

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 15, 2020

SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE

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"COME,
SHARE
YOUR
MASTER'S
JOY."

MATTHEW 25:23



November 15, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. (March thru October)
 Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m., & 6:00 pm
 Weekday: 6:45 and 9:00 a.m.
 Divine Mercy prayed after 9:00 a.m. Mass
 Sat. Morning: 9:00 a.m.
 Holy Days: 7:00 Vigil, 6:45 & 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 8:00-9:00 a.m. & 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday 8:30 am - 8:00 pm
 Saturday: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Sunday: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Visit our Chapel day or evening to spend time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Exposition 7:30 am to 9:00 pm. .
 For more information call the Rectory 610-696-3624,
 email@simonandjude.org. or visit www.simonandjude.org/adoration.

ROSARY

Weekdays: after 6:45 a.m. and before 9:00 a.m. Mass
 (Wednesdays-Liturgy of the Hours is prayed instead of Rosary).

REGISTRATION FOR NEW FAMILIES

We want YOU to be a part of our Parish Family! There is a place for you here at SSJ. Whether you are a returning Catholic, a newcomer to the area or someone with an emerging interest in the Catholic faith, we want to welcome you to our home. Simply stop in our Rectory Office to fill out a Registration Form.

Please let us know if you have changed your status, married, moved out of your parents home or graduated from college. We would appreciate a call to the Parish Office so that our records update our records. Thank you.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms will be celebrated every Sunday. Parents are asked to register their child for Baptism by calling the Parish Office. If this is your first child, it is required that you attend a Pre-Jordan Seminar. These are held on the fourth Sunday of the month (except December and July) at 10:00 a.m. in the Saints Simon and Jude Room in the Meehan Center.

WEDDINGS

We need at least six months to assist engaged couples to prepare for marriage. Please call the Parish Office for an appointment with a priest.

AGED, SHUT-IN & HOSPITALIZED

Notify the Parish Office when a neighbor, friend or relative is aged, sick or hospitalized. The sacraments of Penance, Eucharist or Anointing are our joy and privilege to administer.

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Bethesda Project

Casseroles will be collected this Sunday from 8:15 to 11:00 am. Please drop off your FROZEN casseroles in the kitchen in Monihan Hall. If you would like to make a casserole for the homeless, stop by the Rectory and pick up a recipe and a container. Thank you!



“Te Deum”

“To Thee, O God” is a fourth century hymn of Praise. It is accepted as written by Nicetas, Bishop of Remesiana (present day Serbia, between Bosnia and Romania). Today this hymn is recited, chanted as a source of worship in the Catholic Church, as well as with our brothers and sisters in the Anglican and Lutheran confessions of faith.

In the middle of this beautiful presentation is the acknowledgement of the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity: Holy Spirit you are our advocate and guide. The Holy Spirit pleads our case that the will of the Father will be fulfilled in our lives and how we will be guided to accomplish this incredible task.

As a faith believing people when we pray to the Holy Spirit wonderful things will happen. Return to the rule of Immanuel, Isaiah 11:1-12 for the litany of gifts wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, fear of the Lord and his delight will be the fear of the Lord. For summary purposes we have listed as well the traditional listing: wisdom, knowledge, understanding, courage, reverence, right-judgment and fear of the Lord.

Spend some time with each of these words asking the Lord to enlighten our minds and hearts to the plan of the Father. God’s gifts are everyday gifts. Every discipline of vocation and career will be needed to right the course of safety, vigilance and confidence. May we continue to put them to use. In these days, we will continue to need each and every gift. This Holy Spirit will be the very strength to empower us to remain “alert and sober” as Saint Paul teaches us today. 1 Thes 5:6

God bless you. Father Mike Gerlach

Christmas Giving Tree

It is that time of the year again! This year's Christmas Giving Trees will have a different look and feel to keep the safety of our parishioners and the charities at our forefront. We are still supporting over 10 charities and several Church families who are in need.



