

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2017 – 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-LABOR DAY

It's September. Labor Day Weekend! School Begins. We're back to work. Our Parish goes into high gear. Please enjoy this holiday weekend. Get in some precious Labor Day fun. Take it easy on Sunday afternoon (after Church!) and on Monday. Come to Monday's 9:00 AM Mass if you can.

Labor Day is a welcome holiday. But like our other big American holidays, we have to remind ourselves what the day is all about. We honor men and women who work hard to earn a living for their families. Employees have the right to organize themselves and negotiate with their employers. The Labor Day holiday is largely the creation of the 19th and 20th century American labor union movement. It is directly connected to our own Catholic Church because the Popes of the modern era, beginning in 1891 with Pope Leo XIII's pioneer encyclical, **RERUM NOVARUM**, have strongly endorsed workers rights to organize and negotiate good wages, safe working conditions appropriate benefits, and just treatment of each worker as a person of dignity and worth. Pope Pius XI, Saint John XXIII, Blessed Paul VI, Saint John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI and now Pope Francis have all taught a similar message about the dignity of human labor and the primacy of each person's dignity in the workplace. The Second Vatican Council addressed these themes as well. Saint Joseph, the Carpenter, is the patron of all workers on his May 1st Feast Day of Saint Joseph the Worker

Our American Bishops speak to our country every year for Labor Day: *"We must advocate for jobs and wages that truly provide a dignified life for individuals and their families, and for working conditions that are safe and allow for a full flourishing of life outside of the workplace. Unions and worker associations, while imperfect, remain an essential part of the effort, and people of faith and goodwill can be powerful leaven to ensure that these groups, so important in society, continue to keep human dignity at the heart of their efforts."*

The labor movement's purpose and the vision that our Church embraces in the workplace is noble. The labor union movement has benefited millions of families in our country and around the world and we honor these gains. Many of our families share in these accomplishments. Saint John Paul II taught us extensively about the dignity of every working person and the positive place our personal work has in building a better world in God's sight. Just relationships between employers and their employees embody the Church's call for a just and compassionate world. We celebrate every honest job, blue collar or white collar, mostly hard physical labor or largely intellectual effort. Labor Day in America honors all these jobs.

We continue praying for millions of working people and their families here in our country and in other lands who, through no fault of their own, cannot find a decent job because there aren't enough jobs in the economy to accommodate everyone who wants and needs work. There is so much more to be done in our country so that everybody can celebrate Labor Day with their families while having a good job and receiving a living wage. May God guide our country in the great task of developing a more just economy that truly honors the dignity of all work and the right of every worker to have decent employment.

Please enjoy Labor Day Weekend. Be proud that our Catholic Church has a comprehensive and challenging vision of the economic order and the enduring value of human work and the dignity of every working person. Thank God for the work that He enables you and I to do in our own lives for the good of our families and for the improvement of society itself. Happy Labor Day!

God Bless, Fr. Herb

We will celebrate only one Mass on Monday, September 4th, Labor Day at 9:00 AM in the Church. Please come if you can.

WORDS OF TITHING:

From the pastor: This special weekend thanks God for productive work and for giving us the ability to work as His gift. Our Tith responds generosity to His overwhelming never ending gift to us.

Words on tithing from the Pews: As I reflected on my relationship with God and how He gives me so many blessings, I began to think that even though 5% to my parish seems like a lot to me, I think I can do it.

Weekend Collections: July 2017 - \$77,112.25—averaging \$19,278.06 each weekend. (4 Weekends)

Weekend Collection: July 2016 - \$68,019.00—averaging \$17,004.75 each weekend. (4 Weekends)

Faith Direct Parishioners: 116

Thank you for your generous sacrifices!

MASS ATTENDANCE

Mass attendance August 26/27: 1531

SAVE THE DATE – MAY 25TH, 2018

We will be celebrating Fr. Herb's 50th Anniversary of his Ordination as a Priest on Friday, May 25th, 2018, so please save the date.

