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May 25, 2025— Sixth Sunday of Easter

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
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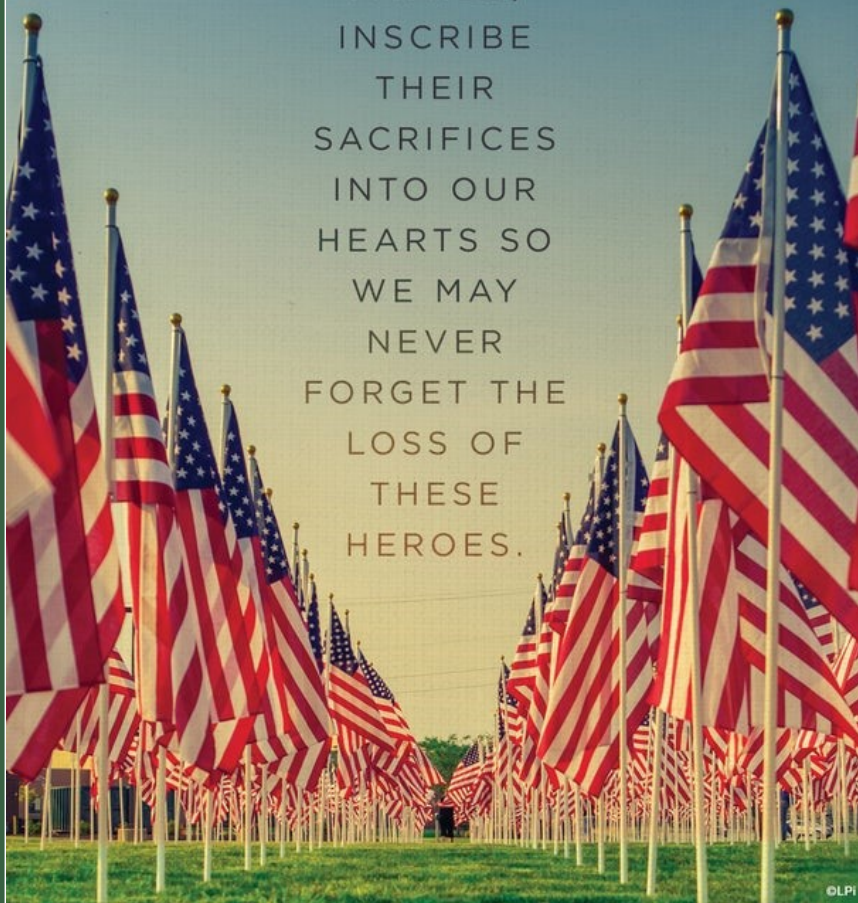
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MEMORIAL DAY

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THEIR
SACRIFICES
INTO OUR
HEARTS SO
WE MAY
NEVER
FORGET THE
LOSS OF
THESE
HEROES.



LENTEN DINNER

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MEAL

On June 7, 2025 after evening mass, there will be an appreciation dinner for all those who helped make the 2025 Lenten Fish dinners such a big success! Please join the celebration!

Masses and Candles — Week of 5/25/25**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

Saturday, May 24

6:00 PM | Horst Kunig by Annette, Sabine,
Andreas, & Rosemarie

Sunday, May 25

11:00 AM | Greg Gordish by Mom & Dad Gordish

Monday, May 26, Memorial Day

Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149; Jn 15:26—16:4a

9:30 AM | John Bosch by John & Sherry Blystone

5:00 PM | **NO HOLY HOUR, ADORATION**

6:00 PM | **NO MASS**

Tuesday, May 27, Easter Weekday

Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138; Jn 16:5-11

8:30 AM | John & Susan Cho by Theresa

Wednesday, May 28, Easter Weekday

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Ps 148; Jn 16:12-15

| **NO MASS**

Thursday, May 29, The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98; Jn 16:16-20 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17-23

8:30 AM | Christine Prenni by Tom & Carol Okopal

7:00 PM | Marty Doyle by Janet Toldi

Friday, May 30, Easter Weekday

Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47; Jn 16:20-23

| **NO MASS**

Saturday, May 31, The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56

7th Sunday of Easter—The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 7:55-60; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11;

Ps 47; Eph 1:17-23

6:00 PM | Andrew & Harry Zagurskie by Jim & Ella Zagurskie

Sunday, June 1

11:00 AM | All the People of Good Shepherd Parish



Blessed Mother Candle is lit in memory of Lois Fern Thompson by the Olsen Family

Good Shepherd Garden Candle is lit in memory of Ed Kendall by Katie Olsen

From Fr. Dino's Desk**Sixth Sunday of Easter Reflection**

May 25. Text: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29, Psalm: 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8, Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23, John 14:23-29.

The Gift That Lives Within

Gifts are most often tangible and the most prized ones satisfy our wants and desires. Jesus offers us a gift beyond anything we can imagine or desire - His risen presence as the Holy Spirit dwelling within us. This gift satisfies beyond all human expectations.

The Second Reading describes the heavenly Jerusalem which “gleam[s] with the splendor of God ... and the Lamb.” The Divine indwelling in us and our believing make us citizens of this city.

Jesus, in the gospel, promises to send us the Holy Spirit who will “teach [us] everything.” The Holy Spirit does not teach us what to believe, but to believe. To believe means to live out of the Divine indwelling, live out of the peace given, live out of the mutual exchange of love between God and us. Believing is living what the Spirit teaches us.

