

# St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church

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*To learn anew the Gospel:  
The Good News that God loves us—Then to live it and share it.*



## From the Deacon's Bench

Brothers and Sisters,

Tomorrow is Labor Day, and many of us, of a certain age, might remember when Labor Day would mark the end of our summer vacation and the beginning of a new school year. As most of us left school behind and entered the work force, Labor Day became yet another holiday, again marking the end of summer but now giving us a shorter work week.

Before it was a federal holiday, Labor Day was recognized by labor activists and in individual states. New York was the first state to introduce a bill, but Oregon was the first to pass a law on February 21, 1887, recognizing Labor Day. By 1894, thirty-one states had adopted the holiday, and on June 28, 1894, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday. Its purpose today is to honor and recognize the American labor movement and the many works and contributions of laborers to the development and achievements of the United States.

As Christian Catholics, Labor Day should also be a time to reflect on the dignity of work and the dignity of the worker. On the Feast of St. Joseph, the Worker, Pope Francis wrote: "Work is fundamental to the dignity of a person. Work, to use an image, 'anoints' us with dignity, fills us with dignity, makes us similar to God, who has worked and still works, who always acts..." The Catholic bishops of the United States have long held that the most effective way to build a just economy is to make decent work at decent wages available for all those capable of working. When the economy fails to generate sufficient jobs, there is a moral obligation to protect the life and dignity of unemployed and underemployed workers and their families.

I hope to see you at the Labor Day Tri-Parish Mass at 9:00 a.m., Monday, September 6, 2021 at St. Lawrence Church. There will not be a meal following the Mass.

Peace,  
Dcn. Kerry



## ***Please remember the following in your prayers...***

Lynn Allen (*Vivian Allen's daughter*)  
 Vivian Allen  
 Fred Arnold  
 Thea Barrett  
 Ollie Benberry (*Gracie Benberry's husband*)  
 Phil Bradshaw (*Peggy O'Connor-Campbell's brother-in-law*)  
 Roscoe Campbell (*Jerria Jones' nephew*)  
 Brenda Chaney  
 Morgan Craig (*Diane & Charlie's granddaughter*)  
 Mynelle Gardner  
 Morris Gardner  
 Carla Gerton  
 Catherine Hall (*Gloria Ellis' mother*)  
 Andrea Hill (*Jerria Jones' sister*)  
 Flossie Hill  
 Betty Jones  
 Beverley Jones  
 Gwendolyn King  
 Mary Martin (*Myrle Dulaney & Myrna Martin's sister*)  
 Martha Mayes (*Thelma Mayes' mother*)  
 Ray Owens (*Marie Owens' husband*)  
 James Patton (*Karen Martin's father*)  
 Adolph Peterson (*Evelyn Peterson's husband*)  
 Rita Prince (*Lorenza Prince's sister*)  
 Jim (Rookie) Reynolds (*Terri Cuellar's brother*)  
 Stanley Young (*Wanda Barrett's brother*)

***Please contact Deacon Kerry if you would like to add or remove someone from this Prayer List.***



**You are invited:**

On Thursday, September 9, the noon Mass at the Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul will be a special Mass hosted by Black Catholic Ministry in recognition of our commitment as a Church to the promotion of and lived witness to Peace and Justice. All are invited to attend. The Mass will be live-streamed as well. September 9 is the feast day of St. Peter Claver, patron saint of African Americans and enslaved peoples. Each year on his feast, the Church calls the Faithful to engage in heightened prayer and action to strive for peace in our communities.

If you are interested in additional information about efforts by the USCCB and the Church in this regard, please visit [www.usccb.org/racism](http://www.usccb.org/racism) for resources. Questions about how to engage more locally within the Archdiocese can be sent to Pearlette Springer: [pspringer@archindy.org](mailto:pspringer@archindy.org) or 317-236-1474.

### National Collection for The Catholic University of America

Next weekend, the archdiocese will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington, D.C. By giving to the collection, you are supporting both future Catholic leaders, religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, faith-rooted education, and the University's various research and training initiatives that support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful.

The Catholic Project (an initiative that aims to heal the breach of trust many have experienced as a result of the current crisis in the Church), a master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management, and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers are a few examples how the University is serving the Church and nation. Learn more at: [collection.catholic.edu](http://collection.catholic.edu).

**A Prayer for Labor Day**

As the sun rises to bring in the new day: We remember those who descend into the earth, their work begins in darkness, pulling from the earth, the resources we steward. We remember those who work inside a building away from the light and brightness of the day. We remember those who work outside in the harsh elements of our world, the bitter cold and sweltering heat of extremes. We remember those who do not have a job to go to, who are struggling to meet the needs of their daily living expenses, for whom the day becomes long and arduous.

As the sun sets to bring in the evening of rest: We remember those who work in the night. We remember those who are trying to recover from their labor and toils of the day. We remember those who participate in unsafe and dangerous work. We pray for a renewed sense of dignity in their lives and in their work.

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the worker. Make a place in our hearts for compassion to the men and women who labor tirelessly for basic necessities. Ensure a place for the men and women who are struggling to find work. Grant us your wisdom to greet and care for those who are unable to work due to illness or circumstances that prevent their participation. Be with the children who are not able to run and play, but instead must put in a hard day's work to help their family afford to eat, to live. Be with us all, Christ Jesus, as we go about the busyness of our work. Hold us accountable not only for our actions, but most importantly to each of our neighbors. May we continue to work together to bring about your reign! We ask this in your holy name, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



**Schedule of Events**

**Sunday, September 5**

10:30 Mass  
11:30 Eucharistic Adoration

**Monday, September 6**

9:00 Tri-Parish Mass at St. Lawrence

**Wednesday, September 8**

8:30 Communion Service

**Sunday, September 12**

10:30 St. Peter Claver City-Wide  
Celebration at St. Andrew's

**Sunday, October 24**

10:30 75th Anniversary Celebration Mass  
(with Archbishop Thompson)  
11:30 Brunch

**Ministers in Service - September 12**

**Ushers:** Anthony Bell (c), Karen Martin

**Lectors:** Henry Allen, Vivian Allen

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Sunday, September 5**

10:30 am: Ray Hinz (d)  
by Michael & Marie Beason

**Sunday, September 12**

10:30 am: Jeanne Chandler (d)  
by Michael & Marie Beason

On Sunday, September 12, there will be a second collection for the Catholic University of America. Please see enclosed letter from Archbishop Thompson for additional information. Please give generously.

**“Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves.”**  
*2 Corinthians 13:5*

Just as we get physical check-ups, the Apostle Paul urges us to give ourselves spiritual check-ups. We should look for a growing awareness of Christ's presence and power in our lives. Only then will we know if we are true Christians or merely imposters.

If we're not taking active steps to grow closer to God, we are drawing farther away from Him.  
(NIV Life Application Bible Study Notes)