LITTLE SISTER OF THE POOR DOOR COLLECTION

NEXT WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 9/10

The Little Sisters of the Poor from St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly in Totowa will be visiting our parish next weekend on September 9/10. The Sisters operate 188 homes throughout the world providing loving care to the elderly poor. They have served the aged in NJ since 1879. Please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you for your support.

MOVING FORWARD

GROWING STRONGER TOGETHER

We are enjoying very good results in our "Moving Forward – Growing Stronger Together" program because so many of you support it. Thank you very much!

Please continue your new contribution level every week so that we keep doing God's work, fulfilling out our parish's mission of evangelization, worship and service.

In Faith Direct you can always call 1-866-507-8757 – OR email Faith Direct at info@faithdirect.net using our parish code NJ745 to make sure that your collection contribution amounts are correct and up to date. Thank you.

Thank you for all your generosity to our parish, for your participation in our many parish ministries and for every one of our parishioners' constant prayers. We ask Our Risen Lord to always keep our parish "Moving Forward and Growing Stronger Together".

SCRIPTURE READINGS SEPTEMBER 4-10

MONDAY	1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18 Gospel: Luke 4: 16-30
TUESDAY	1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6, 9-11 Gospel: Luke 4: 31-37
WEDNESDAY	Colossians 1: 1-8 Gospel: Luke 4: 38-44
THURSDAY	Colossians 1: 9-14 Gospel: Luke 5: 1-11
FRIDAY	Micah 5: 1-4a Gospel: Matthew 1: 1-16, 18-23
SATURDAY	Colossians 1: 21-23 Gospel: Luke 6: 1-5
SUNDAY	Ezekiel 33: 7-9 Romans 13: 8-10 Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20

SANCTUARY LAMPS & FLOWERS



You may have the Sanctuary Candles in the Church, Chapel or Adoration Chapel burn in memory of a loved one (\$10.00 donation), roses at the Tabernacle (\$10.00 donation), or flowers at the altar (\$50.00 Donation). Please call or stop into the rectory office.

September 3-9, 2017

Sanctuary Lamp in the Church is for the People of the Parish
Sanctuary Lamp in Mary's Daily Chapel is for Deceased Members of the Tillyer Family
Sanctuary Lamps in the Adoration Chapel are in Thanksgiving
Altar Flowers are In Thanksgiving
Tabernacle Roses are for Betty Birilli

COLUMBUS DAY ITALIAN NIGHT CELEBRATION & SATURDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 14TH



Our Annual Columbus Day Celebration and Italian Night will be held on Saturday, October 14th from 7-11 PM. Catering by The Brownstone and Music and Dancing by Sunset Soundz. Price \$40/person. Price after September 30th - \$45/person. Reserve a table for 10. Tickets will be available for purchase at the Rectory.

SAVE THE DATE – PIZZA NIGHT FOR WOMEN SEPTEMBER 25 WITH BISHOP SERRATELLI

Save the Date – Monday, September 25 from 7-9 PM at Pope John Paul XXIII High School – the first “Pizza Night for Women” with Bishop Serratelli. This evening will be open to high school and college aged women discerning their vocation. For details, please contact the Office of the Delegate for Religious at 973-777-8818 ext. 207, or kerry@patersondiocese.org.

BIBLE STUDY CANCELLED-RESUMES OCTOBER 11

Our Wednesday Bible Study conducted by Deacon Bob Lang has been cancelled and will resume on October 11th.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR BEEFSTEAK DINNER FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

The Little Sisters of the Poor will hold their Annual Beefsteak Dinner at the Bethwood in Totowa on Friday, September 22 at 6:30 PM. Prize Baskets and Super 50/50 Raffle. Musical entertainment by One Man Band Peter Lieberman. \$65/person includes Salad, Pasta, French Fries, Onion Rings, Beef Tenderloin on French Bread, Beer, Wine, Soda, Coffee, Tea & Dessert. Ticket order must be in by September 6th. Contact Margaret Kolb or Cathy Ann Dewar at 973-942-0300 or email twdevelopmentsec@littlesistersofthepoor.org. Make checks payable to Little Sisters of the Poor, St. Joseph Home for the Elderly, 140 Shepherd Lane, Totowa, NJ 07512. Tables of 10 are encouraged.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 4-10

