Give Thanks to the Lord, for He is Good.

Happy Thanksgiving
MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon and 6:00 pm
Weekday: 6:45 and 9:00 a.m.
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-3:00 pm Sunday: 10:00 am-2:00 pm

EUCHARISTICADORATION
Visit our Chapel day or evening to spend time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Exposition 7:30 am to 10:00 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
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 as adults. If you have recently changed your status, married, moved out of your parents home or graduated from college, you need to re-register. If you move, we would also appreciate a call to the Parish Office so that our records will be in order. Thank you.

BAPTISMS
Baptisms will be celebrated the first three Sundays of the month. 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 SS. 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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“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 “sober and alert” as Saint Paul teaches us today.

1 Thes 5:6

God bless you. Father Gerlach
Adult Faith Enrichment Opportunities

RCIA
Adults seeking to complete their sacraments of initiation: baptism, confirmation, and/or communion are invited to contact Sr. Mary Beth at the parish office.

Calling all knitters and crocheters... Let’s help to comfort the people at Main Line Hospice by donating lap robes, prayer shawls, blankets, and fancy pillowcases. Donations may be brought to the Welcome Center by Sunday, December 10th. Thanks for your gift of time and creativity.

Bereavement
Our next session will take place on Wednesday, November 22nd, at 7pm in the Welcome Center. We will share ideas for celebrating holidays without your loved ones.

Stewardship Time, Talent and Treasure
This Year: November 12, 2017...$32,719
Last Year: November 13, 2016...$30,879

Music on the Stairs
Our Prendie Tradition of Caroling on the stairs continues as we begin the Christmas Season.

Join us Monday, December 4th at 7pm
Prendie Building Main Hall
ADMISSION FREE
Alumnae Bring your voices and sing on the stairs
Music director: Meggie Murphy Gribbin, ‘99
Light refreshments immediately following
contact Patti Mellon Germanovich, ‘75
pattig@kdi-inc.com
Singers please email me so we can get numbers and arrive at 6:30 for quick practice!

Annual National Night of Prayer for Life
The 28th Annual National Night of Prayer for Life will be held on Friday, December 8 beginning at 8:00 PM in the Sacred Heart Chapel. Beginning with the Pro-Life Stations of the Cross the evening will proceed with prayers, the Holy Rosary and Adoration. Families are especially invited for the 8:00 PM hour, Senior Citizens for 9:00 PM, Knights of Columbus 10:00 PM and Young Adults 11:00 PM. The evening will close with Benediction at 12:00 AM the hour of unity across the United States when all time zones will be united in prayer.

Families who are interested in being prayer leaders at the 8:00 PM and have children of grade school or high school age are invited to call Kathy Bond 610 316-3979 in order to lead. We also welcome young adults to participate and lead prayers at the 11:00 PM hour. All are invited to participate at any time during the evening.

Join us for
Flame of Love—Thursdays at 6:30 pm in the Sacred Heart Chapel

2018 Calendars are available in the Narthex of the Church. Please take one.
PREP—PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

**Pre Schoolers.** The children will visit the chapel at 9:00 am. We wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving! There will be no classes on Sunday, November 26th due to Thanksgiving Holidays.

**Thanksgiving Prayer Services:** Students who report on Tuesday, November 21 will have a special prayer service during their regular class times. First session will pray together at 5:00 pm and the second session will gather 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 SCHOOL BUILDING at 5:30 pm and 7:15 pm. Those children who attend Wednesday sessions, November 22 WILL NOT HAVE CLASSES. However, they are welcome to join with the students on Tuesday. We wish everyone a very happy THANKSGIVING!

**Junior High Youth Group (Grades 7 and 8)**
The students will gather this Sunday, November 19th from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm to share faith, fun and good food. The students are preparing to celebrate Advent and St. Nicholas!

**Confirmation Candidates**
On Monday November 20, the twelfth anniversary of our present church, the children who will be receiving their Confirmation have volunteered to clean our church.

