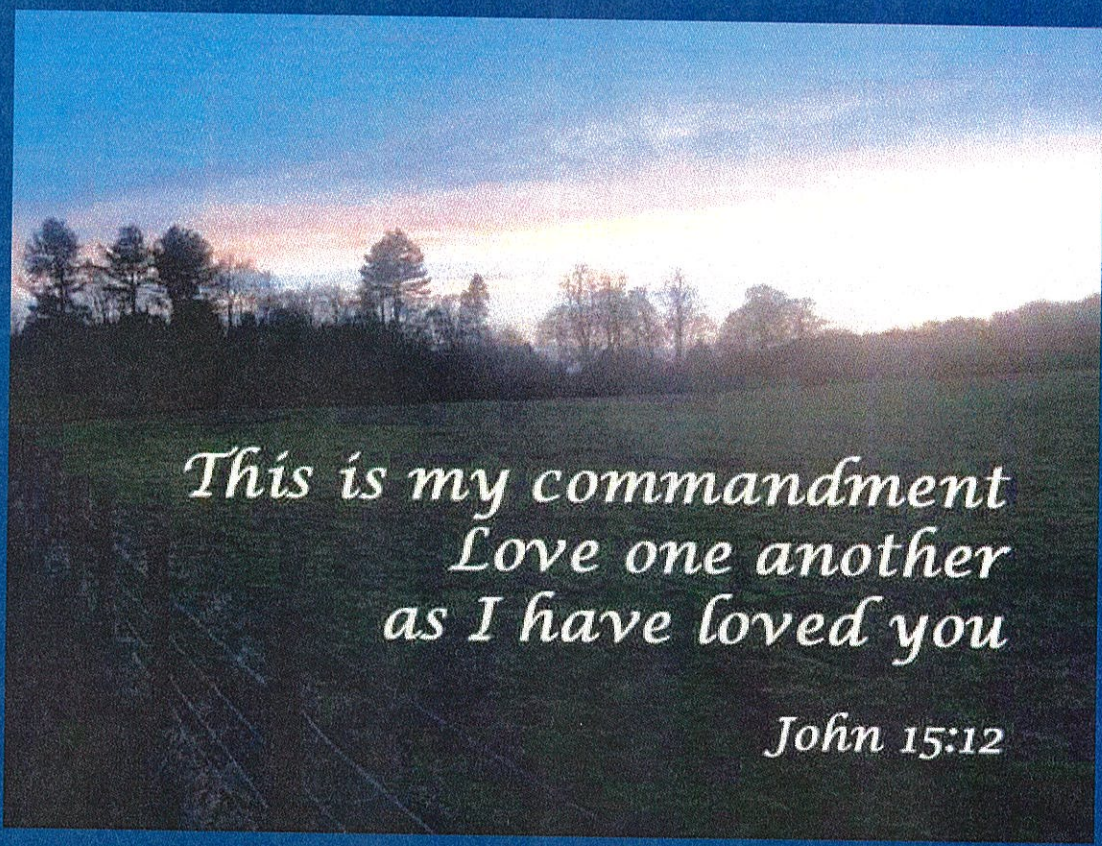


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*This is my commandment  
Love one another  
as I have loved you*

*John 15:12*

St. Jude Catholic Church & The Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague  
Parish Weekly Update as of May 7, 2021

A mother is she who can  
take the place of all  
others but whose place  
no one else can take.



*Happy  
Mother's  
Day*

## Shrine - 5/1/2021

Actual	Budget	Diff.
\$521	\$308	+\$213
YTD	Budget	Diff.
\$13,711	\$13,552	+\$159

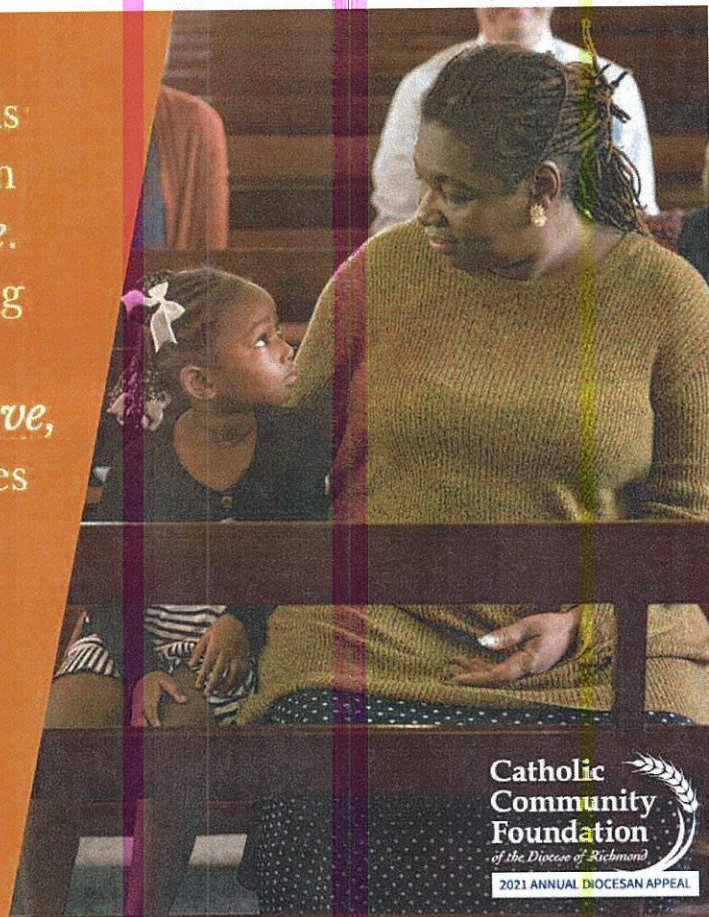
## St. Jude - Repair &amp; Maintenance - 5/2/2021