MONDAY, September 4-Labor Day – One Mass Only
9:00AM – Eugene Seugling, Dolores Brandao, Daniel Klecak
TUESDAY, September 5-St. Teresa of Calcutta, Religious
6:45AM – Gregory Loff, Richard Lociento, Charles Hathaway
8:00AM – Rogelio Dumuk, Carmen Pasquale, Sr., Dolores Brandao, Nicanor Bandibas, Sr. (3rd Anniv.)
WEDNESDAY, September 6
6:45AM – People of the Parish
8:00AM – Christine Wohld, Dolores Brandao, Ralph Lopreiato
THURSDAY, September 7
6:45AM – Special Intention for our Priests and Deacons
8:00AM – Joseph Marotta, Mary Larner (71st Anniv.) Romeo Dumuk, Jr.
FRIDAY, September 8-The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
6:45AM – Joseph Azzarelli (2nd Anniv.)
8:00AM – Sergio Vasquez, Susan Reaves, Special Intention for Maryann Schaefer
SATURDAY, September 9-St. Peter Claver, Priest
8:00AM – William Byrne, Susan Ozeranic
5:30PM – Eleanor Carlton, Rocco Morro, James Gallagher
7:00PM – Sol Angel Delapaz, John J. McWatters, Ojeda Castaneda, Camacho Mendoza
SUNDAY, September 10-22ND Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30AM – Kuhn & Ryan Families, Lena Patti
9:00AM – Dolores Brandao, Greg & Stanley Zagula, Mary Clark
10:30AM – Theresa Heeney, Peter Solomita, Teresa Maroney
12:00PM – Maria & Giuseppe Cerrato, Nancy DeLuca, Toni Chiarolanizio
7:00PM – Madaline Suto, Evelyn Shaffer

ELECTRONIC GIVING WITH FAITH DIRECT SAVE TREES AND POSTAGE

With the arrival of autumn, I invite you to join Faith Direct, our parish's electronic giving program. Our to-do-lists can get lengthy during this season, but Faith Direct's eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week – no more envelopes to look for before you go to Mass.

Signing up for Faith Direct is very easy.

• Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: NJ745 to sign up now

OR

• call 866-507-8757 to sign up now.

• Thank you for continuing to support our parish ministries with your Presence, your Time and Talents, and your material Treasure!

VIVERE CHRISTUS AWARD – CONGRATULATIONS SEPTEMBER 10TH AT THE CATHEDRAL

For this year's diocesan award recognition by Bishop Serratelli, we have nominated our new Parish Trustee, Mr. Bob Iracane and his wife, Elinor Iracane. Bob has been faithfully serving on our Parish Finance Committee and his office has generously provided expert accounting guidance about doing our parish financial books properly. Both he and Elinor have chaired and done the leg work on our commemorative memorial brick program. Bob chairs our annual festive Columbus Day Italian Night fundraiser. Elinor is now the chairperson of our Parish Food Pantry Program serving people who are hungry. Bob & Elinor are Eucharistic Ministers and Elinor is a faithful Lector at Mass. We appreciate and acknowledge their service here. The Vivere Christus Awards are being presented at St. John's Cathedral on Sunday afternoon, September 10 at 3:30 PM

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH SEPTEMBER 3-9

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

1:15PM – Baptisms - Church
5:30PM – Bingo – Parish Center

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

7:30PM – S.I.N.E. – Spanish Room

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

6:30PM – Men’s Basketball – Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

6:00PM – Boy Scout Troop 72 - Cafeteria
7:30PM – Spanish Bible Class – Spanish Room
7:30PM – Book Club – Church Hall

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

6:30PM – Food Pantry Client Shopping – School
6:30PM – HSA Executive Board Meeting – School Library
8:30PM – Sr. Men’s Basketball – Parish Center

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

10:00AM – ASA Opening Mass – Church
6:00PM – HSA Family BBQ – Cafeteria & Patio
7:00PM – Spanish Prayer Group - Chapel
7:00PM – Spanish Choir – Church
7:30PM – Trip Information Meeting – Church Hall

