

# HAITI MINISTRY

## Meet Sts. Simon and Jude Parish



**Fr. Yves Etienne**

Haiti, a country poor in material goods but rich in religious faith, culture, and potential, has suffered through dictatorships, civil unrest, and natural disasters but endured because of the courage and creative industry of the people. In 1995, after prayer and discernment, the St. Patrick Pastoral Council and Fr. Norm Droski made a commitment to Sts. Simon and Jude Parish in Haiti. The following year, seven parishioners traveled to Haiti to assess the needs of our twin parish and begin a lasting relationship of love, mutual prayer, and assistance. Sts. Simon and Jude Parish serves families living in the mountains southwest of Port-au-Prince. The parish church is the center of community spiritual life. The church was built in 1970 and rebuilt in 2014 after the earthquake. Masses at Sts. Simon and Jude Church are well attended and vibrant with music and devotion.

As the violence in Haiti continues and increases, please pray for our brothers and sisters at our sister parish and throughout Haiti.

## Rectory & Guesthouse

In addition to the church, the Sts. Simon and Jude Parish campus includes a rectory with guesthouse, a school, a medical clinic, a convent, a grain mill, and a community center. Funded by generous donations from St. Patrick - St. Anthony parishioners in 2007, the new rectory at Sts. Simon and Jude contains a kitchen and dining room, as well as bedrooms, bathrooms, and a living room.



Residents line up to receive water



Rice and beans are staples of the Haitian diet

