



Church of the Good Shepherd

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust ♦ A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg
Partner Parish of Saints Simon and Jude Parish, Blairsville

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January 12, 2025—The Baptism of the Lord

PARISH INFORMATION

Mass Schedule:

Good Shepherd, Kent:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 PM

Sunday: 11:00 AM

Weekdays: 6:00 PM Monday

8:30 AM Tuesday/Thursday

(unless otherwise noted)

Ss. Simon & Jude, Blairsville:

Saturday: 4 PM; Sunday: 9 AM

Weekdays: 8 AM Mon/Wed/Fri

Office Hours:

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8 AM—2 PM

Reconciliation:

Monday 5—6 PM during
Holy Hour, and by appointment.

To schedule Baptisms or
Weddings, please contact
the Parish Office.

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Upcoming Events for Good Shepherd Parishioners

<u>Tuesday:</u>	Pierogi making, Parish Hall, 5 pm
<u>Wednesday:</u>	Knights of Columbus meeting, Our Lady of Assumption, 7 pm
<u>Next Sunday:</u>	Youth Ministry, Valentine card making, Parish Hall, 9-11 am

Masses and Candles — Week of 01/12/25

<u>The Baptism of the Lord</u>	
<i>Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 104; Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22</i>	
Saturday, January 11	
6:00 PM	Jennie Noga by Jeanne Noga
Sunday, January 12	
11:00 AM	All the People of Good Shepherd Parish
Monday, January 13, St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	
<i>Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97; Mk 1:14-20</i>	
5:00 PM	Holy Hour (Adoration); Confessions
6:00 PM	Christine Prenni by Paul Romanchik
Tuesday, January 14, Weekday	
<i>Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8; Mk 1:21-28</i>	
8:30 AM	Walter Bryja
Wednesday, January 15, Weekday	
<i>Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105; Mk 1:29-39</i>	
NO MASS	
Thursday, January 16, Weekday	
<i>Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95; Mk 1:40-45</i>	
8:30 AM	Sam & Louise Marra by Cathy & Nick
Friday, January 17, Saint Anthony, Abbot	
<i>Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78; Mk 2:1-12</i>	
NO MASS	
Saturday, January 18, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	
<i>Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19; Mk 2:13-17</i>	
<u>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	
<i>Is 62:1-5; Ps 96; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11</i>	
6:00 PM	Ronald Toldi by Patty Gerheim
Sunday, January 19	
11:00 AM	John Somonick by John J Somonick

From Fr. Dino's Desk

The Baptism of the Lord
Reflection


Texts: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11, Psalm 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30, Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7, Luke 3:15-16, 21-22.

Baptism: More Than a Moment, A Lifetime of Growth

Over time and experience we grow to maturity as human beings, appreciating more and more fully both our roots and our potential. So, too, with baptism. We grow over time into understanding its meaning and its power.

The second reading spells out what baptismal living looks like: “*reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly.*” This is the rebirth to which God calls us.

In the gospel, because of the power of John’s baptism, the people’s expectation is that they have found the Christ in John. John points the people, however, to Jesus, who will bring an even more powerful baptism. The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus, so does the Holy Spirit descend upon us; Jesus is the beloved Son, so are we beloved children; God was well-pleased with Jesus, so is God well-pleased with us. To what does such a baptism call us? What do we expect? What does God expect?



Good Shepherd Candle is lit in memory of Ron Toldi by Janet & Family

Blessed Mother Candle is lit in memory of Jennie Noga by Jeanne Noga


Mark Your Calendars— 2025 Pierogi Making


We will be making Pierogi for the upcoming Lenten Dinners on the following dates:

January 14, 21, 28

February 4, 11

5 PM in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!






Prayer Chain Updates

For the Repose of the Soul of:
Joseph Ferlin + 29 December 2024

If you know of anyone that would like a homemade Valentine’s Day card sent to them, please provide a name and address to Katie in the office!!



Around the Diocese


“Pray for Life” Friday, January 24, 2025
with The Greensburg Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women

ALL are Welcome *Come and go as your schedule permits*

Christ Our Shepherd Center, 2900 Seminary Drive, Greensburg

11:30 Rosary for priests
12:00 Mass celebrated by The Very Reverend Eric J. Dinga, VF
DCCW Spiritual Advisor
1:30 Rosary for Life
2:15 Stations of the cross
3:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet
3:30 Litany for Life
4:00 Closing Prayer and Benediction

Free will offering and Donations of diapers and baby items will be distributed to pregnancy centers throughout the diocese



Knights of Columbus

The regular monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on January 15, 2025 in the church basement of Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Homer City, PA.


The meeting begins at 7 pm with the Rosary.

The business meeting will follow. Refreshments are provided.

New members are always welcome.

For additional information, please contact Norb at 724.422.1533 (cell), 724.459.8389 (home), or Nmrayk@hotmail.com

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, 4th St., Indiana



Buy One Get One on Ladies’ tops (white tags excluded) this week at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Indiana. The store is located in the BiLo Plaza on N. 4th Street with store hours Monday thru Saturday 10am-2pm. Donations are accepted 10am-1pm at the back door (as space allows).

Please continue to watch for further information in the bulletin and on Facebook (@SVDPIndianaPa).


