



DISCOVER

Laudato si'

“Praise be to you, my Lord.”

LAUDATO SI, mi' Signore – Praise be to you, my Lord. These are the words that open Pope Francis' encyclical on ecology and care for God's creation. These words, quoting St Francis of Assisi's beautiful canticle, remind 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 addresses *Laudato si'* to every person on the planet, for we all share a common home—the earth. He focuses on a number of important themes.

- **A Moral and Spiritual Challenge.** The ecological crisis, Pope Francis writes, is a summons to profound interior conversion—to renew our relationships with God, one another, and the created world.
- **Care for God's Creation.** God created the world and entrusted it to us as a gift. Now we have the responsibility to care for and protect it and all people, who are part of creation. Protecting human dignity is strongly linked to care for creation.
- **We are All Connected.** We are connected to the rest of the human family, to the created world, and to those who will come after us in future generations.
- **Impact on the Poor.** People in poverty have contributed least to climate change, yet they are disproportionately impacted by it. As a

result of excessive use of natural resource by wealthy nations, those who are poor experience pollution, lack of access to clean water, hunger, and more.

- **Called to Solidarity.** We are one human family and have a shared responsibility for others and for creation. Wealthy countries have a responsibility to reduce consumption of non-renewal resources and should help poorer nations develop in sustainable ways.
- **Technological and economic development** must serve human beings and enhance human dignity, instead of creating an economy of exclusion, so that all people have access to what is needed for authentic human development.
- **Supporting Life, Protecting Creation.** Concern for nature is incompatible with failure to protect vulnerable human beings, such as unborn children, people with disabilities, or victims of human trafficking.
- **A Time to Act.** Pope Francis calls for a change in lifestyle and consumption. We can make important changes as individuals, families, and communities, and as civil and political leaders.
- **Hope and Joy.** *Injustice is not invincible* (no 74) and we act knowing that we seek to live out God's vision of renewed relationships with God, ourselves, one another, and creation.



A Prophet for the Wilderness

The Pope's new encyclical is a hot topic nowadays because of its concrete calls to action for Catholics to recognize climate change as a moral and real issue. There are some who have become jostled by the Pope's encyclical and then feel the need to react against it by telling the pope to butt-out. This exhortation puts the Church in a tricky spot and it has certainly made Pope Francis some *powerful enemies*.

In the Gospel and in the readings there is a spirit of propheteering that God charges His servants to conduct. He instructs them to preach repentance, or to encourage the people they encounter to get out of their old ways and *change their minds or shift their ways*. Environmental issues are certainly challenging to overcome and embrace now as a moral fabric of the faith, but be open and bold, like Francis, to allow God to change your mind to challenge climate change.

“So they went off and preached repentance.”
—MARK 6:12

How You Can Respond

Each of us are called to take concrete steps – from reducing consumption to working for political change – to better care for creation. Here are some ideas.

1. **Become more aware of our connectedness.** Care for one another and creation includes understanding that *everything is connected* (no. 91) and that the economy, politics, community involvement, and technology all affect the future of the planet and humankind. How can we become more aware of our connectedness?
2. **Changes to lifestyle and consumption habits** can make a big difference. For example, get a re-usable water bottle, take shorter showers, walk, bike or take public transportation instead of driving, recycle, compost food waste, and buy energy efficient appliances.
3. **Make changes institutionally at your parish,** school, or workplace. For example, start recycling and composting, use washable dinnerware in cafeterias, share electronically instead of printing, do an energy audit, and install solar panels.
4. **Support local efforts to solve environmental problems.** Community groups around the country are working to make city, county, and state-wide changes that can make a big difference. Find out what is going on locally and get involved.
5. **Contact your members of Congress** to share Pope Francis' message and urge action to address climate change. Sign up for action alerts with the US Conference of Catholic Bishops at <http://cqcengage.com/catholicbishops/jphd>.