WAYS TO CHOOSE GIFTS:

There will **NOT** be any ornaments on the trees to keep people safe, however, we are offering 3 alternative ways to choose what to give:

- 1) **Gift Cards**. These can be purchased in any denomination from any of the following companies: Giant, Shoprite CVS, Target, Walmart, Home Depot, Dunkin Donuts, Amazon or Wawa. ***Drop off instructions are below.***
- 2) **Online gift giving** from the Saint Simon and Jude Website.
At the top of the Home Page-Select “**Ways to Give**”, then “**Church e-give here**”. Scroll down to the “**Giving Tree**” link and enter your amount and make sure you select 1 time.
- 3) **Baby items to drop off**: Birthright is the only agency accepting physical items. They are in need of baby out fits, sleepers and onesies (sizes 6,9 and 12 months), small infant teething toys and board books.

OPTIONS TO DROP OFF GIFT CARDS OR BABY ITEMS:

- 1) **Saturday, December 5 and Sunday, December 6th before each Mass**. There will be elves in the Narthex collecting the gift cards or baby items in a socially distant manner **before** every Mass.
- 2) **Drive by Drop Off on Sunday December 6th at 3PM UNTIL 3:30PM** for people who are not comfortable with coming to Mass to drop off their items.
- 3) If you cannot come December 5 or 6, you can drop off **gift cards in an envelope marked "Giving Tree"** at the **Rectory Office, any time (use the mail door slot if the office is closed) until December 6th.**

THANK YOU so much for your giving hearts to help those in need!

CHARITIES: Charities that we will be supporting this year are: Bethesda Project, Holy Family Home/Little Sisters of the Poor, Our House Ministries, St John’s Hospice, St Mary’s Shelter, St Veronica Parish, Sisters of Life, Women of Hope, IHM Literacy Center of Coatesville, St Francis de Sales, and St Rose of Lima.



Parish Religious Education Program

Pre School Age Students: A reminder: NO CLASSES on Sunday, November 29th. We wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving!

Elementary Levels; The students are bringing in donated food items for the Thanksgiving Food Drive. They are learning the importance of outreach and how our parish always shares and cares for the poor. They are good stewards of God's abundant blessings.

Thanksgiving Prayer Services: Students who report on Tuesday, November 26 will have a special prayer service during their regular class times at 6:45 pm. All parents are welcome to join us as we gather to give thanks to God for His many blessings. We will have REGULAR DISMISSAL from the Church at 7:15 pm. Those children who attend Wednesday's session, November 25 WILL NOT HAVE CLASSES. However, they are welcome to join with the students on Tuesday. We wish everyone a very happy THANKSGIVING!

7th and 8th Grade Youth Group: The students will gather this Sunday, November 15 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. During this time we share prayer, food, fun, and service. This week we will be helping to pack the Thanksgiving food baskets.



Yahoo! Crazy Hat Day is coming back! On December 1 and December 2 the children are invited to support the Missions by wearing a SAFE AND CRAZY HAT! The offering is \$1.00 which will go directly to Catholic Social Services.

This is a fun way that the PREP students can help out those less fortunate children. Last year, we contributed **\$303.75** and we will try to match that amount if possible. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Sister Barbara Jude Gentry, Director



Family Catechesis Day Next Sunday, November 22

For all of our students and parents in PREP HYBRID or DISTANCE LEARNING our next session is Sunday, November 22 at the 9:30 am Mass. Parents and students may attend in person or view virtually.

The Gospel weekly assignments are due into the Religious Education office no later than midnight November 22nd.

Parents and students who chose Option B – Hybrid will report to The Meehan Center immediately following the 9:30 am Mass. The brief session will focus on the upcoming seasons of ADVENT and CHRISTMAS. Each family will remain as one cohort inside The Meehan Center. Packets for the next eight lessons from November 15 thru January 10, will be ready for pickup.

The Thanksgiving Food Drive Ends This Sunday, November 15!



