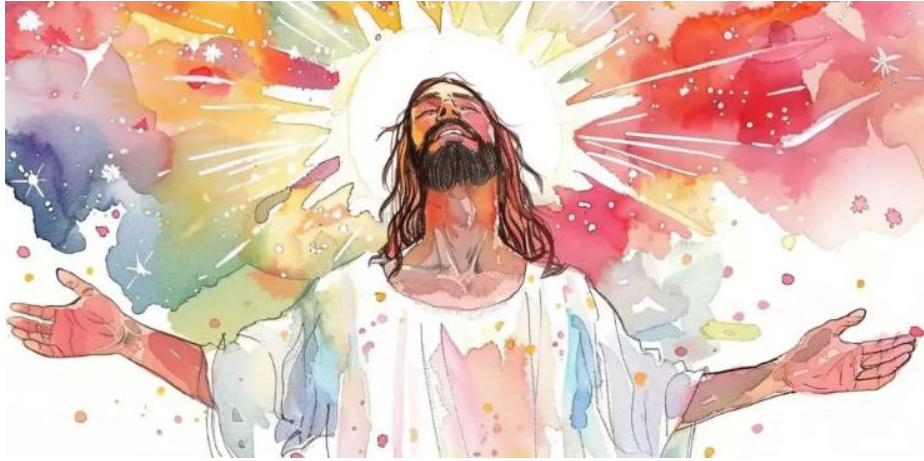


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Second Sunday of Lent

March 16, 2025



Gathering Hymn: *In These Days of Lenten Journey*

Refrain: In these days of Lenten journey we have seen and we have heard
The call to sow justice in the lives of those we serve.

Verse 1: We reach out to those who are homeless,
To those who live without warmth.
In the coolness of evening we'll shelter their dreams;
We will clothe them in mercy and peace.

Verse 2: We open our eyes to the hungry
And see the faces of Christ.
As we nourish all people who hunger for food,
May their faith in our God be renewed.

Liturgy of The Word

Reading I

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

The Lord God took Abram outside and said,
“Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can.
Just so,” he added, “shall your descendants be.”
Abram put his faith in the LORD,
who credited it to him as an act of righteousness.
He then said to him,

“I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession.”

“O Lord GOD,” he asked,

“how am I to know that I shall possess it?”

He answered him,

“Bring me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old she-goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.”

Abram brought him all these, split them in two, and placed each half opposite the other;

but the birds he did not cut up.

Birds of prey swooped down on the carcasses, but Abram stayed with them.

As the sun was about to set, a trance fell upon Abram, and a deep, terrifying darkness enveloped him.

When the sun had set and it was dark, there appeared a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch, which passed between those pieces.

It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: “To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates.”

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14.

R. (1a) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?

The LORD is my life's refuge;
of whom should I be afraid?

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Hear, O LORD, the sound of my call;

have pity on me, and answer me.

Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks.

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Your presence, O LORD, I seek.

Hide not your face from me;

do not in anger repel your servant.

You are my helper: cast me not off.

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD

in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD with courage;

be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Reading II

Philippians 3:17—4:1

Join with others in being imitators of me, brothers and sisters,
and observe those who thus conduct themselves
according to the model you have in us.

For many, as I have often told you

and now tell you even in tears,

conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ.

Their end is destruction.

Their God is their stomach;

their glory is in their "shame."

Their minds are occupied with earthly things.

But our citizenship is in heaven,

and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

He will change our lowly body

to conform with his glorified body

by the power that enables him also
to bring all things into subjection to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters,
whom I love and long for, my joy and crown,
in this way stand firm in the Lord.

Gospel Luke 9:28b-36

Jesus took Peter, John, and James
and went up the mountain to pray.

While he was praying his face changed in appearance
and his clothing became dazzling white.

And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah,
who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus
that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.

Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep,
but becoming fully awake,

they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.

As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus,

“Master, it is good that we are here;

let us make three tents,

one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

But he did not know what he was saying.

While he was still speaking,

a cloud came and cast a shadow over them,

and they became frightened when they entered the cloud.

Then from the cloud came a voice that said,

“This is my chosen Son; listen to him.”

After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.

They fell silent and did not at that time

tell anyone what they had seen.

Preparation Hymn: *We Remember*

Refrain: We remember how you loved us to your death,
And still we celebrate, for you are with us here;
And we believe that we will see you when you come in your glory, Lord.
We remember, we celebrate, we believe.

Verse 1: Here, a million wounded souls are yearning just to touch you and be healed.
Gather all your people, and hold them to your heart.

Verse 2: Now we recreate your love, we bring the bread and wine to share a meal.
Sign of grace and mercy, the presence of the Lord.

Communion Hymn: *Only a Shadow*

Verse 1: The love we have for you, O Lord, is only a shadow of your love for us;
Only a shadow of your love for us; your deep abiding love.

Verse 2: The bread we take and eat, O Lord, is your body broken and shared with us;
Your body broken and shared with us; the gift of your great love.