**Crazy Hat Day is Coming**
The boys and girls in Levels 1 thru 6 are invited to support the missions by wearing A CRAZY HAT ON Tuesday, December 5 and Wednesday, December 6. The offering is $1.00 which will go directly to Catholic Social Services. This is one way that the PREP STUDENTS can help out those less fortunate children. Proceeds from this CRAZY HAT day will support the daily operations and special projects of Catholic Social Service programs that provide help for over 16,000 children each ear. The PREP kids supporting other children makes a huge difference in the lives of these children. Last year, we contributed $352.86 and we thank you for your continued generosity; God Bless you, Sister Barbara Jude Gentry, Director

**Friday, December 8, 2017**
**Feast of the Immaculate Conception** is a Holy Day of Obligation the Mass times are as follows:
7:00 pm Vigil—Thursday, December 7
6:45 am, 9:00 am, and 7:00 pm — Friday, December 8

**St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal**
Augustus (Gus) DeSimone, a seminarian who grew up in this parish, will share his personal experience at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. If you wish, after his talk you will have an opportunity to pledge your support to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal for 2017/18. Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

**A Community Event**
Our neighbor, Giant Food Store, has reopened after 10 months of renovations. Our parish is happy to welcome everyone back.

**ADULT SOCIAL CLUB**
**New Trip - New Years Eve at Noon**
Doolin’s Shore Club, Spring Lake, NJ With an all-star comedian (very funny) Sunday, December 31, 2017 9:30 am depart SSJ arrive at Doolin's and enjoy a one hour Open Bar, a delicious luncheon served (Choice of 3 entrees). Entertainment after lunch with Mike Byrne and the Old Lang Show Band. Balloon Drop at 12 noon w/daytime midnight madness to bring in the New Year. Depart 3:30 and arrive home 5:30 pm. $130.00 members $135 non-members.

Contact Ruth Ayres 610.692.3891
Saint Simon and Jude School News

This week we welcomed families who are considering a Catholic education for their children during our “Visit SSJ Evening” and “Preview Morning.” It is so nice to see the excitement from the parents as they see our school in action. Always a highlight is the tour given by our 8th Grade Ambassadors. We hear over and over again how parents are impressed by these young men and women. Thank you Ambassadors for your time, enthusiasm, and job well done.

If you couldn’t make it during these visits, no need to worry. We have an Open House during Catholic Schools Week on January 28 and a Preview Morning on March 23. If you are interested in our middle school, we have a special night visit on January 24. If these dates don’t work for your schedule, you can request a private tour at any time. For more information about the school, visit our website at school.simonandjude.org and go to the “admissions” tab or email or call Jenn Appaneal at advancement@simonandjude.org or 610-696-5249, Ext. 241. Catholic education is a priceless gift you can give to your children.

Blessings,
Sister Regina Elinich, IHM, Principal

IMMACULATA UNIVERSITY PRESENTS
9 to 5: The Musical

The Cue and Curtain Theatre of Immaculata University proudly presents 9 to 5: The Musical, based on the seminal 1980 hit movie, with music and lyrics by Dolly Parton and book by Patricia Resnick. Performances will be Thursday, November 16, and Friday, November 17, at 8 p.m. and Saturday, November 18 and Sunday, November 19 at 3 p.m. in Alumnae Hall Theater on the University’s campus.

Bethesda

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.

Can you help wash the small linens used at Mass?
The Lord’s Laundry Group is in need of volunteers for 2018. By volunteering for this ministry you would be asked to wash one load of small altar linens and iron them 4 times a year. If interested please contact, Diane Cusick 610-696-3831 or email chriscusick@comcast.net.

LIGHTING THE WAY

Saints Simon and Jude School Annual Fund

Lighting the Way, Saints Simon and Jude School’s First Annual Fund will allow us to meet the needs of each student by supporting the many priorities of our school. The Fund will help to bridge the gap between tuition revenue and expenses. Tuition covers approximately 66% of what it costs to educate a student at SSJ. Our goal is to cover the remaining percentage with donations to our Annual Fund and parish support from Sunday collections.

Please see below how the funds raised will be allocated. Your commitment to Lighting the Way will help to ensure that Saints Simon and Jude will continue to provide the highest quality Catholic education while developing the hearts and minds of our children. Thank you for supporting our Inaugural Annual Fund and mission of Catholic Education.