Where to find it

Read online:
tiny.cc/laudatosi

Buy the book:
amazon.com/1612783864

Festival 2015



ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW - ALL THE OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

Soda And Water Donations

The Festival Committee 2014 will begin **Soda Sunday...and Saturday Nights** too! Each weekend beginning **June 20th thru July 19th**, we're asking parishioners to donate cases of soda (regular or diet) and water to help lower our costs for the festival. With summer here, you're sure to spot great discounts on cases of soda and water at your local supermarket; so when you do, please pick 1 up and drop it off in the church vestibule on your way to Mass during any of our Soda Sundays...and Saturday Nights and we'll keep them on ice for you until the festival! **Many thanks in advance for your continued generosity.**

The Sweet Life Booth

CELEBRATE THE MOVIES!

Celebrate "the Movies" at this year's SWEET LIFE booth. Your monetary donations would be greatly appreciated, they allow us to purchase the "Sweets and Treats" for this booth. Please mark the donation envelope "Festival Sweet Life Booth" and drop it off at the rectory or give it to a festival committee member.

For questions please contact **Debby DeVenezia** or **John Faherty** at 201-222-3475 ddevenezia@hotmail.com Thank you in advance for your contribution. It is your generosity that makes the festival truly successful.

Gift Wheel Donations

The St. Padre Pio Prayer Group has been very successfully running the Gift Wheel at St. Anne's Festival the past few years; we are proud to say you have helped to make this possible. Once again, we are asking for new gifts or monetary donations to help make this year's Gift Wheel more successful than ever.

Please mark your donation envelope or gift donation "Festival-Gift Wheel" and drop your donations at the rectory or call **Fran Spazian** at 201-653-1318 for more information. Thank you for your past and continued generous support.

CUT OUT THE VOLUNTEER SIGN UP AND HAND IN TO RECTORY

St. Anne's Festival 2015 VOLUNTEER WORK SIGN-UP SHEET

Name:
Telephone:
Address:
Email:

Please check where you would like to work:

- Money Handler—must be 18 years old
- Game Booth Assistant
- Hourly 50-50 Raffle (must be 18 years old)
- Floater—Willing to work where needed
- Food Server—work in food concessions
- Set-up and breakdown of Booths includes merchandise inventory
- Runner—Must have a car and valid drivers license

Please check times of availability:

Thursday—July 23

- Help setting up the Festival

Friday—July 24

- 5:30 PM—8 PM
- 8 PM—11:30 PM

Saturday—July 25

- 3:30 PM—7:30 PM
- 7:30 PM—11:30 PM

Sunday—July 26

- 12 Noon—4 PM
- 4 PM—8 PM
- 8 PM—11:30 PM

Monday—July 27

- Help in cleaning up
- I Am Available Any Time During The Feast

Questions? Please contact St. Anne's Rectory @ 201-360-0838 or ST.ANNEPRAY4US@GMAIL.COM

Getting Involved

Festival Committee Members have been meeting monthly making plans for this year's Festival – happening **July 24,25,26, 2015!** Volunteers are needed to make the Parish Festival a success. If you've been involved with the Festival in the past, then you know it takes a lot of planning and organizing. If you have never been involved with the Festival and would like to help, feel free to attend the next Festival Meeting to find out what area you may be helpful – a Volunteer Work Sheet is also available to the right.

The Festival Meetings are held in Centennial Hall at 7 PM. The next meetings are scheduled for July 7, 14, 21.

Raffle tickets have been mailed out to our registered parishioners; additional raffle tickets are being sold by the Festival Committee at the weekend Masses outside church or you can purchase raffle tickets from St. Anne's Rectory.

Evening Entertainment

- Friday The Jersey Terrels
- Saturday The Jersey Four
- Sunday Blue Meadow

Festival Food

Enjoy many different kinds of food at St Anne's Parish Festival 2015!

American • Filipino • Spanish

Some featured options include: Water/Soda, Beer/Wine, Pizza, Hot Dogs, Zeppoles, Sausage & Peppers and much more!

50/50 Raffle

Purchase tickets for our annual 50/50 Raffle. The drawing will take place on **Sunday July 26 at 10 PM.**

Games/Rides

Indoor games will be located in air-conditioned Centennial Hall and Outdoor games/rides will be located on Congress St. And Kennedy Blvd.



