

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 7, 2016

SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE

A Stewardship Parish ♦ 8 Cavanaugh Court ♦ West Chester, PA ♦ www.simonandjude.org



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Rev. Michael J. Gerlach, Pastor
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Sr. Barbara Jude Gentry, IHM, Dir. of Religious Education
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m.
Weekday: 6:45 & 9:00 a.m.
Sat. Morning: 9:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 8:00 to 9:00 am and 4:00 to 5:00 pm

PERPETUAL ADORATION:

In the Sacred Heart Chapel-Visit anytime day or night.
Exposition: Sunday after 6:00 pm Mass to 6:45 am Monday
Monday through Friday after 6:45 am Mass until 10:00 pm

REGISTRATION/NEW FAMILIES

New families should call or visit the Rectory Office (610-696-3624) to make an appointment with a priest to register in the Parish. Members of the parish who reach the age of 18 should register separately. If you move we would also appreciate a call to the Parish Office so we can update our records.

BAPTISM

Baptism is celebrated the first three Sundays of the month at 1:30 p.m. Parents are asked to register their child for Baptism by calling the Rectory 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 for December and July) at 10:00 a.m. in the Welcome Center.

WEDDINGS

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

AGED, SHUT-INS & HOSPITALIZED

Please notify the Rectory when a neighbor, friend or relative is homebound, sick or hospitalized. The sacraments of Penance, Eucharist or Anointing are our joy and privilege to administer.

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, August 6**

5:00 pm Ted Bochey 15th Anniversary

Sunday, August 7

7:30 am Living and Deceased of Parish

9:00 am Stephen Wallace

10:30 am Rose Gambetta

12:00 pm Lucy Colavecchi

6:00 pm Intention of the Priest Celebrant

Monday, August 8

6:45 am Elizabeth Cellini

9:00 am Carmella Sharples

Tuesday, August 9

6:45 am Elizabeth Cellini

9:00 am Joe Aminco

Wednesday, August 10

6:45 am John Gairo

9:00 am Mary J. Stewart

Thursday, August 11

6:45 am Philomena "Thelma" Calabrese

9:00 am Catherine Ritter

Friday, August 12

6:45 am Adeline Naples

9:00 am Eugene and Mary Docherty

Saturday, August 13

9:00 am Fr. Monihan 26th Anniversary

5:00 pm Kirsch, Dolan, McDevitt Families

Sunday, August 14

7:30 am Living & Deceased of Parish

9:00 am William Walsh

10:30 am Ruth Gillan

12:00 pm John J. Konecny

6:00 pm Intentions of the Priest Celebrant

WEEKLY EVENTS**Sunday, August 7**

7:00 pm AA (East)

Monday, August 8

9:45 am Prayer Group (Welcome Center)

2:00 pm Whitehorse Village Mass off Campus

7:00 pm Respect Life Holy Hour

Tuesday, August 9

2:30 pm Pembroke Nursing Home Mass

6:00 pm Youth Led Ministry (Meehan Center)

Wednesday, August 10**Thursday, August 11**

2:00 pm Rosary (Pembroke Nursing Home)

6:30 pm Flame of Love Holy Hour (Chapel)

Friday, August 12

9:45 am Church Cleaners (Church)

7:30 am NA (East Hall)

Saturday, August 13

8:00 pm Movie Night (School Parking Lot)

Sunday, August 14

7:00 pm AA (East Hall)

Aid for Friends Drivers Needed

Drivers are needed to transport meals and supplies to various locations. If you would like more information contact Lynn at 215-464-2224 or email ltrpombetta@aidforfriends.org



