

**From the Pastor**  
**July 31, 2022**  
**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**OUR LADY'S LENT:** In many places of the Church, it is the custom and tradition to keep a fast beginning on August 1<sup>st</sup> until August 15<sup>th</sup>. It is given the charming name of *Our Lady's Lent*. It is a fast in honor of Our Lady as we celebrate her principal feast of the year on August 15<sup>th</sup>, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. I would encourage our parishioners to follow this ancient spiritual practice.

**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION:** This year the Solemnity of the Assumption falls on a Monday Augusts 15<sup>th</sup>. Because the Solemnity falls on a Monday, there is no obligation to attend Mass. The Obligation is dispensed. Nonetheless, it is a day when many will want to honor Our Lady by attending Mass on her principal Feast of the year.

**ST. PAUL'S PICNIC:** Our annual parish picnic will be held on **Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**. It will begin at 12 noon and all parishioners are most cordially invited to attend. How nice it will be to greet our friends and fellow parishioners

**THE CHURCH:** After many months, our Church renovation has been completed. There are still several things that remain to be finished, but all are minor and rarely noticed. May I thank all those who have sacrificed for this renovation to make our Church bright, clean, and welcoming. Many visitors (including bishops and priests) have remarked that it is the most beautiful Church on Long Island. Anyway, it was done for God's glory and for the succeeding generations. Much work has also been done in the Rectory (the installation of a new kitchen) and on the Lower Hall. Please pray for the successful sealing and restriping of the parking lot which is the remaining part of our capital improvements. Please help us all by keeping the Church clean. Please do not bang the kneelers and do not stand on the upholstery

**PARISH OFFICES:** We remind you that as of January 2021 all parish offices have been relocated from the Rectory to the Lower Hall. There one may find the reception office, Religious Education office, Deacon Ray's office, and the pastor's office. The Rectory has served as the residence for the parish clergy. There are no longer offices there.

**SUBJECTS FOR DAILY MEDITATION:**

*Remember Christian Soul, that you have today, and every day of your life:*

*God to glorify,*

*Jesus to imitate,*

*The Angels and Saints to Invoke,*

*A Soul to save,*

*A body to mortify,*

*Sins to expiate,*

*Virtues to acquire,*

*Hell to avoid,*

*Heaven to gain,*

*Eternity to prepare for,*

*Time to profit by,*

*Neighbors to edify,*

*The world to despise,*

*Devils to combat,*

*Passions to subdue*

*Death, perhaps, to suffer, and judgment to undergo*

*In Jesus and Mary,*

*Monsignor James F. Pereda*