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

8:30AM – Polish School - School
4:00PM – Penance – Church
5:30PM – Little Sisters of the Poor Door Collection - Church
7:00PM – Indian Sports – Parish Center
7:00PM – Indian Community Social Gathering - Cafeteria
7:30PM – AA – Church Hall
8:00PM – Spanish Ministry Formation - Church

ADORATION CHAPEL

Please remember to find a substitute when you cannot keep your holy hour. The Blessed Sacrament should never be left alone. All adorers should know the person scheduled before them and the person who follows. If the scheduled adorer does not come and there are visitors, ask a visitor if they intend to stay for the hour. Do not rely on visitors to cover the following hour. If the scheduled adorer is not coming on a regular basis, please contact Kim. Thank you for your kind cooperation. **“The Eucharist is Alive!”** Vinny Flynn

SAINT PETER’S BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet on Wednesday, September 6th at 7:30 PM in the Church Hall. We will discuss the novel, *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger. Coffee, tea and dessert will be served. All are welcome to join us.

ALTAR SERVERS SEPTEMBER 9/10, 2017

5:30PM – Arminio, Wingard
7:30AM – Torres
9:00AM – Lalo, Lalo, Lalo
10:30AM – Mersing, Mersing
12:00PM – Brecher, Brecher, Solomon
7:00PM – Wilson, Wilson

MARTHA MINISTRY- FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 – TEAM 2

Mary Ellen Dinsmore, Pat Sherlock Lucille Sherwood,
Marge O’Hara, Jeanette Coyle

Youth News

Please visit www.facebook.com/spayouthministry

**NO BINGO - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2017-
LABOR DAY WEEKEND**

DOORS OPEN 5:30PM – GAMES BEGIN 7:00 PM
Powerball #1 - \$500.00 – #2 - \$500.00 - #3 \$100.00

For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven...

...a time to be born

Viviana Aurora Iannone

...a time to die

...a time to heal

Bishop Emeritus Frank J. Rodimer, Fr. Leo Carey,

Fr. Ron Sordillo, Deacon Bob Lang, Deacon Joe Malanga, Noah

Lorencovitz, Mia Resko, Yolanta Schultz

...a time to love

“...and a time of peace.” Ecclesiastes 3:11

AUGUST REPAIR PROJECT REPORT

ALL YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES THIS HAPPEN

WE HAVE DONE THE PARKING LOT! THANK YOU

Our Narthex tile project is complete. The porcelain tile is a new slip resistant product for our greater safety. We acknowledge very generous donations contributed specifically for this Narthex floor replacement. We hope you are pleased with the results.

We have completely resealed and re-grouted our beautiful decorative stone front church entrance. This work is necessary to keep all the stones securely in place and to stop any damaging water seepage behind the stones. We must do this work every 3 or 4 years.

We are very glad to report that we have been finally repaired and resurface the oldest and most damaged part of our main parking lot in front of the church. We hope you notice this as you come into and leave the parking lot this weekend. This was our largest remaining project that we have accomplished from our list of 5 parish **“Partners In Faith”** Projects.

About our other 4 **“Partners in Faith”** projects: (1) The entire outside church walls replacement (complete); (2) Replacing the church lighting with brighter LED, money saving light fixtures (complete); (3) Replacing the 20 year old parish truck (complete); (4) Repairs in the Rectory (staff front office area upgraded – nothing else done yet). Thank you for making all this happen.

Many parishioners, including me, are still working on our pledge payments on the 5 year pledges we made in 2013. Many families have completed your campaign pledges. The Diocese has been sending us our 25% campaign rebates each year (\$42,484.83 this year) to help us accomplish these 5 projects. We will get another rebate in 2018. We thank everyone who have completed your pledges, and everyone still making contribution payments on our 2013 pledges.

So many **“Partners in Faith”** contributors, and so many other parishioners are now generously responding to our own **Moving Forward – Growing Stronger Together** parish appeal from this spring. Your blessed generosity in **“Partners in Faith”** and your increased weekly collection contributions in **Moving Forward – Growing Stronger Together** are providing us with the financial resources confidently make the important repairs and improvements we have made this summer for everyone’s safety and greater convenience.