Pray
for the
Sick



Baby Trey Christopher, Baby Isabella Grace, Baby Carolyn, Baby Wyatt Matthew Hausch, Baby Everly Irwin, Baby, Robert Dennis Kane, Baby Samantha Levey, Vincent Musumeci, Baby Charlie Garmon, Baby Christian Porpora, Baby Lily Rose Sonon, Baby Oscar David Sprague, Baby Noah Thomas, Baby Michael Yarnall, Baby Benjamin Zikas, Jaxon Ford, Jonathan Lukas, Kelsey Hull, Kiera McMahon, Robert Francis Bartley, Micah Bennett (child), Liam McGuire (Child), Frederick Bauman, Grace Bond, Kevin Branin, John Buoni, Bonnie W. Burns, Scott Butler, Kerry Butler, Jim Byrne, Michael Chapman, Carol Chipps, Gunnar Coper, Maria Piedad Coy, Charlie Culbertson, Jill Daly, Rose D'Antonio, Debbie Davis, Gianna Deveitro, Ida DeVita, Samantha DiTonno, Mary Ann Docherty, Irene Dudasik, Ginny Dunn, Kirk Ebbs, Elizabeth Erikson, Monica Fickenscher, Jean Flanagan, Andy Foss, Susan George, Kevin Gidden, Richard Golato, James Goodnetter, Mary Goodnetter, Adele Gray, Ann Guba, Sean Haegele, Bill Haley, Dean Harris, Doris Haynie, Darrion Heffner, Kitty Heller, Dana Herbert, John Francis Holmes, Mya Hostutler, Ernie Iovannone, Frank Janssen, Barbara Johnson, Sr. Honora Johnston IHM, Pat Kahl, Collette Kazanjian, Anna Mae Kelly, Jack Kirsch, Doug Kley, Carey Kressler, Theresa Bushinski-Kruczek, Taylor Kulp, Ron Lafferty, Noah Lamar, Marie Levin, William Lloyd, Leo MacEntee III, Badolato Mariano, Michael McDonald, Paul McDyre, Jennifer McGlone, Dolores McGovern, Leonard McLain Jr., Albert Medoro, Lynn Meehan, Jeri Mellonger, Loretta O'Fria, Jack O'Neill Family, Marta Panaccio, Charles Pearson, Gene Pertchack, Joseph Posivak, Jake Riese, Gloria Ryan, Barbara Savini, Daniel Simpson, Alexander Sera, Kirsten Schuster, Mary Schultz, Judy Sherlock, Stephen Sinclair, Mary Sivek, Jo Ann Slifer, Vicki Smith, Clara Sollecito, Danielle Stechel, Debbie Steel, Howard Steel, Daniel Stevens, Kay Stevens, Gerry Streetie, Louise Terruso, Ernest Towne, Dan Trasatti, Fran & Bill Traylor, Verencur Family, Mary Walsh, Marie Welge, John Wineburg, Cathy Wood, Julia (Judy) Yanak.



Wake Up!

This weekend our Gospel proclaims to us, “Blessed are those servants whom the Master finds vigilant on His arrival”. This Gospel reminds me of all of our trips down to the shore using the A.C. Expressway. Along this road are a series of three bright signs - “STAY ALERT...STAY AWAKE...STAY ALIVE”. New Jersey put up these signs to keep people from falling asleep and veering off the road.

In a way Jesus is reminding us to stay alert, stay awake and stay alive. This is a great message for these lazy days of summer. It’s easy to become distracted by what the world has to offer us - partisan politics, lounging by the pool, watching endless hours of TV in the air-conditioning or catching all of our Pokemons.

Do not become distracted or lazy. Jesus reminds us that no one knows the hour but to be prepared. The Mass, Daily Prayer, Confession, Scripture, and Spiritual Reading are all available for us even during the Summer too!
God Bless You, Father Jim

Second Collection Today

Due to a notification and scheduling error, The Mission Co-Op Collection was taken last Sunday instead of today August 7 as scheduled. Most parishioners did not have their envelope but were kind enough to make cash donations. We are taking the second collection today for those of you who have brought your envelope. If you made a cash donation last week we are most grateful and do not expect you to also make another donation with your envelope. Thank you always for your generosity to those in need.

Holy Days of Obligation vs the Feast of the Assumption

Back in 1991 the Bishops of the United States petitioned the Holy See concerning Holy Days that fall on either Saturdays or Mondays. Sunday is our primary day of worship and they felt it a burden to have two holy days in a row. The result is that certain days such as August 15, the Feast of the Assumption; November 1, All Saints Day; and January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God are not days of obligation when they fall on Saturday or Monday. They still are holy days and you are still welcome to attend Mass.

PLEASE NOTE!!!!

An envelope for August 15 marked SPECIAL OFFERING — EDUCATION SUPPORT .

was included in the envelope packet by the envelope company in error, please disregard this envelope.

We Are Not having a special collection for Education Support.



SSJ ANNOUNCES... FUN UNDER THE STARS

MOVIES, MOVIES & MORE MOVIES!!

FREE SATURDAY DATE NIGHT WITH THE KIDS

YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR FRIENDS

MOVIES START AT SUNSET WITH POPCORN MACHINE AND PRIZES

SO...DON'T FORGET YOUR CHAIRS, BLANKETS,

BYOB & SOME BUCKS FOR 50/50



MEET US IN THE SCHOOL COURT YARD Weather Permitting

NOW SHOWING...SPECIAL 2016 FEATURES
AUGUST 13TH - THE JUNGLE BOOK (PG)

Stewardship Time, Talent and Treasure

This Year: July 31, 2016.....\$28,777.82

Last Year: August 2, 2015.....\$35,462.00

Thank you for your generosity

Bereavement: The next gathering will be Wednesday, August 24th, at 7 pm, in the Welcome Center located just inside the



are suffering the loss of a loved one are invited to join us for an evening of sharing and caring with one another and finding strength in the comfort of the Lord.