2017-2018 Annual Fund Goal: $125,000
Classroom Technology
Student/Faculty Enrichment
Fine Arts Programs
Instructional Materials
Financial Aid
* 10% of funds raised will seed a new School Endowment Fund

SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE FAMILIES
NO COOK NIGHT!!
FAMILY NIGHT OUT AT
DUFFER’S TAVERN

All Saint Simon and Jude Parish Families ARE WELCOME TO join us for

Saints Simon and Jude School Night at Duffers Tavern
Rt. 352 Middletown Road for a fundraising night on Thursday, December 7th. Be Sure to say you’re there for Saints Simon and Jude School and 20% of the total bill (including alcohol) goes back to the school! HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!
A Special Event for Catholic Families

5th Annual Marian Day,
Sunday, November 26 – 12:30 pm-6:30 pm
A day for families to honor Mary. Msgr. John Esseff, is our presenter and main celebrant, along with other priests and Living Bridges Co-Founders, Bob & Anna Iatesta. This event will be held at Malvern Retreat House. This day includes: Talks, Mass, Confession, Activities, Spaghetti Dinner, a Healing Service and Benediction. Be sure to register early. For more information & registration – contact: Living Bridges, 610-525-4770, staff@livingbridges.org.

Christmas Flower Memorial
We are pleased to offer flowers in memory of a Beloved Deceased. A listing of memorials will be published in the Christmas Bulletin and the Bulletin the week following Christmas. You may fill out the form below. (Kindly print legibly to help us with correct spelling.) Please drop off at the Rectory Office, mail in, or place your envelope in the collection basket by Monday, November 27. Suggested donation is $10.00. Checks may be made payable to SS. Simon and Jude Church.

In Memory of______________________________________
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From:_________________________________
Phone Number__________________________
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Parish ID#_______________________
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MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, November 18
5:00 pm Dolan, Kirsch & McDevitt Families
Sunday, November 19
7:30 am Living and Deceased of Parish
9:00 am Martin C & Ann L. Kilty
10:30 am Dec’d Members of Dr. Marchis Family
12:00 pm Mrs. Evelyn Hackett
6:00 pm Chet Grochowski and in Thanksgiving
Monday, November 20
6:45 am Sandra Marano
9:00 am Ann Malis
Tuesday, November 21
6:45 am Terry Donohue
9:00 am Catherine Morley
Wednesday, November 22
6:45 am Ronald Witt
9:00 am Sam & Gloria Paoli
Thursday, November 23 Happy Thanksgiving
6:45 am Charles Comer
9:00 am Maria Piedad Velasco
Friday, November 24
6:45 am Marian Amaradio
9:00 am The Miller Family
Saturday, November 25
9:00 am Nora O’Sullivan
5:00 pm Dick Goettel
Sunday, November 26
7:30 am Living & Deceased of Parish
9:00 am Ralph Marano
10:30 am Joseph & Mary McGillian
12:00 pm Al & Tommy Stevens
6:00 pm Joseph and Clara Schneberger

Please Pray for Our Sick and for those who care for them

Lectors workbooks are available for pick-up in the Rectory Office. Thank you.

WEEKLY EVENTS
Sunday, November 19
8:45 am Pre-School PREP in School and will visit the chapel at 9:00 am
1:30 pm Baptism (Church)
7:00 pm 7th & 8th Grd Gry Group (Cav. Hall & SKD Rm)
7:00 pm Youth Led Ministry (St. Cecilia Room)
7:00 pm AA (Cafeteria)
Monday, November 20
12th Anniversary of Dedication of New Church
9:45 am Prayer Group (Welcome Center)
3:00 pm Cares (Cavanaugh Hall & 4 PRE-K)
4:30 pm Youth Choir (St. Cecilia Rm.)
6:00 pm Cleaners in Church with Sr. Barbara Judge
7:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group (St. Cecilia Rm.)
7:00 pm Respect Life Holy Hour (Chapel)
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus (IHM Room)
Tuesday, November 21
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin
3:00 pm Cares (Cavanaugh Hall & 4 PRE-K)
4:15 pm and 6 pm PREP in School
5:00 pm PREP Prayer Service (Church)
6:45 pm PREP Prayer Service (Church)
7:00 pm RCIA (IHM & St. Joseph Rm.)
Wednesday, November 22
NO PREP CLASSES
10:45 am School Prayer Service (Church)
3:00 pm Cares (Cavanaugh Hall & 4 PRE-K)
7:00 pm Bereavement (Welcome Center)
Thursday, November 23
HAPPY THANKSGIVING
Friday, November 24
9:30 pm Coat Collection (Welcome Center)
Sunday, November 26
9:00 am Coat Collection (Welcome Center)
7:00 pm Youth Led Ministry (The Meehan Center)
7:00 pm AA (Cafeteria)

Our Prayer list is so important in our Parish. To keep it current we ask that family and friends kindly contact the Rectory Office at 610-696-3624 for names to be added or removed from the list. Thank you!