Sept. 1 is the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Three years ago Pope Francis called for the Catholic Church to participate in the global observation, which has been celebrated by the Orthodox Church since 1989.

“The annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation will offer individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live,” said the pope in the 2015 letter establishing the participation of the Catholic Church in this day of prayer.

The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation ushers in the Season of Creation, which runs from Sept. 1 through Oct. 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron of ecology.

For ideas on how your parish can take part in these celebrations, visit seasonofcreation.org, catholicclimate-movement.global and catholicclimatecovenant.org.

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— Stephanie Clary, manager of mission outreach and communication, Diocese of Burlington
09\02 SUNDAY
Mozart Festival Concert
Our Lady of the Snows, Woodstock
4 - 5:30 pm
Concert features selections of Mozart masterpieces, led by celebrated violinist Scott Woolweaver, closes with St. Thomas Aquinas’ Ave Verum. Free and open to the public.

09\05 WEDNESDAY
Youth Ministry 101 Training — Interactive Youth Ministry
St. Augustine, Montpelier
6:30 - 8:30 pm
Interactive Youth Ministry will be a workshop on practical and fun ideas to engage today’s young people. Open to anyone seeking to develop practical skills for reaching youth. Come ready to have some fun! This workshop is part of ongoing youth ministry trainings happening all over Vermont this year.
FOR MORE INFO: or RSVP, wgavin@vermontcatholic.org

09\06, 07, 08, 09 THURS, FRI, SAT
Annual Rummage Sale / Flea Market
St. Peter, Vergennes
Hours are Thursday and Friday 9 am to 7 pm, and Saturday 9 am to 2 pm. Bring your own bag. Price based on the size of the bag.

09\09 SUNDAY
St. Luke Annual Children’s Carnival
St. Luke Rectory, Fairfax
11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Hosted by the Fairfax Knights of Columbus. Games, food, prizes & fun. Open to all ages! Rain date: Sunday, September 16.
Cost: (covers games and prizes): $3.00 per child, $10 max per family.

09\12 WEDNESDAY
Youth Ministry 101 Training
St. Michael Parish Center, Brattleboro
6 - 8 pm
This foundation in Youth Ministry workshop will include an overview of the USCCB document “Renewing the Vision”, as well as basic concepts in Youth Ministry. Open to anyone seeking to improve their skills and understanding for reaching today’s youth with the Gospel. Part of the ongoing Diocesan ‘Deeper Waters’ workshops throughout Vermont.
FOR MORE INFO: or RSVP, wgavin@vermontcatholic.org

09\14 FRIDAY
The Michael Baker Green Wave Open Golf Tournament
Rutland Country Club
This is a benefit for MSJ Academy.
FOR MORE INFO: Development office (802) 775-0151 x2020 or development@msjvermont.org

09\14, 15 FRIDAY & SATURDAY
Indoor Tag Sale
Our Lady of Grace, Colchester
Friday 8 am to 4 pm, and Saturday 8 am to 1 pm. Games, books, jewelry, small electronics, sports equipment, bake sale and much more.

09\15 SATURDAY
Polish Food by St. Stanislaus Parish
Town Hall, West Rutland • 5 - 9 pm
Parishioners of St. Stanislaus Church in West Rutland will sell pierogis at the town block party: $5 for a half dozen, $10 for a dozen.

09\15, 16 SATURDAY & SUNDAY
St. Thomas Church Vision 2020 Fall Art Show & Silent Auction
St. Thomas Parish Hall, Underhill Center
9 am - 4 pm & 8 am - 12 pm
Hosted by the St. Thomas Vision 2020 Committee, all monies raised are designated for making the church more accessible to the local community and parishioners.

09\16 SUNDAY
Chicken and Biscuit Dinner
All Saints Dorian Hall, Richford
12 pm
$10 for adults, $8 for senior citizens, $5 for children 5–10 years, free for children under 5 years.

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For More Info: vermontcatholic.org/careers

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