

St. Leo Church

The Social Justice Page

St Leo's Supportive Social Services Program: Seeking Volunteers to Assist Clients!

We are currently experiencing a shortage of volunteers willing and able to work directly with clients who come to *Supportive Services* for assistance. Client's needs may vary, from seeking limited financial assistance to address basic needs such as rent, utilities and medical care or assistance in removing "barriers" to securing or sustaining employment. Our volunteer social workers also work with securing needed personal documentations for clients such as birth, marriage and death records and at times immigration and vehicle licensing issues/documents. Our volunteers work as problem solvers and advocates for our clients as they work to become more stable in society and the workplace.

We work as a team, consulting daily and support each other in this often challenging but rewarding volunteer work. Our volunteers at St. Leo Social Supportive Services are the "Hands of Christ" as they reach out to those in need of a little bit of help, some problem solving or just a compassionate, listening ear. We operate in shifts, Tuesdays through Fridays normally from 9:30am to 3:30pm

If you think you have the skills and the time for this important parish ministry, please reach out to Rick Samyn: VM/TEXT (253) 229-4114 or email: larchelhoneybeekeeping@gmail.com. Clothing Boutique Wishlist: Shopping bags, blankets & men's jeans of all sizes

L'Honey Update: Settling into the summer!

We have made a few "splits" with our own hives and the colonies we purchased are settling into their new homes. We continue to keep our work focused on bee health. One colony still struggles with Chalk Brood which is a fungal infection, and two others have brood disease, samples of which I sent off to the Beltsville, Maryland Bee Lab. *I hope they still have staffing as they are a Department of Agriculture program facing staffing cuts.*

Our honey harvest for spring is in, but it is modest. We will be extracting that honey with students at the Franklin Pierce School Dist. Farm this Friday. Depending on the volume of nectar that flows in June will determine if we have an additional harvest early this summer. Most of the honey that the bees produced last summer and fall, they consumed. I have better respect for their needs as I can now more deeply understand their needs and relationship with their environment. My desire continues to be to care for the bees for their sake not mine. I pray that Sister Bee will continue to open my heart, mind and soul to the wonders of God's Creation and my right relationship within it.

We keep honeybees for the sake of honeybees and the glory of our Creator!

This Mother's Day: Act for Peace!

Please join Pax Christi members and others to honor the memory and life of Pope Francis and to celebrate the true meaning of Mother's Day by attending a day of education and action at the Ground Zero Center, located next to the Trident nuclear submarine base in Kitsap County. This will be a nonviolent and peaceful event for an end to nuclear weapons. Catholic Deacon Denny Duffell will be leading a prayerful public protest - our presence there will support him!

Where: Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action
16159 Clear Creek Rd NW, Poulsbo, WA

When: Saturday, May 10, 9 am – 4 pm

Contact: www.gzcenter.org/ (360) 930-8697

Transportation from St. Leo parking will be available.

See George (253-961-5822) to reserve your seat on the bus or with any questions.