We ask God to continue blessing everyone’s outstanding generosity to our parish and our diocese. Please, everyone in our parish, keep praying for our parish and our diocese.
Gratefully, Father Herb

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS – SEPTEMBER 14

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents meet on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at St. Christopher’s Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202) Parsippany at 7:30 PM in Room 101. Program: Speaker: Lisa Athan, Grief Speaks; Grief Specialist and National Speaker. For information, please call Lily Caprigione at 973-568-4164.



ALL SAINTS ACADEMY CORNER SCHOOL OPENS THIS WEEK

ASA – A Model Early Childhood Center

Currently Accepting Enrollments for September 2017.

All Saints Academy hosts an extensive Early Childhood Center that is considered a model setting for young children of the Parsippany area. It includes a Pre-School level for three-year old children, a Pre-Kindergarten program for four-year old children and a full day Kindergarten. The faith-filled environment provides young children with a nurturing setting for a “first school experience.” The early childhood curriculum is developmentally driven, capturing the essence of each child through the integration of spiritual, physical, intellectual and social-emotional components. The teaching team has developed a highly enriched language and mathematics program based on the combination play and pre-academic skills. All early childhood instruction is also infused with the tenets of STEM education. Vibrant teaching and genuine learning occurs through the interweaving of science, technology, engineering and math in daily classroom lessons. There are full and half day sessions available in both the Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten levels. After School care until 6pm is also available for students of the Early Childhood Center. Please contact All Saints Academy’s principal, Mrs. Judy Berg, at 973-334-4704 for information regarding your child’s entry into this fine program.

Find us on Facebook: www.allsaintspar.org

COME TO CELEBRATE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA – OCTOBER 6-17TH WITH FR. HERB- TRIP MEETING THIS FRIDAYSEPT. 8 – 7:30 PM

Join Msgr. Herb for a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal in October. Our journey will be from Friday, October 6 through Tuesday, October 17 - in the beautiful fall season. We will spend Sunday, October 8 in Fatima itself to celebrate Sunday Mass, and participate in the evening Rosary and candle light processions during the weekend.

Then, we travel to Southern Spain visiting Seville, the Costa Del Sol Spanish Rivera, (optional day trip to the Rock of Gibraltar); then on to Granada and finally days in the capital city area of Madrid.

On this pilgrimage, we visit with Our Lady of Fatima in the 100th Anniversary Centennial year of her apparitions to the Fatima children. This is a special opportunity for prayer and spiritual renewal. We will pray and celebrate Mass often and enjoy each other’s good company. We will receive the plenary indulgence for the 100th Anniversary Pilgrimage.

Call, or come to the Rectory for a colorful trip brochure at 973-334-2090. Contact our travel agent, Nuovo Tours, toll free at 1-844-686-8688 at your convenience. **\$2,653 for this 12 day journey.** We pray for a spiritually enriching pilgrimage together.

We will have a trip information meeting this Friday evening September 8th at 7:30 PM in the Church Hall. Come and see if this pilgrimage may be good for you.

OUTREACH CORNER

A parishioner needs a ride to his doctor. Please call the Rectory at 973-334-2090 if you can help.

SILVER & GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS – NOVEMBER 5 – 4:00 PM

Couples, were you married in 1967 or 1992? You are warmly invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Paterson. Bishop Serratelli will be the main celebrant at Mass at The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson. Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office (973-334-2090). Registrations will be accepted through October 17. Information will be sent from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. Congratulations on this joyous occasion!

A RETREAT FOR THOSE FACING LIFE CHANGING ILLNESS

Genesaret, a retreat designed to provide a spiritual and temporal oasis for men and women suffering with a life changing illness, will be held the weekend of **October 20-22** at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center, located in Kearny, NJ. The retreat will begin Friday at 2:15 PM and end with a closing Prayer Service Sunday at 1:30 PM. There is no cost to you for the retreat. For further information contact: Linda Capobianco at 732-608-7277, Hilare Reinold at 732-566-7237 or Peggy Walsh at 908-499-7677.

WASHINGTON, D.C. MARIAN PILGRIMAGE – OCTOBER 21, 2017

Looking to ignite your spiritual life, or desire a closer relationship with God? We urge you to consider participating in this year’s Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., Saturday, October 21st.

