

# Vision & Mission:

**The Appalachia Help Weeks are a part of the Justice & Service component to St. Patrick Youth Ministry. The whole process fosters the faith development of all who participate and provides an opportunity for our community to be the Body of Christ for others. We who volunteer through the Appalachia Help Weeks process recognize our goals to:**

- Support the area of Preston County physically, emotionally, spiritually, and financially.
- Let the families who are served know that Catholics are people of Christ who care about others and want to help those in need.
- Help eliminate the isolation of the deprived poor by “helping others help themselves.”
- Help (to the best of our ability) make the assigned homes designated for repair as safe and as livable as possible.
- Foster a deeper awareness of Catholic Social Teaching among our volunteers, especially our youth.

## **As a result of the Appalachia Help Weeks, we the participants:**

1. See and gain an understanding of the helplessness of poverty and isolation, and realize that we have the power and the duty to do something about it.
2. Give hope to those who might not have had any before.
3. Meet and make new friends with the families that we work with and for.
4. Form friendships and a community of faith among the youth and adults who participate in the help week.
5. Offer the gift of ourselves by praying and worshipping together.
6. Hopefully provide each family with that little bit of help that they need to get back on their feet.
7. Learn and experience the benefits of communal living.
8. Empower and encourage each other to share the Good News of Christ.
9. Develop an attitude of solidarity that views all as brothers and sisters no matter where or how they live.

## APPALACHIA HELP WEEKS

### EXPECTATION OF A VOLUNTEER

1. To attend Appalachia Meetings.
2. To help in the planning and running of the fundraisers.
3. To be willing to work together in a friendly and cooperative manner.
4. To respect those who are in the position of leadership.

**DATES:** Trip 1: Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

Trip 2: Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> to Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Trip 3: Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**DEPARTURE TIME:** Immediately after the 9 A.M. Mass from St. Patrick's.  
Bring snacks and drinks for the trip (about 8 hours)

**DESTINATION:** Preston County, West Virginia

### **LIVING ACCOMODATIONS:**

VFW in Rowlesburg has one big room upstairs, all sleep on air mattresses, dining/recreation facility downstairs, shower one block away in a former school owned by the town preservation committee.

**MEALS:** We will buy our food there. We will make all our own meals.

**TRANSPORTATION:** We will travel in vans & SUV's and bring utility trucks and utility vans.

**DUTIES:** Depends on the needs of the people and skills of the group.  
You can expect to do some painting, scraping, carpentry, plumbing, electrical work and roofing.  
Expect to get dirty!

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$275 per person teen / college student  
\$175 per adult