

**WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY: CARE FOR CREATION!**

This 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time coincides this year with World Environment Day, celebrated globally on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Today's liturgy, carefully prepared by our Faith and Justice Committee, evokes Pope Francis' recent words on climate change: *"The effective struggle against global warming will only be possible with a responsible collective answer that goes beyond particular interests and behavior and is developed free of political and economic pressures. On climate change, there is a clear, definitive and ethical imperative to act. The establishment of an international climate change treaty is a grave ethical and moral responsibility."*

Recently the countries of the United Nations adopted a new global agreement with 17 sustainable development goals to transform our world. These goals require the cooperation of governments, international organizations and world leaders. But they also require the cooperation of each one of us. In his recent encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis invites us to embrace our responsibility to care for all of God's creation, especially for "our common home, the earth." This weekend, two busloads of parishioners marked this day by going as pilgrims to the Kahnawake shrine of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, "the Lily of the Mohawks". Did you know that along with St. Francis of Assisi, she is one of the co-patrons of the environmental movement?

What else might we do to make our observance of this day truly "Catholic"? Here are a few suggestions from catechist Joe Paprocki (more info at <http://catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com>).

1. **Give praise to our Creator!** How appropriate that the first sentence of our Creed makes mention of the fact that all of creation comes from God! Pray the Creed. Sing songs of praise!

2. **Contemplate the wonders of God's creation!** Take some time to contemplate outdoors. Attend to the transformations marked by the coming of spring. "Faced with the glory of the Trinity in creation, we must contemplate, sing, and rediscover awe." (St. John Paul II)

3. **Pray, Pray, Pray!** Pray for those who are at risk from exposure to environmental hazards. Pray for social justice for those who are poor, who suffer disproportionately from environmental destruction. Pray for those with an excess of wealth that they may share with others more generously. Pray for future generations that they may benefit from a healthy environment.

4. **Create a Garden!** Participate in God's ongoing creation by planting and tending a garden. Share your "harvest" of flowers, fruits and vegetables with family, neighbours, or the poor.

5. **Read and study Church documents on caring for God's creation!** One of the Church's best-kept secrets is her long tradition of cultivating respect for God's creation. Read up on what Scripture and Tradition have to say about ecology and the environment.

6. **Take (and live!) the St. Francis Pledge:** a solemn commitment made by Catholic individuals and institutions to honor God's creation through prayer, study, action, and advocacy, initiated by the Catholic Coalition on Climate Change. ([www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/pledge](http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/pledge))

**ST. MONICA'S PARISH REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP FUND**

Thank you for supporting our Refugee Sponsorship Fund Campaign--we are close to reaching our goal. If you would like to donate, there are envelopes at the back of the church marked "St. Monica's Refugee Fund".

When making your **donation by cheque**, it is very important to make it out to **ST. MONICA'S REFUGEE FUND**. You can deposit the special envelope for this purpose in the regular Sunday collection basket or at the parish office as soon as possible. Once again, thank you.

## MASS INTENTIONS JUNE 4 TO 12, 2016

### Saturday, June 4: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**4:00** Vincenzo & Antonietta La Posta By Concetta La Posta  
Lorne Spencer By his wife Dina Fiori  
Deceased members of the Charles By Mary McDonald  
J. McDonald Family

### Sunday, June 5: Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:30** **In Loving Memory:** Leona Clarke, Giulio Salvati, Victor Weiss,  
Patrick Owen Dowd  
**11:00** Mirella Trocchia By husband Nunzio  
Ann & Jim Young By the Family  
Ramon Moran and By Grace Padua-Moran  
Edna & Asuncion Padua

### Monday, June 6: St. Norbert

**8:00** Antonio Cavallaro By the Cavallaro Family  
Giuseppe Fiori By his Wife & Family

### Tuesday, June 7: Weekday Mass

**8:00** Cruciano Nardinocchi By his Mother

### Wednesday, June 8: Weekday Mass

**8:00** Anna & Lorenzo Forlini By Louise Forlini  
Antonio Antenucci By Luisa Forlini

### Thursday, June 9: St. Ephrem

**8:00** Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessing for Angelita Pealane

### Friday, June 10: Weekday Mass

**8:00** Angelo Sabatucci By Ignazio Mattei

### Saturday, June 11: St. Barnabas

**4:00** Italo & Anna Mariani and By Luisa & Angelo Falcone  
Italo Falcone  
Angelo Caucci By Teresa Caucci  
Giacomo Fiori By his wife Berardina & Family

### Sunday, June 12: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:30** Leonardo Ricciardi By son Antonio Ricciardi  
Ermendo Giuseppie Nudo By wife Elvira Nudo  
Ursula Lafontaine By Rosa & Luigi Salvati  
**11:00** **In Loving Memory:** Beatrice Gagnon, Deceased members  
of the Cullen Family

#### Your Generosity...

*Thank you for your on-going support of our parish...* Collection for the weekend of May 28/29, 2016 totalled \$2,162.80.

### MATRIMONY MASS NEXT SATURDAY, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00p.m.



Are you celebrating a special wedding anniversary this year? Please consider participating in the **Matrimony Mass NEXT Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m.** Couples married at St. Monica's over the past year are also invited. There will be a small reception after the mass. **To participate, please sign up at the back of the church or call or email the parish**

**office before June 8<sup>th</sup>.** We also ask participating couples to please bring a photo of themselves. This will be put on display at the back of the church and returned to the couple after the mass.

## FAITH

### FIRST REGISTRATION:

Registration forms for 2016-17 Season are available at the entrances of the church, church hall, and rectory. **PLEASE**

**NOTE: All new, as well as, returning students must fill out a form before August 15 (so that we know how many books to order) and return it the rectory to guarantee a spot.**

**If you register by Sunday, June 26,** the cost of program is \$80 for one child, \$105 for 2 children, and \$125 for 3. **(after that date, \$20 will added on: \$80-\$100, and \$105-\$125 and \$125-\$145).**

Please note that your child will not be denied access to the program if you are unable to pay the fee. For further info or an electronic copy of the registration form, please contact Jennie Parsons-Armstrong at (514) 481-0267 or by email at [jennie.armstrong@bell.net](mailto:jennie.armstrong@bell.net).

### PAPAL CHARITIES

#### COLLECTION

#### NEXT WEEKEND JUNE 11-12

A disastrous flood or earthquake strikes a nation at the other end of the world. Immediately, many countries rush in food, money, medicine, blankets, and trained people. Prominent among such aid is the financial help offered by the Holy Father to people in need. In the name of Catholics everywhere, he displays Christ's love and compassion for those who suffer.

### WORLD ENVIRONMENT

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Today we are also commemorating World Environment Day, which is celebrated universally each year on June 5. We have often been reminded of things we can do to make a difference, to help save our world for future generations.