All donations will need to be in the Religious Education office by next Sunday. In the past years, we have taken frozen turkeys to distribute and will do so again BUT the preference is for gift cards (Giant Food Stores and Shoprite).

Any monetary donations will be given directly to those who coordinate the parish programs to distribute as they see best. God bless your generous heart again!

The recipients of our donations this year are: St. Rose of Lima Parish and St. Veronica Parish's Outreach program. There are a few needy families within our own parish boundaries as well.

God bless your generous hearts!

The next Bereavement meeting is
**before Thanksgiving on
Monday, November 23rd at 7:00 PM**
in the Welcome Center.

**Confirmation - November 7, 2020 at Saint Simon and Jude Parish
Confirmandi and The Most Reverend Edward M. Deliman**



Saints Simon and Jude School News

This week our families enjoyed a Virtual Family Trivia Night that was hosted by our Home and School Association. In the comfort of their homes, our school parents and students competed in this contest that included a round of SSJ trivia questions. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this happen. I am so happy that our school community is being creative to continue many important traditions.

This week was also the official start of the Saints Simon and Jude School 2020-2021 Annual Fund! I encourage you to visit our website at <https://school.simonandjude.org/annual-fund> and click on the link to watch our kick off video. You will see our students and teachers, and get an inside look into the wonderful things that are happening in the school.

Since July 1, 2017, over \$410,000 has been donated to the school through the Annual Fund to enhance the quality of education at SSJ. On behalf of our students, faculty, and School Board, we extend another heartfelt thank you for your support of the Annual Fund. Every dollar went into the budget to support classroom technology, student/faculty enrichment, fine arts programs, instructional materials, maintenance, security, and financial aid. Each year, 10% of funds raised are allocated to the endowment fund, ensuring a quality Catholic education for many years to come.



Our goal for the 2020-2021 campaign is \$150,000. The priorities for this year's Annual Fund can be found on the website and in our brochures that are in the church narthex. We hope we can count on your support to reach our goal. Gifts at all levels are greatly appreciated.

Blessings, Sister Regina Elinich, IHM



**Our 2nd Grade Students
Enjoying Gym Class
on a Beautiful Afternoon**



Blood Drive at Saints Simon and Jude**Monday, November 30****2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.****The Meehan Center, Lower Level of the Church**

To make an appointment go to:

www.redcrossblood.org

click on find a blood drive and enter 19382

**American Red Cross**

The Red Cross is currently testing all donors for the COVID-19 Antibody.

Stewardship Time, Talent and Treasure**This Year November 8, 2020.....\$26,741****Last Year November 10, 2019.....\$31,166**Thank you for your continued generosity.
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The Church Book Rack contains a great selection of titles for gift-giving:
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and Various Books for Teens and Adults.

The Book Rack is located at the main entrance of the church. Payment envelopes can be placed in the collection basket or be dropped off at the Rectory Office.

**Saints Simon and Jude Parish Family and Guests...***If you are unable to attend in person, you can go to***Mass Streamed Live 9:30 am every Sunday****www.facebook.com/simonandjude/live/****OR: [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search for Simon and Jude Parish****Thank you all for continuing to support Saints Simon and Jude Parish**

In this difficult time of "no contact" we have been blessed to have so many parishioners finding ways of continuing to support our Parish. One of the many ways of keeping everyone safe and continuing to support our Parish is using our electronic giving. This allows you to make donations either on an automatic scheduled basis, weekly or monthly, or one-time, without personal contact. You may make your donations either directly from your bank account or using a credit or debit card. Please visit our online giving page. From our Parish website home page go to "Ways to Give, then click Church E-give here".

Let us know if you have any questions on setting up your electronic giving by calling the Rectory office at 610-696-3624.

Stay well, be blessed and as always, thank you for your support!



RCIA ~ *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults* November 2020

Do you know that the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* was approved in the United States since 1986 and has been in place since September 1988? This has been the norm expected in the parishes of the United States since that date. It is the way that adults follow the journey in coming into the Roman Catholic Church.

