Let Justice and Peace Flow
Season of Creation Sept. 1 – Oct. 6, 2023
Celebrating Creation … God’s Great Gift of Love
Offered by the Laudato Si’ Circle – a Creation Care Team Ministry at St. Patrick’s Parish, Pelham, NH

Wk. 1 – Sept. 1 – 8: Let Justice and Peace Flow Like a Mighty River
Community: Sept. 1, 2023 Begin the Season of Creation by joining the online interfaith World Day of Prayer for Creation prayer service, Let Justice and Peace Flow Like a Mighty River. Zoom link TBA

Wk. 2 – Sept. 9 – 15: Renewing Our Vocation as Stewards
Families/Individuals: Read and try, “10 Ways You Can Make a Difference” (see over **)
https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/resource/10-ways-you-can-make-difference
Community: Saturday, Sept 9, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm Potluck Dinner and the Movie – The Letter: a Message for Our Earth - followed by small group discussions at St. Patrick’s School Bld. Classroom

Wk. 3 – Sept. 16 – 22: Implore God’s Help/Ask His Pardon
Families/Individuals: Participate in confession or your own Ecological Examen. (see over ***)
Community: Tuesday, Sept 19, 6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration for Care of Creation, with Fr. Von.

Wk. 4 – Sept. 23 – Oct 1: Thank God for His Handiwork
Families/Individuals: Focus your mealtime prayers on thanksgiving for Creation (see over ****)
Community: Sunday, Sept. 24 11:30 am -1:30 pm Parish Picnic’s Creation Care Corner for Families

Wk. 5 – Sept 30 – October 6: Honor the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
Families/Individuals: Pray the St. Francis of Assisi Novena. Go to … https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/Novena-to-St-Francis
Community: Saturday, Sept 30, 1:00 pm Blessing of the Animals with Fr. Von. Join him again on Thursday, October 5, 7:00 pm for the Mass for Creation honoring the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Close the Season with your own “mini-retreat”, with “The Way of Francis: Seeking Peace and Justice for All of Creation”. Go to this link: https://catholicclimatecovenant.salsalabs.org/feastofstfrancis2023pre-registration

Receive Daily Season of Creation Reflections from the Creation Care Ministry of the Paulist Center, Boston. To sign up go to … seasonofcreationdaily.org

* See back page for prayers and resources *

For Season of Creation information go to seasonofcreation.org
* Wk. 1 – What’s an “Awe Walk”? It is an intentional way of walking/meditating … “a walk within a place of meaning and beauty, where your sole (soul) task is to encounter something that amazes and transcends, be it big or small.” https://ggia.berkeley.edu/practice/awe_walk

** Wk. 2. Ten Ways to Make a Difference
1. Be energy efficient.
2. Calculate your carbon footprint. Try the EPA carbon footprint calculator
3. Adjust the thermostat.
4. Adjust your driving routine. Combine multiple errands into one trip.
5. Go meatless on Fridays. Livestock produces about 4% of US greenhouse gas
6. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
7. Avoid single use plastics – use your own travel mug/cup and reusable shopping bags
8. Use less water.
9. Petition policy makers to take action on climate change.
10. Join St. Patrick’s Laudato Si’ Circle - A Creation Care Team Ministry Contact Walter Bacigalupo walterpat@me.com or Julia Steed Mawson islandwork999@gmail.com Adapted from Catholic Climate Covenant https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/resource/10-ways-you-can-make-difference

*** Wk. 3 – An Ignatian Ecological Examen:
1. I give thanks to God for creation and for being wonderfully made.
   Where did I feel God’s presence in creation today?
2. I ask for the grace to see creation as God does – in all its splendor and suffering.
   Do I see the beauty of creation and hear the cries of the earth and the poor?
3. I ask for the grace to look closely to see how my life choices impact creation, the poor and vulnerable. What challenges or joys do I experience as I recall my care for creation? How can I turn away from a throwaway culture and instead stand in solidarity with creation and the poor?
4. I ask for the grace of conversion towards ecological justice and reconciliation.
   Where have I fallen short in caring for creation and my brothers and sisters? How do I ask for a conversion of heart?
5. I ask for the grace to reconcile my relationship with God, creation, and humanity, and to stand in solidarity through my actions. How can I repair my relationship with creation and make choices consistent with my desire for reconciliation with creation?
6. I offer a closing prayer for the earth and the vulnerable in our society.
   http://www.ecologicalexamen.org

**** Wk. 4 – Mealtime Prayer of Gratitude for Creation
Earth maker and Lord of all creation, we are mindful that this food before us has already been blessed by your sun, soil, water, and air. We pause to be grateful for these hidden treasures of life in this food. For this food and all of creation, your great gift of love, we thank you Lord. (Excerpted and adapted from Food as A symbol by Edward Hays).