This Week at Church of the Good Shepherd

<u>Next Sunday:</u>	1-3 PM, Father Dino's “Going Home” Party, Ss Simon & Jude
<u>Monday:</u>	9:30 AM Memorial Day Mass 11:00 AM Iselin Cemetery 5:00 PM— NO HOLY HOUR OR MASS!!
<u>Wednesday:</u>	7:00 PM, Ascension Vigil, Ss Simon & Jude
<u>Thursday:</u>	7:00 PM Ascension of the Lord, Church of the Good Shepherd

Around the Diocese

BELOVED: A GATHERING OF WOMEN

Join women from around the Diocese of Greensburg for BELOVED: A Gathering of Women, Night of Reflection Monday, June 9, at 6:30 p.m. at Saint Mary (Nativity) Parish, Uniontown. Along with adoration, reconciliation and faith sharing, the evening will feature speaker Anne Papinchak, spiritual director/supervisor chair of the Pneuma Institute, an ecumenical nonprofit in Pittsburgh that provides training and support for spiritual directors/leaders. Papinchak is a wife, mother and parishioner of Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrys ville. Her topic will be "Praying with Scripture – As if I am There!" This evening of reflection is presented by the Office of Faith, Family and Discipleship for the Diocese of Greensburg and is open to all women at no charge. Registration is not required.

TRANSFORMED: A GATHERING OF MEN

The Diocesan Men's Ministry Group and the Office of Faith, Family and Discipleship for the Diocese of Greensburg invite all men from the Diocese of Greensburg to TRANSFORMED: A Gathering of Men Monday, June 16, at 6:30 p.m. at Saint Joseph Parish, Uniontown. Along with adoration, reconciliation and faith sharing, the evening will feature speaker Dr. Tom Octave, director of sacred music for the Diocese of Greensburg and director of music and liturgy for Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrys ville. His topic will be "Praying with Scripture." TRANSFORMED is open to all men of the Diocese at no charge and registration is not required.

Parish Stewardship

Weekly:	\$ 1,647.00
Monthly	\$ 950.00
Loose:	\$ 24.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 51.00
Accent:	\$ 5.00
Parish Improvements:	\$ 35.00
Father's Day:	\$ 115.00
Ascension of the Lord:	\$30.00
Online Giving:	\$ 248.00
Total Income:	\$ 3,105.00
Needed Weekly to Meet Budget:	\$ 4,242.83
Variance Over or (Under):	(\$ 1,137.83)
Fiscal Year-to-Date:	
Collected:	\$143,594.60
Needed to Meet Budget:	\$190,927.36
Variance Over or (Under):	(\$47,332.76)
Diocesan/Other Collections:	
Capital Campaign:	\$ 215.00



Diocesan Lenten Appeal 2025

Total pledges/gifts received:	\$ 17,914.00
Percent of Diocesan Goal (\$ 23,606.00):	96.2%
Percent of Parish Goal (\$41,006.00):	55.4%
Participating Households - 2 (290):	18.9%
Average 2025 Parish Gift:	\$ 366.31
Average 2024 Parish Gift:	\$ 295.71



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THE PRIEST WHO THOUGHT HE FAILED

The parish priest of a small town arrived at the Church encouraged and motivated to perform another evening Mass, but the hour passed and the town did not come. After 15 minutes delay, three children entered, after 20 minutes two young people entered. So, the priest decided to start the mass with the five people. Over the course of Mass, a couple came in who sat on the last benches of the Church.

When the priest preached and explained the Gospel, another half-dirty person came in with a rope in his hand. Disappointed and not understanding the cause of the weak involvement of the faithful, the priest celebrated Mass with love and preached with enthusiasm and zeal.

On his way back home, he was robbed and beaten by two thieves who carried his folder where his Bible and other valued belongings were. Arriving at the parish house, making the bandages of the wounds, described that day as: The saddest day of my life, a failure of my ministry, and the most unfruitful day of my career; but...never mind, I do everything with God and for Him.

After five years, the priest decided to share this story with parishioners at Church. When he was finished telling the story, a couple in that parish stopped him and said, "Father, the couple in the story that sat at the back was us. We were on the brink of separation because of several problems and disagreements in our home. That night we finally decided to divorce, but first we decided to come to Church one last time as a couple and then each one would follow their path. Meanwhile, we left the thought of divorce aside after listening to your homily that same night. As a consequence, today we are here with our home and family restored."

As the couple spoke, one of the most successful entrepreneurs who helped in the livelihood of that Church saluted, asking to speak and giving him the opportunity said, "Father, I am the person who came in half dirty with a rope in my hand. I was on the verge of bankruptcy, lost in drugs, my wife and my kids had left home on account of my behavior. That night I tried to kill myself but the rope broke so I went out to buy another one. When I got on my way, I saw the Church open, I decided to come in even though I was really dirty and had a rope in my hand. That night, your homily pierced my heart and I walked out of here a changed person. Today I'm off the drugs, my family came home and I became the most successful businessman in the town."

At the gate of the sacristy entrance, the Deacon shouted, "Father, I was one of those thieves who stole your belongings. The other one died that same night while we were doing the second robbery. In his briefcase, there was a Bible. I read it every time I woke up in the morning. After all this reading, I decided to apply it to my life and participate in this Church."

The priest was shocked and started crying along with the faithful. After all, that night he regarded as a night of failure was a very productive night.

MORAL OF THE STORY: Exercise your calling (work / mission) with dedication and zeal. Give it your best every day, because you are an instrument of good for someone's life. In the worst days of your life, you can still be a blessing to someone else. God can use the "bad circumstances" of a life to produce the best for others.

Congratulations to our First Holy Communion recipients Sienna Maudie and Grace Klunk!



GOOD SHEPHERD GARDEN MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It is that time of year to care for the Good Shepherd Garden! Volunteers are needed to do yard work on June 3-5 starting at 6:00 PM. Bring work gloves. Hope to see you there!

