

Our Sacred Stories
God's Plan of Love for All Humanity

*As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you: abide in my love....
 This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.*

(John 15:9, 12)

A short time ago, I was hiking in the woods with some friends. Along the path, we came upon a pond. As we stood and chatted in the peacefulness of this scene in the woods, we quietly tossed a few stones into the center of a pond. Chatting away, we noticed the splash as the rock hit the water. More interesting was what happened to the whole pond. As the rock broke the surface of the water, ripples spread outward from this center and ultimately reached even to the far shoreline.

This Sunday (6th Sunday of Easter) the Gospel shows Jesus leading us to see the loving relationship that is created between God as our loving parent and ourselves. This love of God, in fact brings a whole series of loving relationships into our world. As complex as Christian faith can seem to be, it is in fact founded on a simple revelation: God loves us, all of us. God reveals this love in Jesus himself and from Jesus this revelation is to reach out through us to all. Like the rock thrown into the pond, Jesus breaks through the surface creating ripples of our God's love that reach to the far and distant shores of our world.

This is the chain of loving relationships that appears in John's Gospel today (John 15:9-17). Jesus received and accepted the Father's love. He loved his disciples with this same love. As disciples we are to love one another as Jesus has loved us. And we are to share the ripples of this love to the ends of the earth.

Again and again, the Book of the Acts, show us the earliest Christian communities revealing the outward ripples of this loving relationship. The Spirit of the living God is given freely. It knows no bounds and shows no partiality (Acts 10:25-48). God's love is a gift, not earned or merited, not limited or measured, but boundless, open and free for all – a true gift and blessing.

As it happens, this weekend we observe Mother's Day. What a reflection of God's love touches us in our mother's love, in the love of every mother. Such love is more than a simple word. It is, in fact something we can only know by experiencing it. We learn to love by witnessing love in living examples that surround us through life. Our mothers and fathers proclaim the reality of love for us from the very beginning of our lives. Our discipleship, more than anything else is sharing this as Jesus has shown us with the expression of open, caring, compassionate love for all the peoples of the earth.

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St. Gertrude

Sts. Simon & Jude

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Property & Finance Chair: Marg McCallum	St. Simon & Jude	Sunday 9:00 am
Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 10:00 am- 1:30 pm	<i>Reconciliation</i>	Sunday 8:15-8:45 am

May 9, 2021

6th Sunday of Easter

Saturday	May 8	4:00 pm St. Gertrude	Richard Keilty
Sunday	May 9	9:00 am Sts. Simon & Jude.....	Pauline & Ernie Donaldson
Sunday	May 9	11:00 am St. Gertrude	Parishioners
Monday	May 10	No Mass
Tuesday	May 11	12:15 pm St. Gertrude	Rosary Led by the CWL
Wednesday	May 12	11:15 am Adoration 12:15 Mass St. Gertrude.....	All Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	May 13	12:15 pm St. Gertrude	Geneva, Tom & Mary King
Friday	May 14	9:00 am St. Gertrude	Bill Dionne
Saturday	May 15	4:00 pm St. Gertrude	Manuel Pichay Sr, Gerardo Beray & Gerry Pichay
Sunday	May 16	9:00 am Sts. Simon & Jude.....	John Dufour
Sunday	May 16	11:00 am St. Gertrude	Parishioners

**Please contact Fr. Martin at 328-3306 if someone requires a hospital visit.
 Please have items for Bulletin by Wednesday**

Please pray for the sick: Nora Gagnon , Gordon Reinhart, Martha Cummings Sincennes, Bridget Keenan Wort, John Gallagher, Pat & Ed McGuire, Lori Young, Emmanuel Basque, Ron Haines, Karen Keoughan ,Dorothy Hemsley & Margaret Bridgeo.
Those who have died: Helen Ross

CWL- PRAYER LINE: Prayers will be said daily for two weeks by the CWL women, on request. All requests are confidential; no information is required. To have prayers said, call Jocelyn Keirstead (328-9485) jkeirstead52@gmail.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Mondays *Bingo. Door opens at 6:00 pm.*
50/50 – May 3, 2021- Winner Monica Riley **\$265.00.** Tickets are \$2/week available at Martin's Corner Store on Broadway or bulk food store on Connell St. Tickets must be purchased by 6 pm Sunday.



Congratulations to our children who are receiving their first communion Sunday May 9th

Cyrus Aquino Klaire Collier Cyren Aquino Mya Grant Samantha Doherty
 Abby Bubar William MacDonald Liam Miguel Lila Maskell Wren Hallett

Many thanks to Joan Hawkins for her many years of service to St. Simon and St. Jude as parish secretary as well as usher/screener during these covid-19 times. Joan has moved to Fredericton and we all wish her well in her new home and she will always be welcome to visit.

We will soon be planning for **Grad Mass in June.** Please contact the office if you have or know of any students graduating in our **Parish** in June as we want to recognize them. We would not want to leave anyone out. Thank you.

St. Josephs Newburg Cemetery Association will be holding their semi-annual meeting on Sunday May 23rd at 2:00 pm at the church providing we do stay in the Yellow Phase of recovery. COVID-19 protocols will be followed with sign in, hand sanitizing, wearing masks and seated 6’ apart in your family bubbles.

Thank you parishioners of Sts. Simon and Jude who donated 190 lbs. of food last Sunday with a cash value of \$490.



Ministries Date	Time	Lector	Hospitality/Door Greeter	Screener
15-May	4:00 PM	Ben Kilfoil	Gerry Crawford	Veronica Steeves
16-May	11:00 M	Brittany Harris	Claude Dube	Sharon Tenhave
22-May	4:00 PM	Loraine Stone	Mike McCallum	Marg McCallum
23-May	1:00 AM	John Lenehan	Claude Dube	Patricia Paul
16-May	9:00 AM	1st Reading Diane	Prayers Faithful +	2nd Reading Pierrette
23-May	9:00 AM	1st Reading + Sally	Prayers Faithful	2nd Reading Rita

Offertory May 1/2, 2021

	St. Gertrude	Sts. Simon & Jude	St. Thomas
Loose	33	4	
Envelopes	710	542	150
PAD	1,747	249	77
Initial Envelope			6
E-Transfer	20	100	
Candles	—	151	—
	<u>2510</u>	<u>1046</u>	<u>233</u>
Papal Charities	258		
Dev & Peace	5	St. Bonaventure	30
Poor & Needy	20	Global South	10
		St.	
Lynn Lake	200	Lawrence/Benton	10