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EARTH DAY CELEBRATION – “Care For Our Common Home”

A community Earth Day Celebration will be held for the first time at St. Mary’s Star of the Sea Church on South Main Street/Route 4 West in Unionville on Saturday, April 21 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Although the original inspiration is drawn from Pope Francis’ valuable Catholic encyclical “*Laudato si’* (Medieval Central [Italian](#) for "Praise be to you") subtitled "On Care For Our Common Home." He calls all people of the world to take "swift and unified global action" towards improving environmental issues of all kinds and become protectors of our planet. This secular event focuses on what each of us can do so all ages have been considered and invited to participate in a variety of hands-on activities and presentations.

Artists Barbara Clark and will assist children in making masks to represent the part they want to play in ecology then lead all in a drum procession to open the celebration.

Educational Speakers will begin at 1:30 (on the half hour) with Bill Heiden of about Hydroponic Gardening and introduce us to his international volunteer effort LEVO; Sr. Ruth Rosenbaum, PhD will instruct on the Infrastructure of Water followed by Bruce Edgren of the Farmington Land Trust on the importance of preserving open space for all creatures.

Throughout this Earth Day Celebration – “Care For Our Common Home” demonstrations on planting, repurposing & reusing a.k.a. “upcycling” and, health & wellness will be offered to young and old.

The event will take place indoors at The Gathering Space of St. Mary’s Church which has entrance doors on each side of the building and plenty of parking. St. Mary’s is proud of this new initiative which involves a wide variety of parish committee members utilizing their unique expertise along with students from Farmington High School interested in this subject.

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