The RCIA edition contains two parts.

Part I puts forth the steps and periods that make up the full form of Christian initiation.

Part II consists of material for the adaption of the rite to unbaptized children; exceptional circumstances in which the process is not followed in its complete form; situations in which those baptized are either to be catechized and complete their initiation or are to become part of the full communion of the Catholic Church.

“Baptism is ‘the door to life and to the kingdom of God’. May all those who have already been claimed for Christ draw others to the Lord and, through the rites and prayers of this ritual, forge greater bonds of unity in the Church.” (RCIA *Study Edition*. LTP . 1988. p. xi)

Interested? Contact Sister Mary Agnes, IHM at smaryan@simonandjude.org or 610.696.3624 #338

Saints Simon and Jude Respect for Life Holy Hour



Please join us
Monday at 7:00 pm
in the Chapel
for the
Holy Hour for Life.

Vocation Awareness

*Let us remember to pray for all
those discerning a vocation to the
single life, married life or
priesthood, diaconate
or religious life.*



Angel Tree Program 2020 ~ With a NEW “VIRTUAL TWIST”

Saints Simon and Jude will once again partner with the Delaware Valley Children's Charity providing the less fortunate children of our area with gifts at Christmas. Due to the pandemic we have adjusted how the program will operate. The program will have a “virtual twist”. This will eliminate driving to stores, wrapping and delivering gifts to the church. You will be able to shop from the comfort and safety of your home, online, from our special website. If you are interested in participating this year, please call, email or text me at cindymoribondo@gmail.com or 484-995-2319. Deadline November 30. Thank you so much for your continued support and



Adoration Schedule for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Exposition of Our Lord in the Blessed
Sacrament will end:

Tuesday, November 24th at 5:30 pm

Exposition of Our Lord in the
Blessed Sacrament will resume:

Monday, November 30th

Saints Simon and Jude Lectors Please Note:

***Lector Workbooks are now available.
Please pick them up at the
Rectory Office.***

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, November 14**

9:00 am Mary Elizabeth Lilly
4:00 pm John Paul Helmig

Sunday, November 15

7:30 am Living and Deceased of the Parish
9:30 am Leonard Dembroski
11:30 am Florence Donegan
6:00 pm Guy A. Cellucci, Esq

Monday, November 16

6:45 am Anne Chillemi
9:00 am Flora Gonzalez

Tuesday, November 17

6:45 am At McLaughlin
9:00 am Edward Fagan

Wednesday, November 18

6:45 am Mr. & Mrs. Nathaniel Oswald
9:00 am Chet Grochowski & in Gratitude

Thursday, November 19

6:45 am Elaine Scovill
9:00 am Bonnie Nicklaus

Friday, November 20

6:45 am Jack Hoffman
9:00 am Steve Mapa

Saturday, November 21

9:00 am Cecilia Belloma
4:00 pm Barbara Matousch (Winter Schedule)

Sunday, November 22

7:30 am Living & Deceased Members of Parish
9:30 am Marilyn Pauly
11:30 am Ronald Witt
6:00 pm Dorothy Mae Jackson

WEEKLY EVENTS**Sunday, November 15**

9:15 am Pre School PREP
9:30 am CYO Mass in Church
7:00 pm AA - Cafeteria

Monday, November 16**Tuesday, November 17**

6:15 pm PREP Mass in Church
Church Closed 5:30 -7:30 pm

Wednesday, November 18

1:00 pm Women's Bible Study (Welcome Center)
6:00 pm PREP Mass in Church
Church Closed 5:30 -7:30 pm
6:15 pm PREP - Mass in Church
Church Closed 5:30 -7:30 pm

Thursday, November 19

7:00 pm Pastoral Council Mtg. (Zoom)

Friday, November 20

2:00 pm DA (Welcome Center)
7:30 pm NA (Cafeteria)

Saturday, November 21

7:15 am Men's Bible Study in IHM Room
9:00 am Carmelite Prayer Grp. (Welcome Center)

