**Agenda** for **January 11, 2022**

**St John’s Laudato Si Household Green Teams**

**7:00 pm - St Jude Room - Parish Center**

**Introductions**:

**Purpose**: To introduce the Household Green Teams to parishioners and to consider ways to implement household improvements from environmental and financial perspectives.

**Review Summary of Laudato Si:** Pope Francis published Laudato Si, the second encyclical of Pope Francis, May 24, 2015. Discuss General Summary.

**Review Summary of Arch of Wash Green Team (Care for Creation Committee)** Many parishes and schools are participating, sharing ideas and successes, mostly in DC and Mont Co. So far a few conscientious individuals and parishes are active, apparently only one this side of the beltway. St John’s has organized a parish wide green team, of which we are a part.

**How to organize**:

**1.** We are meeting as SJ Household Green Teams, with plans to grow other active members, to consult with each other for ideas, and to publicize ideas and initiatives, keep a list of initiatives (to include what you and others are already doing) and track your individual results monthly.

**2.** Getting the word out. What can we do with flocknotes, the parish website, other media? Monthly bulletin info notices. Cherie has created a business card which we will finalize and hand out. Need to create a flyer for the bulletin & to post. Emails to those interested with links to specific articles or activities. Bumper sticker? Yard sign for those participating? Also, we need to allow those not able to actively participate to keep up with our initiatives and activities by attending or reviewing virtually by attending or reviewing virtually.

**3**. Cherie can discuss questions and ideas regarding parish gardens and a website

**4**. Lance has developed and will refine a wheel diagram to illustrate initiatives and impacts.

**5.** Review major household initiatives. Plant trees, develop yard plans, mow less. Your thoughts?

**6.** Initiatives: explore individual initiatives, list individual initiatives, measure your impact.

How to measure your impact:

[**https://www3.epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator/**](https://www3.epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator/) **(some will want more data)**

[**https://www.conservation.org/carbon-footprint-calculator**](https://www.conservation.org/carbon-footprint-calculator) **(pretty good)**

**MT Carbon Footprint Calculator (works best for me)**

Here is the Quiz link:

<https://www.cnn.com/interactive/2019/04/specials/climate-change-solutions-quiz/index.html>

**6. Your ideas.**