

Faith & Justice Newsletter

TREX Recycling Plastic Challenge - We did it!

St. Thomas More collected over 1,000 pounds of thin-film plastic in a little over 4 months. We have responded to the Church's call for the care for creation and we will also get a beautiful bench. As we get information about the bench we'll be receiving, we will pass that along.

We will continue to collect plastic and recycle it, so please keep bringing it in. We have a possible next step. We'll let you know.

We would love to have some more parishioners join our plastic recycling team. Can you help once a month? If you're interested in finding out more, send an email to us at stmfaithandjustice@gmail.com.

St. Thomas More is Supporting Joseph's House

You can help - Walk or Run or Donate! This is the 5th Annual Joseph's House of Camden Event to End Homelessness on October 5, 9 am at Cooper River Park.

Be part of the St. Thomas More Team walking 1 mile.

Register [Online](#) or donate after Mass - September 28/29.

Refugee Support

Our Society of St. Vincent de Paul continues to work with Catholic Charities to assist refugee and asylum-seeking families. This month the Society provided food related gift cards to three Congolese families. This includes a family with a mother and four children, a mother with one teenage daughter, and a single woman. All families now have their US documentation, have moved into apartments, and are seeking employment.

Screening of Documentary Cooked: Survival by Zip Code

Parishioners came and watched and then had a good discussion about **Cooked: Survival by Zip Code**, which delves into the story of the worst heat disaster in U.S. history in 1995 in Chicago, when 739 residents—mostly elderly and black—died over the course of one week. The film links the deadly heat wave's devastation back to the manmade disaster of structural racism, shining a light on the issues of poverty, race, class, and education that underlie how natural disasters take lives.

People asked what they could do. Here are three ways:

- Interfaith Power and Light provided the documentary and they have an easy way to take action on their website: <https://interfaithpowerandlight.org/get-involved/#current>
- Sisters of Mercy has an [Action Alert](#).
- Catholic Climate Covenant, whose Executive Director spoke at St. Thomas More last year. Click [here](#) to join U.S. Catholics responding to the climate crisis with faith, advocacy, climate action, and education. He will speak again near here on Sept 24.

TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION
EVENING OF REFLECTION
ON THE SEASON OF CREATION

SEPT 24
6:30 PM

SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH
Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish
809 Park Ave | Collingswood, NJ

One of the tenets of Catholic Social Doctrine is our call to Care for God's Creation and our Common Home. Dan Misleh, founder of Catholic Climate Covenant, will lead us during this season of Creation in prayer and action "to renew our appreciation, our commitment, and our care and activities to protect and bring new life to our Common Home."
(Pope Francis)

FEATURED SPEAKER

Dan Misleh
Founder | Executive Director
Catholic Climate Covenant

For more information and to register (free):
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Prayer

Grant us, Lord God, a vision of your world as your love would have it:
A world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor;
A world where the riches of creation are shared, and everyone can enjoy them;
A world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect;
A world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.
Give to us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord.