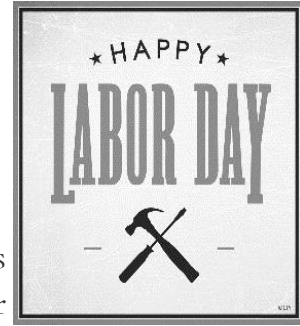


From the Pastor:

As our country celebrates this **Labor Day**, please allow me to share this prayer with all of you:



Almighty God, Creator of the world, we give you thanks for the gift of stewardship and work. Deliver us, in our various occupations, from the service of self alone, that we may do our work in truth and beauty and for the common good. God of justice, we pray for all workers, that they would receive fair compensation and treatment in their labor.

For those who seek work, provide jobs — both citizen and immigrant alike. For those who cannot work, provide sustenance. Make those who lead the industries and commerce of this country responsive to your perfect will. Build up in the leaders of our country a respect for all labors. Deliver us, Lord Jesus, from the maligning evils of greed, sloth, and gluttony that we may lead lives of holiness in service to you and our neighbor. We ask all these things for our good and your glory.

Amen.

Sign-ups for the 2021 Morning of Service begin on September 18. Please consider how you can be a part of this three-parish-wide effort to serve our communities. Visit the IC website to sign up!

Next Saturday marks the **20th anniversary** of the attack on America. The morning of September 11, 2001 remains one of the most pivotal points in American history. The events of 9/11 are forever etched in the minds of anyone old enough to remember the day. Those who were on the East Coast recall that it was a brilliant, clear morning. Then, at 8:46 am, American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City. In a meticulously planned attack, terrorists hijacked four airliners. They flew three of the planes into buildings: the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, and forced the crash of the fourth plane

in rural Pennsylvania. The attacks killed 2,976 people and injured thousands more. In Bigfork, PA, where the fourth plane crashed, they have placed 300 American Flags showing tribute to those who lost their lives during that fateful day. Continuing this touching symbol, our communities will remember all those who lost their lives that day and to honor them, we will place 200 flags (a random number) along Rte. 50 so that the dead, the heroes, and all those who suffer the consequences of that day will not be forgotten. After the 5 pm mass at Immaculate Conception next week, those gathered in prayer will be invited to process to the entrance of the parking lot to pledge allegiance to our flag and to pray for the departed souls. I hope you will be able to join us in prayer. If not, please take time during the day to offer a special prayer of peace.

Here's a reminder of our **new mass times**, which go into effect next weekend:

Immaculate Conception, Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 9 am

St. Joseph's, Sunday 9 am, and

Our Lady of Grace, Sunday 10:30 am.

Remember to use your envelopes so that your gift goes to the parish to which you are registered. Better yet, consider electronic giving.

Also starting next weekend, we are presenting a **new parish bulletin** format, which will merge all three parish bulletins into one publication. Look for it and let us know how it is working!

Until next week, be well, do good deeds and say your prayers!

Fr. Jerry

OUR PRAYER: Loving God, be present to us and grant us wisdom, so that we, who may feel anxious about change, might trust in Your love and rest in the Changelessness that is You.