FEAST OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL
JUNE 29
MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m.
Weekday: 6:45 and 9:00 a.m.
Divine Mercy prayed after 9:00 a.m. Mass
Sat. Morning: 9:00 a.m.
Holy Days: 7:00 Vigil, 6:45 & 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

RECONCILATION
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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Visit our Chapel day or night to spend time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Exposition 7:30 am to 10:00 pm. Chapel is open 24/7. Call Kathy Bond at 610-296-2526 or Jackie Geary 610-436-5399 for more information.

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.

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 St. Katherine Drexel Room in Monahan Hall.

WEDDINGS
We need at least six months to assist engaged couples to prepare or 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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Rev. Mark J. Haynes, Parochial Vicar
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Today the church celebrates the Feast of the Saints Peter and Paul.

My focus for this reflection will be on the Christian faith of Saint Paul and his understanding of his Roman Citizenship. The goal is to connect our daily life under ‘The Flag of Faith’ and ‘The Flag of the Nation State’. Paul’s tension is our tension. Paul is a law abiding Roman Citizen, but Christ came first. Paul paid dearly for his fidelity to the Lord.

We too are citizens of the world under the Flag of the United States of America and what a gift it is. In some respects it is easier to be a Christian in America because of our First Amendment. Yet there is evidence of what many of us sense, that America’s last standing bigotry is anti-Catholicism, anti-Christ for sure. And with good cause Christ comes first and His Gospel Mission of Charity is not open for discussion.

There are several key aspects of Christian charity that are frequently in the news. Charity is mercy in action, Christ’s gift of forgiveness and a second chance. The Charity of Christ is to care for those who have no safety net, to care for the poor. We are created in God’s image and likeness, therefore all life is sacred, all life is beautiful. Christ brings joy to us in a relationship, marriage is God’s plan, not Uncle Sam’s plan, marriage is between one man and one woman.

If you proclaim these charities at your place of work and for some of us even in our own families, prepare for the worst. Some may hail you into court, flog you in full eye of the public and you may even find yourself suddenly unemployed. You have just been side-lined. But then enter the Holy Spirit, even the gates of hell will not prevail against you. In all of this, His love is universal, gentle and life changing for everyone. We are encouraged this Independence Day to be people of the Gospel. Yes, it is good news but not easy news. Only Christ will bring you abundant life. Uncle Sam is a fellow citizen and no more. Everyone is under the banner of charity, everyone!

Sincerely
Father Gerlach

Stewardship
This Year—June 22, 2014—$27,103
Last Year—June 23, 2013—$26,944

Pastor—“Thank you to all those who are tithing. You are enabling our faith community to be vital. Surely you must know that God and our Lady hold you dearly in their hearts because you sacrifice in their names.”

Parishioner—“I had always tithed on part of my income. As I was considering the large jump it would take to tithe from my total income, I had household appliances fail. However, they all could be fixed under the warranty. I took this as God’s way of telling me to trust in His care.”

Children’s Liturgy of the Word
Beginning July 6, 2014, there will be no Children’s Liturgy of the Word at the 9:00 or 10:30 AM Masses.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word will resume at both Masses on Sunday, September 7, 2014.

If you would like more information, email email@simonandjude.org. Thank you
School News

The Summer Office Schedule is as Follows:

July: Office will be closed.
Phone and email will be checked regularly but perhaps not daily.
Monday 8/4 to Thursday 8/7......9:00 - 12:00
Monday 8/11 to Friday 8/15.......8:00 - 12:00
Monday 8/18 and Tuesday 8/19...CLOSED
Beginning Wednesday 8/20:
Monday to Friday....................8:00 - 4:00

For information about the school, or to download registration forms (posted under “Forms) visit our school website at: www.simonandjude.org  click on parish school. You may also schedule an appointment with Sr. Jeannine Norton, IHM, principal, at sjnorton@simonandjude.org or 610-696-5249. Those registering for Kindergarten MUST be 5 years of age or before September 1, 2014. Those registering for Grade 1 MUST be 6 years of age on or before September 1, 2014. There are no exceptions to the above age requirement. Do not let financial concerns hold you back. Generous donors allow us to offer tuition assistance.