Refrain: Our lives are in your hands, our lives are in your hands.
Our love for you will grow, O Lord; your light in us will shine.

Verse 3: Our own belief in you, O Lord, is only a shadow of your faith in us;
Only a shadow of your faith in us; your deep and lasting faith.

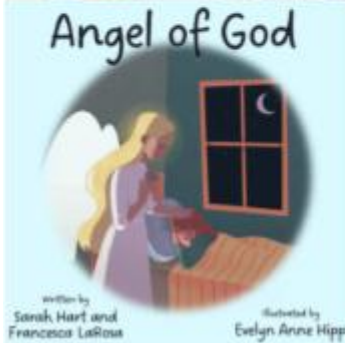
Verse 4: The joy we share today, O Lord, is only a shadow of your joys for us;
Only a shadow of your joys for us; when we meet face to face.

Refrain: Our lives are in your hands, our lives are in your hands.
Our love for you will grow, O Lord; your light in us will shine.

Recessional Hymn: *To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King*

To Jesus Christ, our Sovereign King, who is the world's salvation,
All praise and homage do we bring and thanks and adoration.
Christ Jesus, victor! Christ Jesus, ruler!
Christ Jesus, Lord and redeemer!

Thy reign extend, O King benign, to every land and nation;
For in thy kingdom, Lord divine, alone we find salvation.
Christ Jesus, victor! Christ Jesus, ruler!
Christ Jesus, Lord and redeemer!



Francesca LaRosa

Music Workshop and Concert

Saturday, March 15, 2025

Workshop: 2 PM to 4:40 PM

Concert In Church: 6:30 PM

Francesca's music ministry leads cantor workshops, retreats and concerts that inspire and uplift others through her dedicated music ministry.

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Gathering at Saints Simon and Jude Parish, Thursday, March 6th 2025. Parishioners from SSJ and local parishes participated.

A journey of trust and hope with our Lord, the Archbishop, and every minister of the Gospel. Outward reaching, led by the Holy Spirit!

Pictured In This Photo: Fr. Omeke, Sister Christine, Seminarian Alex Cross, Sister Barbara Jude Gentry and Archbishop Perez.

SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE PARISH PRESENTS...

A Father Francis Talk

"A Lenten Eucharistic Journey"

A Saturday Morning Retreat Revolving
Around The Parish Christmas Gift The Book:

33 Days of Eucharist Glory

Saturday, March 29th

Starting With 9 AM Mass

Ending With Adoration At 12 Noon

Read The Book

SAVE THE DATE



Saints Simon and Jude Parish

Thursday, April 10th at 7 PM



All Are Welcome

There Will Be Many Priests Available For Confession

Archbishop Attends Pastoral Listening Session at Chester County Parish

Archbishop Pérez attended a pastoral listening session held Mar. 6 at SS. Simon and Jude Parish in West Chester. The numerous listening sessions being held throughout the five-county Archdiocese of Philadelphia are an opportunity for everyone to make their voice heard by joining in conversation about the path we will forge together for our Church, outlined in the Archbishop's recently published Pastoral Letter.

Listeners heard from Archbishop Pérez, as well as Dan Cellucci, CEO of the Catholic Leadership Institute. CLI works closely with the Office for Strategy, an Archdiocesan office that has played a large role in implementing the plan that will carry out Archbishop Perez's vision for the Church in Philadelphia. Bishop John J. McIntyre also joined the listening session.

To learn more about the plan, to sign up for a pastoral listening session, and to read the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter, please visit trustandhope.org.





SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE PARISH

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday: April 13th

**Special 9:30 AM Mass For First
Communion Families**

Bury Holy Oils: Tuesday, April 15th

After 9 AM Mass

Holy Thursday, April 17th

9 AM Morning Prayer / 7 PM Mass of The Last Supper

Good Friday, April 18th

9 AM Morning Prayer / 3 PM Passion

8 PM Living Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 19th

8 AM Confessions

9 AM Morning Prayer /

9:30 AM Blessing of The Food

8 PM Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 20th

Mass: 7:30, 9:30 &

11:30 AM (Church / Meehan Center)

No 6 PM Mass



Saints Simon and Jude Parish Presents:



The Living Stations of The Cross

April 4th Student Live Stations In Church (Open To The Public) 7 PM

April 7th: Student Live Stations In Church (School Only) 2 PM

April 18th Good Friday The ADULT Living Stations of The Cross In Church 8 PM

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Bowls will be available at Church exits on
Saturday, February 22.

Donations begin on Ash Wednesday March 5
And will end on Wednesday, April 16, 2025.

Saints Simon and Jude Parish

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Fridays In Lent at 7 PM

March 7th

March 14th

March 21st

March 28th

Saints Simon and Jude School

Weekly Stations During Lent



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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Mondays at 2 PM / All Are Welcome

March 10th

March 17th (No School / No Stations)

March 24th

April 14th