Feast of Saint Anne

July 18–26 (St Anne's Novena)
July 24–26 (Feast in the Street)

We invite you to set the above dates for our annual Novena of Prayer. Please allow this to be like your annual retreat to grow closer to the Lord. Each day will be celebrated with a different theme coming from the readings of the day. Each day we will celebrate a 9 AM Mass and a 7 PM Novena with Benediction. St. Anne has many titles and is Patroness for many needs. Each day Special Blessings and Prayers are dedicated to those seeking particular petitions connected to the many titles of St. Anne as their patron.

On Sunday (JULY 19th), the Novena Mass will be the 12 Noon Sunday Liturgy; on Saturday (JULY 18th & 25th), the Novena will be recited after the 5:30 PM Mass; on Sunday (JULY 26th), there will be a Procession with St. Anne following the Noon Liturgy.

Special Blessing - SATURDAY Day 1

"Those Seeking The Will Of God In Their Lives"

Special Blessing - SUNDAY Day 2

"Those Who Are Sick And Infirm Or Feel Lost And Abandoned"

Special Blessing - MONDAY Day 3

"Homemakers Male Or Female; Those Who Establish A Place For Others To Grow"

Special Blessing - TUESDAY Day 4

"Expectant Mothers And Those Hoping To Get Pregnant"

Special Blessing - WEDNESDAY Day 5

"Grandparents And Grandchildren"

Special Blessing - THURSDAY Day 6:

"Those With Special Concerns For Themselves Or Others"

Special Blessing - FRIDAY Day 7

"For Those Whose Prayers Have Been Answered Or Trust They Will Be Answered"

Special Blessing - SATURDAY Day 8

"Those Seeking A Partner In Life And Those Who Wish To Give Thanks For The Partner They Have"

Special Blessing - SUNDAY (JULY 26th) Day 9

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Pastoral Team

James Carroll	Trustee
Fr. Nigel	Parish Priest
Fr. J. Ranieri	Weekend Assistant
Msgr. L.J. Miller	Weekend Assistant
Fr. D.X. Stump, S.J.	Weekday Assistant
Mrs. J. Waddleton & Lt. J. Carroll	Trustee

Weekly Planner

SUNDAY 7/12 • 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY 7/13

3:30-4:30 PM Legion of Mary *Convent*

TUESDAY 7/14

12:15 PM BINGO *Cent Hall*

7-8 PM Festival Meeting *Cent Hall*

WEDNESDAY 7/15

THURSDAY 7/16

FRIDAY 7/17

12:15 PM BINGO *Cent Hall*

SATURDAY 7/18

10 AM-5 PM Fil/Am BBQ Prep for Festival *Cent Hall*

SUNDAY 7/19 • 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgies

Saturday Evening Church English 5:30 PM

(anticipating Sunday) Misa Español 7 PM

Sunday Church 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 Noon

Monday ► Saturday: Mass Church 9 AM

Wednesday: Mass Church 7 PM

Holy Hour

Holy Hour will be suspended during the months of July & August.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturdays Church (Or by Appointment) 5 PM

Ministry to the Sick

We hope to give to all the sick and aged in our parish the opportunity to receive the Eucharist. If you or someone you know can no longer get to church, and would like a Eucharistic Minister to bring you Communion, please call St. Anne's Rectory at 201-360-0838 or email: Webmaster@stannesjc.com

July Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father

General intention: That political responsibility may be lived at all levels as a high form of charity.

Missionary intention: That, amid social inequalities, Latin American Christians may bear witness to love for the poor and contribute to a more fraternal society.

Sunday Readings

First Reading:	Ezekiel 2:2-5
Psalm:	Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4
Second Reading:	2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Gospel:	Mark 6:1-6a

Weekday Readings

Monday

Ex 1:8-14, 22 / Ps 124:1B-3, 4-6, 7-8 / Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Ex 2:1-15a / Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 / Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday St. Bonaventure

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12 / Ps 103:1B-2, 3-4, 6-7 / Mt 11:25-27

Thursday

Ex 3:13-20 / Ps 105:1 & 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 / Mt 11:28-30