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PREP PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM
“NEW” Parent Orientation Meeting
Thursday, September 1 at 7:00 pm in the School Cafeteria

SSJ School News

Our new principal, Sister Regina Elinich, IHM, arrived at SSJ this week. Sister Regina comes from the Diocese of Allentown where she was principal of Our Lady of the Angels Academy. SSJ students, parents, teachers, staff, and parishioners all look forward to meeting Sister and welcoming her into our SSJ community!

Important Dates

August 20-21 - August school information packets available in the Church narthex and will remain until September 4.

August 21 (9 AM-1 PM) - Flocco's Shoes & Used Uniform Sale in The Meehan Center. School Kidz school supply kits pick up in Monihan Hall for those who ordered. The kits can also be picked up after August 14 by appointment with a call to the school office.

Upcoming Office Schedule

The week of August 8 Tuesday to Thursday
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

For general information about the school, visit our website at school.simonandjude.org or call Jenn Appaneal at 610-696-5249, ext. 241 or email her at advancement@simonandjude.org

PREP — Parish Religious Education Program

Registration: The time is NOW to register for next year's PREP!! Your son/daughter has received registration forms for both current and "NEW" students. If you have any questions, please call the PREP OFFICE AT 610-692-3118. Classes are offered for children ages 3 and 4 years and kindergarten on Sunday mornings from 9 am to 10 am.

Kindergarten levels. Grades 1 - 5 Tuesday 4:15 to 5:30 pm and 6:00 to 7:15 pm. Also Grades 1 - 6, Wednesday, 6:00 to 7:15 pm. Junior High Levels: 7 & 8 are invited to attend our Youth Group usually held the first and third Sunday of the month from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the school

Beginning class schedules: Tuesday, September 6 begin in church and end in school. Wednesday, September 7 classes will be in church ONLY. Pre-school classes begin Sunday, September 25. Junior High Youth Group starts September 18 at 7:00 pm.

God Bless you, Sister Barbara Jude Gentry, Director



LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR 2016 POT OF GOLD RAFFLE

\$45,000 in cash prizes (Ten Lucky Winners)
only 2016 tickets will be sold
Drawing is Sunday Sept 11th
at the Drexelbrook 12:30pm to 4:00pm

**Tickets on sale after Masses on the
weekend of Aug. 13 & 14**

For tickets call Bernie O'Neill at
1-484-886-7254 or 610-836-3131

Saints. Simon and Adult Social Club Christmas Time in Historic Bethlehem Saturday, November 26, 2016

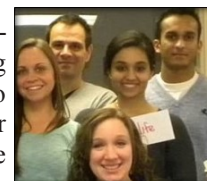
Depart 8am - visit Historic Hotel Bethlehem for holiday lunch buffet. Shop and browse the Christkindlmarket with aisles of exquisite handmade works by the nations artisans, German and Austrian food and music. Driving tour to experience the Christmas City at its finest. Return 9pm. Members \$131. Non-member \$136. Contact Ruth Ayres 610.692.3891



Adult Faith Opportunities

What does it mean to be Catholic?

You – or someone you know – might have questions about the meaning of faith. Perhaps now is the opportunity to have questions answered and see how our religion helps people to live in close relationship with our living God.



Sessions are now forming and you are invited to meet with our RCIA folks on Tuesday evening, August 23rd, at 7 pm in the Meehan Center. The topic is Faith, Religion, and Relationships. For more information, please contact Sr. Mary Beth at the parish office.

Dealing with Divorce:

Whether you just got divorced or have been dealing with its repercussions for a few years, divorce is a heart-wrenching experience. The church is offering a 12-week series entitled, "Catholics Surviving Divorce" beginning September 19th. Keep watching the parish bulletin for more details.

Looking ahead ...

Book Club: Have you ever wondered what it must have been like in the early years of the Church? Did they all get along happily? How they were accepted by their neighbors, family, and rulers. This September we will begin a 6-week study of William Bennett's Tried by Fire: the Story of Christianity's First Thousand Years. The book is available on Amazon. The first meeting will be Thursday morning, September 15th, after the 9 am Mass. Breakfast will be served so be sure to contact Sr. Mary Beth at the Parish Office if you wish to participate.