There are two options: a two-day trip which includes visits to the St. Jude shrine, the Baltimore Basilica and the National Shrine in Washington, or the one full day trip.

Money for the one-day trip is \$49.00 Please make check payable to Saint Peter the Apostle. You may bring it to the Rectory during regular business hours.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY COMMUNION BREAKFAST – OCTOBER 1ST

The Saint Peter’s Rosary/Altar Society will hold its annual Communion Breakfast on October 1st after the 9:00 AM Mass. It will start at 10:30 AM at the Birchwood Manor, 111 North Jefferson Road, Whippany, NJ. The price is only \$20/person.

To attend, please make your check payable to St. Peter the Apostle Rosary/Altar Society and send it to the Rectory marked “Rosary/Altar Society” or put it in an envelope in the collection basket no later than September 24th. All are welcome to attend (including men).

SAINT PETER’S PEANUTS PLAYGROUP-WEEKLY GET TOGETHERS FOR PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Saint Peter’s Playgroup offers parents and caregivers an opportunity for community while engaging their young children in crafts, activities and play. Drop-ins always welcome:

Who: Children aged birth to 5 with adult caregiver. **What:** Crafts, stories, music, and playtime for the kids with occasional field trips.

When: Tuesdays, beginning September 12 to June 6 – 10AM to 11:30 AM. **Where:** Church Hall at Saint Peter’s Church, 179 Baldwin Road. **Questions:** Contact Megan Spear – 646-283-2405, Johnna-Lee MacCormick – 862-207-1475 or Amanda Quinn – amandaquinn321@gmail.com or 2010736-7275

SAINT PETER’S GOLDEN AGE- SEPTEMBER 18 AT 11AM

Saint Peter’s Golden Age will meet at the Community Center on **Monday, September 18, 2017** at 11:00 AM – All are welcome! We will be going to the Sands in Pennsylvania on Thursday, August 31st. Please call Joe or Jackie at 973-335-1209 for more details.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY – MARY’S CORNER

Our first meeting will be on September 19th. We pray the Rosary at 6:45 PM followed by Mass in the Chapel at 7:00 PM. We recite a decade of the Rosary for those who cannot attend the Mass followed by refreshments. This month we have an Ice Cream Social and all are invited to attend including men to see if you might want to become a member. Marian Feasts for September: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, September 8th and Our Lady of Sorrows, September 15th. God bless you and remember **Pray the Rosary for peace.**

Hablando español en San Pedro Apóstol

– 3 de septiembre de 2017 –

Vigésimo segundo domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Horario de las Misas:

lunes a viernes: 6:45 a.m. y 8:00 a.m.

sábado: 5:30 p.m. y 7:00 p.m. en español

domingo: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12 m y 7:00 p.m.

Confesiones: sábado: 4:00 p.m. a 5:00 p.m.

Mensaje del párroco:

DÍA DEL TRABAJO

Es septiembre. Estamos celebrando el fin de semana del Día del Trabajo. Comienza la escuela. Todo el mundo regresa a trabajar. Nuestra parroquia se mueve a toda velocidad. Por favor, traten de disfrutar el fin de semana de fiesta y pasar algunas horas de diversión, relajándose el lunes. Venga a la misa de 9:00 a.m. el lunes, si puede.

El Día del Trabajo es un día de fiesta muy bienvenido. Pero como la mayoría de nuestros días de fiesta, tenemos que recordar de qué se tratan. Separamos un día para honrar a los hombres y mujeres que trabajan muy fuerte para mantener a sus familias. Reconocemos que los empleados tienen el derecho de organizarse y negociar con sus patronos. La fiesta del Día del Trabajo es en gran parte la creación del movimiento sindical estadounidense de los siglos XIX y XX. Está también directamente conectado con nuestra Iglesia Católica por el hecho de que los Papas de la era moderna, comenzando con el Papa Leo XIII en su encíclica **RERUM NOVARUM**, han apoyado fuertemente el derecho de los obreros a organizarse y negociar con sus patronos: buenos salarios, condiciones de trabajo seguras, beneficios apropiados y simplemente trato justo al empleado como una persona digna y valorizada. Los Papas Pío XI, Juan XXIII, Pablo VI, Juan Pablo II, Papa Benedicto XVI y ahora el Papa Francisco, todos han enseñado con gran detalle el mensaje consistente sobre el valor de la mano de obra y la premicia de la dignidad de cada persona en el ambiente de trabajo. El Concilio de Vaticano Segundo también aclaró estos temas. Recordamos a San José, el carpintero, el patrón de los obreros, en su fiesta el 1^{ero} de mayo.

