



St. Isidore Field in midsummer splendor, 2013.

KEY DATES ANNUALLY

TBD, MARCH – Prayer service to mark the beginning of spring and World Water Day

MAY 15 – patronal feast of St. Isidore and blessing of the gardens

MONTHLY PRAYER/REFLECTION evenings throughout the growing season.

REGULAR LEADERSHIP TRAINING sessions throughout the growing season.

TBD, NOVEMBER – garden cleanup and harvest celebration.

Support Us

DONATIONS

Donations of labor, tools (shovels, rakes, spades), staking poles, water barrels, compost and compost bins, seedlings and other garden items will be gratefully accepted.

Financial donations to help create the new Pope Francis Garden are also most welcome, and can be made to: Garden Fund, Holy Family Parish, 56 Throop Ave, New Brunswick, NJ 08901.

We are grateful for a donation from **The Charles Engelhard Foundation, New York**, for garden art, and to **Visitation Parish, New Brunswick**, for leasing the Pope Francis Garden to us.

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“Small yet strong in the love of God, like Saint Francis of Assisi, all of us, as Christians, are called to watch over and protect the fragile world in which we live, and all its peoples.” Pope Francis, 11/24/13

Vision for our Parish Community Gardens

The mission of St. Isidore’s Field and the Pope Francis Garden is to give glory to God and creation by tending and protecting the earth and growing and harvesting its bounty. This gardening experience will also integrate prayer and worship, art, education and leadership development to create deeper faith connections and to more fully develop each participant’s God-given human potential.

“We human beings are not only the beneficiaries but also the stewards of other creatures. Thanks to our bodies God has joined us so closely to the world around us that we can feel the desertification of the soil almost as a physical ailment.” Pope Francis

Parish Community Garden Locations:

St. Isidore Field: Holy Family parish grounds, corner of Throop Ave. & Townsend St.

Pope Francis Garden: George St., at the intersection of Throop Ave.

Guiding Principles of the Gardens:

1. Our purpose is to grow food and flowers that will nourish body and spirit.
2. We don’t own the land, we are stewards of God’s gifts for us to use now, but also to protect in trust for those who will come after us.
3. We carefully tend our gardens by planting, watering, weeding and harvesting. We wisely use all natural resources, especially water.
4. To protect the health of ourselves, our neighbors and the earth, we employ only natural and organic means to enrich the soil. We do not use any chemical fertilizers or herbicides.
5. We follow the Catholic call to community with fellow gardeners. We keep common areas clean, meet and reflect regularly, and support the success of everyone’s garden.

“I planted, Apollos watered, but God caused the growth.”

1 Corinthians 3:6



St. Isidore Field, corner of Throop Ave. and Townsend St.

Grounds for Worship St. Isidore Field and Pope Francis Garden provide peaceful, verdant space for prayer and reflection. Holy Family Parish will host prayer events in both places throughout the year.

Religious Art St. Isidore Field will be active throughout the year, as art installations depicting salvation history and the saints will enrich the non-growing months and help parishioners and neighbors reflect.

Gardens of Learning Gardens are fertile ground to learn about food and nutrition, the environment and Catholic social teaching. Classes are being prepared for youth to be instructed in these important areas.

Leadership Development We want to grow leaders as well as food. Gardeners will gain valuable leadership skills and take responsibility for garden operation. They will also be invited into greater parish leader roles.