St. Leo Social Justice Page Musings from the Bee Yard:

The spring nectar flow has passed; the bees await the summer flow as the length of day grows long and shadows short. The little hives are hungry, so some feed I must apply as we wait together for summer's bloom.

I muse on the Winter Bees now long gone, only memories & ancestors. They were the heroes who weathered the winter winds, frost and cold. They kept the colony alive for yet to be known generations. Those tired Winter Bees, I feel like them now. My bones ache, sleep eludes me, and fatigue is my constant companion. But as old winter worker-bees, we are called to live for the colony. For its hope of nectar from summer's blooms and new generations yet to see the sun, alight on a flower or feel a warm breeze.

You see, it is not about you nor is it about me. We are called to live our lives for the greater good, the survival of the whole! Our lives are but the bloom of spring flowers: Into eternity – The Blessed Unknown we shall go.

Rick Keeper of Bees

"I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy." Rabindranath Tagore

From the Pastoral Assistant for Social Justice: The Spirit of Social Justice

The Name's sake of Pope Leo the 14th is that of Pope Leo the 13th, the originator of the papal encyclical Rerum Novarum. An encyclical calling out our responsibility for the less fortunate in an era of corporate power. <u>It is foundational to Catholic Social Teaching</u>.

So, in the spirit of our Pope Leos and St. Leo Parish we invite all Parishioners and Staff to come together for: Coffee & Conversation: Prayer, Parish Life, and Social Justice – "Sharing Thoughts on becoming Good News"

Please join us in Bix Hall on Wednesday, June25th at 5:30pm for the 1st of three gatherings