Sr. Jeannine Norton, Principal

PREP—Parish Religious Education Program

Registration for PREP 2014-2015
We are still accepting registration forms for PREP. If you have any questions regarding registrations, please do not hesitate to call the Religious Education Office at 610-692-3118.

Pre-School classes on Sunday mornings 9:00 am to 10:00 am for students ages 3,4, and kindergarten.

Elementary Level Classes Levels 1 thru 6 are available at the following times:
Tuesday—Levels 1,3,4,5 Times 4:15 pm to 5:30 pm
Tuesday—Levels 1,2,3,4,5 Times 6:00 pm to 7:15 pm (Students preparing for First Penance & First Communion must attend)

Wednesday—Levels 1,3,4,5,6 Times: 6:00 pm to 7:15 pm (Students preparing for Confirmation must attend)
We offer 7th and 8th grade students “Youth Group” on Sunday evenings (first and third Sundays) 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. We are very grateful to all those who support and cooperate in this very important matter of Religious Education and faith Formation.

It was a wonderful five days of fun in the “Son” here at our SSJ Treasure Island. There were 82 children and lots of adults and youth group students who enjoyed the music, crafts, games, teaching and snacks. We are extremely grateful to all those who were involved in making camp a special memory in our summer time activities here at SSJ. We thank our sponsors especially the Knights of Columbus who helped with sponsoring our T-shirts. We pray that God will continue to guide our volunteers and ask Him to take care of our campers and their families. Dates for 2015 will be coming soon!

God Bless You, Sr. Barbara Jude Gentry (AKA Sister Skipper)

Active Duty Military Prayer List

We are updating our list of active military in our parish. If you have a loved one you wish SSJ to pray for, please call the Rectory Office at 610-696-3624 or email: email@simonandjude.org with the branch of service and complete name. May God Bless and Protect all Military Personnel
We are able to provide this service to all of our parishioners who are interested. Automated Giving is quite simple. You authorize the Parish to debit your weekly offering (not special collections) directly out of your bank account. If you are interested, please complete the form below, make a copy for your records, and send the original to Ron Avellino in the Rectory Office. If you decide to sign up later, forms will be available in the Office.

**AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT FOR SUNDAY COLLECTION AUTOMATIC DEBITS**

**Organization Name:** SS. Simon and Jude Church  
**Tax ID Number:** 23-1609245

I ______________________________________ hereby authorize SS. Simon and Jude Church in West Chester, PA to initiate debit entries to my Checking ___ or Savings ___ (check one) account indicated below and the depository named below, hereinafter called Depository, to debit the same such account. You will be notified of the start date of the debits. The debit entries to said account should be in the amount of:

$_______ Weekly (every Monday) _____ Monthly (2nd Monday of the Month) ________

**Depository (Bank)**

Name _______________________________ Branch ___________________________

City _______________________________ State _________________ Zip __________

Bank Transit/ABA No. __________________ Account No. ________________

(If checking account debit, attach a voided check or pre-printed deposit if savings account debit)

This authority is to remain in full force and effect until SS. Simon and Jude Church has received notification from me of its termination in such time and manner as to afford SS. Simon and Jude Church reasonable opportunity to act on it.

Name (PRINT) ________________________________

Signature ________________________________ Date ____________________________

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**Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles**

**Travel with Fr. Mark Haynes, on our Ireland and Scotland trip.**

**Where:** Galway, Our Lady of Knock, Cliffs of Moher, Killarney, Dublin, Edinburgh Castle, St. Andrews Cathedral.

**Trip Dates:** June 22 to July 4, 2015

**Cost:** $4,599.00 Airfare and ALL-included

**To register, please contact** (855) 842-8001 or (508) 340-9370. You can also register online at www.proximotravel.com

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**Summer YLM - Time Change**

Beginning **July 1st** our Youth Led Ministry will be held on Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM.

