

**LAUDATO SI': THE HOLY SPIRIT WITHIN MOTHER EARTH ...
OUR COMMON HOME**

This coming June will mark two years since Pope Francis launched his first Encyclical, "Laudato Si', mi Signore, Praise be to you, my Lord". Our Holy Father begins by quoting the beautiful canticle of Saint Francis of Assisi who reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. Pope Francis reaches out to all human beings immediately by addressing everyone: "In this Encyclical, I would like to enter into dialogue with all people about our common home." (3)

Following in the footsteps of previous pontiffs, Pope Francis' long-awaited message joins the rich heritage of Catholic social teaching. On a fractious planet where indigenous beg that we pay attention, where refugees wander the globe, where entire species are disappearing, where our oceans are contaminated, where droughts and floods increase, women and men, young and older, from all walks of life, are looking for moral, spiritual and ethical leadership that responds to the reality experienced. Pope Francis does not disappoint.

Rather than being merely "the eco-encyclical", Laudato Si' calls all humanity and especially Catholic Christians to be who we are called to be, citizens of the world, on fire with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and who are committed to the common good.

The evenings of February 8th, 15th, 22nd, offer an opportunity to take a closer look at Laudato – Si', to taste its wisdom, to absorb the Love-Energy of our Incarnate God, and to nourish our identity and commitment as Catholic Christians living at this time in history. In the words of Pope Francis: "God, who calls us to generous commitment and to give him our all, offers us the light and the strength needed to continue on our way. In the heart of this world, the Lord of life, who loves us so much, is always present. He does not abandon us, he does not leave us alone, for he has united himself definitively to our earth, and his love constantly impels us to find new ways forward. Praise be to him!" (245)

(Sr. Maura McGrath, CND)

MENTORSHIP MINISTRY – A CALL FOR MENTEES

The Mentorship Ministry is a group of Catholic friends journeying with God and each other. We are seeking MENTEES, young adults (18-35 years of age) who are embarking on or have begun on their career path and would benefit from contact with a Mentor. Mentors are available to guide you on your career path with their experience and friendship. To sign up as a Mentee or for further information on the Ministry email Patricia Tuck at mentorshipm@gmail.com or telephone 438-399-4088 by February 17, 2017. Spots are limited and acceptance will be on a first come basis.



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MASS INTENTIONS FEBRUARY 4 TO 12, 2017

Saturday, February 4: Our Lady's Saturday

4:00 Maria Cardilli By Luisa & Angelo Falcone
Sandy Rassenti By his wife Reggie
James Lawrence Webb By Julie Webb

Sunday, February 5: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 In Loving Memory: Leona Clarke
11:00 Rosolino Sparapani By Maria Sparapani
Giovanni Donata Ricciardi By daughter Carmela
Barbara Walker By Glen & Mary Smith

Monday, February 6: St. Paul Miki & Companions

8:00 Special Intentions for all Parishioners

Tuesday, February 7: Weekday Mass

8:00 Agnesa, Martino & By the Family
Antonio Gagliardi

Wednesday, February 8: St. Jerome Emiliani

8:00 Special Intentions for all Parishioners

Thursday, February 9: Weekday Mass

8:00 Special Intentions for all Parishioners

Friday, February 10: St. Scholastica

8:00 Special Intentions for all Parishioners

Saturday, February 11: Our Lady of Lourdes

4:00 Vittoria & Giuseppe Caucci By Teresa Caucci
Ascenzio Rassenti By George & Pauline Wong
Ermando Giuseppie Nudo By his wife Elvira Nudo

Sunday, February 12: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Vincenzo & Antonietta La Posta By Concetta La Posta
11:00 In Loving Memory: Deceased members of Cullen Family

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JANUARY 2017

General Operating Fund - Jan 31, 2017

Budget Estimates for year 2017:	\$ 369,960.00
Monthly Revenue Goal:	\$ 30,830.00
January Sunday collection:	\$ 23,211.40
January Online collection:	\$ 603.14
Year to date Revenue:	\$ 23,814.54
Year to date Expenses:	\$ 23,294.79
Difference: Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 519.75

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK – FEBRUARY 11

The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. February 11 (Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes) highlights the healing ministry of the church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT UPCOMING EVENTS

Laudato Si': The Holy Spirit Within Mother Earth...Our Common Home

With all women and men of good will, we long to be deeply attentive to the Holy Spirit moving us into a future filled with hope. These three sessions, led by **Sr. Maura McGrath, CND**, will offer us an opportunity to listen together to Jesus' call to heal the Earth through the lens of "*Laudato Si' – Care for our Common Home.*" Join us on **Wednesday evenings, February 8, 15 and 22 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** in the parish hall. Pope Francis' book, *Laudato Si'* is available to purchase for **\$10** upon request at registration. Please register by **February 6.**

Coffee and Conversation

Join us next **Sunday, February 12 from 9:45 to 10:45 am**, in the rectory dining room to view THE WILD GOOSE video, **The Fruits of the Holy Spirit**. Free babysitting is available if you make arrangements with Anna no later than Wednesday, February 8. All are welcome!

Please refer to our website and the posters at the Church entrances for additional info. If registration is required, kindly use the appropriate sign-up sheets at the main church entrance or call Anna at the office.