Actual	Month Budget	Diff.
\$835	\$1,667	-\$832

**May 2021:**5/9 - Repair & Maintenance - **St. Jude**5/16 - Diocesan Home Mission - **St. Jude/Shrine**5/30 - Parish Social Ministry - **St. Jude****June 2021:**6/13 - Repair & Maintenance - **St. Jude**6/20 - Peters Pence - **St. Jude**6/27 - Peters Pence - **Shrine**

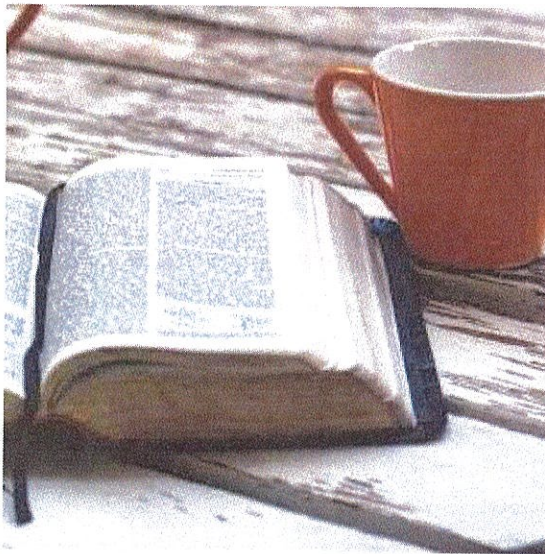
"Faith in action is  
*love*, and love in  
action is *service*.  
By transforming  
that faith into  
*living acts of love*,  
we put ourselves  
in contact with  
*God Himself*,  
with Jesus  
our Lord."

—  
- Mother Teresa



**Catholic  
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"There are a lot of ideas out there about what it takes to be happy: earn a certain income, have certain experiences, achieve certain things. In today's Gospel, Christ presents us a vision of



***Coffee with Father: A Study in the Book of Genesis***

Will resume Sunday, May 16th at 1:00PM via Facebook Live!  
(Will be posted to the parish YouTube channel after streaming.)

**Sunday, May 9, 2021**  
**Sixth Sunday in Easter**

**Mass Intentions:**

**Shrine:** For the intentions of *Dorothy Hewitt*

**St. Jude:** For the repose of the soul of *Stuart Dimick*

**Readings:**

**1st Reading** - Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

**Psalm**- 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

**2nd Reading** - 1 John 4:7-10

**Gospel** - John 15:9-17

**Prayer of the Faithful**

**St. Jude**

**May 9, 2021**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Response... Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. For all seeking faith in these crazy times, ... **We pray to the Lord.**

• **For compassionate immigration policies,... We pray to the Lord.**

1. For mothers everywhere, ... **We pray to the Lord.**

1. For all who have lost a child, ... **We pray to the Lord.**

1. For the repose of the soul of Stuart Dimick for whom this Mass is offered, and for the souls of the faithful departed, that eternal light may shine on them, ... We pray to the Lord.

Meditation:

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***God first loved us***

"It is said that St. John lived to a great age, and as an old man was carried each Sunday to where the Christians at Ephesus were celebrating the Eucharist. Invariably he was asked to address the little congregation, and always he spoke about the love of God, until even these devout people grew a little weary of the same recurring theme. The old man would not change his subject but persisted in speaking about love, because for him the central theme of Jesus' message was the overwhelming love of God. "We believe in love," was the motto of those who were in full agreement with John.

This could easily be an empty slogan, except that John stated clearly what he meant by love, and it is echoed in today's 2nd Reading. "This is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us, when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes away our sins." The deep truth about God is not that he loves us or that he is a lovable being, but rather that, in himself, he is love. By his nature God gives and shares of his inner self. It also means that whoever receives the gift of God's love must mirror God's own sharing of self. God's love was such as to impel him to give his only Son so that we might have life through him.

I am quite unable to love myself to the same degree that God loves me. God is even closer to me than I am to myself. Through the prophet Isaiah 49:16) God addresses to me the consoling words, "See upon the palm of my hand I have written your name." Indeed, in the person of Jesus, God, as it were, reaches out to us with two hands — the one extended in forgiveness which saves us from being engulfed here and now in our evil ways, the other casting a ray of light beyond the portals of death, reminding us that as God raised Christ from the dead, so he will redeem us too, when we have completed our earthly existence. That we are able to grasp those hands of God extended to us, that we are able to cling to them steadfastly, is more a gift of God's grace than our own accomplishment. No amount of self-pruning, of teeth-gritting human striving, will bring us any closer to God.

But if we try and go through life in the conviction that God's loving care is watching over us, we will cease to be anxious about our own happiness, about what we would like to become. Strange as it may seem, faith in God's love for us frees us from all kinds of inner pressures, and yet at the same time brings us to a closer and more completely loving our God. "There are three things that last," St Paul tells us, "faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love" (1 Cor 13:13). For coming into the presence of God, faith will give way to vision, hope to attainment, but love will continue alive and well for all eternity."

*\*Verbatim from the Association of Catholic Priests Website\**

<https://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2021/05/may-9-2021-sixth-sunday-of-easter/>

**Useful Links:**

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***Parish Links:***

The **NEW** St. Jude/Shrine Website: <https://stjudefranklin.org/>

***Online Giving: via ParishSoft Giving:***

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/st1014121>



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