

JUSTICE AND PEACE NOVEMBER 2023

BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH, THANKSGIVING BASKETS, ADVENT GIVING TREE

November, 2023	
FOOD SECURITY, BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY	
Sundays	Soup Kitchen
Tues./Thur./Sat. weekly	Catholic Worker, Soupline
11/1-	All Saints Day AGT Starts online
11/6-	Justice & Peace Meeting, 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm, Commons
11/14-	<i>Haiti Twinning Ministry (HTM) 6:00 pm light dinner, meeting 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Commons</i>
11/1-	Sat., Thanksgiving Basket Table Set Up-Commons
11/4-	Advent Giving Tree Table Set Up (children Eastern Shore & Saint Gabriel/Haiti)
11/4&5-	Week 1-Thanksgiving Baskets: pulpit announcement, shopping list & dates in bulletin. Link on the Sacred Heart Website with updated shopping list/dates
11/ 11&12	Week 2-Thanksgiving Baskets: pulpit announcement, shopping list & dates in bulletin. Link on the Sacred Heart Website with updated shopping list/dates
TBD	Sacred Heart Volunteer Appreciation Dinner-Commons, 6:30 pm
TBD	Winter Street Clean Up, 8:45 am - 10:30 pm (Care for Creation Team & Volunteers)
19-Nov	Memorial Mass Neil Walsh
Nov.18&19-	Ministry Fair-Commons
11/18-19-	Week 3-All nonperishable food due by 4 p.m. Sun. Nov. 19
Sun. 11/19-	Thanksgiving Baskets: Sacred Heart Youth Sort & Count Food, 3:00 pm -5:00 pm
11/20 Mon.	Thanksgiving Baskets: Volunteers pack food in reusable grocery bags, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
11/20-	Care For Creation Meeting, 7:00 pm-8:15 pm-Commons
Tues. 11/21-	Tues. 9:00 am Fr. Paul blesses food, Agencies pick-up bags, 9:00 am - 11:00 am
11/22-	Thanksgiving Eve, Advent Giving Tree Display Table (Eastern Shore & St. Gabriel Children)
*11/23-	Thanksgiving Day
11/27/2023	Dignity of Life, Writing to our Elders, 10:00 am-11:15 am-Commons

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BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY | This month, we celebrate Black Catholic History to honor and give special recognition to men and women of Africa and African descent who were pioneers of the Catholic Faith! The church in the US has been celebrating Black Catholic History Month since 1990. Many forget that Christianity didn't start in Europe. From the very beginning when the Risen Christ commissioned the Apostles to make disciples of ALL nations they started with those nations in the closest vicinity of Palestine: The Middle East and The Continent of Africa.

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THE LETTER: A MESSAGE FOR OUR EARTH is a 2022 documentary film presented by YouTube Originals in cooperation with the Vatican, telling the story of the *Laudato Si'* encyclical by Pope Francis. The film was screened at the Summer Sizzlers. The Care for Creation Committee hopes that you will watch the film and that seeing it will stimulate parish discussion on climate change. If you would like to view the film, it is available

on YouTube or on PBS through WHRO Passport. The Catholic Climate Covenant suggests that you respond to the film by

- Praying or reflecting to improve your ability to tackle challenges like the ecological crisis. Dedicate time to prayer or reflection every day.
- Plan one meat-free meal every week to lessen the impact of industrial farming on the climate. Start this week.
- Start a conversation with a friend or family member about *Laudato Si* by sharing the trailer for The Letter.

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- Monday November 20th (3-5 PM): pack the grocery bags for distribution
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NEWS FROM OUR TWIN PARISH IN HAITI, SAINT GABRIEL (SG) | School resumed at SG on Sept. 11th with the addition of the K class. The school has a pre-school, K, & grades up to 13th. This year there are 754 students. Each year, the results of the national exams are excellent.

Mrs. Kerline Pierrot has been the accredited nurse at SG School since its opening Oct. 9, 2012. The students call her Little Mother since she knows each child by name and knows their families. Her office is in the small clinic on campus. She takes care of minor injuries and administers medication as needed. Since most families cannot afford health care for their children, Mrs. Pierrot remains vigilant in detecting any signs of infections and sickness. She and her husband, Lafleur Pierrot have 6 children who have attended SG School. Her oldest son is in the seminary, and her oldest daughter is working at the local clinic. Sacred Heart sends \$100 monthly to SG to cover some medical assistance. Medication is purchased on the local economy. During her free time, Mrs. Pierrot sings in 1 of the 6 church choirs and visits the sick and the elderly. For more information and for donations: [Haiti Ministry](#) | [Sacred Heart Catholic Church \(sacredheartnorfolk.org\)](#)

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CARE FOR CREATION | Sustainable Construction

Summer 2023 made us all aware of the dramatic consequences of climate change. Resilient design can help people lead healthier, happier lives in the face of climate change. Resilient communities are designed to weather the proverbial storm and help people pick up their lives after an extremely disastrous climate event.

The Elizabeth River Project is in the process of constructing the Ryan Resilience Lab for environmentally sustainable construction practices with changing research displays and a waterside learning park to help people and businesses explore how to live and work in a coastal flood plain as seas rise. Climate resilient communities are built with durable and sustainable building designs. These designs place a premium on hardiness and incorporate design elements such as, deep, well-built foundations, pliable materials that are designed to withstand extreme weather events, alternative power and improved thermal efficiency. Along with resilient houses, the city infrastructure must be improved to meet the demands of tomorrow. We all need to adapt our lifestyles as temperatures rise. We can look to the Elizabeth River Project's new Ryan Resilience Lab to show us how. Adapted from Creation Corner by Ed Marroni

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