovern, R. J. McGreagh, Judith McGrath, Rose Ann McHugh, Marjorie McHugh, Anne Medora, John Morroni, Heather Moore, Kara Moore, Diana Nardello, David O'Campo, Karen Okooriad, John Orobono, Shirley Owens, Dan Petrarca, Jennifer Pettia, Gabe Piselli, Cinda Reese, Mark Reichmen, Peter Roe, Sharon Rothwell, Christine Rutkowski, Adam Sangillo, Wanda Saylor, Alison Sawyer, Paul Scalone, Fran Scanlon, Kimberly Diamond Scheb, Dana Klein Schmidt, Colleen Schmeiser, Helen Sheridan, Marie Shupinski, George Silvano, Theresa Silverthorne, Danny Simpson, Constance Small, Bridget Smith, Tyler Steckel, Philomena Stendardo, MeMe Thornton, Neil Thomas, Carla Tinari, Michael Torchiana, Ernest Towne, Bobby Travglini, Sr., Diane Tyler, Stephen VanNewkirk, Taylor Velardi, Brian Verna, Jim Vilar, Mike Vitanza, Darlene Walter, Marie L. Welge, David Wilkins, Lisa Wilson, Ben Zikas.

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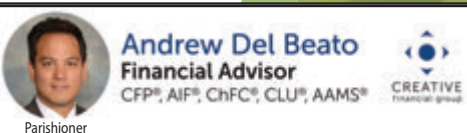


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