Los obispos americanos le hablan a nuestro país sobre el Día del Trabajo: *"Debemos abogar por empleos y salarios que realmente proporcionen una vida digna para las personas y sus familias, y por condiciones de trabajo que sean seguras y permitan un pleno florecimiento de la vida fuera del lugar de trabajo. Los sindicatos y las asociaciones de trabajadores, aunque son imperfectas, siguen siendo una parte esencial del esfuerzo, de la gente de fe y buena voluntad para que puedan ser poderosa levadura y asegurar que estos grupos, tan importantes en la sociedad, sigan manteniendo la dignidad humana en el centro de sus esfuerzos"*.

El propósito y la visión del movimiento laboral que nuestra Iglesia acepta, en el ambiente de trabajo es uno noble. El movimiento laboral ha beneficiado a millones de familias en nuestro país y alrededor del mundo; y honramos estas ganancias. Muchas de nuestras familias comparten estos logros. San Juan Pablo II nos enseñó extensamente sobre la dignidad de cada persona trabajadora y el lugar positivo que nuestro trabajo personal tiene en construir un mundo mejor ante los ojos de Dios. Reconocemos que las relaciones justas entre empleados y patronos son una encarnación del llamado de la Iglesia para un mundo justo y compasivo. Celebramos cada empleo honesto, de cuello azul o cuello blanco, mayormente el de la fuerte mano de obra física o de gran esfuerzo intelectual. El Día del Trabajo en América honra a todos estos trabajos.

Continuamos orando especialmente por millones de personas trabajadoras y sus familias en este país y en otros países que, sin culpa propia, no pueden encontrar un trabajo porque no hay suficientes puestos de trabajo en la economía, para dar cabida a todo el que quiere y necesita trabajar. Hay mucho más por hacer en nuestro país, para que todos puedan celebrar junto a sus familias el Día del Trabajo con un trabajo decente y un salario digno. Que Dios guíe a nuestra nación en la creación de una economía más justa que realmente le haga honor a la dignidad del trabajo y los derechos de los trabajadores.

Por favor, disfruten el fin de semana del Día del Trabajo. Estén orgullosos de que nuestra Iglesia Católica tiene una visión comprensiva y retadora del orden económico, y el valor de la mano de obra y cada obrero. Y por favor, agradezcan a Dios por el trabajo que El nos permite hacer en nuestras vidas, para el bienestar de nuestras familias y la sociedad misma. ¡Feliz Día del Trabajo!

Dios lo bendiga,

Padre Herb

CELEBRAREMOS UNA SOLA MISA EL LUNES, 4 DE SEPTIEMBRE A LAS 9:00 A.M. EN LA IGLESIA. POR FAVOR, VENGA SI PUEDE.

MISA DE ANIVERSARIO DE BODAS DE PLATA Y ORO

Parejas, ¿contrajeron matrimonio en 1967 o 1992? Están cordialmente invitados a celebrar su 25 ó 50 aniversario de bodas con la Iglesia de Paterson. El obispo Serratelli será el celebrante principal de la misa en la Catedral San Juan Bautista en Paterson el

domingo, 5 de noviembre de 2017 a las 4:00 p.m.

Los preparativos pueden realizarse comunicándose al 973-335-1969 de lunes a jueves, 10 a.m. a 3 p.m. Los formularios para registrarse estarán disponibles hasta el **martes, 17 de octubre de 2017**. La Oficina de Vida Familiar le enviará información una vez que se haya procesado su registro. Muchas felicidades en este maravilloso acontecimiento.