

Weekly Brief Musing † September 3, 2011

St. Luke's Brief Email Newsletter – Saturday, September 3

Remember that our regular schedule starts this weekend (September 3 & 4).

AUTUMN SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: Eucharist at 5 pm (rite 2)

SUNDAY:

8 am Eucharist (rite 1)

10 am Eucharist (rite 2 with music)

WEDNESDAY

Eucharist at noon in the chapel

YOUTH GROUP:

This coming Wednesday (September 7) at 6:00 P.M.

This is a combined youth group of St. Stephen's and St. Luke's



Saint Joseph Charpentier by Georges de La Tour ca. 1640

This coming Monday is Labor Day, a holiday which has an interesting political history. It should be a popular holiday in that most people labor at something. Like all such holidays, it gives families across generations, time off together. Of course nowadays, many businesses are open as usual so that is lost. Inasmuch as I always work both Saturday and Sunday except when on vacation, I particularly appreciate these holidays.

In modern times, Roman Catholics in particular honor those who labor through St. Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus. In Roman Catholic theology, Joseph ranks right below the Blessed Virgin Mary who ranks right below Jesus. In an era mostly gone, an exclamation of shock for Roman Catholics was often “Jesus, Mary and Joseph!” We know little about Joseph. Perhaps this is appropriate. We know little about many people who labor and what they do such as workers in electrical and water plants, government workers, etc. I am reminded of a phrase from Compline in the Prayer Book: “Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil. . .”

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