



Greetings, Peacocks! Welcome to 2022! It's the sesquicentennial anniversary of Saint Peter's University. Can you believe we've been around for 150 years? Let's make this the year we commit to sustainability with even more vigor.

The Sustainability Council is made up of members of the faculty and administration, but also students. We would love to welcome some new students into our active group. If interested, please contact Dr. Eileen Poiani at [epoiani@saintpeters.edu](mailto:epoiani@saintpeters.edu).

## Save the date! Wednesday, March 30

[Worldwide Teach-In on Climate and Justice](#) is just around the corner. On March 30, more than 1,000 schools, universities, religious communities and other groups will participate in a day of action that aims to engage with one of the most pressing struggles of today: climate solutions and justice.

**Stay tuned** for how you can get involved at Saint Peter's.

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## How to relate Christian spirituality and sustainability: Monday, Feb. 28

Dr. Chris Durante, Assistant Professor in the theology department, will be presenting a special lecture on Monday, Feb. 28 at noon in the Duncan Family Sky Room (6th floor of the Mac Mahon Student Center).

In the *Ecological Ethics and Religious Environmentalism* lecture, which is drawn in part from Durante's course TH-304 Ecological Ethics, the Saint Peter's community will be invited to reflect on the relation between Christian spirituality and sustainability. Durante will discuss how traditional Lenten fasting practices can relate to the emerging area of food ethics as well as the ways in which Christian contemplative practices can help cultivate a deeper sense of ecological awareness.



This event is sponsored by the Sustainability Council, the Theology Department and the Office of Mission and Ministry.

*Refreshments will be served.*



The Saint Peter's University pollinator garden, waiting for Spring! Photo by Stephanie Rivera, '22.

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## SPU signature Sesquicentennial event links public health, medicine and more crucial topics

On March 30 at 6 p.m. two prestigious Saint Peter's alums will be visiting the university for a special event tied to the 150-year celebration of SPU. Dr. Thomas A. Burke and Dr. Richard Joseph Jackson will discuss related and pressing themes at **The Intersection of Science & Medicine, Public Health, Education and Business**, which will be held in the Duncan Family Sky Room in the Mac Mahon Student Center.



This timely event also happens to be taking place on the same day as [Worldwide Teach-In on Climate and Justice](#) (see above.)

## What We're Reading & Watching

Here are some media recommendations from Council Members:

- [Antarctica on target to set climate crisis record this year](#), *CNN*
- [Mayor Steven Fulop: We must pass Biden Climate Plan](#), *NJ.com*
- [White House takes aim at environmental racism, but won't mention race](#), *The New York Times*

A thought to leave you with... We ALL need to act for climate justice NOW!

“Participation - That’s what’s gonna save the human race.”

-Pete Seeger

- *Our Vision: The Sustainability Council supports a broad, holistic vision of sustainability, framing our work in pluralism and integrating the right of well-being today to that of future generations.*
- *Our Mission: The Sustainability Council, composed of a broad representation from the university community, initiates and implements institutional, academic and community programs that identify, inspire and foster sustainable practices and behaviors.*

Your feedback, photos, event notices and story ideas are always welcome. Please email them to Peacock Planet editor Georgia Kral at [gkral@saintpeters.edu](mailto:gkral@saintpeters.edu)

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