



My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! Among many other things, the pandemic has revealed a lot of truths about LABOR. And as we arrive at LABOR DAY 2021, a three short words about LABOR/WORK in light of the past year and a half:

The Docility of Work: Who would have thought that so much work could be done from home? For good or ill, the reality of “the office”/the way of work has certainly changed!

The Fragility of Work: How many Small Businesses have suffered/collapsed/worked overtime because of the pandemic. My esteem to small business owners who work so hard to keep businesses afloat in changing times!

The Dignity/Power of Work: Perhaps most of all, this time has revealed the power of work! Its power to provide not just a check but a life: Getting us out of ourselves, in relationship/service to others. There is a dignity, a sacred character to work which benefits us on very human levels.

In light of all of this, now is the perfect time for us to re-commit or to commit in a new way to Work. Next week at our Parish Ministry/Involvement Fair, I encourage all to do just that! Come and see how your talents, gifts, skills and expertise can be used for our parish community.

One opportunity is to assist with our new REGIONAL YOUTH MINISTRY and CYO. This year St. Patrick is teaming up with two of our neighboring parishes—Assumption BVM in West Grove, and Sacred Heart in Oxford --- to form a new youth group and regional CYO open to young people from all three parishes. This is the fruit of a growing interest in families of our parishes. Earlier in the summer, the pastors, along with members of our respective staffs, met to lay the groundwork for this new work. Combining resources, staff, and volunteer support, will allow us to offer a solid program for the youth of our parishes.

From our parish, Dan Pin, the Director of Youth and Young Adult for the Diocese of Wilmington, will serve as one of the leaders of this endeavor with the Youth Group. And Bill Dobbins will serve as CYO Athletic Director. Both will work with coordinators from the other parishes to provide for the program. And both will be looking for volunteers to assist with this good work! Be sure to learn more. Regional CYO Sports teams are forming now! And the youth ministry will begin on Sunday, September 26th at ABVM. Contact info for both items is in this bulletin.

In the meantime, enjoy this coming week! Let us work together for the good of God and one another!

Peace,

Fr. Rogers



Mass on Monday, September 6
at 9:00AM
There is no 7:30AM Mass

There is no Adoration on Monday, September 6
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Beginning Tuesday, September 7, 2021 the parish office hours
are Monday-Thursday from 9AM-5PM
Fridays from 9AM-3PM