Our SS. Simon and Jude Youth Ministry just celebrated our 2nd year anniversary this month. We meet every week throughout the year with the high school teens for faith, fun, food and friendship.

**Attention all 8th Grade Graduates!**

One of the perks of starting High School is that you are now eligible to join the YLM! We are a group of people your age, from your parish. Join us this summer for some fun times learning about our faith, helping others with service, and enjoying some good food. We’ll meet on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM in the Meehan Center.

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**ARCHDIOCESAN TRANSFER GRANTS OF $1,000 PER STUDENT ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO ATTEND BISHOP SHANAHAN HIGH SCHOOL**

The Archdiocesan Program is for incoming, 10th, 11th and 12th graders transferring from public, private or charter schools for the upcoming 2014-2015 school year. Any questions, contact cdale@shanahan.org or call 610-343-6206

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**SUNDAY COLLECTION AUTOMATIC GIVING IS AVAILABLE**

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Signature ________________________________ Date ____________________________

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PARISH SHRINE TRIP

Wednesday, July 23, 2014 Trip to Shrines in Germantown and Bucks County, Cost $30

First Stop: Shrine of the Miraculous Medal in Germantown — Includes Gallery of Religious Art including the vestments worn by Pope Pius XII the day St. Catherine Laboure was canonized. Tour the Upper Church and Shrine. Hear the story of St. Catherine Laboure and the apparitions and a visit to the gift shop.

Second Stop: National Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel in Bensalem...hear the story of St. Katharine, visit the Museum and chapel. Walk in the footsteps of St. Katharine Drexel.

Third Stop: National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa also known as the American Czestochowa is a Polish-American Roman Catholic Shrine.—Doylestown, PA. Beautiful shrine and grounds and gift shop.

Please fill out this form for either one or both trips. Return in an envelope marked “Shrine Trip” Make checks payable to SS. Simon & Jude Parish. For Reservations call Mary Ann McCarry 610-431-7979.

☐ July 23rd Shrine Trip $30

Name: ___________________________ Telephone ________ ________ ________
Address: __________________________ City____________ State________ Zip________
Traveling Partner_________________ Cell Phone ________ ________ ________
Emergency Contact: ______________ Phone: ________ ________ ________
Adoration Schedule for 4th of July

Adoration will end Thursday, July 3 at 10 PM
Adoration will resume TUESDAY, July 8 After the 6:45 AM Mass

Bereavement
Those who are grieving the loss of a family member or friend are invited to our next Bereavement session to be held Wednesday evening, July 23, at 7 pm in the Welcome Center.

Church Cleaners
Thanks to the following parishioners for volunteering to clean our church on Friday, July 4.... Pat Donaghey, Joan Gibson, Toni Mastronardo, Karen Collins, Kathryn Walsh, Annette Barone.

Attention !!!
Musicians High School Age and Above:
Looking to keep the Steubenville experience alive through music? The SSJ Catholic Charismatic prayer group is looking for people to play musical instruments such as guitar, flute, piano, drums, etc. to accompany their prayer and praise once a month. Practice will be weekly throughout the summer. If you are interested, please contact Margaret Strate at Margaret.strate@gmail.com for more information.

Adult Social Club
Williamsburg—2 days
October 4 and October 5, 2014
Overnight at DAYS INN colonial historical Williamsburg area. Three meals which includes luncheon and a show “The Fabulous Fifties” at the Boxwood Inn. Guided tour, dinner at the Whaling Company, Shopping, Yorktown village and Victory Center. Taxes, baggage handling etc, all included. $320. Member and $325 Non-member Call Ruth Ayres 610-692-3891.

