

PASTOR'S COLUMN—JUNE 13, 2016

Dear Parishioners:

Tree roots are an intricate network under the ground that bring water to the trees and supports the tree structures above the ground. What is fascinating about tree roots is how they can spread out many feet from the trees. Tree roots are not isolated under a particular tree but rather are all over the place under the ground.

God's Love is rooted within our hearts through Christ the Savior and like tree roots, God's Love is all over the place in our lives and in the lives of others. God's Love is an eternal life/love network of Oneness with us that "waters" us with mercy and supports us with risen life. Thus, we can live life continually branching out in new directions with faith in God's deep root system within us thanks to our Holy Communion with Jesus and one another.

As members of the One Body of Christ, we are networking together with others above ground in a root system that is intricately provided for by God's constant Love. A well-rooted faith in God brings us to be well-rooted with one another. The Structure of the Kingdom of God has its' root foundation in God's Saving Love in Christ. To live our Holy Communion with Christ is to live our Holy Communion with each other. It is the network of the Communion of Saints that we are all called to already in our earthly journey.

Tree roots are profound in how they grow in many directions. God's Love is eternally profound because God's roots of Oneness with us in Christ are constantly growing in many directions within us, encouraging us to be more expansive in our love for one another.

In God's Communing Love,
Fr. Terry