Friday

Ex 11:10-12:14 / Ps 116:12-13, 15 & 16BC, 17-18 / Mt 12:1-8

Saturday

Ex 12:37-42 / Ps 136:1 & 23-24, 10-12, 13-15 / Mt 12:14-21

Sanctuary Gifts for July 12th—July 18th

Gift	In Memory/honor of	Requested By
Altar Wine	Gerardo Solis	Pat Roda
Altar Bread	† Audrey	Parish Intention
	Dzincielewiski	
Sanct. Lamp	† Raymond E. Pastorek	Parish Intention
Altar Candles	† Mona Tortora	Parish Intention

Sick List

Let us pray for the sick (People will remain on sick list for 2 weeks unless otherwise notified): Vicky Aguillon

- Marie Foley • Josephine Cermak Rowan • Steve & Rachel Mastin • Diane Shea • Joseph Callandrillo • Humberto Quintana • Julia Annicchiarico • Javier Vega • Jennifer Moloughney • Antoinette Maddi • Carol Jordan • Anthony Biggio • Sammy DeLeon • Shane Quinn • Alice Daly • Sadie Krieger • Dolores DelMonte • Dianne O'Sullivan • Carl Carlson • Larry Bello • Miyuki Campbell • Diane Albert • Meghan Connaughton

Schedule of Masses July 13th– July 19th, 2015

Monday, July 13

9 AM Lawrence Shin *Family*

Tuesday, July 14

9 AM † John Stump *Kathleen Castle*

Wednesday, July 15

9 AM Angela Aversana *Mary Shin*
Family

Thursday, July 16

9 AM † OL of Mt. Carmel *Gerardo Fusco*

Friday, July 17

9 AM † Dr Nicholas Marchese *Virginia Sarni*

Saturday, July 18

9 AM † Fr John Maher *Parish Intention*
5:30 PM † Lillian Amabile *Her Children*
7 PM † Ricky Ramos & Irma *Wanda Butler*
Rodriguez

Sunday, July 19

8 AM † Fr James Mulhall *Parish Intention*
10 AM † Dimitri Origenes *Marquez Family*
12 PM † William *Festival Committee*
Waddleton Sr

Weekend Breakdown

Financial figures will be published at a later date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Because of a lack of parking around the church, some have fallen into the habit of parking their vehicles on the sidewalk or in front of the garage - either up at the doors, or across the entrance to the driveway, while attending mass.

About a year or so ago, I addressed the situation at all Sunday Masses and through a rather lengthy letter carried on the bulletin cover, in which I stated that in the City of Jersey City, it is illegal to park on the sidewalk (3 points on your license) and to obstruct access to a driveway, even if it is your own.

Obviously, obeying the law is a concern, especially for us as Christians, but the laws are in place for reasons of public (and parishioner) safety; so that first responders may have easy and immediate access to all of the buildings in case of an emergency; so that pedestrians are not put at risk.

The fact that some have continued to practice such irresponsible, inconsiderate, and dangerous behavior without consequence, thus far, does not mean that it is condoned by either me or any representative of the Parish Corporation of Saint Anne. To the contrary. If anyone were to sustain injury or worse due to such a flagrant disregard of the law and concern for the safety and wellbeing of others, the liability to the parish would be staggering and, personally, my conscience would not allow me to sleep in peace at night. Hence my writing to you once more asking for your understanding and cooperation in helping to end, once and for all, this seriously vexing issue. Neighbors and members of the wider community, who really harbor no ill will towards the parish, have lodged complaints with the relevant authorities in our area over the past month, complaining of the unsafe conditions created by the parking habits of a few members of our community. Therefore, it is now out of our hands. If you choose to park on the sidewalks or block driveways, whether the rectory, convent, or otherwise, if you choose to park next to a fire hydrant or illegally occupy another's handicap parking spot, please be advised that law enforcement officials will be taking appropriate action.

The owners of Hudson Health Services, corner of Paterson and JFK have graciously allowed us to use their parking lot Saturday after 4PM and all day on Sunday. Walking to the corner of Congress and Kennedy and waiting for the green light to cross to church is a small price to pay if it increases public safety and our neighbors' goodwill.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

In Christ,

Fr. Nigel

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