Would you like to become a Catholic?
For information please contact Sr. Mary Beth by email: smarybeth@simonandjude.org

Do You Need A Nurturing After School Environment for Your Child?
SS. Simon and Jude CARES (Children Are Receiving Extended Services) Program provides professional care, supervision, recreation and homework help to all working families who desire supplementary day care in a Catholic environment. This service is available to all SSJ students from Grade 1-8 and full day Kindergarten. If interested, please call Ron Avellino or Maureen O’Malley at the Rectory Office, 610-235-4240 or visit the school website for registration forms and information.

Abbey Faith and Music Fest Tickets On Sale Now!
This festival, to be held on September 20 on the grounds of Daylesford Abbey, is sponsored by the Norbertine Fathers of Daylesford Abbey and St. Norbert Parish both located in Paoli, PA.
It will be an extraordinary day with speakers, music, food, Holy Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and ending with a candlelight Eucharistic Adoration. For information go to: TheAbbeyFest.com
If you are thinking about attending please contact Dan Milani at hsyouth@simonandjude.org.
The festival has extended a special offer to parishes if we order tickets as a group. The deadline for this group rate is June 30.
### WEEKLY EVENTS

**Sunday, June 29**
- 9:00 am  Children’s Liturgy of the Word (Chapel)
- 10:30 am  Children’s Liturgy of the Word (Chapel)
- 7:00 pm  AA (East Hall)

**Monday, June 30**
- 7:00 pm  Respect Life Holy Hour (Chapel)
- 7:00 pm  Charismatic Prayer Group (Choir Room)
- 7:00 pm  Rebuilt Meeting (Welcome Center)

**Tuesday, July 1**
- 6:30 pm  YLM (Meehan Center)

**Wednesday, July 2**
- 9:45 am  Legion of Mary (Welcome Center)

**Thursday, July 3**
- 2:00 pm  Rosary at Pembrooke

**Friday, July 4, God Bless America**
- 9:45 am  Church Cleaners (Church/Chapel)
- 7:30 pm  NA (East Hall)

**Saturday, July 5**

**Sunday, July 6**
- 7:00 pm  AA (East Hall)

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### MASS FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday, June 28**
- 5:00 pm  Dr. Martin Rocco

**Sunday, June 29**
- 7:30 am  Living and Deceased of Parish
- 9:00 am  Joanna & Stephen Dysleski
- 10:30 am  Leonard & Madeline Dysleski
- 12:00 pm  Cindy Alexander
- 6:00 pm  Intention of the Priest Celebrant

**Monday, June 30**
- 6:45 am  Sophie Williams
- 9:00 am  Florence Saracina

**Tuesday, July 1**
- 6:45 am  Jim Hegarty
- 9:00 am  Harold Hare

**Wednesday, July 2**
- 6:45 am  Debbie Sloan
- 9:00 am  Regina Levy

**Thursday, July 3**
- 6:45 am  S.F. Barrett (45th Anniversary)
- 9:00 am  Alice Kandler

**Friday, July 4**
- 6:45 am  Ann Ruhl
- 9:00 am  Mary Singler

**Saturday, July 5**
- 9:00 am  Mary Jane Steel
- 5:00 pm  Poor in memory of Fr. Francis Meehan

**Sunday, July 6**
- 7:30 am  Living & Deceased of Parish
- 9:00 am  Thomas McFarland
- 10:30 am  Anne Louise Eyre
- 12:00 pm  Evangeline Poore
- 6:00 pm  Intention of the Priest Celebrant

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**Young Adults: Join us for Praise & Worship Adoration (www.cyacc.org)**

Are you in your 20s and 30s looking for other Catholics your age? CYACC offers social, spiritual, and service opportunities to Catholic young adults in the local area. Join us this Wednesday, July 2 for our monthly Praise & Worship Adoration. The Holy Hour begins at 7:30 PM in the lower chapel of Saint Agnes in West Chester. Confession will be available.

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**Bethesda**

Casseroles will be collected the third Sunday of the month from 8:15am to 11:00am. Please drop off your FROZEN casseroles in the kitchen in Monihan Hall. If you would like to make a casserole please pick up recipes and containers at the Rectory.