To request assistance from SVdP, please call the SVdP hotline at 724-471-2210

Parish Stewardship—12/24/24-1/5/25

Collection	12/24/24 & 12/29/24	01/05/25
Weekly:	\$ 1,555.00	\$2,038.00
Monthly:	\$ 115.00	\$ 720.00
Loose:	\$ 52.00	\$ 28.25
Votives:	\$ 81.00	\$ 25.00
Online Giving:	\$ 216.00	\$296.00
Parish Improvements:	\$ 200.00	\$ 30.00
Christmas Offering:	\$ 3,491.00	\$ 370.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$ 35.00	\$ 0.00
First Offering:	\$0.00	\$ 132.00
Oplatki:	\$ 0.00	\$ 5.00
Accent:	\$ 0.00	\$ 40.00
Advent:	\$ 20.00	\$ 0.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$ 30.00	\$ 0.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$ 147.00	\$ 315.00
Total Income:	\$ 5,942.00	\$ 3,999.25
Needed Weekly to Meet Budget:	\$ 4,242.83	\$ 4,242.83
Variance Over or (Under):	\$ 1,699.17	(\$ 243.58)
Fiscal Year-to-Date:		
Collected:	\$ 82,160.60	\$ 86,159.85
Needed to Meet Budget:	\$ 110,313.59	\$ 114,556.42
Variance Over or (Under):	(\$ 28,152.99)	(\$ 28,396.57)
Diocesan/Other Collections:		
Children’s Appeal	\$ 458.00	\$ 20.00

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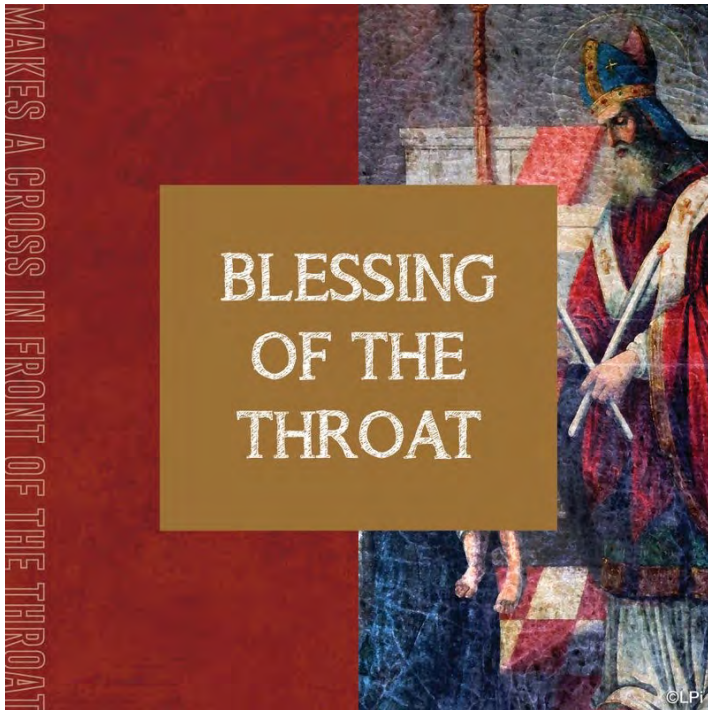
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Weekly Prayers



BLESSING OF THE THROAT

Live the Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

“The people were filled with expectation,” writes Luke. And so we find ourselves, two thousand years later, filled with expectation with longing. Who can give us what we seek? Only the one upon whom the dove descended. Follow him.

Devotions, *Explained!*

Catholics traditionally receive a blessing of the throat on the feast day of St. Blaise (Feb. 3), who was a bishop and martyr of fourth-century Armenia. During the blessing, a cross is formed from two blessed candles that are held over the throat.

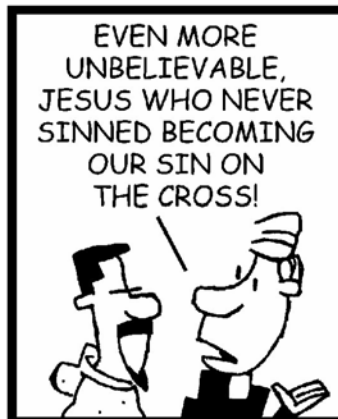
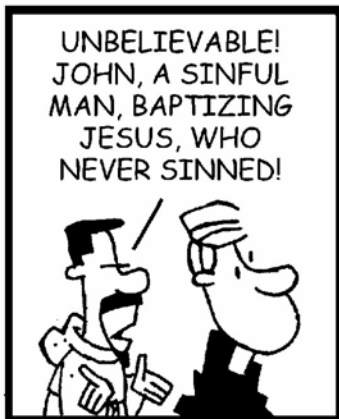
Prayer for Baptism

Oh God,

You desire each of us to be a part of Your sacred family, called and invited into relationship with You. May the grace of our Baptisms surround us anew, who are beloved and chosen by You.

Amen.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



A Father and his Four Sons

There was a man who had four sons. He wanted his sons to learn not to judge things too quickly. So, he sent them each on a quest, in turn, to go and look at a pear tree that was a great distance away.

The first son went in the winter, the second in the spring, the third in summer, and the youngest son in the fall. When they had all gone and come back, he called them together to describe what they had seen. The first son said that the tree was ugly, bent, and twisted. The second son said no it was covered with green buds and full of promise. The third son disagreed; he said it was laden with blossoms that smelled so sweet and looked so beautiful, it was the most graceful thing he had ever seen. The last son disagreed with all of them; he said it was ripe and drooping with fruit, full of life and fulfillment.

The man then explained to his sons that they were all right, because they had each seen but only one season in the tree's life. He told them that you cannot judge a tree, or a person, by only one season, and that the essence of who they are and the pleasure, joy, and love that come from that life can only be measured at the end, when all the seasons are up. If you give up when it's winter, you will miss the promise of your spring, the beauty of your summer, fulfillment of your fall.