Sunday, November 22 Christ the King Sunday

9:15 am Pre School PREP
10:00 am Pre Jordan Zoom Meeting
10:30 am Family Catechetical Class(The Meehan Cntr.)
7:00 pm AA-Cafeteria



Please pray for our sick and those who care for them. Baby Nathaniel Boldurian, Baby Lianna Byrne, Baby Carolyn, Baby Jaxson Creedon, Baby Brielle Marie Flynn, Baby Jacob Ryan Hill, Baby Katie, Baby Parker, Toddler Teresa Bond, Young Angeliki "Anna" Engle, Teen Matthew Clarence Alexander, Sara Alstrom, Mario Amicone, Dick Arthur, Chris Baker, Betty Beck, Jacqueline Beck, Kathleen Beck, Helen Bekaris, Robert Bellino, Antoinette Bennett, Doug Bernard, Betty Bicht, Erin Bottner, Joe Brumfieldm Tony Buelow, Jim Bushong, Cindy Burns, Peggy Camero, Kaitlin Caspare, Liz Celedonio, Peter Chero, Eric Chipps, Peter Cicale, Jack Cosner, Peg Croissant, Jill Daly, Mimma Damascus, George Davis, Danielle DeFelippes, Genna Desmarais, Jim Dengler, Gianna Deveitro, Penny Dick, Toni Dickey, Sam Dickerson, Samantha DiTonno, Bill Dixon, Margaret Mary Domin, John Dougherty, Christine Doyle, Steve Esmacher, Crystal Everly, Susanne Farnaese, Hedy Francisco, Patricia Farris, Ashley Ferkler, Andrew Gallagher, James Gallagher, Stephanie Gazada, Louis Gentry, Jr., Kevin Gidden, Stephen Glatzky, Mary Goodnetter, Catherine Gorman, Robert Gould, Joe Greco, Chris Hagan, Kip Hall, Ruth Harnett, Darrion Heffner, Gina High, Jacob Ryan Hill, Robert Hira, Roxanne and Baby Hotz, Mary Irvello, Edgar Jones, Tom Joyce, Henry Kapp, Mary Karcher, Vincent Karcher, Robert Keifer, James Kunik, Peg Lenahen, Bill Lynch, Nicole Magliano, Helen Marksymink, Peter Manuel, Regina Masciarelli, Marion Matthews, Helen McCaffrey, Kevin McCormack, Pam Daly McFall, Phyllis McGinnis, Delores McGovern, R. J. McGreagh, Judith McGrath, Rose Ann McHugh, Marjorie McHugh, Nancy Ann McLaughlin, Anne Medora, Michael, Thomas Miller, John Morroni, Heather Moore, Kara Moore, Fran Munizza, Diana Nardello, David O'Campo, Jim O'Donnell, Karen Okooriad, John Orobono, Shirley Owens, Robert Perzel, Dan Petrarca, Simon Phillips, Gabe Piselli, Sr. Michael Raymond IHM, Cinda Reese, Mark Reichmen, Pete Reichwein, Starr Rigby, Zela Robinson, Peter Roe, Sharon Rothwell, Christine Rutkowski, Abbie Sandrowitz, Adam Sangillo, Tom Sangillo, Wanda Saylor, Alison Sawyer, Paul Scalone, Fran Scanlon, Kimberly Scheb, Peter & Joanne Schlinder, Dana Klein Schmidt, Colleen Schmeiser, Dimietri Sfakianakis, Mark Sheppard, George Sinclair, Danny Simpson, Constance Small, Bridget Smith, Drew Smith, Tyler Steckel, Philomena Stendardo, MeMe Ventrella Thornton, Neil Thomas, Carla Tinari, Ernest Towne, Diane Tyler, Stephen VanNewkirk, Brian Verna, Jim Vilar, Brooks Welch, David Wilkins, Lisa Wilson, Steve Wilson, Linda Wunderlich, Ben Zikas.

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